



HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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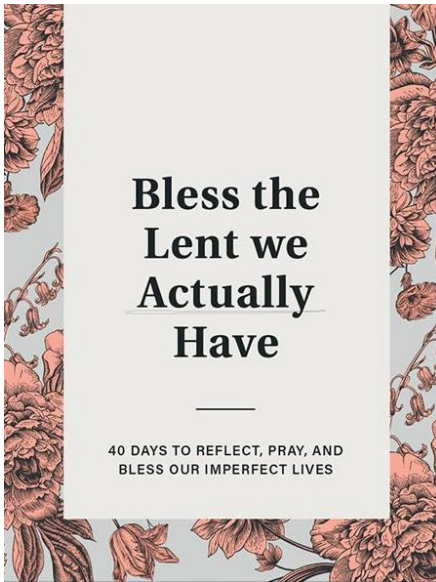
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“BLESS THE LENT WE ACTUALLY HAVE” is the theme of the new

Lenten season, which launched on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. We hope and pray that you’ll be a part! The theme comes from author, podcaster, and cancer survivor Kate Bowler of Duke Divinity School. If you haven’t yet checked out her new book of blessings, entitled “The Lives We Actually Have,” it’s worth a look! Kate has been an exceptional example of vulnerability, humility, and grace in the face of deep life challenges. She has much to

share and teach! We pray that our Lenten series will reflect such wisdom! Join us on Sundays and Wednesdays to learn more!



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, WORSHIP, AND SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH; DON'T MISS THIS MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITY

All members of the community and congregation are encouraged to begin a fresh Lenten discipline by participating in Wednesday evening soup suppers, worship, and small groups!



Each week, we'll gather initially and enjoy fellowship over a simple soup supper, served up anytime between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. At 6:30, we'll move to the sanctuary for some opening praise and prayer before breaking up into small groups (Club 56, Confirmation, High School, and adults).

Adults are challenged to be part of these rich conversations! We'll be using a free devotional resource based on Kate Bowler's brand new book, "The Lives We Actually Have." Kate is a well-respected author, podcast host, and cancer survivor who also teaches at Duke Divinity School. Don't delay! Groups start on Wednesday, March 1, so let the church office know beforehand of your intention to be part of these. Younger children are welcome to attend along with their parents, as necessary.

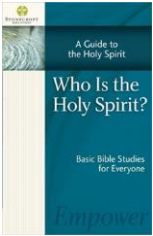
SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON BREAK MARCH 19, BUT ... IT'S A GREAT TIME TO LEARN ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION!



Children and people of all ages are invited to join Pastor Tim in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 19, right after the New Member Reception following worship, in order to learn more about this important sacrament! If you have a child in your

household who receives Holy Communion, this is great place for them to begin or further their understanding! Join us!

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Beginning March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and running for 6 weeks is a Women's Bible Study called "Who Is the Holy Spirit?" This study will be led by Kathy Stickney; cost for the materials is \$7. Please contact Kathy at wckastickney@southslope.net or 319-936-0231 to register and reserve a book for the study.

HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES "UNION IS POWER" COMMUNITY CHURCH

Beginning March 5th, Holy Trinity will be host for a second worshipping community in our midst! At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, Union Community Church (Umoza ni Nguru), a Swahili-speaking Congolese congregation, will launch their initial service in our sanctuary. The congregation is led by Pastor Elisha Baderha of Cedar Rapids and includes worshipers from Iowa City, North Liberty, and Cedar Rapids. Once the weather warms, we look forward to the possibility of a mutual picnic with them on the patio! In the meantime, let's welcome them warmly and please pray for them as they begin this new chapter in their life together.



Leopold and Isaac Mwati, Pastor Baderha, and Amani Byamungu

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Stick around after worship during the fellowship time on Sunday, March 19th, as we formally welcome a number of new members into our congregation! Joining our community on this day are Steve Empey, Tom, Owen and Ellen Schultz, Harold and Kathy Kolze, Kevin Henning, and Deb Abels. We look forward to making them official!

NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

“Sent Forth in Peace” is a fresh opportunity to explore several aspects of death and dying. Over the next five Sundays, Noelle Andrew, Mary Kay Kusner, Else Schardt, and others will be facilitating conversations on Hospice vs Palliative Care, Advances Directives and one’s ability to choose treatment options, and the book “Being Mortal.” Join in the conversation for new insights on Sundays in Room 1, 10:15-11:00 a.m. This series runs through April 2nd.

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL PROVIDES A VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO ADDRESS LEGISLATORS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Lutheran Services
in Iowa once
again invites you
to a day of active



learning advocacy at on March 14th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Together, we’ll hear several speakers during the morning and then seek to meet with our elected leaders to advocate for issues that are reflected in our faith and values. Breakout sessions will address mental health access, human services workforce issues, and immigration/refugee needs. Pre-registration is required. Go to <https://Iowa.org/LDH/> to participate and learn more.

NEWLY UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORIES have been created and are available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall. We haven’t yet printed up copies for everyone, but will replenish our supply as needed. Remember to submit your fresh family photo if you haven’t already done so!

THANK YOU

Dear Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church,



... There is something particularly poetic about a building named Cedar, which appears many times in scripture as the Hebrew word 'erez – tall, strong trees used in ancient Israel for buildings made to last. Cedars were known to weather the winds of storms and the passing of time. They were also used in rituals for cleansing – a great foundation on which to build a house — or a camp.

Your gift to the Cedar at 60 campaign is essential in establishing the foundation for the next sixty years of camp at EWALU. ... Thank you so much for your support of Cedar at go! We are so appreciative!

s/ Frank Johnson, Executive Director

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,



Thank you for your recent donation to the North Liberty Community Pantry ... In 2022, many families lost supplemental food assistance through programs such as

SNAP and free school lunches. The Pantry saw a 62% increase in visits last year and provided a record 454,140 pounds of food, toiletries, detergent, and more to those in need...

s/Kaila Rome, Executive Director

I want to thank, on behalf of our family (Kuhls), everyone who supported our family, but especially those who hosted the reception after Marilu's worship service and the many prayers, visits, kind words, food, and other ways and continued support as we readjust. Much appreciated.

s/ Gerry Kuhl

IT'S TIME! REGISTER FOR THIS SUMMER'S CONFIRMATION CAMP DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 18TH

Believe it or not, it's not too early to start thinking about summer! Holy Trinity's week of Confirmation camp at EWALU in Strawberry Point for all youth currently in grades 6-8 will be June 18-23; we hope that all of our youth will be able to participate! Registration brochures are on-site or on-line at www.ewalu.org. The Visioning Council has agreed to offer a \$150 subsidy to all youth attending a full week of camp, and \$100 to those attending MiniCamp.

The next registration discount date is April 18th; don't delay!

PRAYER PAGE UPDATE

- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**, and for a swift and just conclusion to the conflict there.
- Pray for the residents of **Syria and Turkey** after the devastating earthquake there last month.
- Pray for **Somalia, Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanzania** who are living with famine.
- Pray for **John Riehl**, frequent worshiper and father of Avery and Elise Riehl, recovering from multiple organ transplants
- Pray for **Dale Burginger**, brother of Lois Ludvigson, now in hospice care.
- Pray for **Gary Wermuth**, Pastor Tim's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy for bone cancer.
- Pray for **Dorothy Weedman**, now at Windmill Manor in Coralville.
- Pray for **Harold Meyer** (husband of Twilla Meyer), recovering at Crestview in West Branch from a broken foot and pneumonia.
- Pray for **Charles Brumm**, father of Ryan Brumm, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Pray for **Matt Hibbard**, grieving the loss of his lifelong friend, Marc, to cancer.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

... The Harvard Study of Adult Development has been studying human happiness since 1938, making it the longest study on human life ever done. One key the study found to long-term health and happiness? Relationships. Ongoing loneliness raises a person's odds of death by 26 percent in any given year. Robert Waldinger and Marc Schulz, the leaders of the study, think we should be as attentive to our social fitness as we are to our physical fitness, reflecting frequently on how we spend our time and with whom. "Repeatedly, when the participants in our study reached old age, they would make a point to say that what they treasured most were their relationships" (*Atlantic*, January 19).

... Parishioners of St. Joseph Shrine, a historic Catholic church just northeast of downtown Detroit, are building an urban village on eight vacant blocks near the city's historic Eastern Market neighborhood. The 16.5 acres of St. Aubin Village will be divided into about 200 lots of varying sizes, providing single-family homes, apartments, and duplexes for a congregation that currently commutes from all over the greater Detroit area. The village will include an urban farm and a commercial strip for retail and office space, all built around a market square with green space and a chapel. The community has hired an architect but is still looking for investors (*Public Square*, January 4).

... Local governments can seize the property of homeowners who don't pay their taxes, but it shouldn't be legal to take more than what's owed, says the attorney for 94-year-old Geraldine Tyler, whose case will go before the US Supreme Court. Tyler owed \$2,300 on her property taxes when the county seized her home, sold it, and kept the profit—about \$25,000. Home equity theft targets the most vulnerable: those who fall behind on their taxes are unlikely to repay that same debt plus fines and fees, and the law in some states permits governments to take all the equity someone has in a home, even if it's many times more than the debt owed (*Reason*, January 17)

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