

February Celebrations

Birthdays

2-4	Taylor B. Alan K.	2-9	Rich R. Hannah S.	2-24	Deb H. Donna L.
2-6	Abby J.	2-11	Wade R.	2-25	Nancy K.
2-7	Lisa S.	2-12	David K.		LeAnne P.
2-8	Candi H. Chuck S.	2-13	Jim B.	2-27	Jasper B.
		2-14	Rick K.	2-28	Katie A.
		2-20	Mike K.		Trevor J.

Anniversaries

2-2	Jeremy & Hannah S.
2-15	Buck & Yvonne B.
2-27	Norb & Deb H.

*If you do not see your special date, please let Michelle know!

Pastor Holly

From the Pastor...

I went to the Nesting Grounds Coffee House in town the other day and the barista said, "You should have been here last week. Denny was here during your regular office hours on Monday and he had a sign that said, 'Pastor Holly's Substitute.' He said he didn't get any visitors, though."

What led to Denny's sitting in the coffee shop on my behalf was that a snow storm was coming in and instead of staying for office hours and leading worship at The Meadows Senior Facility that Monday morning before heading up to Detroit Lakes, I was strongly advised to get out of town on Sunday when the driving was less dangerous.

So Denny readily stepped in and took care of not only my office hours, but my devotional time with the people at The Meadows.

The Nesting Grounds Coffee House is going to be the host of office hours of a different sort this Valentine's Day, because on February 14, Ash Wednesday, I have arranged with the owner of Nesting Grounds to have a table set up for imposition of ashes for all who wish them.

For years I've heard of churches doing 'Ashes to Go' where pastors post signs and are available for any and all comers to drive through the church parking lot, receive ashes on the forehead and have a prayer said for them as they head off to work. I've wanted to do this for several years now, but every time I get up the nerve to try it, I remind myself that Ash Wednesday is commonly in February and February in Minnesota is not a time to be outside, barehanded, administering ashes on foreheads. (Not surprisingly, this Ashes to Go movement began in much warmer places like St. Louis and San Francisco.)

But this year Wyoming is going to have its first ever 'Ashes to Go' event at The Nesting Grounds from 7:30-9:30 a.m., on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Anyone is welcome to come.

We'll also be having a half hour service in the evening at our church, for those who can't make it to the Coffee House early in the morning.

However you begin your Lent, may you have a Holy Lent through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Making a Difference at Wyoming Elementary

The weekend food we send home with children is making a difference. The school counselor at Wyoming Elementary says: "We have about 23 students who benefit from the program. Parents appreciate the food bags each week. Many students look forward to Fridays, and when they see the delivery is here on Thursday, it's almost like you can see the happiness on their faces. I have even gotten hugs from a couple of them. It is a nice service to be able to offer to families, especially when they are finding themselves in a period of hardship."

It's good to know that we can make a difference in the lives of these children in our neighborhood, isn't it?

Did you hear?

Wyoming Elementary School principal Curt Slater has been nominated for the Minnesota National Distinguished Principal Award. Principal Mark French, of Hopkins, MN nominated him for this award granted to one principal from each state and the District of Columbia. A full article about this nomination is posted on our bulletin board at church. Congratulations, Mr. Slater!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship Holy Communion 11am Confirmation -- NP Hosting Ends -->	5 7-8:30pm OA meeting	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	7 9am-4:30pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	8 7-9:00pm Guitar Guys jam session	9 1-3:00pm Game Day	10 8am Men's Ministry	
11 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship 11:00am Bible Class	12 7-8:30pm OA meeting	13 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group 7pm Trustees meeting	14 Ash Wednesday 7:30-9:30am Ashes at Nesting Grounds 9am-4:30pm Quilters Service 7pm Ash Wednesday Service 7-8:30pm NA meeting Mar. newsletter articles due	15 7pm Lenten Bible Study	16 7pm Lenten Bible Study	17 8am Men's Ministry	
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Servant Schedule

Ushers: Denny & Nancy Hebrink

Sunday, February 4

Greeters: Rich & Linda Richnofsky

Coffee Service: Jane Denovchek and Lisa Iverson

AV: Karyla Parrish

Teaching Time: Pastor Holly

Discovery Time: Donna Keacher

Sunday, February 11

Greeters: Shirley Faber and Chris Sycks

Coffee Service: Bernie Sausen and Nancy Hebrink

AV: Jane Denovchek

Teaching Time: Mike Harwell

Discovery Time: Dan Iverson

Sunday, February 18

Greeters: Donna Keacher and Pat Rylander

Coffee Service: Corrie Anderson and Mary Jo Bartsch

AV: Jessica Standerfer

Teaching Time: Pastor Holly

Discovery Time: Lois Janke

Sunday, February 25

Greeters: Lois Shannon and Bessie Goranson

Coffee Service: Linda Richnofsky and Deb Hulbert

AV: Dave Aastuen

Teaching Time: Jane Rylander

Discovery Time: Jane Rylander



Bible Class

Parents and 3rd-6th Graders are invited to a short 30-45 minute Bible class to learn how to use the Bible. If you have received, or would like to receive, a Bible from the church and are in 3rd-6th grade, please let Pastor Holly know if you can make this Bible class on Sunday, February 11 at 11am. You just need to show up with your Bible, at least one parent and an appetite to learn as well as eat (there will be snacks). RSVP to 651-462-5276 or email Pastor Holly at hollyaastuen@gmail.com.

New Pathways News

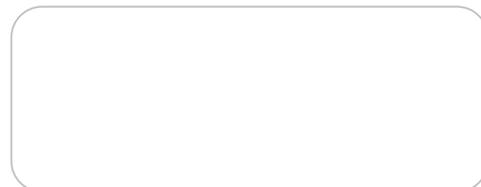
We are making a difference in the community thanks to our partnership with the New Pathways people in Cambridge, MN. We recently got some statistics about who and how they served in their last fiscal year (July 2016-June 2017). Through their New Pathways hosting program (where churches host guest families a week at a time, twice a year) they gave 5,311 total days of shelter to those experiencing homelessness. Twenty seven families were served, 81 families had to be turned away because they were at capacity.

Volunteers gave 17,700 hours of volunteer support and spent approximately \$52,560 for meals. Through the program 81% of the families found permanent housing.

Together we are doing great things. Thank you for your dedication and service.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. -Prov. 22:6

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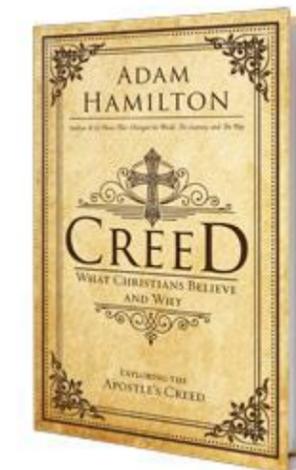


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Lenten Study

You are invited to participate in the weekly study sessions based on the book *Creed* by Adam Hamilton. Beginning on Thursday, February 15, and meeting every Thursday from 7-8:30 until March 22, Pastor Holly will lead us through a search for the truth as we look at the tenets of the Apostles' Creed and what it means for our lives. In this series of classes, we will explore the essential beliefs of the Christian faith and why these beliefs matter. We will peel away the unnecessary and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life. If you are curious about Christianity, looking for answers to tough questions or wondering if faith really matters, join us as we search together.

Participant books will be available by Sunday, February 11 (if not before then) and cost \$15. Please sign up in the nook and pick up a book and read chapter one before our first session.



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB. 14

Ashes to Go

Ashes to Go will be offered at the Nesting Grounds Coffee House starting at 7:30 and ending at 9:30 Ash Wednesday morning, February 14. The Nesting Grounds is at 26395 Forest Boulevard in Wyoming.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which is the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays, and is a season of preparation for Easter. On Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm we will have a brief, but meaningful service of worship with communion and the imposition of ashes on the forehead or hand. As we prepare for the season of Lent, you are invited to gather with your fellow travelers this Wednesday evening as we remember our mortality and anticipate our eventual reunion with God as we enter eternal life.

Music Director Needed

Wyoming United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time music director to lead us in contemporary worship, 10am Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who is interested please have them contact the church at office.wyomingumc@gmail.com for more details.

Worship Services in February

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and the guide for this year's Lenten journey will be the Apostles' Creed. We will talk about the central tenets of the faith and explore what this ancient statement of faith has to do with our lives today. In Sunday morning worship we will together be Searching for Truth as we learn more about our faith.

February 4
Restored to Life
Mark 1:29-39

February 11
A Glimpse of Eternity
Mark 9:2-9

February 18
Searching for Truth:
Is There a God?
Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 19:1-4

February 25
Searching for Truth:
Who is Jesus?
Matthew 16:13-16

