

February 2020

Holy Apostles “Grapevine”

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

1730 18th Street, P. O. Box 188,
Mitchell, Nebraska, 69357

“Jesus...led them up a high mountain...and there he was transfigured before them.” Matt 17:1-2

On Sunday, February 23rd we will celebrate the “Transfiguration of our Lord”—a day when we pause to catch a glimpse of Jesus’ glory before we watch as he journeys to the cross. When we see Jesus’ suffering and death it may sometimes be hard to see how God can truly be present in something so horrendous. Somewhere along the way I came across this reflection by Travis Tamerius quoting from Lewis Carroll’s ‘Through the Looking-Glass’ reminds us that sometimes, we need to ‘practice believing the impossible.’

“In Lewis Carroll’s Through the Looking-Glass, Alice expresses her inability to believe impossible things. The Queen responds in the following fashion: “I dare say you haven’t had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”

If you’re like me, what you do before breakfast is routine. From rising out of bed to pouring the first cup of coffee, the pattern is fairly predictable. The Queen in Through the Looking-Glass suggests we add another item to our list of things to do before breakfast: Practice believing the impossible.

Good advice. We need help in seeing that which is unseen, noticing the beautiful, and believing that God is present right now, at this time in our lives, and right here in this particular place. We need practices believing that wonderfully more is going on in the world than what we see in the mirror or read in the newspaper.

Fortunately, certain habits train the mind to see invisibilities. The Queen advises Alice to “draw a long breath” and “shut [her] eyes” in order to believe impossibilities. In the same way, devotion to prayer and meditation on scripture can open our eyes to God’s presence in the life we already know.”

As we move from Transfiguration Sunday to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent at the end of this month, I imagine that some of you have been thinking about what you might give up for Lent this year and if you are, that’s fine; but more than giving something up, I’d like to encourage you to make time for ‘*devotion to prayer and meditation on scripture*’ so God can open your eyes to see God’s presence in the life we already know.

Blessings,
Pastor Sheryl



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 Adult Sunday School: 9:30am
 Child Sunday School 9:30am
 Sunday Service: 10:30am
 Office Hours: Mornings - MTW

Mitchell Ministerial Association

Food Pantry

FEBRUARY ITEM:

HAMBURGER HELPER

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel: 308-623-2684 or

Karen French: 308-623-1883

Back Pack Program

FEBRUARY ITEM:

INDIVIDUAL BOXED CEREAL

Your Contributions are greatly appreciated!!



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 25th

If you are interested
 in helping with this
 event, please call
 Steve Dolberg,
 641-4201

Lent Begins February 26, 2020

Don't forget to mark your calendars.
 Our Lenten Journey begins with
 Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Eucharist
 and Imposition of Ashes.

**Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist
 February 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

ATTENTION: DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE



Western Deanery Meeting

NOW: FEBRUARY 8, 2020

LOCATION: HOLY APOSTLES

TIME: 10:00am to 1:30pm

Please watch for more information during announcements at
 Sunday Services and in the Sunday bulletins.

For Your Information—Names and Contact Information

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SUNDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Lector/Server	Acolyte	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
2/2	Steph/ Sister E-S	Bill	Deb & Weston	Deb	Sylvia & Steph
2/9	Sylvia/ Maryruth	Matthew	Nick / Steve	Steve & Sylvia	Fred & Nancy
2/16	Leann/ Jenny	Clancey	Leann & Merrill	Leann	Nick & Katie
2/23	Marilyn/ Leann	Merrill	Sister & Bill	Steve & Marilyn	Steve & Marilyn
3/1	Steph/ Sister E-S	Bill	Steph & Chris	Steph and Chris	Leann & Nancy

February Altar: **Andee Symonds, Judy Kieler**

February Coffee Hour Snacks: **Marilyn Johnson**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 3	Gail Newman	February 14	Kyle Lewis
February 4	Angela Jones	February 17	Hannah Plasencio
February 7	Alex Nation	February 25	Katy Sakurada
February 10	Don Rose	February 28	Deb Yamamoto
February 12	Nancy Sato		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 3	Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester-Beyer	February 14	Rich and Mary Taedter
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FEBRUARY FLOWERS

Given By:

In Memory Of: Mr. & Mrs. George Konishi, Mr. & Mrs. Tokuzo Sakurada, John Ruby Sakurai, and
Shiz Marianne Sakurada

Transfiguration Sunday:

February 23, 2020

10:30am Service



Worship and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

February 26

7:00pm

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God
my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

Psalm 25:5

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	3	4	5	6	7	8 Western Deanery Holy Apostles 10:00am
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16 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	24	25 Pancake Supper 5-7 pm Beecher Hall	26 Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm	27	28	29

*February 16h, (the 3rd Sunday of the month) will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date.

Any cash in offering plate on this day will go to the Discretionary Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!