



The First Word

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Our Midweek Lenten Schedule

March 9 – April 13

- 5:15 – 6:00 PM - Soup Supper in the Social Hall
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Programming for Children
(preschool thru sixth grade)
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM - (Jr. and Sr. High students
meet for worship and Small Group time)
- 6:15 PM - Worship in the Sanctuary

The theme for our midweek Lenten services will be “By My Hand? ... For My Sake!” and will feature short homilies and dramatic monologs by biblical characters who actually did have a hand in the crucifixion of Christ. All Lenten offerings will help support local missions. Come, join our journey this Lent!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

March 20

Dates to Remember

Naomi Circle	March 3
Jr./Sr. High Dells Quake.....	March 4-6
Ash Wednesday	March 9
8 Bean Supper	March 16
Congregational Resourcing Event	March 19

March, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I sit at my desk at mid-morning, the sun is just now peeking out from behind the clouds ... a splendid sight after the dark, gray skies we began the day with. Almost immediately, I feel my spirits lifting and new energy filling my very being. Amazing, isn't it, what a little extra sunlight can do?

We are turning the corner into March ... and with it comes the observance of the Transfiguration of our Lord on March 6. Three of Jesus' disciples – Peter, James and John – were eyewitnesses to this dramatic scene high up on the mountaintop. Scripture records it this way: ***“And he (Jesus) was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white ... suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’”***

Matthew 17:2,5

What an unforgettable moment for those close friends of Jesus to witness. For some time, Jesus had been trying to prepare his disciples for his upcoming death, but it was as if they did not have ears to hear it. That is, until those daunting words from the cloud overpowers them, ***“This is my Son ... listen to him.”*** I have to believe that not only did this moment in time affirm for Jesus that he was on the right path and following God's will for his life, but also that it allowed Peter, James and John to receive new strength for their journey as well. It was affirmed for them that Jesus truly was God's Son ... and worth paying attention to. And they did. After the glory of being on the mountaintop with Jesus, they headed back down to the valley ... and into the routine of daily life. Their lives, however, had been changed by the experience. Their faith had been renewed. They were more determined than ever to walk with Jesus.

As the Lenten season approaches, let us also seek to involve ourselves in faith practices that will help us walk more closely with Jesus. Gather with your First Lutheran family for worship. Join a Bible study group. Commit yourself to spend more time in prayer. Involve yourself in some service project in the community. Allow the light of Christ to lead you on into Lent and beyond ...

Pastor Marilyn

Pastor Marilyn



We welcomed to our fellowship **Dominick Timothy Grudecki**, son of Tim and Denise Grudecki, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 13.

Congratulations to **Jesse and Doris Cole** and **Nestor and Mary Lawson** who both will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 20.

Congratulations to **Bob and Liz Botts** at the birth of a daughter, Addelaide Judith, born on February 9; to **Bill and Mary Colvin** at the birth of their granddaughter,

Ariana Faith, born to their son Chris and his wife Cindy on February 2; and to **John and Cheryl Countryman** at the birth of a grandson, Charles Woods Costello, born to their daughter Julia and her husband Dan on February 1.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our member **Paula McDowell** who passed away on February 19; to **Lisa Sanderson** and her family at the death of her father, Roger Smith, who died on January 28; to **Kari Scarbrough** and

her family at the death of her mother, Bette Beyer (former member) who died on January 28; to **Bill Todtz** and his family at the death of his mother; and to **Ed Callary** and his family at the death of his father.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Anna Diab, Harold Grafe, Heidi Hietanen, Corinne Johnson, Dan and Hazel Metzger, John Tuecke, and Ariana Colvin** (granddaughter of **Bill and Mary Colvin**, born three months premature).

Meet Our Newest Security Personnel ...

Kyle and Jennifer (Baie) Guymon have recently been hired as a "team" for the Security Position at First Lutheran Church. They began their duties on February 21 and hope to move into the Pine Street house in the next couple of weeks. Kyle and Jennifer are both graduates of DeKalb High School. Jennifer has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Kishwaukee Community College. Kyle has worked toward his business degree both at Kish and DeVry University in Addison, Illinois.



Jennifer is now co-owner of Womack Photography in DeKalb where she has been employed since January of 1999. Kyle is currently the manager of Advanced Communications in Sycamore and serves as the freshman baseball coach at DeKalb High School. The Guymons have one son, Carter, who is 18 months old. Welcome, Kyle, Jennifer, and Carter!

Cross Walk Sunday Workshop Updates

Rotation #7 — Adam and Eve

On March 6, 13, and 27 the classes will discover Adam and Eve and how they disobeyed God. In Salvation Stadium, students will find out that you can't hide from God while playing Hide and Seek Dodge Ball. During Solomon's Science Lab, the five senses and gravity will be explored. Scripture Cinema will show students an animated version of the Adam and Eve story, *Superbook Video Bible: How It All Began*.

Help Needed! Workshop leaders are needed for Salvation Stadium, Solomon's Science Lab, and Scripture Cinema for Rotation 7. If you can help lead our Cross Walk children through one of these workshops, please contact Stephanie Corn, 815-748-7409, or the Church Office 815-758-0643.

Thank You! A big thank you to all of our angels for donating supplies for Cross Walk Sunday's second semester: **Velma Chamberlain, Doris Cole, Joyce Davidson, Diane Gomez, Pat Johnson, Max Lange, Eldina Oberg, and Sharon Wadle.**

Greeting Schedule — The third Sunday of each month is designated for our Cross Walk children to be greeters before the 9:00 AM worship service. The Third and Fourth Grade class will greet on February 27 (note change of date) and the Fifth and Sixth Grade class will be our April 17 greeters. The class will meet approximately 20 minutes before the start of the service. Thank you!

Cross Walk Offering — the offerings given during Cross Walk for the second semester will now be going to support



Teresa Lange helps **Addison Kuhns** learn about Philip and the Ethiopian and play with computer puzzles and music while the Tiny Tots class attend Cornerstone Computer Lab.

our very own Pastor Seth Sululu. Opportunities will be given this semester to meet Pastor Seth and learn about his background and his life in Tanzania, among other things. Don't forget to bring in your offerings on Sunday morning to help support this wonderful addition to our congregation, his family, and his education.

Please Note: There will be NO Cross Walk Sunday activities on March 20 due to Spring Break.

Cross Walk Wednesday

During **Kindness Klub** on February 9, our second - fourth graders, and a few moms, made Valentine cards for members of First Lutheran who are 85 years and older. The cards were adorned with a variety of stickers, paper punches, ribbons, foam hearts, and Bible verses. So many cards were made that one dozen were taken to Safe Passage for the moms currently in the shelter. Thanks to Doris Anderson for leading this project.

What's New at Love INC?

As furniture donations continue to grow, so does the need for a furniture repair ministry. When donations were relatively small in number, it didn't take long for the occasional volunteer to fix a loose leg here or mend a small tear there.

However, with more inventory comes more of a need for minor repairs to the donated furniture. What a great opportunity for you to provide a needed service!

Volunteers are needed to make minor fixes, glue, and spot clean furniture, and to make minor appliance repairs. Occasionally electric motorized scooters and wheelchairs need attention with new batteries or minor adjustments.

Another new gap ministry needed is a lamp ministry, because lamps are a

highly requested but infrequently donated item. Do you have lamps to donate?

Do you have a passion for caring coupled with mechanical skills, or do you know fellow congregation members who do? Or do you want to use your organizational skills to collect a much-needed item for Love INC clients? Call the clearing house at 815-217-0082 and put those skills to work for those in need.

While the need remains highest for beds and other furniture, Love INC has other items right now that are looking for good homes. If you are aware of someone's need for any of the following items, please call the clearing house at 815-217-0082: Spinnet electronic organ), treadmill, gas range, electric range, metal file cabinet, and bulletin boards.

Children's Music

All Cross Walk Kids were invited to sing at worship on February 13. The song, *I Can Tell One*, tied in with the rotation story about Phillip and the Ethiopian. We may not be able to tell the whole world about Jesus, but one by one and two



by two we can spread the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

A small group of kids provided music at the First Family Potluck on February 13. With **Meghan Hanson, Morgan Karolus, Linnea Kothrade, Jessica Marx** and **Calla Nelson** on the xylophones, the kids led the "audience" in singing a song about loving God and our neighbors.

Many thanks go to flutists **Isaac Hietanen** and Kristen Lash for offering beautiful music at the potluck, and for accompanying the singing of *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* at the end of the evening.

Dells Quake – “Here We Come!”



The weekend of March 4-6 **eight** of our Junior Highers will be in the Wisconsin Dells attending the Youth Quake. The theme of this year’s Quake is “**Hope**” based on Psalm 33:20 — “*We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.*”

Those attending will enjoy great music, fun workshops, and the water park at Chula Vista Resort during this great weekend of growing in faith and walking closer with Jesus. Musicians for the event include Peter Eide and Captive Free West Lakes. Those attending will be: **Travis deOliveira, Meghan Hanson, Linnea Kothrade, Jessica Marx, Calla Nelson, Ryan Scheri, Evan Taylor, and Will Todtz.** Adult chaperones for this group of young people will be **Pr. Marilyn Hanson and Pr. Roy Nelson.** Please remember this group in your prayers ... that they might have safe travels and a marvelous time of learning and growing in their faith as they meet hundreds of other young people from across the Midwest.

WWII Diary Published

Ken and Julie Huck (former members) will be in town the weekend of April 2-3 to promote a book that has been published based on the diary of Julie’s father, the late Vincent DeCook, a yeoman on the heavy cruiser USS *Minneapolis*. The book is titled *Log of World War II: A Pacific Naval Diary* and it gives a personal account of the war from 1941 to the fall of 1942. The diary was transcribed by Ken Huck.



This book is different from others in that it is the only one that gives a one-person eyewitness account of famous battles in the early war. The diary begins on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. Other than minor editing, the words are all those of Ken’s father-in-law.

Also unique to the book are approximately 170 pages of radio press releases, radio transmissions, and other documents, many labeled “CONFIDENTIAL,” “DESTROY BY BURNING,” “DO NOT LET FALL INTO UNAUTHROIZED HANDS,” etc.

A book signing will be held at Barnes and Noble on Sunday, April 2, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Eat Healthy – Get Your Fiber and Support Mission!

The Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the third “8 Bean Supper” on Wednesday, March 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. With this supper we will continue our support for the Moringe Sokoine Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania. Over two years ago **Mike and Sharon Wadle** had learned of the famine in Tanzania and that the students were rationed to only eight beans per day.



At our last “8 Bean Supper” we raised over \$2,700 (over \$8,000 the first year) to provide food for the students. What a blessing! We again have opportunity to share that blessing. The supper will consist of cooked rice, beans, vegetable sticks, and fruit. Most who came to the previous suppers were amazed at how good the rice and beans were. So we ask you to join us and bring a friend or neighbor.

We are selling advanced tickets to help get a handle on the amount of food we need. However, the ticket is simply a donation of your choosing, noting that \$30.33 feeds one student for six months. You do not need a ticket to come. So we invite you to come out on a winter night, see pictures, while supporting our sister school. Please join us for the evening.


Special Thanks

Thank you to all those who helped get the Pine Street house ready for its new tenants – **Barbara Baie** (choosing paint colors and painting the living room, entry and master bedroom), **Terry Baie** (installing a room of carpet free of charge), **Doug Dashner** (painting the family room), **Diane Gomez** (scrubbing walls), **Nancy Dashner** (scrubbing kitchen cupboards and choosing contact paper), **Joyce Davidson** (steaming off wallpaper in the bath), **Stan Lindahl** (cleaning woodwork and chasing cobwebs in the storage area), **Dave Olsen** (repairing the storage room door), **Bob Schmidt** (removing, sandblasting, painting, and resetting the stair rails and loaning us his tile wet saw), **Keith Setchell** (untold hours of work in many capacities), **Ron Setchell** (helping Keith carry things to the church garage to be saved for the FLC garage sale), **Biruta Strike** (for advice and buying just what we needed to clean the kitchen sink), **Sharon Wadle** (for scrubbing every inch of the refrigerator, **Jim Womack** (for many hours of work on his hands and knees with ammonia, painting, many ETCs, as well as his patience with his wife).

Jan Womack
Property Co-chair

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First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum	28 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings 8:00 PM Executive Committee	2 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	3 2:00 PM Naomi Circle 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	4 3:30 PM Youth depart for Dells Quake <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Dells Quake — March 4-6 </div>	5
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Highlights of the February Council Meeting

- Heard that Marlon Wiegmann has accepted the Comptroller position offered to him, beginning February 1, 2011.
- Approved a final revision on the job description for the new Security Personnel.
- Received word that **Kyle and Jennifer Guymon** have accepted the Security Personnel positions offered to them. Their move-in date to the Pine Street house has yet to be determined, but they will begin their security responsibilities on February 21, 2011.
- Approved hiring a Vacation Bible School Coordinator.
- Began formulating our action plan for the future, based on the visioning process begun at the council retreat in January.



Congregational Resourcing Event



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The Congregational Resourcing Event of the Northern Illinois Synod will be held on Saturday, March 19 at Kishwaukee College, beginning with registration at 8:30 AM. The theme this year is – “Rerooting in the Community: from the Kitchen Table to the Neighborhood.” The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director, Congregational and Synodical Mission, ELCA, will be the keynote speaker.

The Resourcing Event is one of the synod’s finest yearly events. Church Council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders – just about everyone in the congregation – can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Worship, speakers, workshops, displays, and lunch are all part of the day’s activities. For more information on the event, go to www.nisynod.org/cre/index.html

Hope Haven Needs Volunteers

A new chart for Hope Haven volunteers is posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. Volunteers are asked to help provide a portion of the meal (a main dish; a vegetable or salad; or dessert and milk). First Lutheran is responsible for the second Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Carrie Engstrom** at 815-758-2588 or sign up today! Thank you in advance for helping with this worthwhile community project.



“Prelude” ... a Morning Bible Study for Women



Prelude, the ongoing Thursday morning Bible study group for women, will meet next on March 10 and 24 from 9:00 -10:30 AM in Classroom A. Using the Bible study included in the March issue of *The Lutheran Woman Today* magazine, our sessions this month will focus on the theme, “The People of God: Loving Relationships,” with Matthew 22:36-39 as our key verses.

The Prelude Bible Study group welcomes newcomers at any time. We begin our day with a good cup of coffee, tasty treat and a lively conversation. Then we wrestle with how God’s Word connects to our everyday life. Pastor Marilyn serves as the facilitator of the group. Please join us!

Women’s Night Out!

Please join us for ‘Women’s Night Out’ on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:00 PM at O’Leary’s Pub in downtown DeKalb. These dinners are based on the simple concept that it is enjoyable to get together for an evening of fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Women of all ages are invited. Please call the Church Office by noon on the 22nd if you plan to attend. All women are invited.

Naomi Circle and Altar Guild to Meet

Naomi Circle will meet next on Thursday, March 3, at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall. **Jill Olson** will present the program: “A Peek at Russia Today.” The hostesses are **Joyce Davidson** and **Carole Johnson**. All women of First Lutheran are invited.

The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

Annual Garage Sale

Tired of being cooped up with all the snow and cold weather keeping you inside? Why not clean out those closets, basement, attic, and cabinets? Then save the items for the annual church Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, April 9. Some items can be stored in the church garage in case you need to get them out of the house. Just let us (**Biruta Strike, Sharon Wadle, and Jan Womack**) know so we can help you.



PLEASE put April 9 on your calendar and start putting away the non-clothing items you wish to donate. The results of the Garage Sale will go to Pastor Seth’s Fund for next year’s NIU expenses.

Men’s Moving Ministry Delivers!

Men, come and help deliver furniture to people in need for Love INC on the third Saturday of every month. We meet at the Lincoln Inn for breakfast at 8:00 AM and then deliver furniture from 9:00 AM – NOON. All men of the congregation are invited to join the group next on Saturday, March 19 — more help is always welcome!

Our Lenten Journey Begins

The Lenten season begins on March 9 this year. We enter this penitential season of the year with a solemn call to fasting and repentance on Ash Wednesday, which begins our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. We will offer two worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday, a service at 9:30 AM and 6:15 PM. Holy Communion will be offered at both services, as well as an Imposition of Ashes. The sign of ashes on our foreheads suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending, however, is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

There will be a meal served each Wednesday night throughout the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal. Serving will be continuous from 5:15 – 6:00 PM (5:00 - 7:00 PM on Feed 'Em Soup nights), followed by a worship service at 6:15 PM. We encourage families with young children to arrive at 5:30 PM for the meal, with programming for them to follow beginning at 6:00 PM. Our Faith Trek (Jr. High students) will meet with their guides at 6:00 PM, attend worship together, and then have small group discussion time until 7:30 PM. Senior Highers will eat together at 5:30 PM, attend worship together, and conclude the evening with conversation in the Youth Room.

A special mailing highlighting all of our planned activities and worship

opportunities for Lent will be arriving soon. Please plan to join us on our Lenten journey this year.

The Lutheran Magazine



Do you enjoy reading The Lutheran magazine? Each month a great publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America arrives in your home.

The magazine seeks to nurture awareness of Christ's presence in our lives and the world, shares stories of God's people living their faith, connects us with the global Christian community, provides an open forum for discussion, and challenges us to bring God's grace and care to all.

Our congregation subscribes to this magazine through the "Congregational Plan," which means we get a discounted rate to receive it. If individuals were to subscribe to this magazine on their own, the cost would be \$17.96 per year. However, with the "Congregational Plan" the cost is only \$8.95 per subscription.

Our annual budget for The Lutheran is \$1,500.00. If you enjoy reading this magazine and would be willing to make a contribution to offset the cost of receiving it, please consider making a gift made payable to First Lutheran Church in the amount of your family's subscription. Thank you!

If you are currently not receiving this informative and inspirational magazine of the ELCA, call the Church Office 815-758-0643 and we'll get you on the mailing list. And, if you receive it and are not reading it and would like to be removed from the mailing list, call the Church Office.

Getting to Know Our Members

Scott and Bridget Meier are First Lutheran members you should get to know. Bridget and Scott are “local folks” — they were both born and raised in DeKalb. Scott lived in Iowa Falls, Iowa for ten years after moving there during high school. Scott attended St. John’s Church in Sycamore until the church was lost in a fire in 2004. Bridget was raised at St. Mary’s Church in DeKalb. They were married by Pastor Roy in August 2009 on their country property in Rochelle. Scott has a 15-year-old daughter, Jessie, who lives in Iowa, and Bridget has an 11-year-old son, Tavis.



Scott, Bridget, and Tavis

Bridget is an RN and has been in the medical field for about 21 years. She works in the ICU at KSB Hospital in Dixon and is a private duty nurse providing end-of-life care. For the past nine years, Scott has worked as foreman for an underground construction firm that installs fiber options for clinics, hospitals, and schools in the area.

Scott is currently restoring a 1968 Mustang. He enjoys hunting and fishing and joins his friends for a North Dakota hunting trip every year. He is also an excellent and creative cook, which his family appreciates very much! Bridget enjoys scrapbooking and decorating their new home. She is Tavis’s best soccer fan. She enjoys an annual vacation with her mother. Scott and Bridget both enjoy spending time with family. They are “pet people” with two Labradors and two cats.

Scott and Bridget visited First Lutheran a couple of times in their search for a church home. They wrote: “We experienced a welcoming and loving feeling about the church. One day a member of the church came to our house with a basket of bread and information we had requested. We knew at that time that this is where we belong.”

Bridget writes: “We have recently been spreading the word of God to all and the goodness First Lutheran does for the community as well as the wonderful family that First Lutheran is. We have been encouraging our siblings to join us for worship. Scott’s three brothers — Ben, Paul, and Peter — attend at times along with Scott’s sister Amy. Bridget’s brother Ted and his fiancée Lisa attend and plan to join us more and more.”

The Meier’s favorite hymns are *Jesus Loves Me* and *Go My Children With my Blessing*.



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| 2. Joanne Gliesman
Lillian Kothrade | 9. Jeremy Corn
Jessica Long | 23. Margaret Gardner
Jennifer Hott |
| 3. Marian Cowan
Kristin Taylor | 10. Tony Hopkins
Rebecca Hott | 24. Joe Baumgart
Hazel Metzger |
| 5. Terri Kuhns
Aaron Larson
Al O'Connor
Michelle Talley
Tarryn Thaden | 12. Donald Anderson
Linda Levine
Thomas Wallin | 25. Pamela Bowman
26. Ryan Burrig
Lynn Levine
Austin Sanderson
Kari Scarbrough |
| 6. Jillian Corneille
Donald Lothson | 14. Jacob Peterson
17. Debbie Kish
18. Eldina Oberg
Jess Williams | 28. Joseph Morfoot
29. Kathryn Carroll
Ian Cook
Jonah Hardenbergh
Amanda Hughes
Clem Stiely |
| 8. Barbara Astling
Madison Corneille
Emily Morfoot | 19. Linnea Kothrade
Shannon Probasco
20. Kirsten Clanton
Molly Fell | 30. Sara Dashner
Daniel Engstrom
31. Jason Peterson
Janice Reingardt |
| | 21. Nickolas Aase
Randall Baker
Riley Bauling
22. Linda Anderson
Gregory Carroll
Gretchen Nelson
Cindy Wallin | |

Comptroller Report for January 2011

	January Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Remaining Budget
Income	Figures not available.		
Expenses	Figures not available.		
Ahead/(Behind)			

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$340,889.16

One day's interest on mortgage - \$54.30

Attendance Figures for January 2011

	9:00 Sunday
January 2	160
January 9	205
January 16	176
January 23	201
January 30	177

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John Countryman

Joyce Davidson

Cathy Foelske

Stan Lindahl

Bill Sanders

Barbara Schrader

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

Cross Walk Sunday

10:20 - 11:20 AM

Cross Walk Wednesday

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Midweek Lenten Worship

6:15 PM - Wednesday

Church Office Hours

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Mon. - Thurs.

9:00 AM - NOON - Friday

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