

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

Pastor Search Update

Session began discussing options for future pastoral leadership at their January 20 meeting. They authorized the Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the process of submitting our Ministry Information Form to the PC(USA) database that helps connect churches with available pastors. We will be searching for a half-time pastor, as Pastor Kate was. Members of the PNC are: Judy Erickson, Gordy Hoelscher, and Dawn Trexel.

In addition to searching for our own pastor, Session will investigate interest in sharing a pastor (yoking) with another church. One such church may be Messiah Lutheran, who is also searching for a permanent pastor. If necessary, we will consider other yoking arrangements with area Presbyterian churches. The benefit of yoking is that it allows both churches the possibility to find a better-qualified, hopefully long-term, pastor who is looking for a full-time pastoral call. We are just starting our pastor search process, so Session will be weighing the pros and cons of our options in the coming months.

Happy February Birthdays

7- Greg Chad	13- Meghan Green
8- Lana Lee	15- Paul Peterson
9- Darlene Hadrava	21- Dwight Day
10- Beth Hestetune	21- Joan Kaurala
10- Miles Koski	26- Jonathan Day
13- Tom Kesanen	28- Shelley Christensen
13- Craig Mason	

Session Highlights

- Rev. Frank Davis has been designated as our Session Moderator.
- Session reapproved our monthly General Mission Pledge of \$200, which is split between the national PC(USA), Synod, and Presbytery of Northern Waters missions.
- Session reaffirmed our policy to wear masks when meeting at church. COVID is still very prevalent in our community. Our visiting guest preachers also have been asking about our masking policy and are expecting us to follow our policy.

Annual Report

Annual Reports will be available by the Feb. 17 Session meeting. They will be available at the church for review. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy sent to you.

Per Capita

The Presbytery has again set the per capita amount at \$32 per member. There are per capita envelopes available at the church. Checks with per capita in the memo will also be accepted.

Sympathy

- To Karli Koski and all of Janet and Roger Koski's family on the death of Karli's husband, Jeff Sawyer
- To Diane Hakala on the death of her sister, Audrey

Souper Bowl of Caring

Donations will go to the Salvation Army Supper Club. Super Bowl LVI is February 13, but you may bring/mail your donations to church anytime.

Deacons News

- The Deacons are accepting donations for our community clothesline. Hats, mittens, etc.
- Monetary donations for the Little Free Pantry can be made out to **HCPC Deacons Fund**.

Preaching Schedule

Sun, Feb. 6 – Rev. Mary Pol

Sun, Feb. 13 – Rev. Frank Davis, Communion

Sun, Feb. 20 – Rev. Ellen Taube

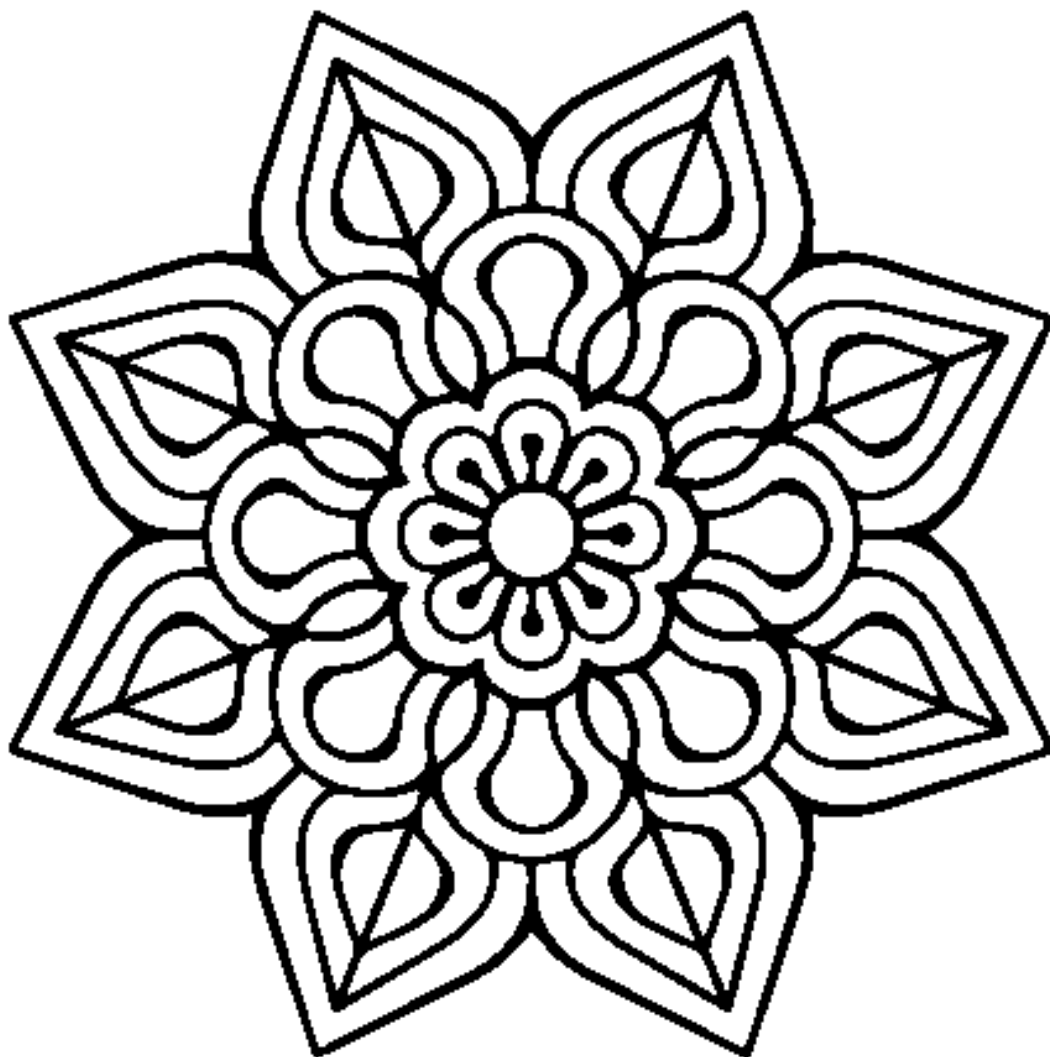
Sun, Feb. 27 – Rev. Ellen Taube

Sun, Mar. 6 – Rev. Nancy Deever, Communion

Anyone is welcome to preach on a Sunday! You can create your own meditation, or we can help you find a pre-written sermon that you can read. Contact the church office if you are interested!

Mandalas

Coloring mandalas can be a relaxing form of meditation!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS



February 2022

Elementary Sunday School

February 6 - 13

Lost Sheep/Lost Coin
as found in Luke 15:1-10

1. Jesus cares for us like a shepherd cares for sheep
2. We are precious to God, worth searching for when we wander away from Him.
3. Jesus loves us and rejoices when we are found and return to Him

February 13th

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 20 - 27
Feeding of the 5000

as found Matthew 14:13-21

1. Jesus turns scarcity into abundance
2. Jesus' followers, like us, have a part in feeding the hungry.



Christian Education Calendar

Shut-in Cards

I am still sending out the Shut-in cards from Sunday school every month. It would be so nice if I could include pictures that any of you might color. So send me a picture, I will copy them and get them in the cards I send. Anything you draw or color would be wonderful. Remember how good it feels to think of others and know how much they love hearing from you!

Thanks



Souper Bowl of Caring



Super Bowl Sunday this year is **Sunday, February 13.** We are still trying to

"tackle hunger." The donations will go to the Salvation Army Souper Club again this year. We are sorry we were not able to make and sell our Friendship soup mixes and fresh soup but we do hope people will still contribute to this cause. Thank you to everyone who is helping us with your donations. You can mail them in or just drop them off at the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing

I am planning to send home the Lenten Fish Banks with our second lesson in February. The first Sunday before Lent is February 27th, if the church receives them by then. Remember to fill them a little each day or week. We will be collecting them on

Palm Sunday April 10th.

They may be brought to church, or dropped off at the CE Building.



Everyone is welcome to pick one up at church anytime if they would like one.

Sunday February 6	Sunday February 13	Monday February 14	Sunday February 20	Sunday February 27
LostSheep/ Lost Coin Week 1	LostSheep/ Lost Coin week 2	Valentine's day 	Feeding the 5000 Week 1	Transfiguration Feeding the 5000 Week 2