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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday (February 22), I talked about how I like to rearrange the furniture in my house from time to time. It's almost therapeutic for me. It's a way to create a new focal point in a room. It also a way to declutter and open up space for better living. Rearranging furniture has also made room for new purposes and possibilities like when we cleared out an office space to make room for a new baby's room.

Jesus had a few words to say about rearranging furniture. Maybe not literal furniture, but he talked a lot about rearranging our lives to open up space for him, making him our priority and focal point.

For instance, in one part of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6) we hear Jesus criticizing all those who do outward displays of religiosity. He's criticizing those who pray loudly, fast, give alms/ offering and make a dramatic display while doing it. They do it ensuring everyone knows what they are doing.

Here, Jesus calls out the hypocrisy and the shallow ways people were trying to promote themselves and draw attention to themselves through religiosity during his day. Today, things aren't that different. If anything, they've gone to a whole new level. Social media has turned creating a perfect image into a norm and branding campaigns have turned it into big business.

Jesus names all the fake, hypocritical ways we continue to try to seek approval from others instead of fostering a deep, real relationship with God. Instead, he wants us to rearrange our lives and make space for our primary

relationship with him. He wants us to rearrange our priorities, so that he is the focal point and the priority. When we do this, the result is that we become abundantly more aware of God's presence in our lives.



Many people think that Lent is about deprivation and scarcity, but that is not true. It is about returning to God's abundant love, repenting and reorienting our lives. We rearrange our lives so that they are in the shape of a cross. We focus upward and outward. Only a cross-shaped life—a life filled with loving God and neighbor—will give us abundant life.

So instead of worrying about the approval of others, we can foster the deep, true and authentic relationship Jesus wants to have with each one of us. This is what will lead to abundant life. We return to this relationship knowing that Jesus knows us fully...He gets us. No pretense is needed. May rearranging our lives to renew this relationship be the focus of our Lenten journey together.

Grace and Peace,

Beth Warpmaeker

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Beth Warpmaeker" in a cursive script.

Lent Devotions

Did you know that there are always devotions available to you at Kinsmen? These can be found on the Kinsmen app that you can access on your phone. Simply go to where you download apps on your phone and download Kinsmen's app. When it downloads there is a "Devotions" tab that you can use. We encourage you to use this year-round, but especially during Lent.

He Gets Us™

Wednesday Midweek Lent Worship at 7PM

Lent is a season when the church focuses on the continual process of conversion for everyone. It is a solemn and penitential period. Lent is grounded in and modeled after the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, tempted by the devil. As people of faith, we lay aside those practices and material goods that lead us into temptation. We do this not to enamor ourselves of our own sanctity, but rather to gather with the whole Christian community as it practices its participation in the death of Christ—that we might know the alleluia of the resurrection with Christ. *(first published in Sundays and Seasons 2014, Year A, copyright © 2013 Augsburg Fortress)* Our first Wednesday Gathering will be at 7PM on March 1.

March 1	Midweek 1	He Gets Us: Jesus the Influencer
March 8	Midweek 2	He Gets Us: Jesus the Rebel
March 15	Midweek 3	He Gets Us: Jesus at a Dinner Party
March 22	Midweek 4	He Gets Us: Jesus managed Outrage
March 29	Midweek 5	He Gets Us: Jesus knew Heartbreak

Sermon Series Title: Jesus Knows

Jesus was no stranger to stress, betrayal and loss. The social pressures he faced was immense. He was constantly bombarded with questions and challenged. Living in times of unrest, he had to be intentional about his words and his actions. Jesus gets us and knows us. Join us this Lent for this 6-week sermon series. Each weekend we will explore another way that Jesus knows our struggles. Every Wednesday we will have worship and a bible study discussion that discusses how “He Gets Us.” We will see how Jesus handled the challenges in his life and find strength and courage in him.



March 4-5

Jesus Knows our Questions
Psalm 121
John 3:1-17

March 25-26

Jesus Knows our Loss
Psalm 130
John 11:1-45

March 11-12

Jesus Knows our Stories
Psalm 95
John 4:5-42

April 1-2

Jesus Knows Betrayal
Psalm 31:9-16
Matthew 21:1-11

March 18-19

Jesus Knows our Struggles
Psalm 23
John 9:1-41



STAFF UPDATE



Yong
Goo
Kim

Yong Goo Kim was born in Kwang-Ju, South Korea. In 2006, Mr. Kim's family relocated to Nashville, Tennessee, where he studied at Middle Tennessee State University as a Piano Performance Major and in 2017, he received his master's degree in Piano Performance at The University of Houston, Moores School of Music.

His passion for organ playing grew while serving as organist at Fair Haven United Methodist. He looks forward to serving in this role as organist at Kinsmen Lutheran and to worshipping God in the beautiful sanctuary!

Organist

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY

Help us beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.

The cost of each lily is \$12. You may order your lilies at: <https://bit.ly/easterlily2023>.

The deadline to order and be recognized at Easter is Monday, April 3.

Thank you for your gracious generosity.



ABENDMUSIK
WORSHIP & THE ARTS AT KINSMEN

TLU
Learn Boldly. Live to Inspire.

Join us on Thursday, March 23 at 7PM for a special Abendmusik event. The TLU Choir, Treble Choir, and Kantorei Chamber Choir and musicians will be presenting a concert. The theme of peace and our call to serve every person in this broken world is woven throughout the program.



Join a Group or Bible Study this Lent

Grow in faith and friendship through Group Life at Kinsmen. There are opportunities on Sunday mornings and other times during the week to gather around God's Word or around Common Interests.

Learn more here. <https://bit.ly/experiencefamily>

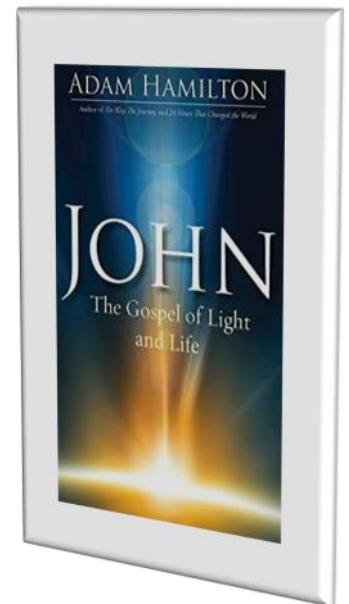


John: Gospel of Light and Life

Sunday Mornings 9:45AM

Join us this Lent for our study of the Gospel of John. Together we will experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in Adam Hamilton's six-week series, John: The Gospel of Light and Life. As we follow the life of Jesus through the Gospel of John, we will understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. While purchasing the book through Cokesbury or Amazon is not necessary, it will enhance your participation in this study.

Register here. bit.ly//JohnLight



Naomi Bible Study

Looking at the Ten Commandments

We welcome women of all ages to join us for Naomi Bible Study. We meet at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Coffee House in the Community Life Center. We combine Bible readings with application to issues in our lives, community and world. Studies have some leader-led direction but a lot of sharing.

We are currently examining how the commandments still speak to the challenges of our world today. In March, we will consider the third and fourth commandments. Some might say the Old Testament commands "Remember the Sabbath" and "Honor Your Folks" seem outdated and quaint. After all, didn't Jesus routinely break the Sabbath? Didn't Jesus (on occasion) talk back to his mother? Yet these commandments are far from outdated. We will discuss how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

You will find Naomi Circle to be an informal and caring group of women. Please join us!

For any questions, contact [Pastor Mark England](#).

Are you interested in a Kinsmen Trip to the Holy Land?

Trip Dates: June 2024 with an optional extension to Jordan.

We now have enough interest to begin planning in earnest! Join Kinsmen members and friends on this life-changing trip to the Holy Land!

This trip will visit biblical and archaeological sites from as far south as Beer Sheva to as far north as Ancient Dan. It will deepen your understanding of the Bible, but it will also give you insight into the current Christian witness of our Lutheran brothers and sisters, specifically in the city of Bethlehem.



Please contact Pastor Beth at bwarpmaeker@kinsmenlutheran.org if you are interested in this journey of faith, learning and relationship building.

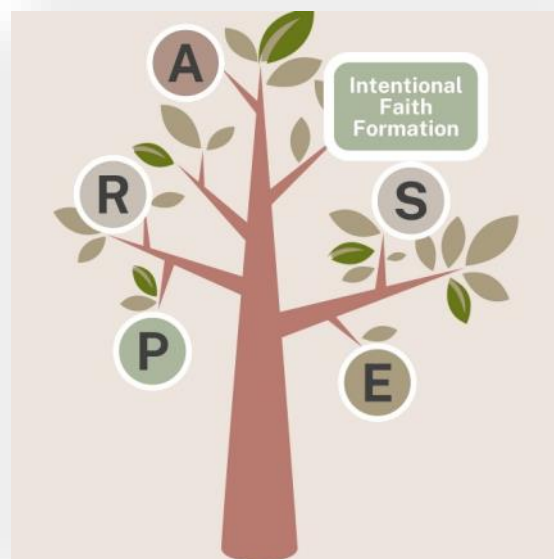
Discipleship Path

Because we want to connect you to concrete ways to grow in your faith, we have developed a Discipleship Path at Kinsmen. The Discipleship Path will help guide us as we grow in our faith through worship, hospitality, faith formation, service, sharing your faith, and generosity.

We want to help you grow what we call Intentional Faith Formation. While it is the Holy Spirit working our lives that helps us grow in our faith, we can still be intentional in the spiritual practices that help us realize what God is doing in our lives and in the world. What's your next step to grow?

Fill out this form to be connected to ways to grow in your faith this season through Intentional Faith Formation.

<https://bit.ly/KinDPFaithFormation>



55+ Lunch

March 13, 12PM

Sam's Seafood & Steak at 12758 Grant Road

Hope to see you there! Register [HERE](#).

Bernhardt Winery Lawn Concert

March 19, 6PM

Adam Grant - Garth Brooks Tribute

Church bus is limited to 20 people. Individual tickets for lawn seating are \$16.01 Register [HERE](#)

For more information contact Colette at Cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org

SENIOR MINISTRY

Youth and Family News

Are you receiving the Tuesday Middle School and High School Youth Ministry News?

These emails are one of the primary ways you will stay in the know on all things, especially Confirmation (Middle School) and SWAT (High School) happenings.

If you are not receiving the Tuesday email, please contact [Pastor Mark](#) at mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org

Dodgeball for Good

March 25 at 2PM

Kinsmen's High School Ministry (SWAT) is hosting a Dodgeball Day on **March 25 from 2-5 p.m.** in the Kinsmen CLC gym. We will have snacks, play some games, have some fellowship, and of course, play Dodgeball. Other sports games may include basketball, pickleball, or volleyball. You can let us know your interest when you sign up. You can sign up as an individual or as a group. The event is free, but we will be taking an in-kind offering of bars of soap (any brand in its original wrapping) or adult-size toothbrushes in its original packaging. These items will help make personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

All high school students are invited to join in on the fun. If you have any questions, contact Kristen at kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org or Jacob at jakejrkama@gmail.com

Please register here: <https://bit.ly/KinDodgeBall325>



Be a part of the 2023 Camp Hope Staff

Current 7th & 8th Grade through High School Students

Camp Hope Staff Applications are available here.

bit.ly/KinCHStaff23

7th & 8th Graders only need to fill out an application.

High School youth will apply and be interviewed.

Interviews will begin in March.

Camp Hope is one of the ways we form Middle School, High School and young adult leaders at Kinsmen. Though learning to be a leader through Camp Hope can be challenging, you may be surprised at what God will do through you.

I encourage you to apply and interview even if you think your summer plans will prevent you from participating.

Let Pastor Mark know if you have any questions.





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**REGISTER
NOW!**

@ LUTHERHILL



RETREATS

Explore Retreat
March 24-26, 2023
1st - 5th graders

This is a great opportunity for anyone who'd like to take a trial run at camp for a full weekend retreat before coming out for a whole week in the summer. Contact Sara Ray for more details!

SUMMER CAMP

JULY 16-21, 2023

Alphas - 1st Graders, \$395
(leave camp on
Wednesday, July 19)

Youngns - 2nd & 3rd Graders,
\$695

Yearlings - 4th & 5th Graders,
\$695

Amazing Race - 6th-8th Graders,
\$745

Scholarships are available!

For more info: www.lutherhill.org

Wondering what campers will gain from a week at Lutherhill? We're glad you asked!

Here are just a few benefits of camp:

FAITH! Campers engage their faith with a sense of wonder. This wonder ignites a passion for lifelong faith exploration.

AFFIRMATION! The young adult staff is specially trained to engage campers in all camp activities while honoring their individual needs.

COMMUNITY! Campers live together in cabins and are partnered with another cabin group to create a 'village'. It's a great way to practice living well with others.

ADVENTURE! Campers are encouraged to try new things and most of all have fun!

Camp Hope

Save the Date!

Camp Hope 2023 will be June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30.

Camp Hope a day camp run by the Kinsmen youth and is for children currently in Pre-K (entering Kinder in fall 2023) through 7th grade. Youth currently in 8th grade and older can apply to be part of the Camp Hope Staff.

Staff applications and registration for campers will be open in Spring 2023!



Playground Playdate

Saturday, March 4 at 10AM

We'd love to help parents to connect with other families in the same life stage while kiddos connect with others their age.

Snacks and water bottles are provided!

If your kiddo is too young to run and play, we encourage you to bring a blanket or a stroller so you can still enjoy the adult fellowship.

We will meet in the North Parking Lot (the small lot off of Pinewood Springs). That is where our preschool playground is located. This event is aimed at those 5-years-old and younger, but all are welcome!



Good Friday Service Project

Friday, April 7

10 am to noon, and beyond!

Most schools have the day off, so bring the whole family to serve together! There will be projects for all ages and abilities, including helping assemble the LWR Personal Care Kits and teacher projects.

Let us know you're coming so we can have enough projects ready!

<https://bit.ly/GoodFriday23>





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CHILDREN'S ACADEMY



**KCA Holiday Care for
School-Aged Children**
March 13-16

We will be open for Holiday Care from 9 AM to 4 PM, March 13-16. Please contact Dennisse Mejia-Cruz (dmejia-cruz@kinsmenlutheran.org) before March 11 if you are interested in care for school-aged kids during Spring Break. The cost is \$125 for 9 AM to 4 PM. Before and after care are available. Register today: <https://bit.ly/KCAMarch23>



**KCA Early Learning
Open House**
Saturday, March 25 at 10 AM

Meet your teacher, see our classrooms, and meet new friends while you register for summer and fall 2023!



SAVE THE DATE

4 MONTH 22 DAY 23 YEAR

CRAWFISH BOIL WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 22. TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 1.

Intro to Kinsmen

If you have been worshipping at Kinsmen and you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our upcoming new member class that will be held on Sunday, March 26 from 12 – 2 PM. Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of Kinsmen. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

If you would like to attend contact Lynnae Schatz
(lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)

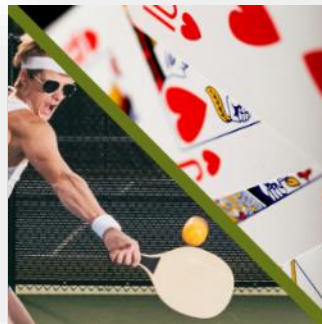
Pickleball

March 23 at 7PM

Join in on the fun on Thursday, March 23 at 7PM. All equipment is provided.

Dress comfortably.

Questions? Contact Lynnae Schatz



Euchre

March 27 at 7PM

Like to play cards? Check out Euchre on Monday, March 27 at 7 PM in the Coffee House. Euchre is an easy and fun card game that uses a 24-card deck. Questions? Contact Colette Edwards.

Wednesday Night Suppers have returned during Lent.

Suppers are served in the gym from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.

The menus are: March 1 King Ranch Chicken ♦ March 8 Meatloaf ♦ March 15 Chicken Parmesan ♦ March 22 Beef tips and rice ♦ March 29 Chicken Fried Chicken Tenders

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly by registered here: <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/wednesday-night-dinners/>
There is a suggested donation of \$5/meal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SIGN UP!

MINISTERIO LATINO



MY FIRST DAYS AS "INTERIM" PASTOR

by Pastor Adriana Johnson-Rivas

Let's start by defining the expression Interim: An "interim" pastor is called for a specific purpose for a period to lead a congregation during the time of transition where a new pastoral leadership is to be installed. The stability that an interim pastor brings to the moment creates the time and space necessary for a wise choice of the newly installed pastor. The apostle Paul saw his ministry as a shared ministry; He founded churches only to leave in a short time, with the work continued by others. "I planted; Apollos watered; but God gives the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6) is a powerful motive for interim ministry.

The stability that an interim pastor brings to the moment creates the time and space necessary for a wise choice of the new pastor installed. In the Old Testament, the "wilderness" is seen as an intermediate period between the Exodus from Egypt and the entrance into the promised land. The desert is a time of danger as much as opportunity. Life is unpredictable in the wilderness, and there is always a tendency to take shortcuts to the promised destination. However, later prophets regarded the wilderness as a significant time, when Israel discovered its identity and realized its mission. Surely Jesus knew the meaning of the desert, since all His responses to temptations arose in His forty-day experience in the wilderness. It was at the end of the wilderness experience that the Israelites faced the transition from a leader, Moses, to their new leader, Joshua.

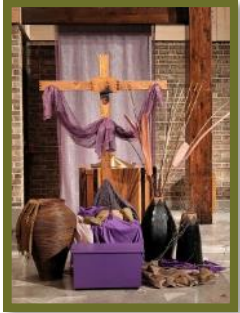
Alan G. Gripe claims that Jesus' ministry was clearly interim and itinerant. "He never established a home for himself. His active ministry spanned only three years. As he traveled through the countryside and in the towns and cities, he constantly prepared disciples to succeed him."

It is incredible that more than 25 days have passed since I began my work as an interim in the Sagrada Familia ministry of Kinsmen.

Although this has not been the first time that I've been asked to help a congregation that is left without a pastor, I want to tell you that as always I accept this work with great pleasure and much love because I do not forget the words I said on the day of my ordination; where I affirm to God and in front of many witnesses that I would do the work entrusted by Him and that I would go where God sends me.

During this time, I have found many stories of success, struggles, mistakes but above all I have witnessed great perseverance and an enormous desire to get ahead despite the changes of life and country that our immigrants have had to make. For me what I hear is nothing new because I personally identify with each of the stories and difficulties that the members of Sagrada Familia mission have gone through and continue to go through.

I understand there is so much to be done and the departure of a pastor, on any occasion, creates a whole range of emotions — sadness, anger, disorganization, depression, and grief. In this time of transition, I want to give the best of me and above all ask for the guidance of the Spirit of God to help me build good relationships and trust to continue the Work of God!!!



We are in Lent, and we want to create a space for reflection and forgiveness. For Sagrada Familia Ministry it is time to continue striving to increase and strengthen our community. On the other hand, our fundamental goal is to emphasize integration into the life of the congregation.



We have created a Steering Committee: to hear opinions, make decisions and keep improving. This is a committee with 7 members to help us discuss ideas and plan projects monthly.

Outreach: We will participate in the Chamber of Commerce event on March 7 at the mall, together with KCA, to make ourselves known to more people and promote our celebrations and events. We are planning to reconnect with nearby schools, with many Latino students, and invite them to learn about our ministry.



Barbara Bush Library: We met with the Library's Adult Education Officer at Barbara Bush to establish a partnership for ESL programs, Spanish classes, citizenship classes, and Chromebooks for the community. We think this is a way to connect with our neighbors while also taking advantage of the great programs the library provides.

Bible Study: We will hold 2 sessions during Lent on Wednesdays, March 1st and 15th, from 7 to 8 PM, based on the "He Gets Us" ads.



Women's International Day: Sunday, March 12th, we will celebrate International Women's Day, we will have a special blessing for all the ladies and plan a special talk: Mujer Latina, Mujer de Dios.

Noisy Offering – Lutheran World Relief.

It is our custom to collect a Noisy Offering for a Mission Partner the second weekend of every month. This month's Mission Partner is Lutheran World Relief.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world, reaching out to our global neighbors in love. Although we associate LWR with disaster response, their work includes so much more. LWR works to reduce poverty by:

- Partnering with communities to create jobs and develop productive, inclusive and resilient economies rooted in agriculture
- Promoting sustainable farming practices so farmers and agribusinesses can improve productivity while conserving their natural resources
- Responding to natural disasters and complex crises, helping people recover, rebuild and reduce their vulnerabilities to future shocks.



Currently LWR is in Turkey responding to the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck February 6. Your generous gift will deliver urgent support, like temporary shelter and critically needed care and supplies for families who lost their homes. Your offering will reach children, women and men with the care they need RIGHT NOW, helping them endure immediate hardships and easing their suffering.

Lent is a time of reflection, but it can also be a time of action. In addition to the Noisy Offering collection we will be acting by collecting items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. For the past 5 years, the personal care kits and quilts from Kinsmen have been distributed in Dominica, Tanzania, Djibouti, Ukraine, Bosnia, Jordan, Georgia, Armenia, and Serbia.

From meeting immediate needs through quilts and care kits to educating farmers on sustainable crops to ensuring farmers receive fair profits for their goods, LWR works to transform the communities where they work. **Thank you for sharing your God-given spirit of love.**



Blest be the Tie that Binds our hearts in Christian Love

A faithful group gathers twice a month to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief twice a month from August through April/May. If you can tie your shoe or open and close a safety pin you have the skills to help quilt for Lutheran World Relief.

Come check it out on Monday, March 5 from 1 – 3 PM and/or Saturday, March 25 from 9 AM – 11:30 AM. Quilting takes place in the gym.

Questions? Contact Connie Jackson or Lynnae Schatz



Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest recently featured this article in their January newsletter.

Trusts to Protect Children

Trusts are an excellent way to provide for the support and care of children while protecting them. Two important reasons to create a trust are to care for minor children or for a special needs child. In both circumstances, trusts can be an essential part of making plans to provide the best possible care.

Trusts for Minor Children

Parents correctly understand that a minor child is not ready to receive a substantial inheritance. Therefore, it is very common for parents to create in their will or living trust a plan to set up a trust for minor children.

The trust for minor children frequently permits the trustee broad latitude to pay income and principal to the children or spend it for their healthcare or other needs. Because of this flexibility, the trustee of the trust for minor children is frequently a family member or professional advisor for the family. After all of the children reach a particular age, the trust is then usually distributed in equal shares to the then-living children.

Special Needs Trust

A child with a disability or special need will require both a caregiver and financial resources.

During the lives of the parents, they are often able to provide the required care for a special needs child. However, after they pass away, there may need to be a more structured option that involves a special facility for that child.

To plan for the case when both parents pass away, arrangements for the care facility and financial requirements of a special needs child should be made in advance. A special needs child often has no major assets and therefore is qualified for the Social Security SSI Program or for Medicaid.

However, if the parents were to give the child an inheritance outright or a vested income stream, then those funds will all be expended before the child could receive federal benefits. As a result, the special needs trust was designed to allow parents to provide help for children, even though the child may be receiving federal or state benefits.

The key to the special needs trust is that the trustee has complete discretion over principal and income. He or she may add the income back to the trust corpus, or may make distributions to the child or for the benefit of the child.

Because the special needs trust depends on federal and state laws that regularly change, an attorney who specializes in these trusts is often used to draft the specific provisions. However, there generally are several items the trustee can provide the special needs child and still maintain his or her qualification for federal and state benefits. These include a vehicle, a home, home furnishings, property for self-support, medical care and educational expenses.

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Generosity Team Members: Loretta Castano, Andrew Hanson, Benita Huff, Jen Nash, Ed Newhard, Craig Sutter, Melissa Turnquist, Richard Vermilyea, Pastor Beth Warpmaeker, and Brad Young.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!®

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across Houston and across the US, too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) comes in. SHP is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. You can help with building, assembling and/or delivering on the mornings of March 4 and/or March 18. Simply sign up at the links below.

No experience? No worries. There's a place for everyone to help. On the job training is provided.

Volunteer Sign Ups:

March 4th: <https://bit.ly/SHPMarch4>

March 18th: <https://bit.ly/SHPMarch18>



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE®

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at:
The Met Church
13000 Jones Rd
Houston, TX 77070

What happened to food distribution?

On January 11, 2023, we were notified by Bridging for Tomorrow that all satellite food distributions were cancelled effective immediately by the Houston Food Bank. The Houston Food Bank is aware of Kinsmen's ministry of serving 13,869 or 61,028 individuals twice a month from August 2, 2020 through January 7, 2022 with the mobile food distributions. Lynnae is working with the Houston Food Bank and Bridging for Tomorrow to re-establish the mobile food distributions ASAP. Stay tuned for more information.



LENT Personal Care Kits

During the season of Lent, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for Personal Care Kits. Personal Care Kits are one of LWR's most requested items and make a simple yet profound difference to families struggling in poverty. In a world filled with strife, the demand for kits grows every year and LWR relies on our generous hearts to make sure those with the very least are not forgotten.

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Personal Care Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.



LENT IN KIND DONATIONS  Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Personal care kits will provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, basic hygiene tools to our brothers and sisters in need.

- Bars of soap (4-6 ounces, any brand, in original wrapping)
- Bath towels (light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)
- Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)
- Metal nail clippers
- Combs

Personal Care Kit items will be collected in the narthex from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Maundy Thursday, April 6.

What items make up a Personal Care Kit?

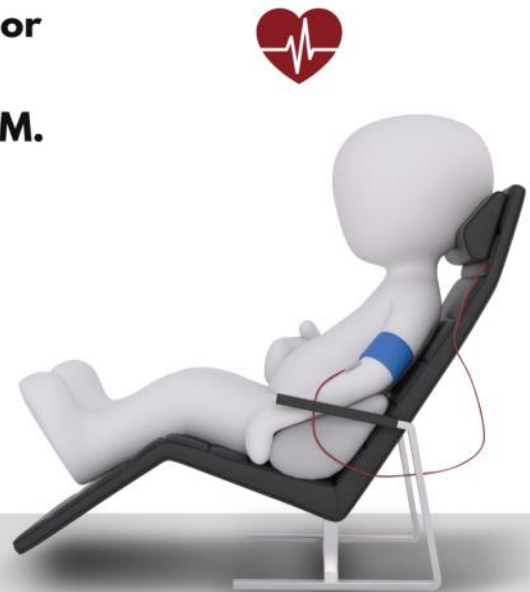
- light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- bath-size bars of soap any brand, in the original wrapping
- adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- a sturdy comb
- a metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Donor Coach will be at Kinsmen on Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

Each unit of blood donated helps save up to three lives.

**Please consider scheduling your appointment today at:
<https://bit.ly/bloodrivemarch23>**

**March 26
8AM -12:30PM**





March Birthdays

Timothy Ian Stolz	03/01	Natalie Hughes	03/08	Nikita Grimes	03/17	Christian Lester	03/25
Sheri England	03/02	Ava Hughes	03/08	Barbara Hey	03/18	Ruby Remmert	03/26
Daniel Goodell	03/02	Evan Anderson	03/09	Patricia Benesh	03/18	Melissa Stewart	03/27
Tom Liewer	03/03	Dale Funke	03/10	Stephanie Vincent	03/19	Lena Rogers	03/27
Melissa McAnear	03/03	Shelby Lowe	03/10	Erin Sutter	03/19	Hunter Brown	03/27
Jalaiah Nwachukwu	03/03	Clifford Snyder	03/10	Joshua Simpson	03/19	Margaret Collins	03/28
Grace Henze	03/04	Owen Long	03/10	Henry Long	03/19	Lantz Toney	03/28
Gloria Plata	03/04	Colton Toney	03/12	Alan Raschke	03/20	Matthew Gillette	03/28
Robert Roth	03/05	Lynn Molinaro	03/12	Mason Wall	03/20	Gary Henry	03/28
Liz Pierce	03/05	Donna Smith	03/12	Brittany Bayer	03/22	David Harms	03/28
Kimberly Davis	03/06	Carol Clark	03/13	Santiago Arias	03/22	Caleb Staff	03/29
Noah Jyrkama	03/06	Kyle Woods	03/13	Vicki Awbrey	03/22	Daniel Jones	03/29
Alison Jyrkama	03/06	Brenda Henning	03/14	Sarah Mosqueda	03/23	Michael Cook	03/30
James Herwig	03/06	Emily Alderman	03/14	Stefanie McIntosh	03/23	Tina Rueda	03/30
Melissa Morgan	03/06	Judith Tennant	03/14	Emma Wooden	03/23	Carol Hyun	03/30
Michael Wangsmo	03/06	Keeley Wooden	03/14	Eric Nelsen	03/24	Jeffrey Sell	03/31
Caroline Peltier	03/06	Anna Lindblom	03/15	Grace Merkel	03/24	Linda Brinz	03/31
Casey Aulenbach	03/07	Connie Adams	03/15	Adrian Armstrong	03/24		
Angela Novacek	03/07	Colin Hope	03/15	Katie Abt	03/24		
Ashley Draper	03/07	Donna Roberts	03/16	Kelly England	03/25		



GLIMPSES of GRACE

KINSMEN BUDGET UPDATE - CHURCH ONLY OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS FOR January 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	156,001	198,102	42,101
Total Expenses	142,960	160,122	17,162
Net	13,041	37,980	24,939
Year-to-Date (2023)			
Total Income	156,001	198,102	42,101
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Net	13,041	37,980	24,939

GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
January 2023	93,278	139,971	46,692
2023	93,278	139,971	46,692

GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE

CARE MINISTRY

February 2023	
Flower Deliveries	63

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

January 2023	
Noisy Offering—Living Water International	1,548.86
General Mission Support	13,711.56
Designated Mission Support	285.50
KCA Scholarships	137.50
January TOTAL	15,683.42
YTD TOTAL	15,683.42

IN PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

INFORMAL WORSHIP

Saturday
5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays
8:30 AM

EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Sundays
9:45 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sundays
11:00 AM

MISA en ESPAÑOL

Domingos
12:30 PM

ESCUELA DOMINICAL

Domingos
12:30 PM

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