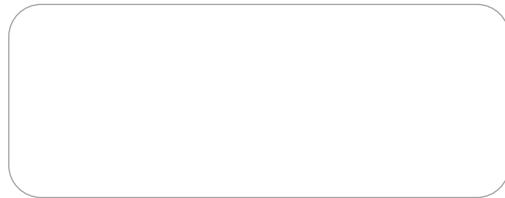


## Unexpected Company

Unexpected Company Chorale is excited to share that rehearsals are about to start for our Spring Concert. The "Bringing Back Broadway" concert will be music from Broadway shows over the years. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7-8PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lindstrom. The first rehearsal is February 21st and singer dues are \$50 for the season. We will continue to follow CDC recommendations with regard to singing indoors - currently that means limiting involvement to those that are vaccinated (including a booster) and we will use Chorale-provided masks. If you are looking for a place to sing, we are your choir. Questions? Email us at [ucchoralemn@gmail.com](mailto:ucchoralemn@gmail.com).



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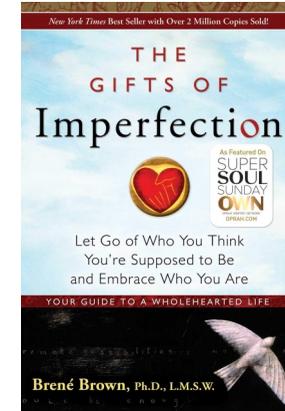


### Looking ahead:

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 2

### Lenten Study

You are invited to join our Lenten Study starting Wednesday, March 9 at 7PM. Our book this year will be *The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are* by Brené Brown (we will be using the 2010 paperback version of this book). In this New York Times best seller, Dr. Brown shares 10 guideposts on the power of wholehearted living, engaging the world from a place of worthiness. Brown's 2010 TED Talk, "The Power of Vulnerability" is one of the most viewed talks in the world.



We will begin our Lenten Study using Zoom to talk about Brown's book together. If you are interested in joining the Lenten Study, please let Pastor Holly know by March 1 that you intend to be a part of the Lenten study (via email at [hollyaastuen@gmail.com](mailto:hollyaastuen@gmail.com)). Please either purchase the book on your own or sign up no later than Sunday, February 13 for Pastor Holly to order the book for you (if enough people choose this option, we may get a discount on shipping costs). The cost of the book will be less than \$15.

*Let all that you do be done with love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14

### February Worship

This February we'll be looking at a variety of stories from Jesus' early ministry from the wedding at Cana to the story of Jesus' return to his hometown where he finds that his ministry is less than welcome with the hometown crowd. Join us on this journey through Jesus' early ministry.

#### February 6

Living the Good Life  
John 2:1-11

#### February 13

Denny Hebrink, guest preacher

#### February 20

Today!  
Luke 4:14-21

#### February 27

Taking Jesus' Words to Heart  
Luke 4:21-30

## From the Pastor . . .

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of our being back consistently in person for worship. Last year, on February 14, we had our first in person worship service in the worship space since we went completely online in March of 2020. We had met for Drive In Worship in the parking lot in August and September of 2020, and then, for just a few Sundays in October of 2020 in our Fellowship Hall before the COVID surge put us once again back fully online.

I admire your resilience through all of this—your willingness to pivot and try something new at seemingly every moment of this two-year saga. I know you have experienced frustration with many aspects of all we have been through these last two years, but at least towards me and towards this congregation you have been nothing but gracious.

Some of us are continuing to worship online and continue to enjoy the experience of being able to worship while our kids play noisily and happily in our homes. Others enjoy the freedom of worshiping in our homes while sipping a cup of coffee and wearing our pajamas. We're all glad that we have the online option for those who are at greater risk during this pandemic.

Others are grateful to be able to come into the worship space and worship together with others. When we gather together many of us continue to mask and distance, as a way of caring for those who are more vulnerable to this COVID disease.

Thanks to all for your patience, kindness and gentleness towards yourself and towards each other. Your Christian care for one another is a blessing to all.

Thanks also for your generosity with the Christmas Offering. We collected \$3100 to go to Strong Missions in Costa Rica, a place that people from the Minnesota Conference and from our church have visited on mission trips for years. Many of you took a step up towards giving to mission an amount equal to what you give in Christmas presents to friends and family this year and that has made a big difference.

You continue to be a generous congregation—towards each other, towards those in need, towards God and towards your neighbors. Well done, good and faithful servants!

- Pastor Holly



## Celebrations



### Birthdays

- 2/4 Taylor B.  
Alan K.
- 2/6 Abby J.  
Melodie P.
- 2/7 Lisa S.
- 2/8 Chuck S.
- 2/9 Rich R.
- 2/11 Wade R.
- 2/12 David K.
- 2/13 Jeannine Q.
- 2/14 Rick K.
- 2/20 Mike K.
- 2/24 Deb H.  
Donna L.
- 2/25 Nancy K.  
LeAnne P.
- 2/27 Jasper B.
- 2/28 Katie A.  
Trevor J.
- 2/29 Tristan S.

### Anniversaries

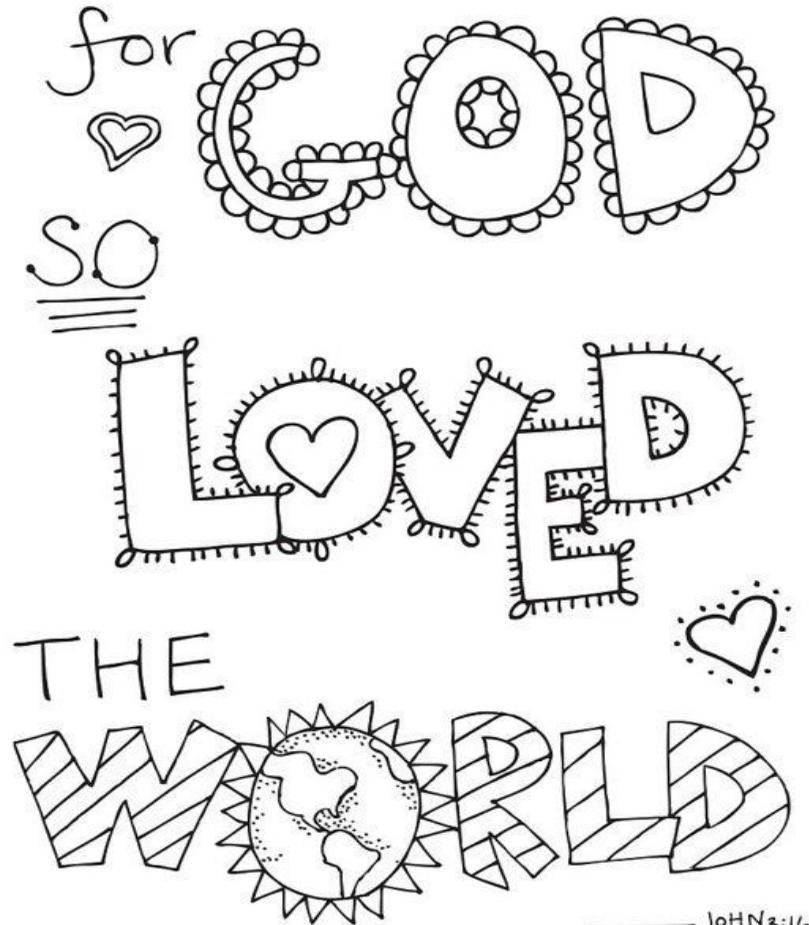
- 2/15 Buck & Yvonne B.
- 2/27 Norb & Deb H.

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

## Online Donations

We are so grateful for those who are faithfully giving to our church's mission through their donations whether they're online, in person, automatic deposit or in the mail, these faithful contributions continue to allow our congregation to do the vital ministry it does for our congregation and for our community.

Thank you for your faithfulness and consistent generosity towards God through the ministries of our church. Several years ago, we put our "Donate" button on our website, having no idea how useful it would become to many during this pandemic. Thanks to all of you, however you contribute. We are grateful for your support.



—JOHN 3:16