



The Parishioner

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From the Pastor's Desk: I want to share with you a portion of my sermon on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany (21 January), a sermon about discipleship:

This term – disciple – is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian: a Christian is a disciple; a disciple is a Christian. I emphasize this because it has been frequently suggested that the two terms refer to different people, that is, that there are two different kinds of people: Christians and disciples. For example, it has been said – and I confess to falling into this trap early in my life as a Christian – that there are millions of Christians in today's world, just not enough disciples.

Some have appealed to the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his famous book, *(The Cost of) Discipleship*, written in the late 1930s: "Christianity without the living Jesus Christ remains necessarily a Christianity without discipleship; and a Christianity without discipleship is always a Christianity without Jesus Christ."¹ But it seems clear to me that Bonhoeffer was issuing a warning to the German church that had fallen in line with National Socialism, Adolf Hitler, and the Third Reich, a church that was therefore not following Christ but following Satan and evil.

These words of Bonhoeffer were and are truly prophetic. He was uncompromising in his defense of the Christian faith; the circumstances required it. He ultimately gave his life for his faithful proclamation of the gospel.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our country is falling apart. The moral fabric of our society is torn and tattered. Do you need to be convinced? Open your eyes and ears. Be honest and open. Notice what happens if you or anyone else is asked to give an opinion about some controversial issue, and the approach to the issue is not the popular view but is more "traditional and/or conservative" (two despised terms these days). What do you do? Do you accept the offer to give your opinion (i.e., what you truly believe), risking the possibility of being attacked? Or do you equivocate in order to avoid confrontation?



The common approach today is to label people and opinions who hold traditional views about social, political, theological issues as racists, or some other title ending with "phobe/phobic/phobia", as if these were real, clinical pathologies; they are not. Despite the vileness of real racism and hate, those terms are thrown

¹ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship*, ed. Geoffrey B. Kelly and John D. Godsey. Translated by Barbara Green and Reinhard Krauss (DBWE 4; Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2001), 59

around and at people so that those people don't have to be taken seriously; when in fact, they can't be taken seriously, because they've just been labeled as the kind of people who shouldn't be taken seriously!!! (Insidious, isn't it?) As a result, we are deeply fractured and divided. People even turn to protest and violence, trying to frighten others into silence and submission.

If the approach of the early Christians and the Church through the centuries had been equivocation, silence, and retreat, evil would have easily and thoroughly prevailed. Standing for what is right – what we truly understand and believe – has never been easy. It's not going to get easier; quite the contrary! We are witnessing heresy, disbelief, and apostasy "on steroids" (Think back to "the Sparkle Creed" I shared with you on the first Sunday of July last year!).

Lent begins on February 14 (Valentine's Day!!!). Lent is a time given to us for reflection and deep introspection – inspired, led, and empowered by the Holy Spirit – in which we become genuinely honest about ourselves FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL and, for the ministry of our congregation in living and proclaiming the gospel. Lent is not primarily about becoming a better (e.g., healthier) person; it is about becoming a more faithful disciple, whatever the cost.

To the Glory and Honor of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, *Pastor Phillips*



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Community Lenten Services – 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: "The Kingdom of God is like..."

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PREACHING</u>
21 Feb 2024	<u>St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church</u>	<u>Father David Hicks</u> Rector, St. Peter's Anglican Church
28 Feb 2024	<u>St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Pastor David Janz</u> First United Methodist Church
06 Mar 2024	<u>St. Peter's Anglican Church</u>	<u>Pastor David Phillips</u> St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
13 Mar 2024	<u>First United Methodist Church</u>	<u>Deacon Mitch Natali</u> All Saints Catholic Parish
20 Mar 2024	<u>St. Paul Catholic Church</u>	<u>Pastor Merry Meloy</u> St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Offerings collected at each service will be given to Isaiah 117 House. - Our Purpose - *When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their safety, they are usually brought to a child welfare services office to await placement. This wait can be a few hours to several days. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing. Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait – a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement. The mission of Isaiah 117 House is threefold:*

- *reduce trauma for children awaiting placement ,*
- *lighten the load for child welfare services,*
- *ease the transition for foster families*

For more information about Isaiah 117 house visit: <https://isaiah117house.com/>

3T-Wednesday, February 7 @ 9:00 am

Time of talk, task & tea
lite lunch @ 11:30am, bring a dish to share

*please
join us*

Join us in this time of fellowship as we cut, stitch, tie, sort, weave. All abilities and hands are encouraged and welcome.

We have begun collecting for our 2nd bench. The updated rules require 1000 lbs. of plastic donated in a 1-year period. Any questions about plastic donations can be directed to Carol Scott; all plastic used for this project diverts it from ending up in our landfills and waterways.

*Our collection bins are located at the bottom of the steps coming in from the parking lot.

*Find the list of acceptable plastic items that qualify on the table near the elevator and start recycling today!

Congregational Council

>Next meeting<

Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30

Please have your reports into the office by Thursday, February 8. Envelopes will be available for pick-up in your mailboxes, Saturday, February 10.

2024 Council Officers elected at the January meeting: President, Reuben Pink, Vice-President, Patty Gallagher, Secretary, Sherry Montag

St. Mark's Financial Overview
December 2023

Receipts \$45,035.34

Expenses \$45,953.63

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Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, February 1
"God's Not Dead, 2"



"High school history teacher Grace Wesley (Melissa Joan Hart) comes under fire for answering a student's (Hayley Orrantia) question about Jesus. When Grace refuses to apologize, the school board votes to suspend her and threatens to revoke her teaching certificate."

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Thursday, February 15!

"God's Not Dead, A Light in the Darkness"

The Rev. Dave Hill faces an unexpected setback when his beloved church burns down -- prompting the officials at the adjoining university to try and kick his congregation off campus. Battle lines are quickly drawn between the church and the community as the reverend now finds himself at odds with his longtime friend -- the president of the school.

Viewing time is 1:30 pm; bring a friend!

Prayer Shawl Group



meets Wednesday, February 14 @ 1:00 pm.

If you are unable to join the group at the church, but would still like to add your talents, please reach out to Elaine Walker.

Ash Wednesday, February 15, 2024

Begin your Lenten journey in worship with us at 7:00 pm.

"Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season."

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ash-Wednesday-Christian-holy-day>

Volunteers are needed and always welcome.

Old Testament Bible Study every Thursday @ 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Phillips.

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Eve Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Conference room. The study that day is "Grounded in Love" from the study book, "By the Will of God".

Many of our teams of volunteers are in need of a few more hands, including, but not limited to: changing the Paraments, setting up/cleaning up Communion, ringing the bell, PA operators, ushers, Lectors and/or Communion servers, Choir, Bell Choir....

Please prayerfully consider how you might add your gifts of time and/or talent. Contact Pastor Phillips or Wendy for more information.



Dear NALC Pastors, Partners in Ministry, Greetings in the name of our Triune God as we begin a New Year in our life together in the North American Lutheran Church.

The past year was one in which God blessed our efforts in many ways and enabled and empowered us to take many faith-filled steps in our congregations and as a church body that are already bearing fruit. My prayer is that this coming year would be one in which our ministries will continue to be blessed and through which many would come to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

At our 2020 Mission Convocation, with an overwhelming 89% vote, we adopted a strategic plan known as our 20/20 Vision. The purpose of the Vision, since its inception, was to build on the solid foundation we have, to provide clarity for our future, and to address the challenges and opportunities we face as a growing denomination.

Our primary goal in communicating the Vision as we have is to ensure that our congregations and their members have a strong understanding of the NALC and its commitments, a clear picture of the part they play in our shared work, and why it is so important, if not essential, that we continue working together as a family of faith.

One of the significant steps we have taken since adopting our Vision was in the launching of our “Today, Tomorrow & Forever” financial initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to strengthen the financial foundation of our church body and to enable us to take the strategic steps needed to respond to the opportunities God has given us. **Less than a year and a half into this three-year initiative, with a goal of raising five million dollars, we already have commitments of more than \$2.1 million.** Many of those pledges have come from individuals, with many others from congregations.

More important than the money that has been pledged has been the impact that has already happened in and through our ministries. Over the past two years we were able to add five area assistants to the bishop, a call process coordinator, and a seminary recruiter. These staffing additions have strengthened the support we offer to our congregations and solidified the raising of future pastors. We have also increased our efforts in congregational renewal, established a centralized church office, expanded the number of mission starts we support, and increased the number of NALC global workers from nine in 2022 to 21 in 2024, thereby strengthening our witness to the Gospel message of Jesus throughout the world.

Moving forward, it is important that we all share in the commitment to raise awareness in our congregations of what’s happening and ways to become involved...regular updates on the ongoing impact of the 20/20 Vision on our website at thenalc.org/vision.

My encouragement to you is to engage your congregation in this initiative, let them know what’s happening through our shared efforts, and find ways to enable your members to become involved. Along with a congregational commitment, if there are individuals within your congregations who are strong supporters, have a heart for the Gospel, and have been blessed with the capacity to do even more, talk to them about the 20/20 Vision or introduce them to us. We would be more than happy to share what God is doing through our efforts and how their financial support would enable our work to have an even greater impact.

I am truly thankful for the support offered in this past year, as well as for countless ways in which God is growing His kingdom through us. I am also optimistic about what lies ahead of us in the coming year as we continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trust in the providence of our heavenly Father, and lift up the Name of Jesus that the world might be drawn to Him.

May God continue to bless you in your ministries, and may God continue to bless us as a church body as we work together to ensure a legacy of faith is passed on to future generations, “Today, Tomorrow & Forever.” In Christ Jesus, Bishop Dan, North American Lutheran Church

Katie's Kitchen Newsletter for February 2024.....

"Christ has no body now, but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world." ~ St Teresa of Avila.

These words are echoed in one of my favorite songs (The Eyes & Hands of Christ) we learned in choir near the time my father passed away. He was a simple, hardworking, kind man who lived these words. He didn't wear his beliefs on his sleeve but went about every day being kind & empathetic, doing God's will. His example has always been an inspiration for me.

That being said, as we start this new month of February and begin the season of Lent, it's a good time for each of us to reflect on what we are doing to be the eyes & hands of Christ in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and even in the larger view of the world. It's easy to say that we are doing a great job, but it is far more difficult to actually be kinder & more empathetic to those we have contact with. Relationships are messy & it's often easy for us to be harsh, critical, & maybe even angry at times. But maybe we should think about that old, overused expression "What would Jesus do". We are His presence in the world. It should make us pause minute before we react. (I know I have a problem with that— True Confession!). That is often very hard for us to do. We often are too quick to react & judge. Perhaps this Lent we should pause & be more mindful of our actions & comments, remembering that we are the eyes & hands of Christ in our world.

News from the Kitchen.....

♥We continue to be blessed with many donations from Butler Farm Market, Panera, St Vincent de Paul, and lots of great volunteers. Special thanks to Chuck at BFM and Dick at Marburger Dairy for their help this month!

♥ Our quarterly average weekly meals continues to be high- 245 meals per week

♥Still waiting for our pot filler faucet near our stove, and for another electrical outlet that we need near the small prep sink.

♥ Plans for the Gala are well underway. If you or your workplace would like to help sponsor this important event benefiting each of the Community Meal Ministries, check out the Sponsorship Opportunities page included in this newsletter! Tickets for the Gala will be available in March.

Enjoy each day that we are given!

Happy Valentine's Day ♥ Justine



Lentil Soup-----

This soup is a great choice anytime of the year, but especially during *LENT!* It can be made with meat or not, but is a great hearty soup for this early Lenten season!

- 2 olive oil
- Tbl 1 onion chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 3 ribs of celery, diced
- 1 potato, chunked
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 c dried lentils
- 15 oz can of diced or crushed tomatoes
- 6 c of broth- ham, beef, chicken or vegetable
- 2 bay leaves
- Parsley, Salt & Pepper to taste



Instructions:

In a stock pot, sauté the onion, celery, carrots, garlic, & potatoes til tender. Add rest of ingredients & simmer for 30-45 minutes.

Variations: Add diced ham or browned ground meat to the broth to add more protein. Small pasta, such as dialing, is a nice addition.

COMMUNITY MEAL GALA AND ART SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14, 2024 at
St. Michael's Church Hall, Butler, PA 16001

Sponsorship Opportunities

_____ Yes, my company/organization will be a Sponsor for the Gala & Art Show as listed below.

_____ Enclosed is our check payable to "St Mark's"

_____ Please send an invoice

_____ *\$1,000 Platinum sponsor*

(Full page ad in program, 6 tickets to event)

_____ *\$500 Gold sponsor*

(1/2-page ad in program, 4 tickets to event)

_____ *\$250 Silver sponsor*

(1/4-page ad in program, signage at event, 2 tickets to event)

_____ *\$150 Bronze sponsor*

(Business card available in program)

_____ *\$100*

(Listing of name or company in program)



_____ No, my company/organization cannot be a Sponsor, but accept our donation in the amount of \$_____.

_____ I would like to donate a basket to the event.

Email your Camera-ready artwork (jpg) and Logo (if receiving signage at the event) to: wendy.holt@stmarksbutler.org

Payment for the Gala and Art Show is due by **March 15, 2024**. Checks should be made payable to "St Mark's Church".

Please mail this form with your payment to:

Justine Brown
St Mark Church Attn: Community Meal Gala
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, PA 16001

Please print your information

Name _____

Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Children's Hour Fun in January

Pajama Day



"One morning
I shot an
elephant in my
pajamas.
How he got
into my
pajamas I'll
never know."
~Groucho
Marx



Dentist Day



Historical Trivia for February

February 3, 1943 the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was filled to capacity, carrying 751 passengers, 130 crew members and 23 naval personnel on a journey from Newfoundland to an American military base in Greenland. The 5,649-ton ship was built in 1926 and originally served as a luxury coastal liner. And so by 1943, the ship clearly had seen better days and most of the troops had been quite uneasy boarding such a "lousy old freighter."

The *Dorchester* was one of three transports in a small convoy, accompanied by three U.S. Coast Guard cutters. Seas were rough and the *Dorchester* rode the waves poorly, dipping and swaying, bouncing and shuddering as it plowed through the blackness of a cold winter's night.

Throughout the voyage, the four chaplains; George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington, helped to soothe the nerves of the 700 young draftees and enlisted men on board by walking among them. They laughed, joked and even put on amateur floor shows every night. The chaplains also held regular religious services which at first were poorly attended. However, attendance increased with every mile the ship sailed further away from home.

To reach Greenland, the convoy had to pass through U-boat infested waters where numerous transports already had been sunk. On the evening of February 2nd, one of the Coast Guard cutters detected a submarine on its sonar and blinked the warning "we are being followed" to *Dorchester's* Captain, Hans J. Danielsen. An urgent radio call then went out requesting anti-submarine patrol planes. But the response came back that the planes were patrolling "elsewhere." The ships would have to go it alone.

By now, they were only about 150 miles from their final destination and hopes were high they might make it to port without trouble. But as a safety precaution, Captain Danielsen ordered all of the men on board to sleep in their regular clothing and wear life jackets. Many of the men deep in the ship's hold ignored this order due to the sweltering engine heat and the uncomfortable bulkiness of the life jackets.

At one o'clock in the morning of February 3rd, the ship's bell struck twice. It would never sound again. The periscope of German submarine U-223 poked through the water's surface and spotted the ship in its cross hairs. A German officer gave the order to fire torpedoes.

The *Dorchester* was blasted on its starboard side near the engine room, far below the water line, killing a hundred men and knocking out all power and radio contact. Captain Danielsen was then informed his ship was rapidly taking on water. He gave the order to abandon ship.

Panic now set in among the men below decks as they groped around in the darkness, struggling to get topside. Many had no life jackets or clothing. Those who made it up onto the listing deck immediately realized they were about to die in the Arctic air and frigid water. Lifeboats quickly became overcrowded to the point of capsizing. Rafts were tossed into the sea but drifted away before anyone could get into them. Only two lifeboats out of 14 were successfully launched.

Amid the disorder, the four Army chaplains quietly spread out among the soldiers, preaching courage to the frightened, offering prayers to the wounded, and guiding the disoriented.

After most of the survivors had struggled up on deck, the four chaplains opened a storage locker and began handing out life jackets. Soon they ran out.

"Padre," a young soldier hollered, "I've lost my life jacket and I can't swim!" One of the four chaplains, it is not known which, removed his and said, "Here, take mine. I won't need it. I'm staying." The other three chaplains followed his example. "It was," an eyewitness later recalled, "the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

Now, just 27 minutes after the torpedo struck, the ship was about to go down. The four chaplains locked arms together and braced against the deck with its heavy starboard list. They prayed, each in the tradition of his own faith, as the water reached their knees. A wave swept over the ship, then another, and another. The *Dorchester* fought to right herself but failed and plunged into the seething ocean.

Of the 902 men aboard, 675 died, leaving just 227 survivors. News of the tragedy and the heroic conduct of the four chaplains caused a sensation in America. On December 19, 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism" and the Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to the chaplains' next of kin. In 1961, Congress authorized a Special Medal for Heroism which had never been given before and is never to be given again.

Source: <https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/docs-pix/feb-four-chaplains.htm>

Wild flowers of Pennsylvania

Fire Pink - *Silene virginica*

Also known as *Scarlet Catchfly*, *Cliff Pink*, *Indian Pink*.

Growing Information:

- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** 4-8a
- **Life Cycle:** Perennial
- **Approximate Mature Size:** 8-36 in (20-91 cm) tall
- **Bloom Time:** Mid Spring to Mid Summer
- **Sun Exposure:** Partial Shade



Fire Pink is a wildflower in Pennsylvania that is carnivorous.

Carnivorous plants that trap and eat insects sound like something from a tropical jungle, but we have tons of them in North America! **The sticky hairs on its leaves trap prey and discourage ants and other pests from eating the leaves.**


Fire Pink has five bright red petals that flare out into long tubes.

Although this plant is pollinated primarily by hummingbirds, many small songbirds eat its seeds. *Juncos*, *Pine Siskins*, and *sparrows* are all common birds attracted to it.

Source: <https://birdwatchinghq.com/wildflowers-in-pennsylvania/>

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. What kind of music do you listen to on Leap Day?

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?????????????????A. Hip Hop????

Thank You! God Bless!
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Want to thank you for the beautiful blanket. It must have taken quite some time to complete. It means a lot to me.

~ Thank you Julie Pacheco

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Leap Year Trivia - Popping the Question: According to tradition, it's OK for a woman to propose to a man on Feb. 29. The custom has been attributed to various historical figures including St. Bridget, who is said to have complained to St. Patrick that women had to wait too long for their suitor to pop the question. The obliging Patrick supposedly gave women one day to propose, says the BBC. Another tale claims that Queen Margaret of Scotland (who would have been only 5 years old at the time, so take it with a grain of salt) enacted a law setting fines for men who turned down marriage proposals from women during a leap year. It's thought that the basis for the tradition likely goes back to the time when Feb. 29 wasn't recognized by English law; if the day had no legal status, it was OK to break with convention and a woman could propose. There are other traditions that put a price on saying "no." If a man doesn't accept a leap year proposal, it will cost him. In Denmark, a man refusing a woman's Feb. 29 proposal must give her a dozen pairs of gloves, according to The Mirror. In Finland, an uninterested gentleman must give his spurned suitor enough fabric to make a skirt. source: <https://www.thoughtco.com/things-you-didnt-know-about-leap-year-4864254>

Fun Riddles to exercise your brain

1. I live in my little house all alone. There are no windows or doors, and if I want to go out I have to break through the wall. What am I?
2. Take away my first letter, then take away my second letter. Then take away the rest of my letters, yet I remain the same. What am I?
3. You throw away the outside, eat the inside, then throw away the inside. What is it?
4. What's special about the words job, polish, and herb?
5. Brandon is six feet tall. He works at a butcher's shop. He wears size nine shoes and each of his hands is eight inches long. What does he weigh?

Answers on the insert page

Blood Drive St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church



**American
Red Cross**

Fellowship Hall
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, PA 16001

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Download the Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment today!

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

**Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20
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- [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) – St. Marks Butler PA / [Radio Broadcast](http://www.wbut.com) – WBUT 1050 AM, Sunday mornings @ 10:30 am
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- [Mail](#) – 201 West Jefferson Street, Butler, PA 16001

Help us stay connected to you. Share and/or update your contact information so that we can keep you informed.

2023 Pictures Directories are finally finished! Stop by the Church to grab yours today!

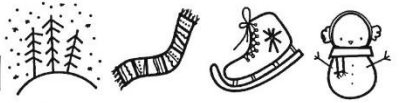
Address Updates for your directory- Please notify the church office with any address/phone number changes, or directory corrections, so that we can keep all contact information up to date. Thank You.



“They say good things come to those who wait, but in February, good things come to those who brave the cold to get more hot cocoa.”



WINTER TIME



100 Hidden Words to Find

- SNOW
- ICE
- FROST
- BRISK
- WHITEOUT
- SCARF
- FREEZING
- DECEMBER
- JANUARY
- FEBRUARY
- GLOVES
- FIREPLACE
- SNOWFLAKE
- SKIING
- SLEIGH
- HIBERNATE
- FLURRY
- ICICLE
- COLD
- MITTENS
- COAT
- FROSTBITE
- ARCTIC
- SHIVER
- WOOLEN
- THERMAL
- ESKIMO
- YULE
- GLACIAL
- SNOWMAN
- IGLOO
- CHILL
- ICEBERG
- PARKA
- FROZEN
- WINDY
- POLAR
- OVERCOAT
- SNOWBOARD
- SLED
- SNOWBALL
- SOLSTICE
- HOODIE
- FROSTY
- SNOWSHOE
- GUSTY
- SLUSH
- GLISTEN
- SNOWPLOW
- WINDCHILL
- ICESKATE
- PAJAMAS
- BOBSLED
- AVALANCHE
- ICECAP
- CUDDLE
- SNOWSTORM
- SNOWDRIFT
- LAYERING
- SCARVES
- BOOT
- HEARTH
- TUNDRA
- SNOWMOBILE
- PUFFER
- SNOWFALL
- KNIT
- SNUGGLE
- WOOL
- FLEECE
- HAIL
- OVERCAST
- CRISP
- FRIGID
- FROSTING
- ICEFISHING
- SNOWSUIT
- QUILT
- EARMUFF
- ALPINE
- TOBOGGAN
- SNOWY
- ICEHOUSE
- PINECONE
- SKI
- LODGE
- SMORES
- SNOWANGEL
- SNOWFORT
- ICINESS
- SNOWBIRD
- SNOWGLOBE
- SNOWLINE
- SNOWPEAK
- EVERGREEN
- BLIZZARD
- MUFFLER
- PEPPERMINT
- STARLIGHT
- NIGHTFALL

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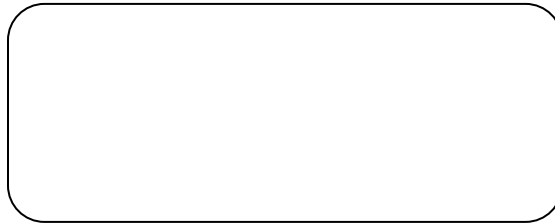
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February Scriptures and Prayers

February 4, 2024 – Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 1:29-39

** Almighty God, You sent Your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

February 11, 2024 – Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

** Almighty God, on the mountain You showed Your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:12-19, Psalm 51:1-19, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-

6, 16-21 ** Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

February 18, 2024 – Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 25:1-10, James 1:12-18, Mark 1:9-15

** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*




February 25, 2024 – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:27-38

** Heavenly Father, it is Your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from Your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of Your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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Answers from page 9: (1.) A chick in its egg. (2.) A Postman (3.) Corn on the Cob (4.) They are all pronounced differently when the first letter is capitalized. (5.) Meat

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JANUARY 2024

MARCH 2024

Scripture

“The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

– 2 Peter 3:9