

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

ETCETERA



...Our Mission Continues

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 3



In an effort to help support the Ascension Food Ministry, we are asking members to bring in cans of soup, canned goods and other non-perishable items to help replenish the food pantry. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help this worthwhile effort.

LOVINGKINDESS SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 17



Congregational members are asked to go out into the community and perform random acts of lovingkindness. This is a way to give back to our community, invite them to worship and promote Adoration Lutheran Church by handing out Lovingkindness cards.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Christians have observed this season of the Church Year since the fourth century. It's traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.



During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth – a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

*Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 6:15 pm
as we begin our Lenten journey.*

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A word from the Pastor...

I sat in the sanctuary this past week when there was no one in the church except me. The AT&T guy had just left (yeah, we now have two working phone lines!). And I was just feeling the call to spend some time with God.

I don't spend a great deal of time in the church proper, except on Sundays when you are all there to fill the space with prayer and singing. I prefer to go out to Holy Hill, a sacred place to me, or to the chapel in St Joseph's Convent, across the street from the Greater Milwaukee Synod office.

But today, I just sat in the back of our sanctuary, looking at the empty pews and asked God the question. What's coming next? And in the quiet of that gorgeous and simple space, God replied: I am. And I felt chills run down my spine.

Scripture reminds us that it is a fearful thing to meet the living God. The living God takes us, shakes us up, turns us in new directions (some we'd not prefer), and asks us to remember that there is a God and we're not it.

And God is what is coming next to Adoration.

Well, let's make sure we have our crash helmets on and our seat belts buckled. Because God is coming.

I don't know what God will ask of us. Perhaps those things that God always asks: Be kind. Be merciful. Take care of the poor among you. Be forgiving. Remember to love one another. I imagine that those are the things that God will ask of us. They sound simple. But, of course, they're not.

But you know, somehow I think that God is going to ask more of us. There is that wonderful passage of Scripture from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus reminds us that "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

And, ohmygod, Adoration has been given so much. We are a blessed community at Adoration and if the living God is coming to us then I think much is going to be asked of us.

I have a special attentiveness about me right now. Is this the day that God will especially come? How will God come? How will I know that it is God?

I pray that you, and I, are up to whatever God will ask of us. But mostly, I pray, however fearful it is to meet the living God, that we don't miss God when God comes.

What a gift you all are to me.

With love, Pastor Debra

The MET Process

What is the MET process?

The MET process is part of the process that assists a church in the ELCA to call a Pastor. MET stands for Mission Exploration Team. The role of the MET is not to decide for Adoration who Adoration has been, is, or wants to be. The role of the MET is to draw from the whole congregation the answers to those questions and then to weave them into a clear picture in written form (called the Mission Site Profile or MSP) to enable the Synod to send to Adoration candidates who are also in a call process who might be a good fit. Good fit is everything in the call process. Rest assured, you will all get to see the MSP before it goes anywhere!

So, in these next few months Adoration will engage in a process with a MET committee. I am always asked, “how long will this take?” In general, we talk about one month for every year a Pastor has been in a church. Sometimes that is longer if there has been conflict in a church or other challenges that a church might have. Time length is also affected by how much time a congregation is willing to invest in the call process. The more time investment, the faster things tend to move.

The council has created an application for people who might be interested in serving on the MET. The MET is separate from the Call Committee. In these upcoming weeks the MET will be selected and will begin to do its work.

In the short term it will help you to talk about your history, be clear about how you see yourself now, and think about what your mission might be in the future. What you will be seeking is a Pastor who can be with you out of your lived history, appreciate who you are, and help you to continue to grow. Every Pastor is different, and every church is different. Fit is so important.

I hope in the next months that all of you are willing to participate in the processes that will help you look at Adoration. Honestly, I think most of you will find it enjoyable. I hope that you will share, and that you will listen to one another. What you will discover is that you all love Adoration but you are not all in agreement about who you are, nor who you want to be. But, in the listening, Adoration will grow.

Adoration is a vibrant and loving congregation. You have some work to do. And you have amazing people to do that work! I look forward to the journey with you. Pastor Debra

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HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION **5TH Grade or older**

As members of the Lutheran church, we believe that the Word and the Sacraments are the means of God's grace—the way in which God show us the unconditional, undeserved love that God has for us. In baptism, we are made children of God; in Holy Communion that relationship is maintained and strengthen. If you have a son or daughter that would be of age to prepare for Holy Communion Instruction, please see Pastor Debra.

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CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the items discussed at the JANUARY Church Council meeting:

- * Pastor Debra handed out a report for January 2019. Some highlighted items are as follows: Her first month here she sees so much right about Adoration. We worship well together, we are active in many different areas of church, we are open to change, we are interested in learning about the Bible.
- * Thanks go out to Grace Singleton. She did a wonderful job writing the children's Christmas program.
- * Adoration's website continues to improve with the help of Rich Regent. The ads have been removed from the website. With the approval of the council, their pictures will be on the website.
- * The Evangelism committee would like all the groups of Adoration to submit pictures or descriptive phrases describing their group.
- * Adoration's game night is scheduled for Friday, February 8, from 6-9 PM. A sign up sheet will be out shortly.
- * Kathy Imp feels there does not seem to be a lot of interest in serving dinner for Divine Intervention. Kathy is looking at discontinuing this ministry for a year. They will fulfill January, February and March. During the meeting there were some suggestions that maybe we need to see if we can get other people involved and maybe invite them to the meals to see what one does at the event. The second concern is the Christmas collection. She really needs volunteers to take the donations to the needed places.
- * The next Diners Club is scheduled at 4 PM on January 29, at Lychee Garden Restaurant.
- * Kathy Imp would like to give up the duties of Social Ministry. She would only be the liaison for Social Ministry. Pastor Debra suggested that a motion be made that empowers Kathy to ask Sue Clark to take over the Social Ministry position. Motion carried.
- * Adoration sent a total of \$2,045.00 to the Synod office for the Meru Partnership. The dollar amounts were broken down into each category: \$893.00 from the Christmas resale and Sunday school funds was sent to Mulala for their educational scholarships. \$714.00 went to Mulala for their general use. Meru Day of Prayer-Love Offering collected \$404.00 for the Professional Education Fund. \$34.00 ELCA cans for Malaria.
- * Gloria Becker would like to buy the chalices, font and pitcher for the church in memory of her parents, Earl and Eileen Gerner. A few months ago, the council already approved the chalices. There was some clarification needed before the council could approve the font and pitcher. After clarification, Sandy Eigner moved that the council accept the gift of the font and pitcher. Seconded by Larry Markiewicz, motion carried.
- * \$138,612.00 has been pledged to date for 2019.
- * We will not be holding the Saturday evening Easter vigil this year.

For more information on any or all of these items, please check the complete Council minutes posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact one of your Council representatives.

OUR ADORATION FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS

2/01 Roxanne Wolfram
 2/01 Corina Worzolla
 2/02 Kylie Pettke
 2/05 Pierce Kuzminski
 2/06 Lauren Bednar
 2/06 Anneliese Ward
 2/07 Wesley Zagorski
 2/08 Sebastian Bunker
 2/08 Camden Kujawa
 2/08 John Sobieski
 2/10 Ted Lazaris
 2/12 Welton Dye
 2/14 Jennine Dichard
 2/16 Alissa Voegeli
 2/16 Alexandra Willms
 2/18 Kelly Kuzminski
 2/19 Ingrid Lakich
 2/20 Jenna Bednar
 2/22 Sandy Young
 2/23 Todd Fisher
 2/23 Kanada Gavitt
 2/23 Tom Nowakowski
 2/24 Mark Glisch
 2/25 Jeff Faltersack
 2/26 Ashtin Kerlin
 2/27 Craig Beyler
 2/28 Russell Schwoch
 2/28 Kristen Wallrath

ANNIVERSARIES

2/11 Tom & Nancy Czarapata
 2/15 Jeff & Brenda Schneider
 2/22 Myron & Lori Wargolet
 2/28 Donald & Joyce Weinert

OUR SYMPATHY

is extended to the family and friends of Caroline Schwoch. Caroline was called home to be with the Lord on January 9, 2019. A Memorial Service was held at Max A. Sass Funeral Home on January 12. We pray that God will continue to comfort all who mourn.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

February 8
 6-9 PM

Gather up your family and friends to join us for a fun-filled night of game playing. Games will be available, but feel free to bring some along. There will be a free will offering for pizza and soda. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the gathering room.



FUN FOR EVERYONE!

AAA NEWS

The AAA 2019 Activity Sheet is posted on the kiosk. All adults are invited to join us for fellowship, events and fun!

February 5

General Meeting 1:00 PM
 Guest Speaker, Scott Duris from Jdog 2:00 PM

March 5

General Meeting 1:00 PM

March 14

Greenfield Community Center
 Luck of Irish (Lunch & Music)
 12:30-2:30 PM

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to the Haas & Regent families for serving dinner to our homeless neighbors at Divine Intervention on February 26.



END OF YEAR

GIVING STATEMENTS

Tax statements are available in the gathering room for those who have made a recorded donation in 2018. If you need your statement mailed to you, please call the church office.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up this years offering envelopes they are available in the church office. Please recycle 2018 envelopes. Do not use these as your offering number may have changed. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

We have a good group interested and have set a meeting time at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. Feel free to join any month that interests you. Here are the book selections so far. See Wendy Haas for questions.

February 11 - Discuss January book pick "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger

New pick "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens
 (to be discussed in March)

March 11 - Discuss "The Life We Bury"

New pick "The Great Alone" by Kristen Hannah
 (to be discussed in April)

April 8 - Discuss "The Great Alone"

New pick "The Immoralists" by Chloe Benjamin
 (to be discussed in May)

NEWS & NOTES



ADORATIONLC.ORG

Have you checked out our Website lately? Did you know that our church events, bible studies, Christian fellowship groups, newsletters, and church history are all accessible on our website. We also have information about our partnerships. Simply go to adorationlc.org and click on the tab at the top of the page that you are interested in. You will be automatically directed to the correct page. A big thank you to Rich Regent and to Jim and Wendy Haas for keeping your website up to date.

CHURCH RECORDS

Have you moved or are you planning on moving? PLEASE notify the church office if you have an address change. This will allow for accurate church records and also will save the church returned postage. Thank you!

ASCENSION FOOD MINISTRY

Your consistent donations of food items to our shopping cart are helping to keep the food pantry well supplied during these cold winter months. Thank you for your generous hearts. Also a special thank you to Ted & Mardy Lazaris for delivering our food gifts each month.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Consider sending a Valentine card to one of our homebound members to cheer them. A current list is on the kiosk in the gathering room.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Year to Date Offerings of \$217.00
Thank you!

Gods Conversation Hearts



Those familiar conversation hearts that show up every February can be more than just trite romantic or friendly sayings. Use them to remind you — or to teach a child — of the greatest love of all: God's love for us, which empowers our love for others. For example:

- **TRUE LOVE:** What love is truer than giving up one's only Son so people might have everlasting life? (John 3:16)
- **MINE:** Jesus knows us intimately, as a shepherd knows his sheep. (John 10:27-29)
- **FOREVER:** God loves us with an "everlasting love". (Jeremiah 31:3)
- **LOVE ME:** The greatest commandment is to love God with our whole being. (Luke 10:27)
- **TRUST ME:** "Let not your hearts be troubled." We can count on Jesus, now and for eternal life. (John 14:1-3)
- **SWEET TALK:** God's words are sweeter than honey. (Psalm 119:103)
- **BE GOOD:** We show our love for Christ by keeping his commands. (John 14:15)
- **CALL ME:** God longs to be in fellowship with us. We can talk to him anytime in prayer. (Jeremiah 33:3)
- **FRIENDS:** The greatest love involves laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) — precisely what Jesus did.
- **#1:** "We love because [God] first loved us". (1 John 4:19)

MERU & MULALA ~ Our Partners in Ministry

Miracles Do Happen

By Aleta Chossek

When our delegation visited Nkoaranga Hospital in Tanzania in September 2014, we found the hospital to be very understaffed, and those remaining were receiving low pay if monthly payments were available at all. The shelves in the pharmacy were nearly empty, and supplies like bed sheets were lacking. How could the hospital survive under these poor financial conditions?

Working together with the Diocese of Meru, it was agreed to recruit Tanya van Braekel, a Belgian nurse who had previously volunteered at the hospital, and the Greater Milwaukee Synod would support a stipend for her. In the four years since then, under her leadership, the hospital staff, European and American partners have witnessed a miraculous transformation.

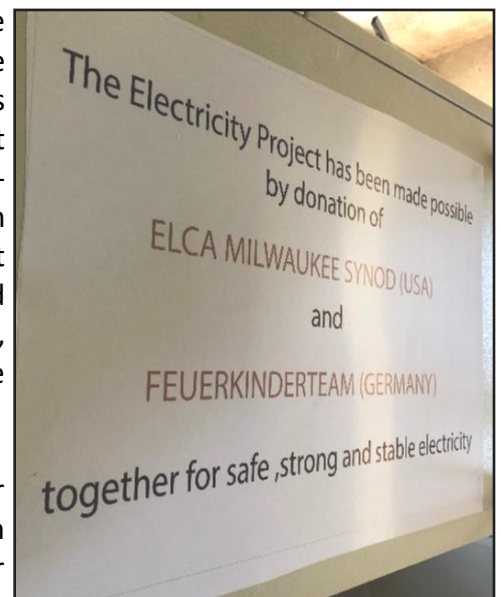


Tanya has generated funding from supporters in Europe and the United States for a much needed x-ray machine. The next necessity was rewiring and installing a dedicated transformer to protect the electrical supply to the hospital. Before the rewiring, power surges literally blew out the light bulbs throughout the hospital! The Greater Milwaukee Synod pledged \$50,000 to fund electrification and stabilizing of the electrical supply. Now critical equipment such as the autoclave and ultrasound machines are functioning reliably! Patient records are being converted to digital records. Only \$10,000 remains to be raised to complete our commitment.

Patients are returning to the hospital and revenues are increasing. The hospital is on track to independent sustainability. A Physiotherapy Department has been added for burn treatment and orthopedics. Qualified

staff are being added in Pharmacy, X-ray and Laboratory, Nursing, and Finance. A Nursing Scholarship Program is starting to support the increased patient census.

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving that miracles do happen and for Nkoaranga Hospital's promising future as we walk together in accompaniment. If you want to contribute to a nursing scholarship or to pay the balance for the electrification project, send your check to the Greater Milwaukee Synod/Nkoaranga Hospital Fund at 1212 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee WI 53215.



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Wednesday Evening 6:15 PM

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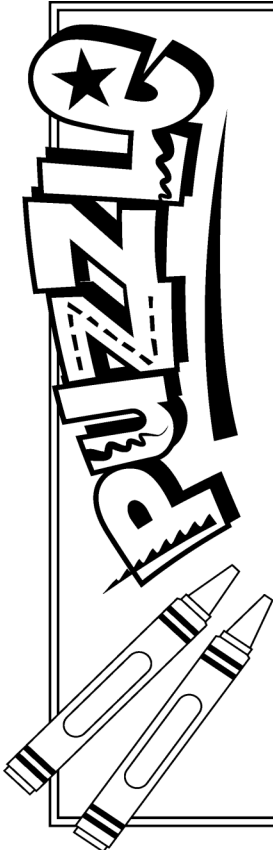
Mission Statement:

Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.

Reconciling in Christ:

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church identifies itself as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation and publicly welcomes all persons to full membership and participation in the ministry we share without regard to race, ethnicity, social status, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

KIDS PAGE



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ...

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J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

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Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV

JOHN 13:34, NIV