

# WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## CANDLE



### February 2021: Our Lenten Journey– Where Shall We Go?

One of the best ways I have found to think about the season of Lent is to see it as a Journey. It is the 40 days (minus Sundays – the Sundays are always reflections of Easter Sunday and separate from the season) prior to Easter Sunday, and is meant as a time of preparation to help us celebrate the new life we have through Jesus' resurrection. It's a time for self-examination and reflection, and it begins on **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Ash Wednesday**.

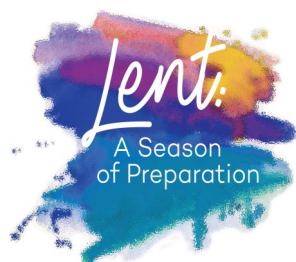


Ash Wednesday, the beginning point of the Lenten Journey, is a day to remember who we are. **"Remember You Are Dust, and to Dust You Shall Return"** is said by the pastor as palm ashes mixed with olive oil is placed on each person's forehead in the shape of a cross (or as good as I can make it!). These dusty, ashen words take us back to Genesis 3:19, to that moment when sin and death separated us from God, when Adam and Eve were cast out from the Garden of Eden. The words remind us of our mortality and our brokenness. **THAT'S** where we need to start the Lenten Journey, a journey back to God and a relationship with him.

Why 40 days of Lent? For that, we go to the Old Testament book of Exodus. When Moses was chosen to lead God's people out of slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land, the journey took (wait for it!) 40 years. Forty years of wandering, sin, rebellion, and suffering brought by these things – and finally forgiveness, welcome and new life as God's People in the land of Israel. **The 40 days of Lent** is a time when we think of our own separation from God, our own wandering, rebellious and sinful nature, and how so much of the suffering and struggle we experience is brought on... by our own actions and attitudes. Just as God's people needed to be cleansed of those things before they could enter that Promised Land and a renewed relationship with God, we also need to go through a cleansing and renewal process to be able to fully experience what Jesus won for us through the Cross and the Resurrection: **REAL** new life, complete forgiveness, and freedom to love and serve God as his people.



My plan/hope is that we are able to gather together in worship on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm. We'll be either outside on the patio (most likely) or inside (doubtful). The service will be live-streamed so we can all share together the beginning of our Lenten Journey... one way or another.



Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Larry*

# Join Us Virtually!

## ZOOM MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm



An email will be sent with the Zoom meeting details and an attachment of the 2020 annual report booklet. If you wish to be mailed a booklet, please contact the secretary, Karina at (310) 670-5422

## Volunteer for a Commission Position

We have a few commission positions open. Please review and prayerfully consider volunteering to participate in the growth of WLC. If you have any questions contact the office (310) 670-5422.

### [More information about the Church Council Officer positions:](#)

[Vice-President:](#) Shall preside in the absence of the President at meetings of the congregation and of the Church Council

### [More information about the Church Commission positions:](#)

[Commission on Synodical Activities](#) shall have special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor for keeping the congregation informed of the World Mission of the congregation so that funds will be available for that purpose, and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

[Commission on Parish Education](#) shall have special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor to promote adult education and operate youth education programs [Sunday School] and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

[Commission on Youth Activities](#) shall have special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor to develop the youth program in the congregation, coordinate the work of its youth auxiliaries and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

[Commission on Life and Growth](#) shall have special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor for the development of a sound program of evangelism for the general spiritual care of the congregation and for co-ordination of all non-youth auxiliaries and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

[Commission on Finance](#) shall have special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor for the congregation's development in accordance with scriptural principles of stewardship and for the raising of funds, and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

[Commission on Day School](#) shall have the special responsibility under the supervision of the Pastor to operate the schools of the congregation and shall make recommendations thereon to the Church Council.

## Services

### SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Outdoors in the Masted Hall Patio

Every Saturday in February

5:00 pm

(please wear mask)

Pre-filled communion cups are given.

Distance seating is available as well as heaters for the cold weather.

### SUNDAY LIVESTREAM SERVICE ONLY

Sundays at 10 am

Watch on Facebook or YouTube



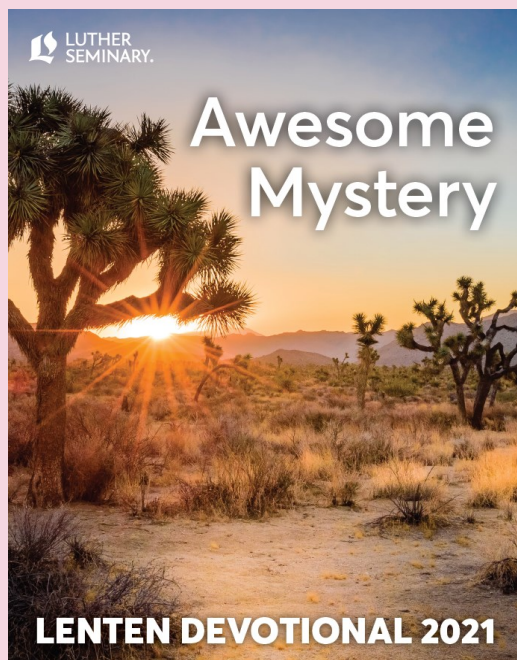
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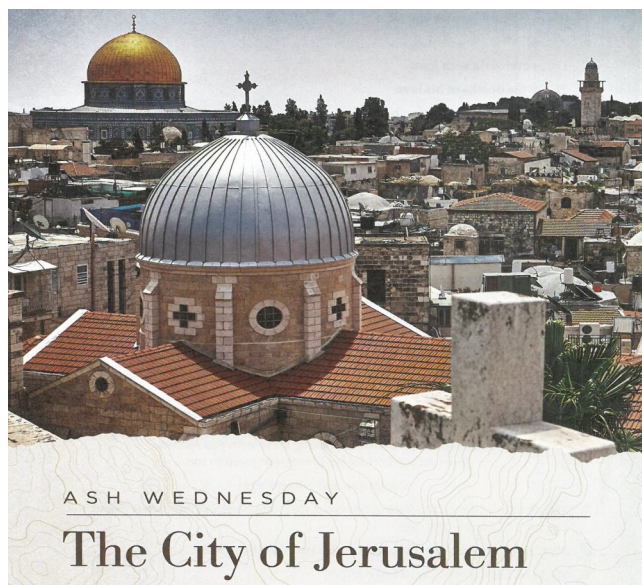
YouTube "Westchester Lutheran Church and School" or "Lawrence Becker"

## Lenten Devotional

If you would like a copy of the Lenten Devotional from Luther Seminary a digital copy will be available on the Candle-Lite email, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you please contact the office.



## Ash Wednesday & Holy Week



Feb. 17 at 7:00 pm

Outdoor Service

In this service for Ash Wednesday, we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with this location are highlighted. We will learn things we may not have known before as we grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

PLACES of the PASSION

## A Series of Services for Holy Week



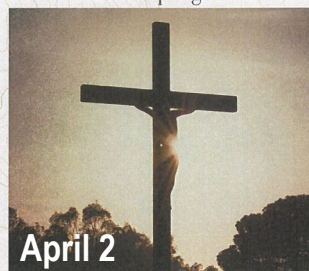
March 28

Bethphage



April 1

The Upper Room



April 2

Golgotha



April 4

The Empty Tomb

## Zoom Meetings

### Life & Growth Commission Meeting

Zoom Call  
February 7th at 11:30 am



Contact Laura Downie for  
Meeting ID & Password



### Rebekah Circle

Women's  
Bible Study



Zoom Call  
February 21  
12:30 pm

Contact Kathy Klein

GOOD BOOK AND GOOD COMPANY



WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN

# BOOK CLUB

ZOOM CALL  
THURSDAYS  
7 PM  
Starting  
February 11

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE IN OFFICE  
FOR \$15

FOR THE ZOOM DETAILS EMAIL  
[KMARTINEZ@WLCS.ORG](mailto:KMARTINEZ@WLCS.ORG)

## Garden Crew

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

All are welcome to  
join us in cleaning up  
our extensive  
landscaping!



Bring your gardening  
gloves, pruners, etc.

## Operation Gratitude

During this winter season, hundreds in our military will be warmed by the scarves made and donated by our volunteers. There were 300 scarves delivered to Operation Gratitude; members of the military will not only be warmed physically, but also emotionally, knowing they are remembered and cared for. A huge thank-you to the following volunteers for their dedication and work:

*Donna Anderson*

*Mary Cairns*

*Jerilynn Kacena*

*Kim Scharf*

*Donna Smith*

*Lisbeth Borré*

*Peggy Guevara*

*Anna Robbin*

*Susan Scharf*

*Michi Song*

This is an ongoing project so anyone interested in crocheting or knitting scarves can pick up yarn that's available at the church office.



# School News

**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual Chapel at 10 am

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Wear **Red**, White, **Pink** Day

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade after Chapel

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual Chapel at 10 am/Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Presidents' Day- No School (Office is closed)

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Krug!*

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual Open House for TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade (*check the bottom flyer or website for times*)

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** Ash Wednesday Service outdoors in the upstairs patio at 7 pm

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual Chapel at 10 am

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Virtual Chapel at 10 am/Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Vaughan*



## ENROLLING NOW FOR FALL 2021

### TK-8TH GRADE

**JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, February 16th - R.S.V.P. at [www.wlcs.org](http://www.wlcs.org)**

**TK-2nd 5:30 PM • 3rd-5th 6:15 PM • 6th-8th 7:00PM**

Meet our teachers, learn about our curriculum and hear about our school.  
There will be time for Q&A. For more information call our school office.

Learn more about us by visiting our website at [www.wlcs.org](http://www.wlcs.org)



## Flower Chart



*Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.*

When it is your Sunday to donate, please place a check for **\$35** in the offering plate to cover the cost of the bouquet of flowers.

If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your announcement in the bulletin. Thank you!

### February 7<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Given by Joan Anckle to Jeanne Gariel on her birthday, "birthday wishes Jeanne!"
- ♦ Given by Gunn & Sautter Families in celebration of Lore Buddeberg's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### February 14<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Given by Gary & Kathy Klein in celebration of Christopher's birthday! Happy Birthday!
- ♦ Available!

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Given by Joan Anckle to Amy Vaughan, "Happy birthday Amy!"
- ♦ Available!

## Altar Flowers 2021

If you would like to reserve a date for this year please or call the office (310) 670-5422

Thank you!

\*All month of March is available

\*All month of April is available



## Birthday Blessings

<b>February 2</b>	Hannelore Buddeberg
<b>February 3</b>	Christopher Klein
<b>February 10</b>	Jeanne Gariel
<b>February 11</b>	Elinore Thornton
<b>February 13</b>	Marjorie Bradley & Lucinda Zimmermann
<b>February 15</b>	Leslie Gilroy
<b>February 20</b>	Jessie Sullivan & Fred Masted
<b>February 27</b>	Tony Widmer
<b>February 28</b>	Amy Vaughan



## Praying for Others



**Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness:**

Sharon Burk, Rob Button, Susan Cole, Amy Gustafson, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Barbara & David O'Hara, Gary Reff, Barbara Roamer, Donald Rousar, Juan Salinas, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Troy Shumaker, Kathy Tank, Joy Vik,

Ruby Williams, Georgiann & Steve Young, and Irwin..

**Members & friends grieving:** Ebright Family

**Members & friends serving in the military:** Richard Appelhans, Desobry Bowens, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

If you would like to join, or have a prayer request, please contact the office (310) 670-5422

## Our Condolences...



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To Ron Ebright & family  
on the passing of  
*Florence Ebright*  
on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Thrivent Choice Dollars

## Are you a Thrivent Member?

If so, would you consider directing your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to WLCS?

Through Thrivent Choice, you can contribute to organizations and causes you care about – and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funding.

For more information go to the link below or talk to your representative.

[www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html](http://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html)



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## Give Online

Please remember your offerings. We greatly encourage you to use on-line giving through the link below.

<https://bit.ly/wlcofferings>

You may still mail in your offering to the church office. If you have any questions, please call the office (310) 670-5422.

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

## 2021 Offering Envelopes



If you have not received your 2021 offering envelope and would like one please contact the office and speak with Karina.



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Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm and please wear a mask