



# February 2021

## Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

*The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal  
Church*

1730 18th Street, P. O. Box 188,



Lent is coming! And just in time for Lent we are starting in-person worship! There will still be 'distancing' and masks and limited singing etc. but we will celebrate Holy Communion and gather as the people of God. And yes, we will continue to livestream the worship service, that is a permanent change that will go forward with us from now on; a reminder that we are headed forward and not returning to where we were, even if a lot of that has yet to be figured out.

As I contemplated the decision to open again to in-person worship and the beginning of Lent on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, I thought how fitting it would be if we actually waited until Ash Wednesday to hold our first in-person worship for the first time in 2021. First, I am not saying all that transpired in 2020 needs repentance and confession. Yes, repentance and confession is a part of Ash Wednesday, but I want to be clear, Covid-19 was not God's punishment for our sins!

Recall what is spoken as the ashes are placed upon your forehead: 'You are dust and to dust you shall return'. As we ever so slowly begin to emerge from the grips of the pandemic, this past year has been a reminder of that truth, we are mortal, and we are as fragile as dust from which scripture reminds us we were created. God took the dirt and shaped it into Adam, the first human and from Adamah (dirt), God also formed Adam's companion Eve, dusty souls.

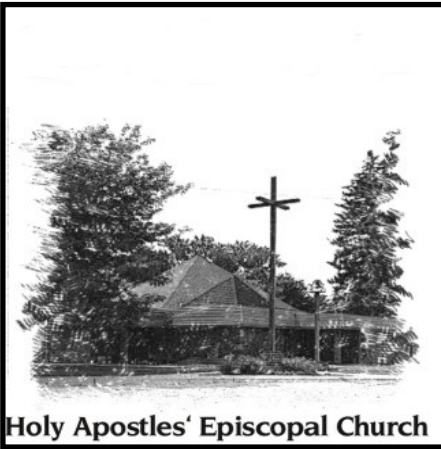
On the eve of his inauguration, President-elect Joe Biden attended a memorial to the 400,000 people who have lost their lives in this pandemic. 400,000 who returned, as we all will someday, to the dust. The memorial reminded us that mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors are no longer with us, and we all mourn their return to the ground.

Yet, the ashes also remind us we are connected. In a devotional, Sheryl gave me for Christmas this year, the writer pointed out the first Adamah (the Hebrew word for dust) came out of the ground. A second Adamah, also came out of the ground, the empty tomb, the resurrected adam, Jesus Christ. So in receiving the ashes we are also reminded that just as we are united with the first Adam, we are also united with the second, the resurrected Lord! In the ashes God has not forgotten us but claims us, frail as we are.

Please understand we may have to end in person worship again, this may take several fits and starts, but know this, we will by hook or by crook make the ashes available to you, to remind you that as we continue to struggle through God has claimed us, dusty souls that we are.

Pastor Chris

*Ash*  *Wednesday*



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**Mitchell Ministerial  
 Association  
 Food Pantry**  
 Contact Number: 308/641-7326  
*This month's Food Pantry Request :*  
**Fruit/Vegetable Juices**  
  
**BackPack Program**  
*This month's Backpack Request:*  
**Individual Packets of Dried Milk  
 Individual Cereal Boxes**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Ash Wednesday  
Worship**  
**With Holy Eucharist and  
 Imposition of the Ashes**  
**February 17th at 7 PM**  
  
**Assuming no surge in  
 Covid-19 cases worship  
 will be held In-Person  
 and  
 Online via Facebook Live**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed**  
**Normally, we would be asking  
 for everyone to pitch in.**  
**Things are not normal!**  
  
**Therefore, there will be NO  
 Pancake Feed this year!!!**



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The Altar Guild is asking for donations for Easter lilies. There is a container for donations on the front table as you enter. If you won't be coming to the church, you can mail a check to Maryruth.

Please make checks out to Holy Apostles Altar Guild. Even if we should have to suspend In-Person worship again, a few lilies will still be purchased for the altar area.

### **February Birthdays**

February 3 Gail Newman  
February 4 Angela Jones  
February 7 Alex Nation  
February 10 Don Rose  
February 12 Nancy Sato

February 14 Kyle Lewis  
February 17 Hannah Plasencio  
February 25 Katy Sakurada  
February 28 Deb Yamamoto

### **February Anniversaries**

February 3rd Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer  
February 14th Richard and Mary Teadter

### **February Flowers**

There is a new flower chart starting with Easter 2021. It's on the bulletin board in the coffee area.

### **Counseling service available through tele-health.**

Has the pandemic pushed you to the edge? Are you worn out from the constant strain? If so, we want you to be aware of Lutheran Family Services on line counseling. You can call them at 1-833-903-2376 or go to [WWW.LFSneb.org](http://WWW.LFSneb.org). Be prepared to fill out a rather lengthy health form and provide information about your insurance (or lack of).

Don't have a computer with a webcam? Would rather not use your home computer? Need some help with getting on a computer? LFS has supplied Calvary Lutheran with a laptop. Some assistance can be provided for logging on and getting you started. (Due to privacy laws, Calvary cannot fill out the forms, but can answer some questions.) Stop by the office at Calvary and ask for the LFS telehealth services.

*Until further notice worship services will be both In-Person and on Online via Facebook Live*

# February 2021

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 5 Epiphany Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM	18	19	20
21 1 Lent @ 10:30 a.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 2 Lent Worship@ 10:30 a.m.						

**On February 21st (the 3rd Sunday of the Month)  
any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!**