

Niantic News

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A message from the Pastor...

Are you familiar with the "Stanley Cup Craze"? I am not talking about the hockey trophy, but the insulated water bottle that looks like an oversized mug with a straw. With two school-age daughters at home, I can assure you I am familiar with this latest craze. They were coveted items on many a Christmas list this year. So much so that now I am seeing articles and news headlines about the popularity of these water bottles. One of the articles said something very intriguing. The company Stanley has been selling insulated cups, bottles, and containers for more than a century. This hot new product is not new at all. The company just started advertising to new markets and people. What was once just an old-fashioned food and water container company, became a hot "new" brand. The products didn't change all that much (yes, they did add new colors and options) but the way people saw the company changed.

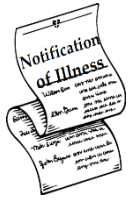
This is not unique to water bottles. What is "tired" and "out of date" one year is "coveted" and "vintage" the next. Vinyl records are once again the top selling media for music! What causes these changes in perspective? I'm not sure, but it happens. Why do I bring all this up? It relates to our theme for our Lenten Midweek Service and Study this year. This year, we will be looking at the agricultural parables of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew. Jesus spoke frequently in terms of agriculture because his hearers were mostly farmers, herders, and fishermen. He spoke in terms they would be familiar with. Today less than 1% of the population works in agriculture (it is more than 1% in this congregation, but there are plenty of congregations at 0%). In such an environment, these illustrations that relate to planting crops and raising livestock might seem "out of touch". In our time of study, I believe that we will find these parables to be extremely relevant to being the church in the world of today. Yes, that environment is very different from the one Jesus first taught in, but the lessons they teach have much to say about our world today. With a new audience and a new view, these illustrations have something to share with a whole new group of people. Just maybe these parables will be the next hot new trend.

Join us in the parlor here at Christ Lutheran for Holden Evening Prayer followed by our Bible study beginning Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Our service for Ash Wednesday will take place at St. Paul's, Sassamansville at 7 PM.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for the Christmas bonus. Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to honor me with a gift.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt





Notification in Case of Illness

Christ Niantic Lutheran hopes that all members will notify the church office if they become aware of any member who is ill or who may have other pastoral needs. Please do not assume that "someone else" has already called. We do not mind receiving multiple notifications. Thank you!

Church Office Hours and Pastor's Contact Information

The Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 – 2 p.m. All non-emergency, non-pastoral calls can be called into the church office during or after office hours.

Pr. Matt Finney will have office hours on Fridays.

If you'd like to meet/speak with Pr. Matt, or it's a pastoral emergency, please call Pr. Matt at 484-587-6506.

Thank you. Pr. Matt's church e-mail is: clcpastor@windstream.net.

Official Pastoral Acts

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

None since December 20, 2023.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Evan Fluke
- 2 Dorothy Willing (1944)
- 3 Karen Hoffman
- 11 Hunter Francisco, Ginnie Wilkinson
- 13 Cheryl Barr
- 15 Matthew Knaub
- 17 Terry Hoffman, Eloise Swavely
- 18 Sandra Hoffman
- 20 Mark Stofflet, Dominick Witman
- 21 Lou Ann Howard
- 25 Ronald Asplen



Attendance

	9:00	
December 3	49	
December 10	37	
December 17	57	
December 24 (9 AM)	44	
December 31	44	

2022 Sun. Avg.:	44	7
2023 Sun. Avg.:	46	0

(Prior year averages are based on same time period)

Christmas Eve service attendance:
3:00 PM – 125; 9:00 PM - 47



Newsletter Deadline – Information for the March issue of the Niantic News is **due by Tuesday, February 13th**. There are several ways for you

to submit your articles:

- ✓ E-mail it to me at christluthchurch@windstream.net
- ✓ Submit it on a flash drive that can be borrowed from the church office, or
- ✓ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox in the mail/coat room.

Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday for the following Sunday. Your cooperation in meeting this deadline is greatly appreciated. This allows the office ample time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Worship.

Flower and Bulletin Charts

The 2024 bulletin and flower charts are posted in the Narthex. If you have a particular date that you want, you will need to sign-up early. Please complete the charts fully with your name, as sponsor, and also the reason for the sponsorship. Use the envelope on the counter in the narthex for your payment and drop in the offering plate. Thank you. The cost of Altar Flowers is \$35.00 and Bulletins are \$20.00.

NOTE: There will be no altar flowers during the Sunday's in Lent, February 18 – March 24

Snow, Blizzards and Ice!

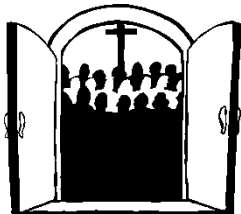
Just a reminder - During inclement weather, we will always try to have worship for those who can make it. When we cancel worship due to impassable roads, we will change the answering machine message, send that message thru on the prayer chain, post on Facebook, or in severe conditions it will be shown on Channel 69 TV. Even if we manage to have worship or some other program, never risk life and limb to attend! It is not uncommon for two inches of snow to fall in Niantic and 8 inches in the hills above Bally and Hereford. It is **okay** to stay home and enjoy your family in such situations, BUT when you are able – practice the discipline of worship! Leaders – please let the office know of cancellations and postponements so we can notify others.



On **Sunday, February 11** is Super Bowl Sunday, where all across the country we watch two teams play for the title of Super Bowl Champion. Here at Christ Lutheran, we will also have **“Souper Bowl Sunday”** to help our neighbors with much needed non-perishable food donations, as well as monetary donations. We invite you to bring a non-perishable food item to church, as well as a \$2.00 or more to throw into the “soup” pot as you come or as you leave church to help support the Pottstown Cluster, February’s Food Pantry selection. During the past few years, we have seen a higher number of our neighbors needing our local food pantries. Your help in this will help those in need.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 11th



The February Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2024**, following the service at **9:00 AM**. We will hold the meeting in the sanctuary.

Congregational MEETING

As we did in 2023, annual reports of committees and organizations as well as the new membership directory are not mailed, but are available for pick up in the church office or on the counter in the narthex. We will also be voting on a Youth Council Member at this meeting as well as on the award of a contract for painting the exterior of the church..

Reminder - to be eligible to vote at any congregational meeting a confirmed member must have BOTH communed of record AND contributed of record within the past two years.

The next Communion will be on Sunday, February 4!

Christ Union Cemetery Guideline News:

All planting of shrubs, trees or plants is prohibited. Remove all winter decorations 3 weeks (**by March 9**) before Easter. April through October all flowers and memorials will be removed 7 days after all holidays. All arrangements affixed on top of the gravestones may remain until they are unsightly.

Quilt Tying

On **Tuesday, February 13** beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will be tying quilts in the social hall. Help is always needed!! Then we will have the...

Lutheran Ladies Lunch

The February Lutheran Ladies Lunch will be held on **Tuesday, February 13** meeting at church at **11:30 a.m.** to carpool to Washington Grille, Rte. 100, Bechtelsville for lunch at 12 noon. If you prefer to meet us at Washington Grille, we will see you there at 12 noon.

WANTED:

Acolytes; Lector; Assistant Ministers; Communion Assists; and Usher/Greeters

Would you like to serve in any of these positions on a Sunday morning? No experience necessary as you will be trained. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator:

June Herb: (610) 754-7841 or e-mail: JuneRose56@aol.com



Health & Healing:

Laurel Arbogast - Aunt of Lisa Knaub
 Mark Belt – Terry Flicker's brother-in-law
 Sheldon Boyer – Roxanne Fox's brother
 Joan Brunner – June Herb's sister-in-law
 John Buzby – friend of Janet Schaeffer
 Dorothy Davis - sister of Barb Hoffman
 Kayla Drabyak - Niece of Dave and Nancy Fioriglio
 Gerald Flicker
 Margaret Freeman – daughter of Nancy Folk's cousin
 Lorraine Gehringer – friend of Charlie & Betty Hoffman
 Rev. Arlene Greenwald – former member of Niantic
 Heather – daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt
 Betty Hoffman

Roy Hoffman
 Wilson Hoffman
 Katie - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter
 Tricia Korutz – Lisa Knaub's sister
 Charlie Orner
 Pr. Jennifer Phelps – former member at CLC
 June Pinnick – Jim Barr's sister
 Douglas Robinson – father of Donna Menear
 Ron – relative of Melissa Seasholtz
 Ethan Schoenly - 10 yr. old cousin of Lindsey Mason
 Todd (Scruffy) Slonaker – cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise Hoffman
 Bill Starrett – friend of Gerry and Terry Flicker
 Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter
 Joseph Werner – brother-in-law of Nancy Folk
 Alma Willard – friend of Nancy and Keith Folk
 Dorothy Willing

Death (Family and Friends of...): Marion Miller – Sue Hoffman's sister (1/13)

Military Deployed to Conflict Area/Serving in the Military*:

Owen Dietrich – cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Anthony Lester – friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Dustin/Lisa Lowery – Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy's nephew/wife; Quinn Mason - Lindsey (Riegner) Mason's stepson; Ryan Watts – nephew of Kathy Watts; William Zearfoss – Deb Matthew's nephew; Matthew and Joseph Schwenk - nephews of Amy Eichinger; Nathan Powell – son of a friend of Amy Fluke

**If you know someone that is deployed or serving, please contact June or the church office to put them back on the list. Thank you.

Homebound Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

***For current addresses of our Homebound, please contact the church office.**

Gerald Flicker (Grandview Manor in Fleetwood); Phyllis Hartenstine; Beatrice Lukens



Easter Flowers

Tulips, to celebrate Christ's resurrection, must be ordered by **Sunday, March 18, 2024** by completing this form, attaching a check for the proper amount payable to Christ Lutheran Church, and placing it in the offering plate OR mail it to the church at 222 Niantic Road, Barto, PA 19504.

I would like to order _____ Tulips at \$8.75 per tulip.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Your Name: _____

*Note: Any flowers not picked up by Wednesday, April 10 will be planted at the church. Thank you.

Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson



Food Bank

Donations for February will go to Pottstown Cluster Outreach Center. Let's all make regular Food Bank giving a part of our weekly or monthly planning and shopping. The Food Bank collection box is located in the mail/coat room. The collection is ongoing throughout the year helping various food banks.



Flip for Ronald

Little aluminum flip top soda pop tabs can add up to dollars for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be placed in the box in the Narthex. We also collect the UPC labels from Kimberly-Clark products, such as Kleenex, Scott, Depends, and Huggies. A list is available in the Narthex as is a collection box for the UPC's.

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REDNERS! REDNERS! REDNERS!

Thank you everyone for making the Redner's Save-a-Tape a success. And it's so easy....just stop by Redners and get a Save-A-Tape card. BUT when submitting your receipts, I have to have the bottom part that says "Today's Contribution - \$XX.xx" or Save-a-Tape with the dollar figure. Without this on the bottom, Redner's will not give us the 1% back. So, all you need to do is get a Save-A-Tape card from Redners, go shopping at Redner's and deposit your complete receipt in the box in the narthex. Redner's will send us a check for 1% of the receipts! It's that easy! Any questions, please contact Shirley Deery.

Food Bank Donation Locations for 2024:

- January & February - Pottstown Cluster Outreach
- March & April – Boyertown Multi-Service
- May & June – Salvation Army
- July & August – Open Link, Pennsburg
- September & October – Boyertown Multi-Service
- November & December – Salvation Army

**ENDOWMENT –
Grants to be awarded-
We need your proposals!**

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to enhance the mission of Christ Lutheran Church.

In 2024, we have a total of **\$4,560** available for distribution broken down (by set percentages) in the following categories:

- Christian Education (10%) - \$456.00
- Capital Improvements (15%) - \$684.00
- Scholarships and Grants (25%) - \$1,140.00
- Outreach (30%) - \$1,368.00
- Missions (20%) - \$912.00

The Endowment Fund Committee invites any member of Christ Lutheran Church or committee to submit a grant proposal by **March 31, 2024.**

Please thoughtfully consider the needs of the church and our community, by sharing a need, submitting a grant proposal, help the Endowment Committee to fulfill our purpose and give glory to God with these gifts.

If you have any questions about this, please contact any committee member: Mike Knaub, Lisa Knaub, Bob Heydt, Dawn Sandoval, Gerry Flicker, Denise Hoffman or Pastor Matt Finney.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hoffman
Recording Secretary for Endowment

Thank you...

...to the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church who so generously give to the Employee Christmas Gift at the end of each year. I personally appreciate the generosity of those who give and want to thank everyone for the gifts from this over the past sixteen years! You are all so kind and thoughtful! Love, **Melissa Seasholtz**

Highlights from Council Meeting on November 28, 2023:

- 1) Next Council Meeting: Monday December 18th at 6:30 (Reception for new members and nomination of Officers for 2024)
- 2) Memorial Gifts – New hymnals from Steve Novotny, in memory of Karlene Novotny
 - a. Motion by Sue H. seconded by Roxanne F., approved.
- 3) Discuss items from November Congregational Meeting
 - a. Joint ministry with St. Paul's, table until 2024
 - b. Overtime pay for employees: refer to Mutual Ministry
- 4) Convene committee to review updates to Congregation's constitution and by-laws based on current model constitution: Bob H., Dave, F., Roxanne F.
 - a. Will review and give recommendations to Council before February Congregational Meeting
- 5) Social Hall Rental: January 28, 2024
 - a. Members do not need council approval to reserve, just fill out form with Melissa
 - b. Cleaning of Social Hall? Need to clean before use, revisit with Property Committee
 - c. Update signage/ décor in Social Hall?

STAFF REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS

Property Report:

Check Parking Lot lights.

Pastor's report

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary

A motion was made by Bob B. and seconded by Roxanne F. to accept the committee reports pending audit. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Work on Church rolls, Pat Moser has drafted a letter, and initial edits have been made.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Flicker, Council Secretary

Highlights from Council Meeting on December 18, 2023:

- 1) **Election of 2024 Officers:** On a motion made by Bob Borneman and seconded by Dave Fioriglio, the following officers and non-council positions were approved for 2024:
 - Bob Heydt - President
 - Steve Novotny – Vice President
 - Dawn Sandoval – Secretary
 - Sue Hoffman – Treasurer
 - Nancy Fioriglio – Assistant Secretary
 - Kathy Watts – Financial Secretary
- 2) **Allocation of employee Christmas gift funds received:**
On a motion made by Gerry Flicker and seconded by Sue Hoffman, an even 3 way split of the Christmas gift funds between the Pastor, the Parish Musician and the Administrative Assistant was approved.
- 3) **Painting the outside of the church:** presented by Bob Gabel
 - a) There were three original bids: Stoltzfus – app. \$30,000(did not provide a written quote in 2021 and never came back to requote), Claude Reinhart - \$29,790 (was quoted in June of 2021 and did not come back but informed us that the cost would be higher) and Jim Hasson – \$19,250 (latest quote date is August 2023). Quotes from Hasson and Reinhart are attached.
 - b) We are hoping to have work done during the spring and summer of 2024 but need approval to get on someone's schedule.
 - c) The \$10,000 difference in cost is mostly due to overhead. The use of subcontractors vs. full time employees with 401K / other benefits and the number of trucks / other equipment on the books.
 - d) 3 years ago, Property's requested to have much of the exterior woodwork covered with aluminum to save on future maintenance. There was no real response to this type of request.
 - e) Time to complete job will be based on the number of painters with the crew, about 3 weeks.
 - f) Any major structural damage (rotted wood, rusted doors) would need to be addressed when found.
 - g) There was discussion of the present condition of the window sills in the courtyard. The last time the exterior was painted, those sills were not done.
 - h) The Building Fund currently has a balance of \$30,500. This project could be funded through the Building Fund.

A motion was made by Dave Fioriglio and seconded by Bob Borneman to approve the bid by Jim Hasson for \$19,250 with 50% down, pending proof of insurance and time table. Motion passed.

4) **Installation of Council - date:**

January 14, 2024 was chosen as the date for the installation of Council Members

OLD BUSINESS: Schedule meeting to go over Church Constitution for 1/9/24.

NEW BUSINESS: Cleaning of the Social Hall.

- a) Request for Use lists "voting member" eligible for clean-up responsibilities. How does Melissa know?
- b) Fun committee found spider webs in the corners along with other issues while preparing for Thanksgiving Eve. Would Property look into having the cleaning service do the Social Hall once a month?

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Flicker, Council Secretary

Endowment Fund Grant Proposal

(Grant Proposals must be submitted to the Endowment Fund
Committee by March 31, 2024)



Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Phone No.: _____

Your E-mail address: _____

Submit to:
Endowment Fund
Christ Lutheran Church
222 Niantic Road
Barto, PA 19504-9314
(610) 845-2583
christluthchurch@windstream.net

1. Name of person or organization for Grant Proposal:
2. Description of project for proposed Grant:
3. Amount of Grant Requested:
4. Total cost of project (if this Grant will not fund entire project, identify source of balance of funding):
5. To whom should the check be made payable?

Total Funds available for 2024 disbursement: \$4,560 (Place an "X" in the category for which this proposal is being submitted)

_____ (10% = \$456) Funding for ongoing Christian programs within Christ Lutheran Church.

_____ (15%) = \$684) Funding for Capital improvements, building programs and / or reduction of debt incurred by Christ Lutheran Church in connection with such improvements or programs.

_____ (25% = \$1,140) Scholarships or grants to members of Christ Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending seminary; for church related camping or leadership conferences; or other such training which enables members of the congregation to grow in a Christian faith and service to God's people.

_____ (30% = \$1,368) Outreach into the community including, but not limited to, grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this congregation relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our parish area who are in spiritual and / or economic need.

_____ (20% = \$912) Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at home and overseas, including but not limited to, grants to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for new mission development in North America, professional leadership, education ministries, world mission and ecumenism, media evangelism and capital financing.

_____ *For Fund Committee Use Only* _____

Date Received _____ Accepted _____ Yes ___ No _____ Amount Pledged \$ _____

Date Distributed _____ Amount Distributed \$ _____ Check # _____

Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic
Income and Expense Statement
 Consolidated - December 2023

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	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$18,653.01	\$138,105.14	\$135,930.43
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	1,035.00	7,002.00	46,088.14
INVESTMENT INCOME	170.83	1,673.85	0.00
OTHER INCOME	0.00	0.60	(17,059.33)
TOTAL INCOME	19,858.84	146,781.59	164,959.24
EXPENSES			
SALARIES			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$4,399.13	\$54,162.23	\$53,594.57
OTHER STAFF	3,173.68	41,007.83	40,818.25
Subtotal Salaries	7,572.81	95,170.06	94,412.82
WORSHIP			
MUSIC	75.00	1,862.53	974.63
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	300.00	740.68
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	175.00	2,079.49	3,099.72
Subtotal Worship	250.00	4,242.02	4,815.03
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
CURRICULUM MATERIALS	0.00	127.50	112.00
SUPPLIES	0.00	232.63	0.00
Subtotal Christian Education	0.00	360.13	112.00
OTHER MINISTRIES			
SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH	0.00	274.00	362.50
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	400.98	0.00
INTERNET EXPENSES	241.59	2,912.89	2,590.69
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	241.59	3,313.87	2,590.69
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	126.36	1,963.08	1,893.23
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	1,363.29	1,489.40
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	194.55
Subtotal Church Administration	126.36	3,326.37	3,577.18
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	1,977.91	15,216.36	17,224.22
CLEANING SUPPLIES	586.74	4,665.44	3,498.54
REAL ESTATE TAX	0.00	134.37	128.55
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	0.00	3,008.71	4,100.61
Subtotal Building Operations	2,564.65	23,024.88	24,951.92
INSURANCE	0.00	5,724.00	4,823.00
FUND EXPENSES	0.00	3,385.71	2,372.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,755.41	138,821.04	138,017.45
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$9,103.43	\$7,960.55	\$26,941.79

Respectfully submitted
Susan Hoffman

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Worship:

9:00 a.m. ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month and on all festivals.

Children’s Chapel: Sundays; February 4, March 3, and May 5

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Finney ~ clcpastor@windstream.net
Minister of Music: Deborah Matthews ~ debmatth@comcast.net
Administrative Assistant: Melissa Seasholtz ~ christluthchurch@windstream.net

2024 Congregational Council

President: Bob Heydt Vice President: Steve Novotny
Secretary: Dawn Sandoval Treasurer: Sue Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer: Nancy Fioriglio** Financial Treasurer: Kathy Watts**
e-mail: clcfinancial@windstream.net

Dave Fioriglio Gerry Flicker Keith Folk
Roxanne Fox Roberta Korsak Pat Moser
Marvin Steward Izzy Sandoval+ (5/23-4/24)

(**non-council member / +youth member / second term)



Ministry Assistants for February 2024






	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assist	Assistant Minister	Ushers/ Greeters
February 4 9:00 AM	_____*	Nancy Fioriglio	Nancy Fioriglio	_____*	_____ * & _____*
February 11 9:00 AM	_____*	Bob Heydt	_____*	Denise Hoffman	Lisa and Bob Heydt
February 18 9:00 AM	_____*	Heather Moser		_____*	Roberta Korsak and Ginnie Wilkinson
February 25 9:00 AM	_____*	Diane Houck		Denise Hoffman	Bruce Houck and Ginnie Wilkinson

Altar Guild: Shirley Deery and Sue Bendinsky

Counting Team: TEAM D – Jim Barr (capt.); Norm Hoffman, Sue Hoffman, Gerry Flicker, Marvin Steward

_____ * = if you are able to help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<h1>February 2024</h1>				
				1	2 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	3
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Holy Communion / Children's Chapel 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	5 7:00 Property (W/C)	6	7 6:30 Handbells 7:30 Senior Choir	8	9 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Holy Communion / Souper Bowl Sunday 10:00 Feb. Congregational Meeting	12	13 *March Niantic News Article Deadline 9:30 Quilt Tying (S/H) 11:30 Lutheran Ladies Lunch meet at church then carpool to the Washington Grille for 12 noon lunch 7:30 Finance (W/C)	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> ♥ <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's	15 7:00 Handbells 8:00 Senior Choir	16 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	17
18 First Sunday in Lent 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	19 Office Closed – President's Day	20	21 6:30 Mid-week Lent Service @ CLC	22 7:00 Handbells 8:00 Senior Choir	23 10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C)	26	27 7:00 Council (parlor)	28 6:30 Mid-week Lent Service @ CLC	29  7:00 Handbells 8:00 Senior Choir		