The monthly Newsletter of:

March 2022

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service





The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshiping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.



Pastor's Message

Dear friends, once again we find ourselves walking the pilgrim way of Lent. This season means many things to many people, and though there is no one "right" way to observe it, finding some way to observe it is essential to receiving the gift God offers us in it. My friend, the 14th century Sufi mystic poet Hafiz, has a poem that reminds me of Lent:

Not many teachers in this world Can give you as much enlightenment In one year



As sitting all alone, for three days, In your closet Would Do.

That means not leaving.

Better get a friend to help with

A few sandwiches

And

The chamber

Pot.

And no reading in there or writing poems,
That would be cheating:
Aim high—for a 360 degree
Detox.

This sitting alone, though, is Not recommended

If you are normally sedated

Or have ever been under a doctor's Surveillance because of your Brain.

Dear one, Don't let Hafiz fool you—

A ruby is buried Here.

If we can sit with Lent for all its forty days—perhaps not in a closet, but in a place of mindfulness and intentionality—we may find in it a treasure of knowledge, both of God and of ourselves. Lent offers us a chance to repent of our unhealthy patterns, to purge that which distracts us from the abundant life God offers us, and even to welcome the death of who we are in preparation for who we are becoming.

Perhaps the greatest gift of Lent, however, this season of baptismal preparation and making ready for the feast of the Resurrection, is the chance to taste and see the love of God in a new way. Hafiz has a poem for this, too:

Sometimes love tastes like this:

The pain so sweet,

I beg God,

"May I never open my eyes again And know another image Than what I have Just seen.

May I never know

Another feeling other than your

Inconceivable

Immaculate

Touch.

Why not Let Hafiz die In this blessed Ruin."

May God bless us all as we die together in the Blessed Ruin of Lent.

Yours in Christ, Pr. Seth

"For Three Days" and "Ruin" by Hafiz, from The Gift: Poems by Hafiz, the Great Sufi Master, tr. Daniel Ladinsky. p 295, 317



Please let Pastor Seth know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted please call the office at 253-851-6222 or email pastorseth@agnusdeilutheran.org In an emergency, you can reach Pastor Seth at 253-448-3481.

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2022.

Members present: Pastor Seth Novak, Denny Sapp, Gene Kuest, Marilyn Colyar, Linda Ribary, Lynette Brentin, Sister Ann Schultz, Marlene Bridgforth, Sherry Stava, Richard Ohme, Charlene Franz

Guests: Dave Marquardt, Julie Bell, and Leif Dobszinsky

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. Pastor Seth Novak led us in devotions.
- 3. A quorum was met.
- 4. The agenda was approved.
- 5. The minutes from the January 11th Council meeting were approved.
- 6. The Pastor's report was received and is attached.
 - a) The first Joint Youth Group met on Feb. 6 and the turn out of both middle and high school youth, along with their parents, was greater than expected, with more than 30 young people attending.
 - b) This group will meet monthly during the school year. For now, Agnus Dei will host the group.
- 7. The Committee reports are listed below.
 - a) Little Lambs: No report.
 - b) Property Committee: A motion was made by Gene Kuest to determine the boundaries of the parcel of land needed to either sell or remodel the rental house. Up to \$20,000 may be spent on this project, and the monies will be taken out of the Rental House Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Pastor Seth Novak, and was approved unanimously.
 - c) Stewardship Committee. Charlene Franz reported that the committee is planning on a Giving Campaign in March. It was suggested that the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees work together on this project.
 - d) Worship Committee: Report received.
 - e) Evangelism Committee: A hospitality breakfast will be held in March between services.
 - f) Faith Formation: Report received.
 - g) Greening Committee brief: Marilyn Colyar made a motion to accept the Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Greening Congregation Annual Plan for 2022, as well as their mission statement.
 - i) The mission statement reads: 'As a community of faith, we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred, acknowledging that our very breath and nourishment come from Mother Earth. We are thus called to live fully in relationship and harmony with her, to lovingly care for what God has made. With compassion, attention, intention, and action, we choose to work individually and collectively towards conserving, protecting, and restoring the created world as we also work to deconstruct the systems threatening her very existence and health.'
 - ii) The motion was seconded by Gene Kuest, and approved unanimously with enthusiasm.
 - h) Personnel Committee: Oral report.
 - The recommendation of the Committee was to eliminate the Minister of Programs position on April 1, 2022, and that it not be included in the final proposed 2022 budget for the remainder of the year.
 - i) Service Committee: Report received.
 - J) Endowment Committee: No report.
 - k) Treasurer's report: Report received.
- 8) The Treasurer's report was received and is attached.
 - i) Leif will present the proposed budget on February 26th at 3 PM at the church for members interested in more detail prior to the Congregational meeting on the following day.
- 9) Old Business:
 - a) The Estate Gift Committee has been formed. The members are Bob Nussbaum, Linda Ribary, Leif Dobszinsky, Dick Ohme, and Pastor Novak.
 - b) Telephone system: Approval given for expenditure of \$75/month for the telephone upgrade.
 - c) Bylaws status: Work continues, and results will be presented first to the Council in March, and then at the May 2022 Congregational Meeting.
- 10) New Business:
 - a) The Nominating Committee members are: Pam Martin, Ghita Lorenz, Gene Kuest, Susan Whitney, and Pastor Novak.

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Council President Denny Sapp

-) The following positions need to be filled: 4 for the Church Council, 3 for Little Lambs Board, 1 for the Audit Committee and 1 for the Personnel Committee.
- b) The congregational meeting on February 27th will be held at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. That day there will be one worship service at 10 AM.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.
- 12) The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 2022, at 7 PM.

Marlene Bridgforth, Secretary.
Approved by Denny Sapp, President



Council President Denny Sapp

Special Council Meeting

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2022

Members Present (Hybrid meeting): Pastor Seth Novak, Denny Sapp, Lynette Brentin, Marlene Bridgforth, Dick Ohme, Sherry Stava, Gene Kuest, Marilyn Colyar, Linda Ribary, and Charlene Franz

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
- 2. Pastor Novak requested to withdraw his previous motion on the budget made on 2/8/2022. Lynette Brentin made a motion to accept Pastor Novak's request, and that the motion also be removed from the 2/8/2022 council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Colyar, and was approved. The yes votes were 10, the no votes were 0, and no one abstained from voting.
- 3. A motion was made by Marilyn Colyar to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation that the previously funded Minister of Programs position be eliminated on April 1, 2022, and not included in the final proposed 2022 budget for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Linda Ribary, and was approved by the council. The yes votes were 10, no votes were 0, and no one abstained from voting.
- 4. A motion was made by Dick Ohme to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the revisions proposed to the 2022 budget. The motion was seconded by Gene Kuest, and was approved by the council.

The yes votes were 10, the no votes were 0, and no one abstained from voting.

- Marilyn Colyar made a motion to amend the proposed revision of the 2022 budget to state that the amount of monies given to Mission Support (6%) be reassessed by the Finance Committee and the Church Council later in the year. The motion was seconded by Lynette Brentin, and was approved by the council. The yes votes were 10, the no votes were 0, and no one abstained from voting.
- 5. A motion was made by Dick Ohme to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the revisions proposed to the 2022 budget, with the amendment that the amount of monies given to Mission Support (6%) be reassessed by the Finance Committee and the Church Council later in the year. The motion was seconded by Gene Kuest, and was approved by the council. The yes votes were 10, the no votes were 0, and no one abstained from voting.
- 6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Marlene Bridgforth, Secretary
Approved by Denny Sapp, President



Pancake Breakfast! (note date change)

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 27**th for the pancake breakfast between services. We hope you be able to attend. More information to come as we get closer to the date.

Our chefs are working on the menu in anticipation of seeing you there. Come join us for fellowship and some great food!



Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6





Holy Week Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 8:30 and 11:00 am

The Triduum:

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm; Good Friday, April 15: 7:00 PM, Easter Vigil, April 16: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 am

At Easter Vigil we will celebrate a baptism and welcome new members, if you would like to learn more about membership, please speak with Pastor Seth.

"What Does LGBTQIA Mean?"

- · Have you ever wondered about the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity?
- · Are you curious about vocabulary that may be new to you. . . gender expression, cis-gender?
- · Are you seeking to expand the holy work of welcome, inclusion and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people in church and society?

On **Thursday, March 17th, from 3:30-5pm** our SWWA Synod will join an **online** training provided by our ELCA partner, *Reconciling Works.* During this 90 minute workshop we will learn helpful vocabulary, skills and tools to support us in our ministry of welcome. This workshop is for everyone with an open heart and mind! Registration costs \$35 (called "SOGIE Workshop")

Registration Link: https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ReconcilingWorks_1/SOGIETraining.html
(If this cost is a challenge for you right now, please reach email Pastor Rebecca Shjerven, Bishop's Associate at the synod office (swwasynod.org) to find out about partial reimbursement for your fee.

Sponsored by the SWWA Reconciling in Christ Work Team

Exploring Grief and Loss, March 12 & 19, 10:00 am to Noon

Loss is a natural part of our human experience, but what happens when many losses occur within a short period of time? How can individuals and communities support a grieving process that results in healing and growth?

During the Pandemic, many at Agnus Dei have experienced multiple losses, including the deaths of several beloved individuals as well as multiple changes to our congregational and worship life. On top of this, we've all experienced personal losses of varying degrees.

On two Saturday mornings in March, we will come together as a faith community to learn more about grief, share our personal experiences of loss, and support each other as we affirm our hope for healing and transformation.

Satya Jaech, MA, LMHC is a lover of the mystery of life as it unfolds in the ordinary experiences of being a spouse, mother, teacher, therapist, and friend. She is no stranger to grief and the gifts that can emerge from it. Satya has been a licensed mental health counselor and spiritual director for over 25 years, specializing in approaches that integrate body, mind, and spirit.

March Forum Schedule

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am In-person and on the Zoom Platform

March 6th - Chris Ode from Living Stones Ministry will be with us. Established in 2006, Living Stones Prison Congregation is a ministry of

the ELCA operating "behind the walls" of the Washington Corrections Center and Monroe Correctional Complex. Pastor Chris Ode spends his time ministering directly to the members of the congregation, developing reentry resources and opportunities, and sharing stories from "the inside" with outside congregations and community groups. He lives happily with the funniest woman on earth, two inquisitive young children, and a pair of loyal - but dense - Labrador Retrievers. In his spare time, he produces and performs with a local theatre and film company. Learn more about Living Stones at livingstonespc.org.

March 13th - Tony Iverson, executive director of <u>Kitsap Community Resources</u> (who visited in the Fall as a board member of Key Peninsula Community Services) will share with us how our neighbor county to the north stays involved with the community. Their "mission, vision and core values form the foundation of the work...to impact poverty in Kitsap County." The very "least of these" Matthew 25 calls us to align with.

March 20th - Hymns: Old and New. Deacon Shari Shull will guide us through this musical exploration. We will take a brief look at the history of hymns before exploring some new texts and tunes in the new *All Creation Sings*, supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship (our red hymnal) published by Augsburg Fortress in 2020. Join us in this musical exploration.

March 27th - We will join with the pancake breakfast this day.

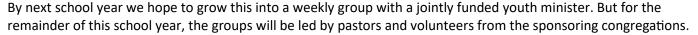
Zoom link for Forum: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973182418?pwd=eWZlbFdiZW52bmhhRUpQSWJzbG13Zz09

Junior & Senior High Youth Night Next Meeting March 6, 6:30 pm

Four churches (Agnus Dei, Fox Island United Church of Christ, Gig Harbor Methodist and St. John's Episcopal) are hosting monthly youth gatherings. We meet at Agnus Dei Lutheran on the first Sunday of each month, from 6:30 – 8pm. We host separate, but concurrent groups for Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers and Parents, followed by (delicious) snacks and drinks.

The content of the different groups varies, but all will enjoy a combination of socializing, games and worthwhile conversation





It is an understood value of these gatherings that they are a safe and affirming environment for LGBTQ youth. Standard COVID protocols such as mask-wearing will be in place. Questions? Contact Pastor Seth.



Minister of Programs Sister Ann Shultz



Grab and Go Sunday School kits are available to pick up in the narthex. These kits contain books, activities, and craft projects.



A Message from Agnus Dei's Green Team

Agnus Dei to Host Mason Bees

Mason Bees are docile, non-aggressive pollinators, and like all bees, critical to the health of our eco-system. Their friendly nature makes them perfect to live and pollinate in our own church garden. In our continuing effort to be good stewards of creation, we will provide a home for Mason Bees this Spring. Mason Bees don't live in hives but in nesting blocks (see photo) from which they emerge when trees and native shrubs are in bloom. They are solitary bees, meaning they have no queen to protect

(all females are fertile), therefore they have no reason to sting. This makes it safe to encourage their habitats around high traffic areas. Children especially, can observe up close to learn about the benefits of pollinators in our environment with no danger of being stung.

At the suggestion of the Green Team, a nesting block and a cylinder of cocoons have been ordered from a program called Rent Mason Bees. We will host the bees here during their life cycle this Spring and at the end of the summer the nesting block, full of cocoons, will be sent back for sterilization, harvesting and wintering over. Watch for our bee block to be erected here at Agnus Dei in March.

With Agnus Dei's support of the Rent Mason Bees Pollinator Program, they are able to provide more of these important bees to home gardeners and commercial orchards, and teach others about the importance of pollinators through their outreach and educational programs.

If you would like to host Mason Bees in your own yard or would like to learn more about Mason Bees visit rentmasonbees.com. Their website is full of interesting facts and videos on Mason Bees. Fun fact: A difference between honey bees and mason bees (other than mason bees do not produce honey) is that honey bees delicately collect pollen on their back legs, while mason bees belly flop right into the blossom collecting pollen all over their bodies!



Sharing Our Blessings by Don and Sharon Krump

Sharon & I are so glad to have this opportunity to greet our church family and share the blessings we receive from Agnus Dei.

With more sunshine and improving matrices, we are both filled with hope that we may finally be heading out of this pandemic. We've all experienced so many losses, changes, and challenges over the past two years. We're all having to restructure our lives, rebuild our new normal, not only for our lives but for our congregation here at Agnus Dei and our missions to the world and our community.



Click on the photo to view this message as a video.

The two of us have been at Agnus Dei nearly 20 years now. This church has been our family away from home! We've had 14 moves in our military and airline adventures living all over the world and have now found our paradise here in the Northwest with it scenery, weather and church friends.

Agnus Dei is were we find so many of our dear friends and lasting relationships. Take those away and this would be a very lonesome place without much direction for our lives. We were both born of depression-era parents and were grounded in early religious values like Sunday school, youth groups, Bible studies and choirs. We were taught to fix what was broken, not throw it way for a new one. Our connection with military chapels, English-speaking services overseas and numerous churches here in the states have all been a solid part of our lives wherever we landed. Our love for these congregations makes us want to share and return the many blessings given us - our time and talents like fixing mowers, making new needed things like prayer shawls, filling backpacks for needy children, serving anyway we can in weekly services, chauffeuring those in need, etc. And, as well, contributing a portion of the financial blessings we've been given back to the missions of this church.

We encourage all of you to look deep inside yourselves to see what Agnus Dei means to you and give it and its many missions the support you can. We look forward to seeing and fellow-shipping even more with our church family as we emerge out of this restrictive pandemic we've experienced for too long. As Easter and spring approach, let us rejoice in the hope and grace Christ has given us. https://youtu.be/2gLGOs1vSKO

News From Our Community Outreach Team

Many thanks for all your donations for the Key Peninsula Community Services food bank and senior center. Debbie Snowden secured a Thrivent grant and used it to "sweeten" our donations. (She bought a LOT of needed sugar.) One of the favorite programs at their senior center is bingo, and you donated an astonishing array of fun and useful prizes. Also, your donated paper, plastic and reusable bags will be well used. To learn more about their program see their website at: http://www.keypeninsulacommunityservices.org/





Outreach Project for March: Immigrant Sack Lunch Project

A new ongoing project for Agnus Dei! We will be providing sack lunches for immigrants released from the NW ICE Processing Center in Tacoma on the second Friday of each month. Advocates for Immigrants in Detention (AIDNW) has initiated this program through cooperation with multiple churches and groups (like us!)

Our community outreach project for March will be to jump-start our supplies for food for immigrants released with literally the clothes on their backs and with generally no food for 18 hours after their late afternoon release before an evening meal. AIDNW volunteers drive them to the airport for red-eye or early morning flights where they are met by families or sponsors all across the US.

What do we need for those sack lunches? Individually packaged, shelf stable items such as: packaged nuts, protein bars, wrapped peanut butter crackers, jerky, trail mix, granola bars, dried fruit, cheese crackers. We will add apples and/or

clementines when assembling the lunches.

AIDNW volunteers greet them upon release, giving them a sack lunch, a backpack with a jacket and other clothes. Many are from Mexico, Central America or other tropical areas and are not used to temperatures in the US.

What are needed are men's clothing:

- Men's jackets/coats in good condition.
- Hats and gloves, new or slightly used
- NEW men's socks and underwear
- Men's pants, new or slightly used, all sizes

For immigrant detainees the hours are long and stressful. The average wait for release is 4 months. Having books to read can help fill the time. AIDNW has worked with ICE to get books inside. Do you have paperback books with no writing or marking inside? We will get them to AIDNW volunteers.

Bring all donations – lunch food, men's clothing, books to the donation station. Please sort them according to signs above the donation bins. Money donations for lunch supplies are welcome! Designate the Immigrant Lunch Fund when donating.

Additional info: There are 1,575 beds in this facility which is the 4th largest in the US. It is privately owned and operated. More info at: aidnw.org

Agnus Dei has become the "Tortilla Church"

For 2022, Food Backpacks 4 Kids has asked several of their major supporters if they would consider becoming "sustaining sponsors" for food items that are needed on a monthly basis. ADLC was asked if they would become the "tortilla" sponsor as FB4K serves a large Hispanic community who rely on tortillas as a mainstay of their grocery needs. Through the continued generous contributions and support from ADLC, Jerry and Ann were able to purchase, corn and flour tortillas (5200 to be exact!) and deliver to the warehouse in Key Peninsula (see photo). Michelle Johnson reiterated that ADLC is one of their most consistent and reliable donors and they are most grateful for your support. Just again another reminder of how ADLC contributes to the needs of our community and with generous hearts.



Your Community Outreach Team Thanks You!

8 Phyllis B, Linda Z, Linda R, Charlene F, Ronnie K, Debbie S, Ann R and Jerry M

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

- Barbara Ausich
- Julie and Loren Bell
- Deb Brueckner
- Chiarra Buster
- **Audrey Clinton**
- Richard and Marilyn
- Hermstad
- Ardith Johnson
- Martha Johnson
- Jack Oakes

- Sonja Miller
- George Mitchell
- Toni Ortenzo
- Michi Ouichi
- Joannah Powers
- Ellis Rousseau
- **David Salge**
- Anne Sapp
- Johnny Tierny
- **Trudy Wagner**
- Dick & Eunice Werner

In their Grief:

Christine Michaud and family as they mourn the death of David.

In service to our country:

CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service



A Note on the **Orange Banner**

The orange banner hanging in the sanctuary is being displayed as a sign of solidarity with our Indigenous neighbors, who are

mourning the discovery of mass graves at residential schools in Canada and the US. We grieve with them and acknowledge the part the Church has played in their suffering. The banner will hang for 225 days in memory of the children who died.



Landscape Work Party March 26, 9:30-12:30

Bring your favorite weeding and trimming tools to the church on Saturday morning, March 26. We will ready the church gardens for Spring and Easter. If you have wheelbarrows and/or a pickup for hauling trimmings to be recycled, bring those along too.

As a wise church member once said, "Curb appeal is another form of Evangelism!"

Agnus Dei Book Group

Book Group will be meeting on Sunday, March 27th following second service to discuss: The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. If you would like to participate using zoom, you can always find the link on the Agnus Dei Events page. If you would like to be included in our email group for any updates including changes in time and/or location, please email Linda Zehnder or the church office. All are welcome, please consider joining us inperson or on zoom!

We Celebrate...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Zoe Holmes, Kathy Higgins 2
- 3 Alicia Carter
- 5 Ryan Page
- 7 John Barelli
- 8 Kathy Chakerian, Chuck Anderson
- 9 Tracy Clark
- 11 Ghita Lorenz
- 12 Joseph Duncan
- 14 **Ehren Gossler**
- 13 Ryan Leacy
- 15 Kimberly Morgan, Martha Johnson
- 17 Aidan Meacham
- 18 Dorothy Haeffele
- 19 David Schinkel, Pastor Seth Novak
- 20 Tage Dobszinsky
- 25 Dave Horton
- 26 James Adair, Jr.
- 27 Cathy Adair, Don Heinz
- 28 John Spadoni
- 30 Pat Humlie
- 31 Margaret Ann Ellingson, Audrey Bakke, Henry Lofgreen

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/78 Doug McDonnell and Kathy Fox

30/85 Doug Holien and Audrey Bakke





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Congregational Meeting 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 AM Forum (hybrid) 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion	28 1:00 PM LWR Quilters	1 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting	2 No Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	3 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Properties Team Meeting on Zoom	4	5 8:30 AM Men's Square 8:30 AM Women's Circle
6 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 AM Cross Gen Sun School and Confirmation 9:45 AM Forum (hybrid) 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 PM Youth Night	7 1:00 PM LWR Quilters 1:30 PM Piano Tuning 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	8 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 PM AA	11	12 10:00 AM Grief and Loss Workshop
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Upcoming Events:

March 2 Ash Wednesday

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 Lenten Midweek Wednesdays @ 7pm

March 12/19 Grief and Loss Workshop

March 13 Spring Forward – Daylight Savings Time

March 17 Reconciling Works Online Training (see p.2)

March 27 Pancake Breakfast

Holy Week:

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 10:,8:30 & 11 am

Maundy Thurs, Good Fri, Easter Vigil 7 pm

Easter Sunday: April 17, 8:30 & 11 am

Serving in Worship, March

	Altar Guild	Assist Min	Lector	Stream Team/Sound	Ushers/ Greeters	Cross Gen Sunday School
Mar 2, 7:00 pm Ash Weds	S Shema	P Brandt	B Shull	M Snowden	C & B Beals	NA
Mar 6, 8:30	S Shema	B Shull	D Krump	D Krump	D&M Ohme	A Ortenzo
Mar 6, 11:00	M Bridgforth	A Ortenzo	M Beert	R Powers	R Crow	_
Mar 13, 8:30	J McCraw	P Brandt	R Costanzo	B Beals	D&S Krump	D Iversen
Mar 13, 11:00	R Crow	M Colyar	M Duncan	R Powers	R Crow	_
Mar 20, 8:30	S Lubash	R Spitzer	R Spitzer	B Nussbaum	D&S Krump	No Sun Sch
Mar 20, 11:00	M Bridgforth	A Ortenzo	R Crow	R Powers		_
Mar 27, 8:30	S Costanzo	B Beals	C Carlson	M Snowden	S&R Costanzo	No Sun Sch
Mar 27, 11:00	K Morgan	D Daugs	D Daugs	R Powers	D Johnson	_

Thank you to the volunteers who serve in worship. More volunteers are needed in all areas and training is readily available. Please contact Sister Ann for more information

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:

Sister Ann Shultz -Ushers and Greeters

Debbie Snowden -Stream Team and Sound System

Shari Shull - Assisting Ministers

Paula Davis -Lectors

Kimberly Morgan -Altar Guild

Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve.

Flowers for worship are needed as well. The sign-up sheet for the new year is posted in the hallway across from the nametag board.

Stream Team Schedule

7:00 Evening Services Only:

March 2nd (Ash Wednesday)

Mike S.

March 9th Bob N.

March 16th Don K.

March 23rd Bob N.

March 30th Don K.

April 6th Bob N.

April 14th (Maundy Thursday)

Mike S.

April 15th (Good Friday)

Mike S.

April 16th (Easter Vigil)

Mike S.

Important reminders for In-person gatherings

We Share the Air – Please Keep It Fragrance-Free and Healthy for All

In our effort to make everyone welcome, please be aware the chemicals used in scented products make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. We ask our entire community to be mindful of this and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to Agnus Dei.



Let's Get in the Habit of Wearing Nametags

As a sign of hospitality to visitors, please remember to wear your nametag! In addition to welcoming newcomers, some of us are finding it difficult to recognize each other with our facemasks on. If you are in need of a new nametag, please call or email the church office or leave a note on Cindy's desk.



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