

# THE Concordia Messenger



“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

February 2021



From  
your  
Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank our Lord Jesus for our congregation. All things considered, we have remained quite healthy and whole. Those who have contracted the virus have recovered with little to no spread. Despite a spike in cases, we have still had a good number of members able to worship safely. We are blessed to be able to put out an excellent live stream service for those at home, all thanks to our technology crew.

I especially want to thank our talented organist Andrea Kaiser. She has stepped up in adding an additional service on Sundays, and she never fails to use her gifts to confidently lead us in congregational singing, especially when I pick less familiar hymns!

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th. We'll have a Divine Service that night at 7:00 PM, and will still be offering the imposition of ashes for those who desire it. For our other Lenten Midweek services, we will be following a modified setting of Evening Prayer. Some of it will be new, but I've intentionally planned to have some of it spoken so as to make it not so much of a challenge for those unfamiliar with it.

I've picked a Lenten Theme put out by one of my favorite Old Testament professors, Dr. Jeffrey Pulse. I have included a brief letter he wrote describing how this theme will take us from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

*Fellow Redeemed,*

*Once again we prepare to enter into the Lenten season as we journey through the Church Year. Lent, however, is its own kind of journey. Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for our sakes. It is a very sobering trip, a journey that often struggles to find joy. But there is Easter!*

*This year our theme for our Lenten worship will focus upon the journey, but perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme will be “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” All journeys must have a starting point; and in the preaching and teaching this Lenten season, we will consider our starting point a land of exile.*

*The land of exile from which we begin our journey is the wilderness of sin and death. Sin came into the world when our first parents were unfaithful and disobedient, eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have inherited from them not only the sin itself, but also the result of that sin—separation from our Lord and God. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out.*

*This is the beginning of our journey: exile. But every journey also has a destination, an ending point. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land. Our relationship with our God is restored by Christ's sacrifice. Our destination, then, is the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by His death and resurrection. There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin.*

All journeys consist of many events that take place between the journey's beginning and its end. Our Lenten journey is no different. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and then continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours in Christ Jesus. Do not be surprised to discover that from the very beginning, even outside the gates of the Garden of Eden, it is Christ who travels with us. He has always been our guide, from the very beginning, and He will journey with us to the very end. Indeed, He has even gone before us to prepare a heavenly dwelling place.

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. We enter this Lenten season contemplating the reality of our earthly journey but with eyes fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life. What joy there is in knowing that we do not walk this way alone!

In Christ,  
Pastor Gaschler

## Director Christian Education

Dear Concordia,

We were blessed to attend the private baptism of my best friend's child, our newest Godson. After the Baptism, I asked my friend if she read the book she sent us for Advent. It was called *The Advent Storybook: 25 Bible Stories Showing Why Jesus Came*. She said she hadn't and asked if it was bad. We loved it! There were a few goofy things, but that came from the book explaining a tough and awkward concept to children. It's one we're sure to use again. I was excited to see they made an Easter book called *The Easter Storybook: 40 Bible Stories Showing Who Jesus Is*. I'm excited to order it and use it during this Lenten season.

While writing this, it's hard to imagine we'll have a "normal" Lent. Matt's work doesn't know when they'll be returning to their buildings. The blessing is a commute time



of almost nothing. With that, it gives us more time as a family in both the mornings and evenings to do something like devotions together. That's why I'm excited to order *The Easter Storybook*. Others could use the free *Portals of Prayer* our church provides for members. Something else we'll use at our house, are readings that Pastor and I will send out to go with the Lenten theme each week.

Others may find extra time to pray or meditate on God's Word. Resources from places like [visualfaithmin.org/visual-faith-resources](http://visualfaithmin.org/visual-faith-resources) provides great resources to color and help guide a prayer or meditation. The resources I've seen are free.

If praying is hard, Lent is a great time to start trying. People sometimes think they need to have an eloquent prayer for God to hear them. That's not true, we can talk to God just like we would talk to our father. The Skit Guy, Christian comedians, have a sketch on Youtube called *The Skinny on Prayer*. They poke fun at different prayer stereotypes but around the 3:15 Mark, one of the comedians, does a wonderful job putting the Lord's Prayer into his own words. At the same time, we don't need to feel ashamed about prewritten prayers. Simply praying the Lord's Prayer or a Psalm is a wonderful way to talk to our Heavenly Father. Saying prayers like Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer during their respective times is beneficial as well. Even praying before or after a meal can remind us of the one who ultimately provides for us.

Look to do something different this Lenten season. It can be added prayers, Bible readings, devotions, meditations, service or more. Find something beneficial to help direct the season's focus on Jesus as He prepares to go to the cross as punishment for our sins. Then, when Easter comes we can celebrate His glorious resurrection and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Sarah Shadday,  
Director Christian Education

## Lenten Theme - Return from Exile

Pastor is following a Lenten theme called *Return from Exile*. Concordia will provide devotional materials to help members prepare for the service's theme each week.

There will be Bible readings, a short devotional, and an item to connect with the week's theme. Concordia will deliver devotional materials to families who have been sheltering in place around the second weekend in February. We plan to make 100 sets so other families who are interested have the opportunity to participate as well.



## Coming Soon!

In conjunction with a pantry shower that the Kitchen Table Bible study is having for Dianne Ben-Garland, she would also like to have an ingathering for Wheeler Mission. They provided support for her in a time of need and this is a way to giveback. Watch for specifics on their needs.



**Quilting Feb. 13** (9 am - ? or noon). We are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall trying to get through all of the quilt tops that we have sown in the past year. With being home our machines were working over time to make the tops so now we need to finish putting them together. We can keep social distancing and still come and get quilts put together. Please consider.



2019-2021 Mission Grant #18 (voted at the 2019 Mobile convention)

## Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Mission — \$50,000

*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing (2 Thessalonians 1:3).*

Sri Lanka is an island nation located off the southern tip of India. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 when the country was called “Ceylon.” Currently, there are four congregations and seven preaching stations in the country.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), in the capital city of Colombo, has undertaken a building project that will house a new sanctuary, a central office for the CELC, seminary classrooms, and dormitory spaces, as well as a preschool. Currently, there is no Lutheran seminary in Sri Lanka and, it is logistically impossible to have students study abroad at established seminaries.

The vast majority of citizens in Sri Lanka are Buddhist or Hindu. Only seven percent of the population is Christian. Because of previous years of work and evangelizing in Sri Lanka, a pre-seminary contingent began training in January of 2017. Projections show that there will be between four and six candidates each year who will benefit from this educational endeavor.

The church in Sri Lanka has obtained the necessary permission from the Board of Directors of the LCMS to move forward with a building project. The total cost is estimated at \$350,000, not including furnishings. The \$50,000 voted at the LWML convention in Mobile, AL will assist in funding the construction of the Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building.

This grant will assist in funding the construction of their multipurpose building, enabling the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church to move forward with the training of local pastors and deacons and to provide a location for the central office of the CELC. Also, it will provide space for the new sanctuary and preschool for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colombo.



*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18)*

*The Construction Site*



*Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation at worship on Sunday morning*

Large Grant #2 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

## **Worship Anew/Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. – \$10,000**

Funding will go towards broadcast fees to share God's Word through television ministry for the increasing aging population and un-churched in the Indiana District.

In 2010 Worship Anew moved to offices located on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Following the 50th Anniversary of Worship for Shut-Ins (2015) the board underwent strategic planning that led to the program's name being changed to Worship Anew in 2017.



## **LWML Quarterly**

Each year Lutheran Women of Concordia (LWCC) purchases copies of the LWML Quarterly and are available to each woman who wishes to have one. In January we ask for a donation of \$6.00, if you are able, to help cover the cost. Please make checks payable to LWCC or leave cash in the church office marked for the Quarterly.

## **Lutheran World Relief assisting Syrian refugees**

by Emily Esworthy – Jan 8, 2021

Fatime thought she understood terror the first time she heard the bombs drop on the other side of the city. But day by day, the bombing edged closer and closer to her home in Hama, Syria. Then, she says, "It was next to us." Explosions were rattling her doors, and everything she had ever known had been reduced to rubble. The 75-year-old widow and her two daughters knew their only two choices left were to flee or die.

Driven by fear rather than hope, Fatime, Mirim and Safiya joined thousands of people fleeing Syria's civil war and set out on a brutal 430-mile journey to Lebanon. They felt enormous relief when they arrived at the refugee camp, known as Camp 009 Tamnine al tahta, but this feeling was fleeting. It didn't take long to realize how harsh their new life was going to be.

*Alive but not well in harsh refugee camp conditions*

Fatime and her daughters are surrounded by sickness and death at the camp, and they have little more than a tent for shelter. In summer, rains soak through their tattered canvas roof and turn the red clay outside their tent into a deep mud. In winter, freezing winds and snow whip through the cracks between the old vinyl billboards they use for walls, as the three women huddle together in a shivering sleep.

Indeed, winter is hardest for refugees like Fatime and her daughters, but it's especially brutal for families with young children and newborns. Sadly, nearly half of all refugees are children and infants,

and Camp 009 is full of them. There is no heat in these makeshift tents, and food is scarce. Winter is a time of hunger and mourning.

*Too sick to work, too poor to buy medicine*

Fatime and Safiya have been beset by health issues since the war began, and they've grown worse since arriving at the refugee camp. Mirim is the only member of their household healthy enough to work. She toils as a farm laborer from sunup to sundown — but since her work is only seasonal, she can't even earn enough to pay the rent for the concrete slab they live on, much less to buy all the medicines her mother and her sister Safiya need to survive. Fatime often goes without critical medications she needs, either because they're too costly or not available. "We feel neglected," says Safiya. "All we want is God's blessing for everyone and for everyone to be good and well."

*Show your neighbors they are loved, not forsaken*

Gifts to Lutheran World Relief can bring God's blessings to Fatime, Mirim and Safiya and show them that they are loved — not forsaken. Fatime, her family and other refugees around the world can receive the medicines they need to live. Thanks to LWR and its partners, they'll have food, supplies and quilts to keep warm in winter. And they'll know they are loved — even while living in such impossible circumstances.



## LuFest - April 16, 2021

Please join us at LuFest 2021, LHS' (Lutheran High School) annual dinner-auction at The Nest Event Center (was Jonathan Birds off of Sheek Rd) on Friday, April 16, 2021. Early-Bird discounts are still in effect. Reserve your table or individual place today. Tables (up to 10 People) are \$1,000; individual tickets are just \$100; there are also tickets for a virtual place at the LuFest live auction for \$25. We are also looking for donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences to include in the live and silent auctions. Drop them off before April 2 at the LHS office weekdays 7:30 am - 4 pm. Please contact Julie, 317-224-1108 or [jjplug@lhsi.org](mailto:jjplug@lhsi.org), with any questions. Tickets and information at [Lufest.org](http://Lufest.org).



## Celebrating Love

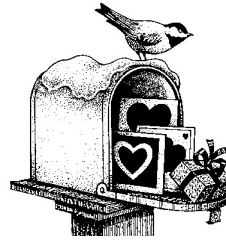
For 80 years, a couple in Ecuador was an exceptional example of marital love. Julio Cesar Mora Tapia, 110, and Waldramina Maclovía Quinteros Reyes, 104, were wed on February 7, 1941. Until Julio's death last October, they were reportedly the world's oldest married couple. Their large family includes nine great-great-grandchildren!

Good News Network recounts: "Julio Cesar fell in love with Waldramina's beauty, her conversation, and her big heart." Meanwhile, she found in him "a poet with a young spirit." The couple says the formula for a lasting marriage is "love + maturity + mutual respect," as well as patience, compassion and hard work.

That calls to mind Paul's words, often read at weddings: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13: 4-6) So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

As we enter Lent, remember the greatest Love ever known; that of the Father who gave His only Son to die that we would live with Him forever.

# 2021 February



Sunday Worship—9:00 AM  
 Sunday School & Bible Classes—10:10 AM  
 Worship service - 11:00 a.m.  
 Monday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.  
 Holy Communion at every service

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## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### **Concordia Members**

Recently Hospitalized:

Recovering:

- Laurie Ayres 1/18/21
- Mary Spray 12/20/20 rehab

### **Friends of Concordia**

- Jim Spray & wife 1/13/21
- Matt & Elaine Heins 1/12/21
- Rhianna & Jarreth Heins 1/12/21
- Travis Golden 1/10/21
- Terry & Diane Deamron 1/7/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Ted Economou 1/7/21
- Pastor Howard Fabrics 1/2/21
- Chuck Buth 11/17/20
- Alexis McKeand 11/8/20
- Judy Heine 8/17/20
- Peter Economou 5/19/20
- Charles Huckleberry 2/27/20
- Rick Zempski 1/20/20
- Curt Roemer 12/15/19
- Steve Parrish 10/18/19
- Mina Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Taylor 1/20/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18
- Marcella Dickmeyer 6/19/18
- Anne Kaiser 6/15/18
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

### **Battling Cancer / MS**

- Gregory K Ramsey 1/13/21
- Billie May 11/24/20
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Matt McCollum 5/4/18
- Jane Halsey 3/19/18
- Angela Martin 9/8/17
- Julie Breymeyer 7/10/19
- Philip Davis 12/12/16

### **Our Homebound Members (Our Senior Prayer Warriors)**

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- Laurie Ayres, 2837 sleeping Ridge Way, Indianapolis IN 46217
- Mary Babbs 589 N. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Kathy Carroll, 874 Sleepy Hollow Place, Greenwood, IN 46142

- Albi Distler, 670 Brook Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Eileen Ely 8/7/19 714 S. Eickhoff Rd. #604, Evansville, IN 47712
- Duane Krall, Demaree Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care, #12, 1255 Demaree Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Carmen Latondress 12/7/18 110 South Dogwood, 183 S Smock Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Barb Poulos, 1070 West Jefferson St, Franklin, IN 46131

Non-member shut-ins being visited & communed:

- Gail Reinke 5267 E. Rosegate Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237
- Laura McClain 183 Smock Dr. #109, Greenwood, IN 46143

### **Please pray for our Military Servicemen & women.**

Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard (now home); Petty Officer 3rd Class Jordan Boling, Navy-USS West Virginia; MIDN Chloe Owen, P. O. Box 14247, Annapolis, MD 21412 (United States Naval Academy)., Zach Goins, 791 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813(Navy Reserve)

### **Congratulations:**

To **Mike & Lauren Claxton** at the birth of a baby boy, **Aiden Bradley**, on January 23, 2021. May the Lord bless mother and child and preserve the infant for the blessed rebirth of Holy Baptism. (6919 Bannock Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46221

Please welcome our new member **Tiffany McCloud**. She was confirmed on January 24, 2021. We welcome you into our Church Family.



# Treasurer's Report

Dec 2020

Income Description	Dec 2019 4 Sundays	Dec 2020 4 Sundays	Total To date (52) Sun
Unified Budget	39,088.21	42,372.64	302,850.29
Memorials (Non-designated)	150.00		1,490.00
Memorials (Designated)	11,000.00	50.00	182.00
Designated Gifts *	519.86	9,709.90	25,161.73
Reimbursements & Refunds **	527.10		3,649.20
Rents & Wedding Fees	165.00		1,005.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>52,540.17</b>	<b>52,132.54</b>	<b>334,338.22</b>
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 7,817.64</i>	<i>\$ 10,593.16</i>	<i>\$ 5,824.04</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,720.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,824.04</i>

\* Building Fund \$ 315, Flowers \$ 80, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Pack Away Hunger) \$ 11.32, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10, Hopeful Living \$87.50, New Camera system \$9,000, Poinsettias \$28.40.

- 2020 donations by Receipt was \$1,635.13.
- 2020 Thirvent Choice Dollars designated for Concordia Cares was \$906.00.
- Mortgage of 10,762.96 was paid off January 6, 2020.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	1,000.00	500.00	6,000.00
Lutheran High School	1,500.00	750.00	9,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	375.00	187.50	2,250.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>2,875.00</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>17,250.00</b>

Worship	2019 2020	2020 2021	Tithes
12/24	180	81	765.00
12/25	55	18	395.00
12/27 s	78	64	14,689.00
12/31	35	20	75.00
1/3	87	49	4,713.00
1/10	90	74	4,758.00
1/17	92	58	22,55.00
1/24	106	62	12,213.33

Expenses Boards	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,619.70	7,280.61	83,626.45
Congregational Worship	1,353.63	1,061.41	11,445.96
Missions and Outreach	1,375.00	697.50	8,447.47
Christian Education	7,332.89	6,000.26	71,653.17
Stewardship			687.77
Operations	14,594.21	10,569.94	108,639.52
Small Group Ministries		4.27	155.71
Christian Living	125.00	729.60	1,245.92
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>31,400.43</b>	<b>26,343.59</b>	285,901.97
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments			
Reimbursement Expenses **	4,152.67	14,193.74	28,577.88
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>4,152.67</b>	14,193.74	28,577.98
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,553.10</b>	<b>40,537.33</b>	<b>314,479.85</b>

\*\* Reimbursement Expenses: Bethesda \$15, Building Fund Steward Account \$3,723.04, Capital Improvements Steward Account \$6,235.50 includes Church Sign \$260.50, Church Landscaping \$975.00, Heine family Project \$5000, Concordia Cares Steward Account \$1,455.55, Concordia Youth Group \$491.53, Ft. Wayne Christmas Basket \$20.00, Greeting Cards \$6.00, Hopeful Living by Worship Anew \$87.50, Lutheran Women of Concordia \$200.00, Mailing School Kits \$10.00, Pack Away Hunger \$1,829.62, We Raise \$120.00

## Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord

	SS	HS	ADULT
12/27	4	3	18
1/3	3		21
1/10	6	3	22
1/17	8	3	45
1/24	6	4	21

## Church checking account balance Dec 2020

Beginning	33,764.79
Deposits	51,027.54
Payments	40,537.33
Ending balance	44,255.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Dec 31, 2020
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,909.12
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,488.95
Building Fund	9,894.12
Capital Improvements - \$ 1,227.31 Church sign - \$ 944.95, Church Landscaping - \$ 975.03 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,000.14	8,147.43
Concordia Cares	5,599.90
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,364.32
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>38,403.84</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>6.03</b>



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## Lutheran Hour Ministries Radio Schedule

**The Lutheran Hour—Sundays**  
 WIRE (91.1 FM) 7:30 AM  
 WCBK (102.3 FM) 7:00 AM  
 WMCB (1540 AM) 8:00 AM  
 WLW (700 AM) 7:00 AM

**2/7**      **Stories Around the Table**  
**2/14**     **Shines and Saves**  
**2/21**     **Do You See Anything?**  
**2/28**     **tbd**

Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces  
Network (AFN).

**Worship Anew—Sundays**  
 WHMB (TV 40) 10:00 AM

## Christian Living

### February Wedding Anniversaries

Rick & Linda Snyder (49) 2/5/72  
 Duane & Norma Krall (43) 2/11/78  
 Mike & Kris Bierman (31) 2/24/90.

### February Birthdays:

Sullivan, Rachel	2/2	Poulos, Barb	2/15
Bierman, Daniel	2/3	Lawler, Mark	2/16
Bontrager Jr., John	2/3	Barrick Steve	2/16
Conrad, Diane	2/4	Herbst, Jill	2/19
Dombroski, Lynn	2/5	Bruhn, Sharon	2/21
Yeater, Jenna	2/7	Hartley, Genny	2/22
Kearns, Spencer	2/9	Wagener, Hank	2/23
Reinke, Jeff	2/9	Kearns, Logan	2/24
Williams, Rachel (Wilson)	2/9	Ayres, Laura (Laurie)	2/24
Ford, Heidi	2/11	Herbst, Rachel	2/27
Sullivan, Diana	2/10	Owen, Dean	2/27
Hassel, Deb	2/10	Snyder, Kevin	2/27
		Hoeltke, Herb	2/28

**Update for Concordia's Prayer Chain and Women of the congregation** Join today by sending an email to [WomenOfConcordia+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:WomenOfConcordia+subscribe@groups.io).

The same is true for any member to join the **prayer chain**. Join by sending a message to [ConcordiaPrays+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:ConcordiaPrays+subscribe@groups.io)

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**Sunday Worship Services**  
 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes**  
 10:05 a.m.

**1st & 3rd, Monday Worship Service**  
 6:30 p.m.



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*Rev. Paul R. G. Gaschler*

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**Erica Stephenson** - *Deaconess*

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**Becky Lanning**—*Office Manager*

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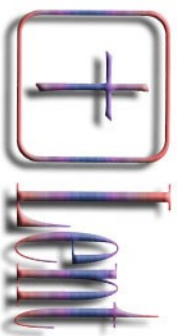
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## Remember

February 7th is our annual SOUPER BOWL of CARING where we collect money and extra canned/boxed food goods for our local food pantry

"Salvation Army Samaritan Food Pantry". We join in a nation wide gathering every year to help out others who need that extra help.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We have been and continue to be blessed.



Your are invited to celebrate with us the beginning of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Services begin at 4 & 7 p.m.



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