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2009 February Newsletter

Our life here on earth is a journey. We are born, we live and experience many and various things, and then we die. During this journey, we meet many people; we are affected by them and we in turn affect others. Our faith journey is much the same. We are born again in the waters of Holy Baptism. We live as children of God, are taught by many and various people in our church family who form and shape our faith, and we in turn help to shape the faith of others.

This formation does not occur all at once. It occurs over time, with false starts and bewildering turns and many distractions along the way. Sometimes we seem to come full circle, back to the beginning where we wonder anew, “What does it all mean?” While we are on this journey, we hopefully realize that we are not alone – that others journey with us. We learn from each other, and we teach each other. Sometimes, we all learn together. That is what this faith journey is all about. It is not about knowing the answers, but knowing the One who does have all the answers.

In the church, this journey is symbolized by our annual journey through the church year. We begin with Advent; a time of preparation and hope. During Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Then at Epiphany, we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. We are now in the midst of the Epiphany season, as we hear about the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. The gospel texts during this season contain stories about the calling of the disciples and miracles of healing.

During Epiphany, we come back to ordinary time for a few weeks – that time in the church year where the color is green. This is also a time when we experience some changes in the liturgy, like omitting the *Kyrie*, while continuing to sing the angels’ song from Christmas, *Glory to God*. We make these changes in our worship, not just to be different, but to mark the season.

Soon, we will be changing seasons again. On Ash Wednesday, we will mark the change from a celebration of light to a season of penitence. We begin with the realization that we were created from dust, and to dust we will return. We enter into a time of simplicity, using the regal color purple to symbolize somberness and solemnity. Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and to realize our sinfulness; a time to practice the confession of sin rooted in the promise of God that comes through the cross of Christ. During Lent, we often adopt a special discipline – adding prayers or Bible study, or perhaps giving up something we enjoy – as a part of our penitence.

As we journey through Epiphany, celebrating the light, we realize that this is but one step on the journey through the church year. Enjoy the journey, but prepare for change as we approach the next turn on our path.

Pastor Ray and Pastor Ruth Ann



Ash Wednesday

There are two worship opportunities available for Ash Wednesday, February 25.

The Greater Lexington Area Ministerial Association will host a midday service with the imposition of ashes. The service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 310 S. Main Street, at 12:00 noon.

A Service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be held at Becks Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

"Touching Davidson County with Love" will be on April 25th this year. Last year several area churches completed over 100 projects in one day. We believe that this is a worthy cause for our church to be involved in. We need people willing to be project managers and project ideas by February 3rd.

If you can't be a project manager and don't know of anyone in need, but would still like to participate. Please contact Jamie Everhart at (336) 239-0041. We will need many volunteers on April 25th to make this a successful event. Thanks for you help.

Life Line Screening

Bethany United Methodist Church, located at 193 Bethany Road, is hosting a Life Line Screening community outreach event on Saturday, February 21st. They will be screening for strokes, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms, atrial fibrillation, and osteoporosis. These screenings are for people age 40 and up. Please call 800/324-1851 to make an appointment. This event is expected to fill quickly.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN

DAVIDSON COUNTY TAX COALITION

FREE TAX PREPARATION

FREE E-FILING OF STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES

REFUNDS DIRECT DEPOSITED IN 2-3 WEEKS

This year, Davidson County is again providing completely free tax preparation service for elderly, low and medium income taxpayers. The program is called VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. The following places will have tax assistance available— Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic (243-7475) as well as the county libraries in Lexington (242-2005), Thomasville (474-2690), Denton (859-2215), West Davidson (853-4800) and North Davidson (242-2050). Call for information about dates and times.

Alan Hoppensteadt is again running the Denton site at the public library. This site will be by appointment only starting on February 2nd and ending on April 15th. You can call the library on 859-2215 or see Alan for more information.

When you come to your appointment, please remember to bring the following:

- Your 2007 tax return

- Your social security card or Individual Taxpayer ID (ITIN) and a picture ID

- A social security card for each person you claim on your taxes

- All W2s and 1099s for wages, interest and dividends

- Proof of any stimulus payment you received last year

- Checking or savings account information for direct deposit of refunds

- College tuition information

- Childcare receipts and social security or EIN of all childcare providers

- Contributions to qualified charities

- If you think you can itemize please bring all contribution, medical, dental, mortgage interest, property and other tax receipts with you

A change for 2008. Property taxes on your primary residence can now be deducted even if you do not itemize deductions. Make sure you bring a record of your property tax payments to whatever tax preparer you use.

See Alan Hoppensteadt for more information.

CRISIS MINISTRY

A big thank-you to all of you who in any way assisted with providing meals for the Adult Shelter residents this year. This is a very worthwhile project and the people of Becks provide an evening meal once a month (the 2nd Saturday of each month).

New schedules for this year have been made and are posted on the bulletin boards. A copy of the schedule will be placed in your church mailbox approximately 3 months before you are scheduled to prepare the meal and/or serve.

If you would be interested in cooking and/or serving meals or would like more information, please see Wanda Beck.

North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization (NCSWO)



This is soup weather and this is just a reminder that the NCSWO saves all Campbell soup labels. These labels are turned in at the Synodical Gathering held at Lenoir-Rhyne in late May.

We are asking for each of you to help us with this by simply bringing the entire Campbell soup label from your soup can. There is a container for these labels on the table in the hallway. These labels are sent to Crossnore School to assist with the purchase of equipment. Your help with these labels are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

7th Carolinas Global Mission Event

**Saturday, February 21, 2009
St. John's Lutheran Church* - Salisbury, NC**

- **What is it?** This one-day event, filled with activities, education, exhibits and multicultural music, delivers a global perspective on Christ's Church. Sponsored by the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods, the focus is on global missions, hunger awareness, justice and peace.
- **Tell me more.** This day of Lutheran fellowship is filled with fascinating speakers and workshop leaders, global and ELCA visitors, missionaries, colorful exhibits, lively global music and stirring worship.
- **It's a "passing on faith" family event.** There are special programs for children and also for youth. Increase your children's awareness of their church and its witness in the world.
- **Take it home.** Discover ideas and resources for bringing the global church, its challenges and its witness, into your congregation. There will be a bookstore and a global market of handicrafts and fair trade items for sale.

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Registration, Exhibits, Displays, Stores
8:45 a.m. Gathering Music
9:00 a.m. Welcome, Devotions, Announcements
9:30 a.m. Workshops
Noon Lunch
1:15 p.m. Workshops
2:30 p.m.: Closing Worship

COST

\$12 per individual & \$30 per family

Registration fee includes: Lunch, refreshments and program materials.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for lunch at church is February 7, 2009. After Feb. 7, lunch is on your own. There are many local eating options. Those registering by Feb. 7 will receive a map and workshop schedule by mail.

***St. John's Lutheran Church is located at
200 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144
Saturday, February 21, 2009
St. John's Lutheran Church* - Salisbury, NC**

**Check NC Synod Web site
for updates and registration information: www.nclutheran.org
Look under EVENTS.**

Carolinas Global Mission Event

REGISTRATION FORM

February 21, 2009

Please enclose a check (made to Carolinas GME) with this registration form and mail to : Rev. John Weaver, 1146 Pinewood Ct., Newberry, SC 29108.

Registration deadline for lunch at church is February 7, 2009. If you register after February 7, lunch is on your own. Those registering by February 7 will receive a map and workshop schedule by mail.

Please include names of all attending (including AGES of children and students through high school)

Name: _____

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Address:

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Congregation: _____ City _____ State _____

Do you need nursery care? _____

Lunchbox Options (please check one)

Chicken Salad Croissant

Club Sandwich

3 Salads in a box with Pita Bread (vegetarian option)

Children's lunchbox (PB&J, chips, cookie)



Bold Women's Day is Coming!

**On Sunday,
February 22 we will
be doing some special
things to note and
celebrate BOLD
WOMEN'S
DAY:**

**1. During the Sunday
School hour, we will show
a DVD called "Created in
the Image of God---a
Community of Women."
This program highlights
the mission and ministry
of women of the ELCA all
over the U.S. AND you
won't want to miss two of
our very own "stars"!**

**2. We will be
collecting yarn of every
color and amount to
donate to the women's
program at the Lexington
prison. Look for further
information in the
bulletin as BOLD
WOMEN'S DAY GETS
CLOSER. We may have
more surprises for you!**

As you look at women in your life, you see many who are BOLD or are taking BOLD steps in their careers, with their families or on their faith journey. But what does it mean for an organization to be bold? Here are some excerpts from an article in **Lutheran Woman Today** (by Linda Post Bushkofsky, Jan/Feb 2009):

"A bold organization is courageous and daring, adventurous and imaginative.... These women are rooted in word and sacrament and their ministry flows from our Purpose Statement. These women pray to and listen for God."

On the other hand, there are organizations "that could be better described as tired and listless, just going through the motions. With them the Purpose Statement is just a set of words, not a call to action. These women don't spend much time listening for God's call."

As we look at our circles, who we are and what we do, where do we fall? Bold and daring? Set in our ways? Or somewhere between the two? As we begin 2009 let us pray that we truly take to heart our commitment and strengthen our organization by using our talents, our time and our effort with **boldness** and with the help of the Holy Spirit.

As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit...

We commit ourselves to...
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church, in our society,
and in the world.

--Becky Hoppensteadt



The Circle of Hope will meet Monday, February 16th at the home of Cornelia Briggs at 5:00. There will be a potluck supper beginning around 5:30. The book chosen for our Book Study is entitled Lutheran Questions and Lutheran Answers.

We hope to read the first seven chapters before we meet again so that everyone might be able to participate in the discussion. All women of the church are invited to attend, even if you haven't read the book, and join in sharing and hearing the thoughts of some of your sisters.

Circle of Faith will have their next meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m. Martha Briggs will be holding the program for this meeting and Betty Jean Disher will be our Hostess.

Circle of Love met on Jan 13th this past month and we enjoyed making prayer bracelets. Remember to pray daily for special people etc. Hope to see you at or next meeting February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart met on Jan 7 at Lexington Style Trimmings. We had 20 members present. Ophelia held devotions and followed up with prayer.

Old Business

Ophelia was elected president. The executive committee will review the by laws. We will continue meeting at Lexington Style Trimmings.

New Business

Sick- Sylvia Beck & Ruby Perrell

Birthdays- Margaree Broadway and Martha Briggs

We discussed a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Virginia, tickets are \$39.00. Possible date 2-26, Ophelia will get more information.

Treasurer's Report

We enjoyed desserts furnished by Janice Warner & Wilma Byerly. Next month will be Wanda Beck & Ophelia Walker.

President- Ophelia Walker
Secretary- Betty Jean Disher

Memorials & Honorariums

*Given in honor of Sylvia Beck to the Building Fund
by the Happy Ladies Class.*



Our prayer shawl ministry will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Complex. Please contact Cornelia Briggs if you are interested.



Becks Community News – please share with us celebrations, recognitions, accomplishments for the newsletter. These might include such things as honor roll, county or district band, scholarships, sports recognition, milestone birthdays or anniversaries, birth or baptism of grandchildren, or other special events that you would like to share with your faith community. Please have these to the church office by noon on the 20th of each month.



Dishes, cake pans, bowls, etc. are in the FEB, please swing by and check to see if they might belong to your family. Thank you.

Other items have been placed on a table located between the mailboxes.



The 86th annual gathering of the North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Daniels Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, N. C. The announcement and registration form contains complete information about this event and are available from Tom Garret or Pastor Ray. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. There will be a light lunch available and worship begins at 1:00 p.m. The business session

immediately follows at the conclusion of the worship, and the banquet starts at 6:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Doug Haugen, the Director for Lutheran Men in Mission, and our banquet speaker will be retired Bishop David Donges from South Carolina. The special activities planned for the ladies in the afternoon include a winery and pottery tour.

More information is available on the LMM website - <http://nclmm.org>.

Shrove Tuesday will be on Tuesday, February 24, please join us and enjoy a pancake supper.



Thank you to all who have expressed sympathy concerning the death of Pastor Ray's grandmother. We very much appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Pastors Ray and Ruth Ann



"Gift of Love From The Heart"

This Valentine's Day make a donation in honor of your Valentine to Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic!

Your gift of love will be used to provide medical, dental and pharmacy services to the uninsured.

Roses wilt and chocolates are quickly gobbled up...
but the gift of love to your fellow man lives on.

For each "Gift of Love" a personalized Valentine will be sent as you designate.

Fill out the following form and return it to Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic by Thursday, February 12th for Valentine's Day Delivery.

Yes, I'd like to share the Gift of Love with others in my community. My gift of \$_____ will be used to provide needed medical, dental, and pharmaceutical resources for those in need.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This gift is:

in memory of in honor of a personal gift

Please acknowledge to: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Personal Message: _____

Page 10 is a sample copy that will be sent to your loved ones.

Please mail to DCMM

ATTN: Laura Turlington, PO BOX 584
Lexington, NC 27293

This Valentine's Day, because you are loved, a donation has been
made in your honor to Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic.

Sample Copy*

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

*We love you so much!!!
Happy Valentine's Day!!!*

*Love,
Matthew and Stephanie*

There is only one happiness in life, to love and to be loved.
- George Sand

Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic is a private not for profit organization
that provides healthcare to uninsured residents of Davidson County. Our work is
made possible by the contributions and generosity of others. Someone very
special chose to make a contribution in your honor so that others would benefit.

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The Junior Youth had a great time at Davidson Medical Ministries and lunch out. Check out the youth board downstairs for photos!

Please remember the next meeting on Sunday, February 8th. The group will be making Valentine bags for the shut-ins. There will be fifteen bags made.

Please bring sugar free candy, travel size lotions, kleenex, etc. Other items needed to make the bags will be provided, as well as name tags so they can be personalized. A photo of the youth group will be made and added to the bags.

Please let Rebecca know who is planning on going to WinterJam on February 21st so appropriate plans can be made.

An ice skating trip at Ice Hause is planned for March 15 after worship service; more details will follow at the February 8th meeting.

Rebecca & Ronnie Moretz



Camp Agape/Kure Beach and Lutheridge-Lutherock summer camp brochures are available at each narthex.

Helping Children Cope with Violent Events

Your children may never be the victim of a violent act, but they will hear about or see violence on television, in the news or even at their school.

Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas recommends the following principles to keep in mind as you decide how to best help your children cope with violence in their world:

Find out what children know and are thinking about violence by asking, “What have you heard or seen?”

Children model their reaction after their parents, so deal with them in a calm and reassuring way, maintain your normal routine. You could say, “I don’t know what will happen, but I know we’ll be able to handle it.”

Listen to your children as they share their fears and sadness, affirm their feelings, and share your own sadness or fear. Reassure them that they are safe and that parents and others are taking steps to ensure safety. You could say, “I understand how you could feel that way.”

Limit children’s exposure to TV coverage. “You can watch TV for 30 minutes but I need to see what you’re watching.” Limit news coverage of violence.

Take concrete, active, helpful steps like: pray together; write letters to the president, local soldiers; victims, and their families, donate supplies/money to helping agencies.

Be aware that changes in sleeping, eating or mood may be signs of difficulty coping with traumatic events and that these may occur weeks and even months later. If these problems persist beyond a week or two you may want to consider professional help.

When life’s challenges are overwhelming and cause crises in the lives of individuals and families, many come to LFS for help. Counseling centers provide individual, marital, and family counseling by state-certified therapists. As well as workshops for congregations and community groups on a variety of topics that can be customized to meet their needs. For more information call 1-800-HELPING today.

Lutheran Family Services
Sabrina Goins, Communications Specialist



Davis Townsend Elementary School Honor Roll: Alexandra Myers, Emily Whitehead with perfect attendance, Clay Gallimore with perfect attendance, Carlyn Gallimore, Hayden Hedrick, Lexi Hines with perfect attendance, Arrington Lineberry

Reeds Elementary School Honor Roll: Brett Moore and Carter Beck

Southmont Elementary School: Blake Semonco achieved 1st grade equivalency; Latavia Aberg perfect attendance; Caitlin Aberg, Honor Roll and perfect attendance

Brown Middle School: Kristina Lamb, honor roll, perfect attendance, and All-District Middle School Concert Band

Central Davidson Middle School Honor Roll: Chase Blankenship with perfect attendance, Connor Gallimore, Dakota Hedrick, Greyson Myers, Kayla Semonco

Lexington Middle School Honor Roll: Barret Beck

Tyro Middle School Honor Roll: Taylor Beck and Hailee Moretz

Central Davidson High School: Brittany Blankenship, honor roll, graduated from High School and completed 1 yr of College curriculum program with perfect attendance; and Lydian Beck, honor roll

East Davidson High School: Robert Lamb, honor roll, perfect attendance, and All District High School Symphonic Band

The George Washington University: Lohr Beck, Dean's List

Middle & Senior Youth News

The New Year brings many new opportunities and events for the youth. The Middle & Senior Youth will be hosting a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on February 14. Bring your valentine to dinner and support this year's youth activities! Reservations will be taken on Sunday, February 8, 2009.



Bring your Valentine for dinner and support the youth group!

Eight people will be attending LYO in Greensboro February 20-22. Six people are registered to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

Several of the youth are attending various summer camps and scholarships will be offered to assist those who otherwise might not be able to attend camp.

The Youth Board met in January to assist with planning and guidelines for youth activities. The Youth Board will tentatively meet on the third Sunday of each month following worship.

Reminder! Youth Group will meet on February 8 following the worship service.



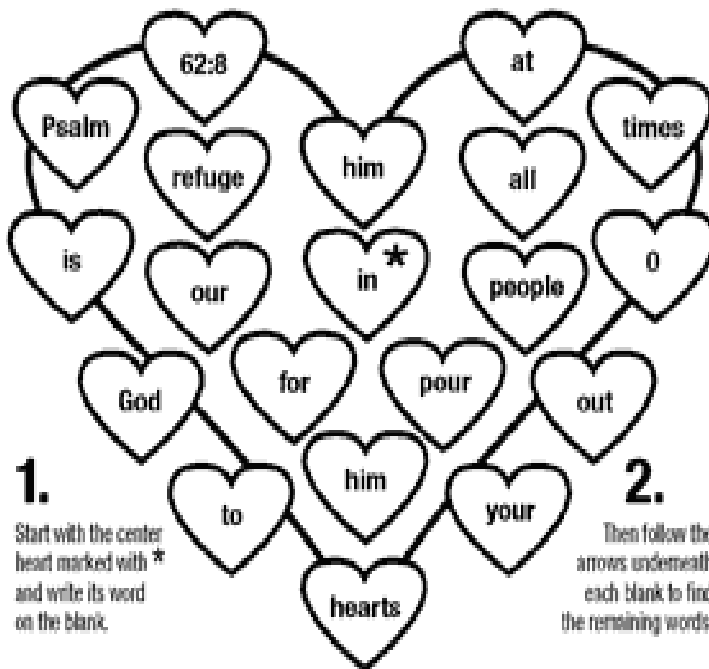
There is a white box at the corner of the FEB near the bathrooms in the hallway for recycling ink cartridges. Just bring your ink cartridges to Church and drop them in the recycle box.

Tell others around you - at work, school, or home. Bring their ink cartridges here to be recycled. Recycling turns into cash for our youth!!



OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.

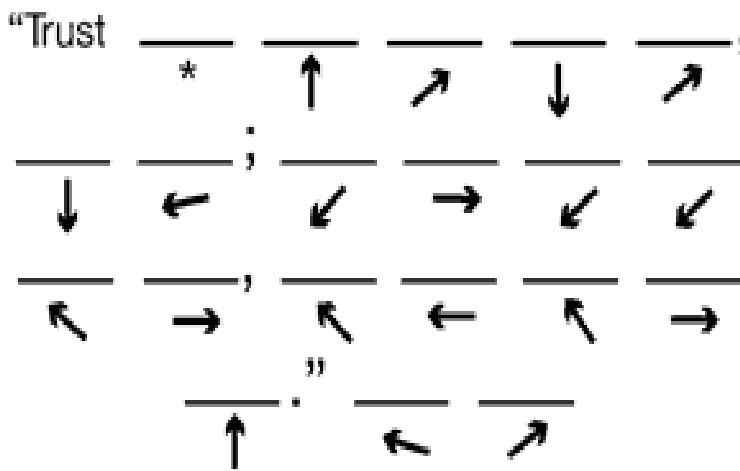


1.

Start with the center heart marked with * and write its word on the blank.

2.

Then follow the arrows underneath each blank to find the remaining words.



Answer: “Trust in him at all times. O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8

HEARTS in the morning

Start your morning with heart. Enjoy this special breakfast with someone you love!

What you need:

- Your favorite pancake recipe and syrup
- Pan or griddle
- Cooking spray
- Liquid measuring cup
- One 5-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutter
- Wooden clothespin
- Spatula
- Adult help

What you do:

1. With an adult's help, follow your recipe to make your favorite pancakes.
2. Spray cooking spray onto your pan or griddle.
3. Pour pancake batter into a liquid measuring cup. (This helps with pouring individual pancakes.)
4. Place the cookie cutter on the pan or griddle. Then clip the wooden clothespin onto the cookie cutter to act as a handle.
5. Pour batter (about 3-4 Tablespoons) into the cookie cutter.
6. Cook until the top is bubbly and the pancake is dry around the edges.
7. When the heart is ready to flip, use the clothespin to lift and remove the cookie cutter.
8. Turn the pancake with the spatula and cook until golden on both sides. Enjoy with your favorite syrup or fruit.

FEBRUARY

*Greeters for this month: Cindy Fletcher
Prayers: Alan Myers
Acolyte: Corey Beck*

*Communion Assistants: Paul Briggs & Vickie Whitehead
Lector: Alan Hoppensteadt
Crucifier: Barret Beck
Nursery: Jamie & Selina Everhart*

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 th Sunday after Epiphany Kent Beck Team 3:00 p.m. Circle of Faith Meeting	2	3 7:00 p.m. Circle of Love Meeting No Bible study tonight	4 10:30 a.m. Young at Heart Meeting at Lexington Style Trimmings 12:00 p.m. Responsive Prayer and Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 7:00 p.m. Choir practice	5	6	7 LMM Gathering FEB reserved 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 1:30-3:30 Complex Field-Soccer
8th Sunday after Epiphany Gary Fletcher Team Youth meeting after worship service 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	9	10 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	11 12:00 p.m. Responsive Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Education Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 7:00 p.m. Choir practice	12 6:30 p.m. Finance Comm. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Supper 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting	13	14 Feed the Shelter  Youth-Valentine Dinner 1:30-3:30 Complex Field-Soccer
15th Sunday after Epiphany Jerry Lovell Team Youth Board Meeting after worship service 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Men host the Shelter	16 5:00 p.m. Circle of Hope meeting at Cornelia Briggs' house	17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	18 12:00 p.m. Responsive Prayer and Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m. Worship Board meeting 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 7:00 p.m. Choir practice	19 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men's Supper	20 LYO Assembly-Greensboro Middle Youth	21 LYO Assembly Greensboro Middle Youth Carolinas Global Mission Even 1:30-3:30 Complex Field -Soccer
22 Transfiguration of our Lord Ted Dorton Team LYO Assembly-Greensboro Middle Youth 4:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Bold Meeting	23 FEB reserved 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	 SHROVE TUESDAY 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	 Ash Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Service at First United Methodist Church 6:00 p.m. Handbell practice 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m. Choir practice	26 Young at Heart tentative date for Wytheville Virginia trip	27	28 1:30-3:30 Complex Field-Soccer