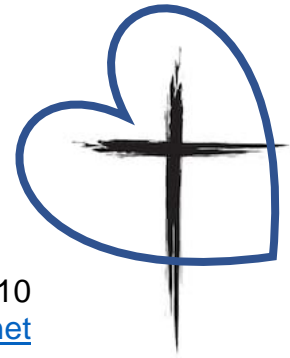


# Cross Currents: Ministry Updates for Cross of Christ February 2024

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**Ash Wednesday – February 14, 11:00am worship**  
Soup, salad and dessert luncheon offered after service.

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## ***The Cross: God's Answer to Our Cries for Help***

It is fitting that Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent is on Valentines Day. There never has been such an act of love as Jesus sacrificing His life to rescue those he loves. How far would you go to rescue those you love? How wonderful it is to know God would stop at nothing to provide for you. This Lenten season is your opportunity to make time in your daily life to reflect on what that means.

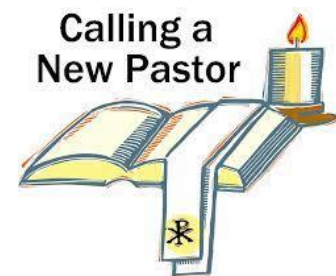
I offer this challenge to you. Carve out time in your life during the 40 days of Lent to spend time reflecting on the passion of Jesus for you. You don't have time? Cut out 20 minutes of TV, get up 20 minutes earlier, read the appointed Bible passage—then take your walk and reflect on what you read. You have time—don't choose something trivial over that which has given you life. A Bible reading schedule is attached for the 40 days of Lent. These readings cover the events of Holy Week as recorded in the Gospels.

Keep your eyes on Jesus,  
Pastor Heimsoth

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### **Divine Call Extended**

On January 21, the members of Cross of Christ extended a divine call to the Rev. Jake Bellinghausen, who is currently serving as pastor of Grace Lutheran, Vestal, New York. Please keep him and his wife, Faith, in your prayers. As He prays for God's direction, we pray God's Spirit to provide him clarity for where God would have him serve.



**Calling a  
New Pastor**

## Preschool News

Preschool is having a great year, but we would like to serve more students next year. You can help us get the word out as registration for next year opens March 3. Please note the dates below and talk to your neighbors about this gem of a preschool which many do not know about.



### Registration opens:

- March 3 members of the church
- March 4-9 current/past preschool families
- March 10 anyone


Register early to make sure you get the sessions that you want! If you are interested in an easy way to support the preschool you can sign up at Bush's or Kroger's for their community rewards programs. If you shop there already it won't cost you a dime, but our preschool can reap a great financial harvest. Click on the links below to sign up.

[krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

[buschs.com/community](http://buschs.com/community)

We are also hosting a fund raiser in February for the preschool. Flyers will be made available to you once they arrive.

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### Resources

There are many online resources to help you grow in your faith—individually or with others. Our Stewardship/Evangelism Board, led by Lynda Witcher, wants to offer some of those resources to you in our email communications. Watch for them in the weekly email blasts! Then click on the links and let God bless you.

Here is one you should try out. Lutheran Hour Ministries offers many resources. You may be familiar with the radio program, the Lutheran Hour, a weekly sermon, which can now be listened to online as well. There are daily devotions to read/listen to as well as regular podcasts. Click on the link, <https://www.lhm.org/resources/for-individuals/> and see how God wants to bless you!

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### Midweek Worship

During the season of lent we will offer Wednesday services to help you focus your life on the Passion of Jesus. It is a time to reflect and to give thanks. We will meet each Wednesday at 11:00am. Join us!



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**Mite Box:** *Bring your LWML mites with you, February 4!*



## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Group is open to all women. We meet monthly for fellowship, grow in God's Word and to discuss ways we can support ministry. We meet at the Church on Thur., February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for time in the Bible and ministry discussion. Afterwards we have lunch at the New Hudson Inn. Please join us!

## Wanted: Children's Worship Aides

God has blessed us with more children in worship. Praise God! Now we realize it would be good to have a teacher and an aide each Sunday. Please consider serving as an aide one Sunday a month that we might continue to improve this important ministry. For more information email Kari Bye at [kari.bye@yahoo.com](mailto:kari.bye@yahoo.com). Thanks for caring!



## Men's Retreat, "You Good?" March 15-17

You are invited to a Men's retreat at the Weber Center in Adrian, sponsored by Our Shepherd, Birmingham. The speaker is the Rev. Dr. John Nunes, a great speaker. He will examine the difficulties of navigating a counter-cultural world as Christian men. Fliers are available at church. Invite a friend or make it a father-son thing! If you want you can go down for Saturday only. They have hotel room housing and meals are provided. Check it out!

## Out-to-Lunch Bunch

If you like to eat with friends, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch is for you! We schedule a place each month, make reservations—then go out to lunch. On Thursday, February 29, we are going to the Mojave Cantina (22870 Pontiac Trail) in South Lyon, at 1:00pm. Sign up on the bulletin board—or call the church office if interested. We only get the 29<sup>th</sup> every four years—let's celebrate!



## FEBRUARY Birthdays

1	Amelia Hindley	21	Dominick Eldridge
	Trenton Lach	22	Patricia Wadkins
2	Zachary Lanczki	23	Denise Gerke
	Christopher Stevenson		Tammy Wyman
3	Mike Conrad	26	William Reinwand
4	Rosalynne Lockard	28	Paige Conrad
6	Charles Hamlet II		Kelli Hackbardt-Cameron
7	Marci Wasilko		Theodore Lockard
9	Lexie Hackbardt		Dustin Wyman
10	Vicki Moak		
15	Lauren Lanczki		
16	Robert Beyer		
	Nancy Ulrich		
17	Myra Prueter		
18	Michael Faust		

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14	Mike & Sherry Bugar
	Charles & Rose Eldridge