



February 2018



The Bethania Blade

“As a called people of God and as members of Bethania,
we will grow in our faith and share it with others”



St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year. This combination only happens once or twice a century at ...most. A cross of ashes is given to us upon our forehead with the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." On the same day this happens, sweethearts exchange flowers, chocolate and Valentine cards with expressions of undying love. It

seems like a strange combination, doesn't it?

On the surface ashes and valentines don't seem to go together ... but they do.

The cross of ashes is made in the same place the cross was made upon our forehead when we were baptized. That cross is barely visible, the sheen of the oil with which is it made is fast fading evidence of its presence. On Ash Wednesday it is made visible again... this time traced with ashes made from Palm Sunday palms.

It is a solemn and moving thing to receive these ashes... and there is no more appropriate day to receive them than on St. Valentine's Day. Why? Because Christ is God's love made visible; and the cross upon which he hung is a far more appropriate symbol of love than a heart with a lacy border. Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross to bridge the gap between us and God. He gave his life

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so that we might have life forever in eternity ... and an abundant life here and now. There is no greater love expressed for each one of us that that.

As for the love we share with one another, the scripture reminds us that "We know how to love because God first loved us." (I John 4:10) All the truest and greatest gifts we will ever receive come from God. It is by appreciating and staying in touch with that that we deepen our faith. It is with a deep faith that we lead deeper and more joyful lives. The price Christ paid to bring us these things was terrible... but he was willing to pay it because that's how much he loves us.

The cross, therefore, is the first and greatest Valentine of all... one that we continue to receive every day.

Blessings,

Pastor Heather



As Franklin's roles (with the Lunts, Ethel Barrymore, Maurice Evans, etc.) kept him absent frequently, there were problems, especially when they became parents. Yet most crises were viewed in perspective, especially when the couple gathered with children, grandchildren and friends at Crosswick, the old house in Connecticut that remains L'Engle's "icon." As expected, she writes beautifully here, sharing funny, exuberant and trying moments of the "two-part invention." Reading the book is a profound spiritual experience.

The Beloved Son by Cecil Maiden (2)

Reviewed by Barbara Hosmer. This is an interesting tale of the twelfth year in the life of Jesus, when he makes his first pilgrimage with his family to Jerusalem for Passover —things that are told in the second chapter of St. Luke. Here is a book that makes all characters plausible humans in a familiar story and one that any age reader will enjoy. It is told in simple straightforward fashion with dramatic effect.





February Book Reviews

Each of the book reviewed will be on the library table—please feel free to check them out by filling out the library card and leaving it in the box.

Two Hearts by Cynthia Rutledge (3)

From Princess To Pauper . . . To Wife?

After a disappointing relationship, heiress Libby Carlyle need to change her life. So she winged a prayer heavenward and traded places with her less privileged best friend. No sooner did she step into her new waitress shoes than Libby fell in love with her very stern, very handsome boss, Carson Davies. If she could only find a way to reveal her true identity . . .

Determined to succeed, Carson ran himself ragged and relied only on himself. When he looked up from his blinders, he noticed a beautiful woman working for him. Suddenly, he wanted to be with her and share her faith in God. But did he dare trust these budding feelings, or the voice inside that urged him to believe?

Two-Part Invention by Madeleine L'Engle (4)

Since her debut with *The Small Rain* in 1945, L'Engle has continued to write critically acclaimed books for adults and young readers, including a Newbery Medal-winner, *A Wrinkle in Time*. But this story of her marriage surpasses her best work so far. Starting with accounts of her childhood, she describes her life as a young woman in Manhattan, attracted to the theater and landing a job as an understudy touring with Eva Le Gallienne and Hugh Franklin. L'Engle and Franklin married in 1946, creating a bond that was broken only by his death 40 years later.

February Worship Leaders

	Worship Assistant	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers
Feb 4	Vicki Thiery	Jacci Young	Anne Woodward	Noah Schoff	Brad Larsen & Jim Leger
Feb 11	Kristi Mueller	Brad Larsen	Irma Anderson	Austin Kechter	Karen Fernandez & Vicki Thiery
Feb 18	Brad Larsen	Kristi Mueller	Anita Nielsen	Camren McIntosh	Ed & Jacci Young
Feb 25	Vicki Thiery	Karen Fernandez	Deb Borgardt	Will Beaner	Rob & Deb Borgardt

Aabelskiver Brunch

Sunday February 11, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bethania Lutheran Church

4120 Wright Avenue

Racine, WI 53405



Adults \$5.00, 6 to 12 years old \$3.00, under 6 free



WERE YOU THERE?

DID YOU SHARE?

Date	Attendance	Giving
January 7, 2018	46	\$2,372.25
January 14, 2018	46	\$ 768.00
January 21, 2018	47	\$ 1,881.00
January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting	54	\$ 1,126.61



Consider Sending a note of encouragement to our college students:

Jerod Alderson:
127 N. Harmony Lane
Whitewater, WI 53191

Ryan Berger
1734 Raintree Lane
Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

Meagan Borgardt:
2002 Borgardt Rd.
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Julia Pedrosa
5551 Whirlway Lane

Ashley Borgardt
2002 Borgardt Rd.
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Jacob Hansen
541 W Washington #2
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Jessica Schoff
Carroll College— New Hall
200 E. College Avenue-
Waukesha, WI 53186

Please
Pray
for...



Joyce Woodward
Heather Joshi
Jim Mueller
Jim Woodward
Karen Luxem
Leo & Mary Lou Miller
Helene Wasik
Cathy (Bill Krause's sister)
Callie Mowad

Grete & Jorn Loschenkohl
Rita Christensen
James Bumstead
Mike Imhoff
Tim Koterwski
Gary & Leslie Heggeland
Jeremy Eppler,
Mary Nelson
Jason Kechter



OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Lyman Larson
c/o St Monica's
3920 N. Green Bay Road
Racine, WI 53404

Helene Wasik
Timber Oaks Assisted Living
1390 8th Avenue
Union Grove, WI 53126

Rita Christensen
3812 Osbourne Blvd.
Racine, WI 53405

Highlights from the Annual Meeting:

- Elected to serve at Synod Assembly: Caitlin Webster and Jeff Alderson
- Elected to serve on the LACE Committee: Jorn Loschenkohl, Caitlin Webster and Cathi Webster
- Elected to serve on the Memorial Team: Dodi Schoff
- 2018 Budget passed
- We voted to share our building for another year with Restoration Church.

Jeff Alderson, President
Kelly Imhoff, Vice President
Ed Young, Treasurer
Cathi Webster, Secretary
Brad Larsen, Property
Shelly Alderson, Council Member
John Barnes, Council Member

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Many remember Lent from childhood as the season where we are asked to give something up. For some it was something like chocolate

So, go ahead and give something up. If you do, remember **why you're giving it up** each time you crave it. Or, take something on... and give thanks and remember why each time you do that.

Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

MMM...mmm... LENT!

Please join us for Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday nights during Lent. A variety of yummy hot soups, bread, dessert, and plenty of coffee! Soup suppers begin Wednesday, February 21.



Once again we will be coming together to share the lovely Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday Nights in Lent. We will gather in the lounge area of the fellowship hall for this "come as you are" service

featuring this year's Homily Series: **"Real Life, Real Inspiration"** Pastor Heather will share a variety of inspiring true stories featuring individuals who by chance or design showed us how amazing God created us to be.



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

Our Deepest Sympathies to Julie Hansen, her sister Terri Jones and families on the loss of their mother, Janet Kintzler who passed away on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017. Her funeral service was held at Bethania on Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Heather Bumstead officiated.

Our Deepest Sympathies to Cathryn Barnes, Peggy Nelson, Sandy Loesel and Sue Juzenas and families on the loss of their father, Lyman Larsen who passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. His funeral service was held at Bethania on Thursday January 18, 2018 at Noon. Rev. Heather Bumstead officiated.

Our Deepest Sympathies to Helen Wasik and family on the loss of her husband, Bernard Wasik who passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018. His funeral service was held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday February 10, 2018 at Noon. Rev. Heather Bumstead officiated.



2/1 -Sue Bendickson
 2/1—Bettie Liston
 2/1 –Tatiana Krause
 2/1 –Carl Lindgren
 2/2 –Joel Young
 2/3—Marisa James
 2/3—Jacque Majeed
 2/5 –Thomas Thiery
 2/6 –Kyle Gray

2/13 - Amy Ernst
 2/16 –Jana Johnson
 2/18—Carolyn Luetggen
 2/23—Lauryn Berger
 2/24 –Betsy Anderson
 2/26 - Krista Berger

(Please let us know if there are any changes or missed birthdays or anniversaries. Thank You!)



On February 5th, Leo & Mary Lou Miller will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary!

Congratulations!



NEWS FROM TROOP 242

Troop 242 has been making many adjustments over the last couple of months. We had our December Camp out at “the Barn” which is one of the troops favorites. We go midnight bowling and have lots of fun. We had our December Court of Honor with our Holiday Dinner where we handed out a few of merit badges, Installed our “new” scoutmaster Jeff Lambert. Presented Cathi Webster with a autographed steel cut out of our mascot.

Our January Theme was Tenderfoot requirements where we helped scouts that needed the requirements achieve them and other scouts were able to practice them to keep their skills up. We also welcomed Willie Peters back to Troop 242. We held our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and Bake Sale. We thank you for your continued support of our Troop.

We are looking forward to Scout Sunday on February 4th.



Burden Bears

Meet “Lyman” our first Burden Bear. Our Burden Bears will join us in Worship and other activities. Then, when an individual or community is in need he will be sent or given to them full of our love and prayers. Sometimes, a Burden Bear is needed by a friend or a member. Other times, one might be sent to an ELCA congregation in a community affected by disaster or tragedy.

So feel free to give the Burden Bear a hug; pat him on the head during the passing of the peace; give him a lift to Coffee Hour or other events; or just say a prayer for the ones who will get him.

Watch the Blade for news about the Bears’ journey

FAT SUNDAY is almost here!

Our annual Sunday-Before-Lent Aebleskiver brunch is approaching fast! There are many opportunities to volunteer to help out... or just come and enjoy this Danish treat. Please let friends and family know about this tasty event



Lent, the season of repentance and reflection, begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day we lay down our burden of sin and recommit to the life God intends for us. During the **service a cross is traced on our forehead with ashes... in the** same way one was traced on our forehead with oil when we were baptized. Ash Wednesday sets the tone for the season of Lent and the deepening of our relationship with God.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00—Noon ADRC Alzheimer Support Group, hearth room 6-8 p.m. Girl Scout Troop	2 7:30 –11:00 a.m. Racine Unified	3 Noon—8:00 Baby Shower fellowship hall
4 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hr./SS 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. RC Worship Service & SS	5 7:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Racine Unified 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, fh 6:30 Thread by Thread	6 6-8 p.m. RC Band Rehearsal	7 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. T x T OPEN 6:30 p.m. RC Worship 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6-730 p.m. T x T OPEN	8 6:00 –7:30 p.m. ADRC Alzheimer Support Group, hearth room	9 No Racine Unified	10 9:00 am to Noon Aebleskiver Set up fellowship hall Baby Shower Hearthroom
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