

February 23, 2020

Calendar for the Week

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TODAY...SUNDAY, February 23

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Frolic

11:00 a.m. Children's Sermon
Team Training

MONDAY, February 24

7:00 p.m. Congregational Life Comm.

TUESDAY, February 25

6:30 p.m. Northeast Chorale

WEDNESDAY, February 26

Ash Wednesday

March "Gazette" mailed today

6:00 Soup Supper

7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship



THURSDAY, February 27

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

FRIDAY, February 28

SATURDAY, February 29

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Frolic



Ash Wednesday

February 26

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes



Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the great festival of Easter. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. Join us in worship on Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten journey together as a community of faith.

OUR DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN!

One of the greatest gifts in our community of faith is our children, and they are so funny during the Children's Sermon that it's really hard not to laugh at them!

But our laughter can unintentionally do two things: 1) It makes it difficult for a child who is struggling to calm down and join the circle and for their parents to calm them. And 2) when we laugh at the children's answers, which they offer in earnest, not intending to be funny, it can be confusing and embarrassing for them.

When our children say or do funny things, we invite you to stifle your laughter as best you can – and we know it won't be easy! And then please also join us all as we give thanks to God for the precious lives entrusted to our spiritual care.

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES FOR TEAMS AT GA

Please make note of the following upcoming training events for ministry teams within the congregation...

- ◆ *Children's Sermon Team:* Today at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ *Visitation Team:* Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. **OR** Sunday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ *Assisting Minister Team:* Sunday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m.

SYNOD EVENT THIS COMING SATURDAY

Saturday, February 29, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Allies and Friends Workshop: Muslims and Christians Together. A day for conversation, learning, and relationship building. At Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave., South, Bloomington. If you'd like more information, speak to Pastor Susan.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...MN FoodShare Benefit Concert

Plan to attend this concert here at GA on Sunday, March 15, at 4:00 p.m. to hear the Northeast Chorale and the GA Choir present *The Seven Last Words of Christ*. More details coming in the *Gazette*.