

# The Messenger

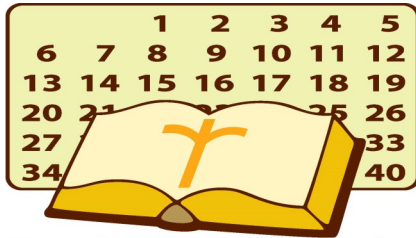


HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,  
ESSEX MD 21221



**COME JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY!**

**Matthew 4:1-11**



## Pastor's Message *for* Lent

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Together we embark on a journey to the cross in this season of Lent. As the days pass by us, as the nights grow shorter, and as the days burst into spring—hopefully soon—we are called to notice the mundane and forgotten pieces of creation along the way.

With each breath we take, each movement we make, each heartbeat that soars through our body—we can know that God is with us.

We do not make this journey to the cross on our own. In fact, we find the way already paved for us: Jesus Christ has already taken the burden and weight of all our sins—sins we are fully aware of, sins we are blissfully ignorant of, and sins we have yet to make—all of them nailed to the cross.

All of them destroyed in the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All of it done not so that we would be promised perfect lives, or lives free of anxiety, fear, or rejection. But, instead, Jesus forgives you all your sins by journeying to the cross for you, so that death is not the end.

In this season of Lent, we find the Holy Spirit present in the midst of chaos, fear, anxiety, and burdens that surround us. We find the presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the mundane and ordinary. And we find the presence of God the Father in every inch, every corner, and every nook of creation.

In this season of Lent, we are made fully aware of the weight of our sins, anxieties, and burdens. And yet, we are made fully aware of the saving love, grace, and forgiveness that we receive fully and freely through and in our friend and shepherd Jesus Christ.

You do not make this journey alone. Jesus Christ is with you.  
Always.

God's Peace,

Pastor Meheret



# THE POWER OF PRAYER

Edgar Amos, Jr.	Lois Farber	Leondra Jefferson	Jeanine Schenning
Louise Amoss	Cassandra	Michelle Kincaid	The Schepers Family
Gail Anuszewski	Fleckenstein	Lynne Lake	Steve Schweitzer's
Bob Baker	Bobbi Floyd	Michael McCoy	Family
Connie Baker	Matthew Floyd	Ellen McKenna	Charlotte
Johnny Banack	Marina Floyd	Brian Miller	Schweitzer's Family
Dennis Berry	Sara Garrett &	Jim Nemec	Barbara Shelly
Gail Berry	Family	Laurie Nemec	Kevin Shields
Mary Bodenschatz	Chris Genco	Frank Neukam	Vivian Smith
Debbie Bryant	Pierre Gibbons	Hannah Noack	John Stiemly
Debbie Button	Cassidy Gore	Terry Novak	Eloise Stumpf
Margaret Cain	Daniel Hanke	Rick O'Dea	Lucille Watson
Sharyl Clark	Sharon Harris	Pat Owens	Richard Wrobel
Ed Cornelius	Juliana Hasson	Francesca Prado	Susan Yelton
Shirley Cosgrove	Beth Haught &	Mike Porter	
Joyce Craft	Family	Inez Rasinski	
Beulah Craig	Beverly Hoffman	Cass Rayman	
Patrick J. Curran	Karen Hoffman	Cliff Rodney	
Lois Lorene Deck-	Scott Hower	Lucille Rose	
elman's Family	Loretta Karen	Eddie Sabol's	
The DeHart Family	Holzopfel	Family & Friends	
Freddie Ditmar	Timothy Hostetler	Jeff Sanders	
Gloria Eckles	Loretta Jefferson	Connie Sanders	



# Worship Themes for March 2019

Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
<b>March 1</b>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  Psalm 32  Romans 5:12-19  Matthew 4:1-11	Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil  Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.  Death came through one; life comes through one  The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days
<b>March 8</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a  Psalm 121  Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  John 3:1-17	The blessing of God upon Abram  I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. The promise to those who share Abraham's faith  The mission of Christ to save the world
<b>March 15</b>	Exodus 17:1-7  Psalm 95  Romans 5:11  John 4:5-42	Water from the rock in the wilderness  Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation  Reconciled to God by Christ's death  Baptismal image: the woman at the well
<b>March 22</b>	1Samuel 16:1-13  Psalm 23  Ephesians 5:8-14  John 9:1-41	David is chosen and anointed  You anoint my head with oil  Awake from sleep, live as children of light  Baptismal image: the man born blind
<b>March 29</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-14  Psalm 130  Romans 8:6-11  John 11:1-45	The dry bones of Israel brought to life  I wait for you, O Lord, in your word is my hope.  Life in the Spirit  Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus



# **Bible Study and Small Groups**

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study. Please join us!

To register, call 410-686-7587 or email [hopesecretary@outlook.com](mailto:hopesecretary@outlook.com).

## **Monday Morning Pastor's Class**

Meets Mondays 10 – 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently studying "A Discipleship Guide for Lutherans". All are welcome!

## **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

The Wednesday Night Bible Study Class will not be meeting during Lent since we will be having our Lenten Suppers and Services.

## **Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study**

Meets 8-9:30 AM at Alice's Restaurant on Eastern Blvd. every Saturday. We are currently studying "Justice & The Prophets". All are welcome!

## **Bethel Series Bible Study**

Is a two-year visually based overview of the central message of the Old and New Testaments. We are looking for people to form a new first year Old Testament group. Please contact Ellen Gollhardt ([elgollhardt@gmail.com](mailto:elgollhardt@gmail.com)) or the church office if you are interested. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to grow deeply in God's Word! contact Ellen Gollhardt ([elgollhardt@gmail.com](mailto:elgollhardt@gmail.com)) or the church office if you are interested. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to grow deeply in God's Word!



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT UPDATE



We continue to provide back packs of healthy weekend meals and snacks to 14 students at Middleborough Elementary School who have been identified as being able to benefit from this support. All the children are grateful for the food received, made possible by the kind support offered by members of our congregation. Those who made contributions in January “To the Glory of God”, include Mary Emge, the Crout and Lake family, Ron and Vicki Lesko, Eric Eszes, Thea Melton, Trudy Grauer, Peggy Talbott, Robin Palmer and David Vega, Carolee and Rick Calo, Carole Ogle, the Hays family, the Comotto family, and Laura and Mickey Koontz. We also thank Deloris Phillips who made a donation in memory of her mother.

We are happy to report the renewal of a grant in the amount of \$2500 from the Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation. These funds make it possible to continue the level of support we started last year when we were able to increase the number of students served and add a summer program as well. We also appreciate contributions from neighbors of Hope Church.





# LENTEN CALENDAR

March 01, 2020 1st Sunday in Lent  
March 08, 2020 2nd Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2020 3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020 4th Sunday in Lent  
March 29, 2020 5th Sunday in Lent



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 05, 2020 Palm Sunday  
April 09, 2020 Maundy Thursday  
April 10, 2020 Good Friday  
April 11, 2020 Easter Vigil  
April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!!



### Lenten Suppers

**Mark your calandars!!** Lenten Suppers will be served each Wednesday evening before Lenten Services. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and services will follow at 7:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with dinners, please contact either Margie Karl 410-746-3037 or San Dee Koons ([koons.sandee@verizon.net](mailto:koons.sandee@verizon.net) or 443-421-4477). The schedule main courses are as follows:

March 4 Soup	March 11 Spaghetti
March 18 Soup	March 25 Lasagna
April 1 Soup	



# *All Stars Christian Learning Center*

## *All Stars Christian Learning Center*

Now enrolling for Summer 2020

Our 11 week program begins June 22 and ends September 4.

Contact Talesha Johnson, our Director, at 410-686-6060 or email [allstarscenter@yahoo.com](mailto:allstarscenter@yahoo.com)

for the registration form.

Weekly tuition is based on the number of days the child will be attending:

5 days \$185

4 days \$155

3 days \$125

2 days \$85

1 day \$50



**Streets of Hope will sponsor a fundraiser at Pizza John's  
on Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 5:00 pm—8:00 pm  
All proceeds will benefit Streets of Hope**



# VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

## VBS

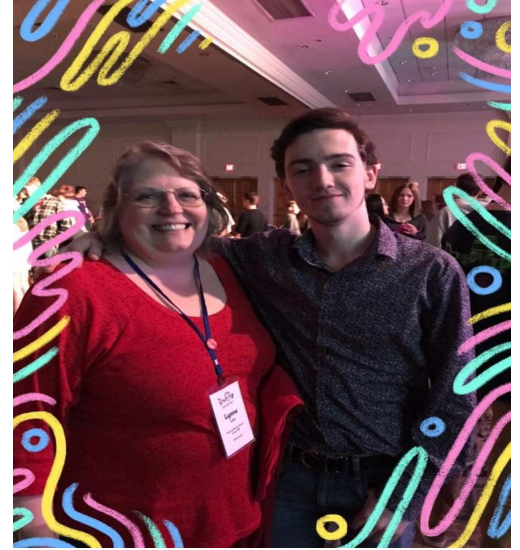
**Volunteers are needed in all rotations to assure we can guide the students safely.**

**Please contact Lori Comotto 443-983-2689.**

**VBS 2020 is July 13th-17th, 9am to Noon daily.**



# Road Trip 2020



## Youth Road Trip Speech: By Jack Crout

Before I get started, I would first like to thank everyone who donated towards this trip because it was a very fun experience. Throughout the trip we did many different types of activities such as swimming, making quilts, pack school bags for the children in need, singing in a large group, making new friends and having interesting conversations in our small group. Of all the activities the time spent in our small groups was the most important part of this trip. Inside of the small group the main topic we had discussed was, asking questions. What I mean by this is asking questions about your religion, to ask the things that you are having a hard time believing or confused about. They told us that it's important in any religion to ask a question, because to believe that any one person knows everything about their religion is a very hard thing to believe, so to ask the questions is an important part of religion. Some of the questions that were discussed in our small groups were, "What happens to you after death?", "Who or what decides if you go to heaven or hell" and "Does everything happen for a reason". The question that I specifically asked was "Are the stories that were told about, factually correct or more of some sort of lesson to be told?". There were many other questions asked throughout this trip that help make me and others understand Christianity even more. So again, I do thank you all for donating, and giving me these chances to go on this amazing trip.

I collected \$70.00 from the Super Bowl Fundraiser, donating it to Streets of Hope. The Chiefs won, which is what the church voted for.

# *Upcoming Youth Group Events*

\*The Youth Group will be meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month following the 10:30 AM service. Youth are encouraged to attend the 10:30 AM service.

\*There will be a Family Ice Cream and Movie Night on March 20th at 6:15 PM. Movie starts at 7 PM. Movie to be announced. Free will offering to help support our youth gathering in Ocean City, this summer. Following the movie there will be the Yoputh Lock In @ 9 PM.

\*The Youth will be collecting gently used clothing and small Knickknacks and books in May 2020. So please start gathering your items. A date will be given soon to bring the item to church.







January 29, 2020

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1901 Middleborough Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21221

Dear Friends at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our entire organization, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts totaling \$1,209.06 in 2019 (\$1,209.06 is tax deductible).

Your donation(s) brought us one step closer to setting up the shelter at Boulevard Christian Church. Please look soon for a zoning hearing date, as Baltimore County accepted our filing at the beginning of this month. From all our staff, volunteers, and especially the men we serve, we appreciate your support. Tonight, 15 men have a warm place to stay, making lifelong relationships with people like you that work every day to end homelessness.

Itemized list of your gift(s) in 2019, showing tax deductible amount\*:

Date	Amount	Payment Type
02/24/19	\$309.75	Check (8459)
06/2/19	\$397.69	Check (8481)
10/9/19	\$501.62	Check (8530)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,209.06</b>	

\*For donations of goods or services, if the amount of the gift is \$0.00, the fair market value should be determined by you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Dickerson  
Executive Director

*In compliance with IRS Code section 170 (f) (8), this letter serves as verification that you have received no goods or services in connection with the tax deductible gifts listed above.*

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[www.churchesforsoh.org](http://www.churchesforsoh.org)



January 22, 2020

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1901 Middleborough Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21221

Dear Friends at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to Churches for Streets of Hope. Your gift of \$388.60 on 01/12/20 helps us to keep our cold weather shelter for men open all throughout the season. We have you to thank for helping our homeless neighbors stay warm and fed in the coldest part of the year.

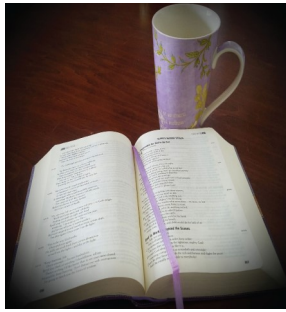
We are always blessed to have your support. This shelter, these people, are your ministry. God's work in caring for our fellow men on the streets is happening right now because of your prayers, your invaluable volunteer time, and your contributions throughout the year.

I thank you personally for your dedication, and I pray that the Lord blesses you for the many ways you continue to serve Him and His purposes.

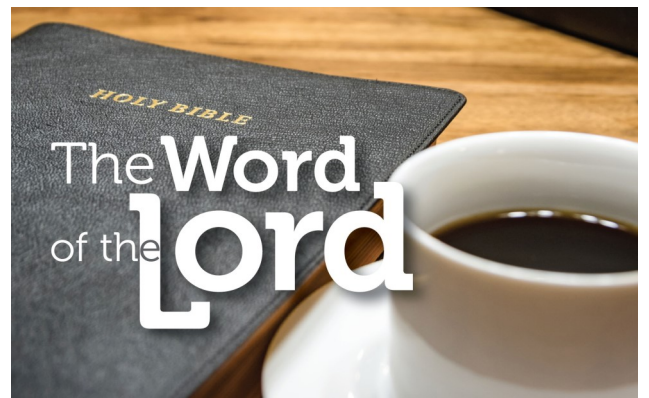
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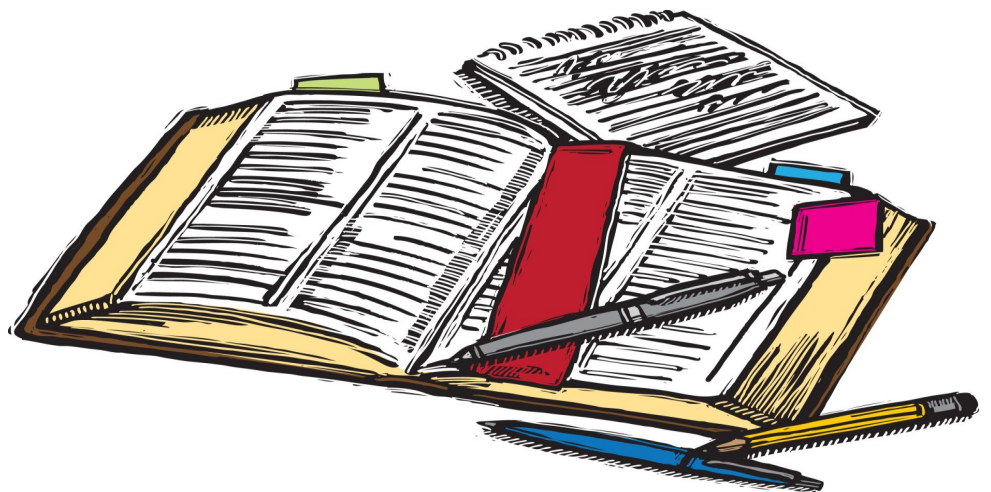
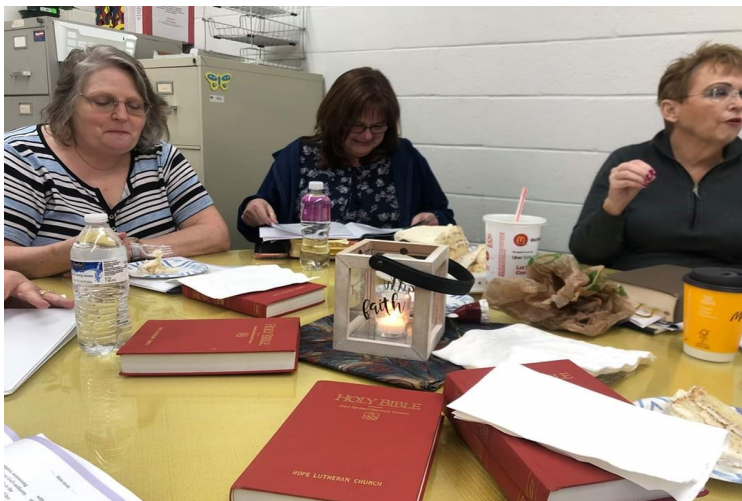


*Our Monday Morning Bible Study  
in progress. Currently studying the  
Gospel of John.  
Join us on Monday mornings at 10 am.*





*Our Wednesday Night Bible Study  
Was great. Great fellowship and great study!  
Thank you everyone!  
Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm.*



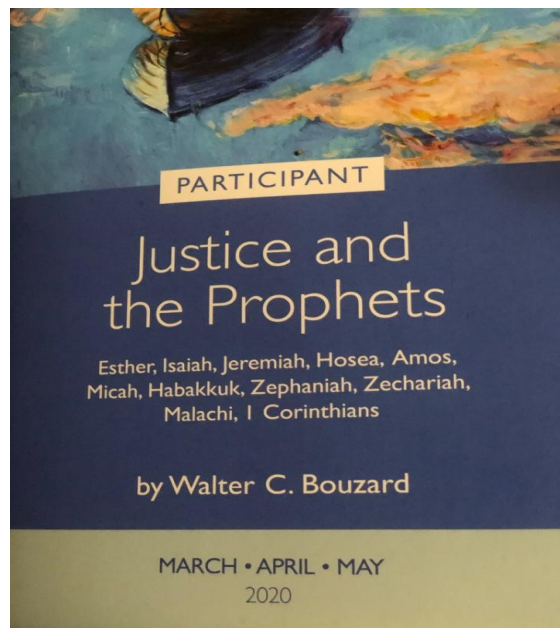


# *Our Saturday Morning Bible Study*

*Start you day with great fellowship and great study!*

*All are welcome!*

*Join us on Saturdays at 8 am.*





01	Cass Wohlleben
04	Steve Lightner
07	Kayla Watson Eck
08	Amelia Caruthers
08	Frederick Neewary
09	Anna Faust
11	Bill Hoffman
13	Jeanne Faust
13	Brian Frueh
17	Lynne Lake
18	Mary Lee Porter
26	Timothy Hostetler
29	June Leap
29	James Comotto
30	Ron Hershey



*Happy Birthday To You*

Please contact the office if you would like to add or remove your name from our birthday list. Thank you!





# *Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## *Our Staff*

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Jack Crout—Youth President



**Articles for the April  
Messenger are due by  
Wednesday  
March 18, 2020**

# Easter Lilies and Mums



**EASTER LILIES & MUMS:** Please help beautify our altar for Easter. The cost is \$10.00. **The ordering deadline is March 15, 2020. We will need at least 50 Mums for the cross.** Please fill in the information requested below and place in the offering plate or contact Shirley Edmonston. Please submit your payment with your order. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church. You may pick up your flowers after the late Easter service, around noon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

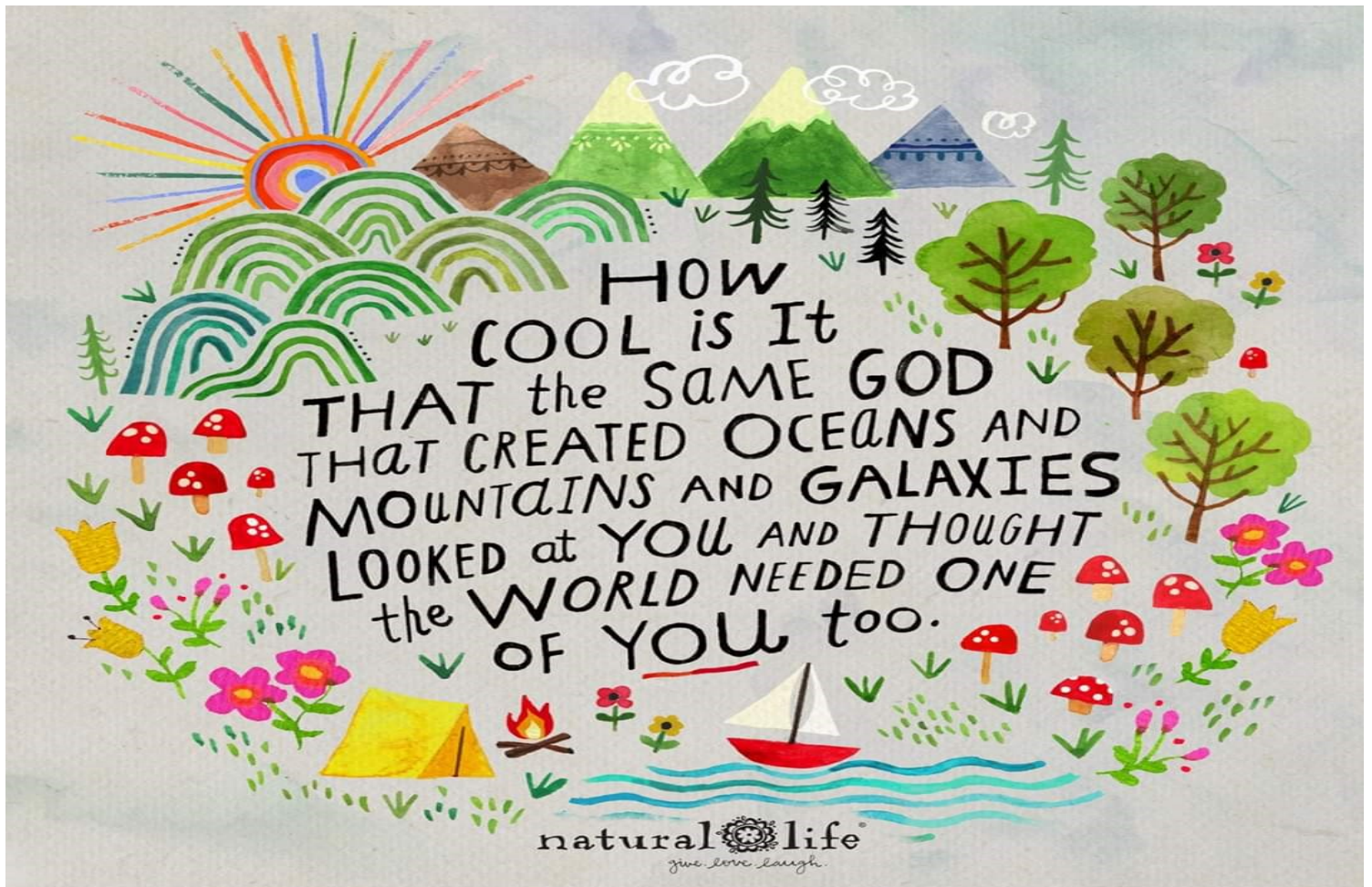
Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Mums \_\_\_\_\_ Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ IN MEMORY OF ☐ IN HONOR OF ☐ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Please indicate dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

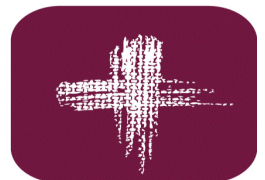


## Duty Schedule for: March 2020

9:00 AM	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Assist Lector	Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer	San Dee Koons Cary Koons	Colan Kahl Eric Carl	Brandi Miner Thea Coker
Server	Patty Horney	Carol Ogle	Joan Schweitzer	Thea Melton	Patty Horney
Usher/greeter	Rick Calo Frank Schmidt	Ed Klingenstein Eric Eszes	Thea Melton <b>Sue Alexander</b>	<b>Carolee Calo</b> Carol Ogle	Ed Klingenstein Eric Eszes

10:30	1	8	15	22	29
Assist	Lori Comotto	Robin Palmer	Eric Eszes	<b>Colan Kahl</b>	Lynda Frueh
Lector	Sharyn Kahl	John Kelly	Debbie Cannon	Jack Crout	Brian Frueh
Server	Donna Smith	Denise McLaughlin	Sandy Cincinnati	Jess Kahl	Peggy Talbott
Usher/Greeter	Linda Moler Sandy Cincinnati	Jeanne Faust Trish Hays	Mary Emge Denise McLaughlin	Hayley Hays Lilah Crout	Mary Emge Debbie Cannon
Altar Set Up	Colan Kahl	Bob and Joan Schweitzer	SanDee and Cary Koons	Thea Melton	Bob Schweitzer
Children's Church	Ruth Kraeger	Lynne Lake	Marge Carl	Brandi Miner	Jackie Eversley
KBZone	Carolee Calo	Brandi Miner	Lynda Frueh	Denise McLaughlin	Lynne Lake
Counters	Bob S. Trudy G.	Donna Smith Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Deloris Phillips	Donna Smith Steve/Sharyn Kahl	Bob Schweitzer Trudy Grauer

# Lent







# 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Streets of Hope	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Learning Center Board Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>5:00 PM-8:00 PM</b> Streets of Hope Pizza John's Fund-raiser	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Group Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Family Contemporary Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Kidz Bible Zone	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>31</b>				