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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:29-39

“Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free..”

Weber-Morgan COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist

If you are having difficulty obtaining an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccine in Weber County, use this link to register for the Vaccine Waitlist. Participants will receive emails that include cancellation time slots and other available appointment dates and times:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9Ro_MzBwDb24V4qT73Qm-6mYepApnA9CQTHLHTgPvu9IzTA/viewform

Church Committee and Officer Position Vacancies

We are looking at vacancies in the following positions. Please contact Pat Refsdal or Kelly Martin for more information. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions:

Assistant Financial Secretary	Website Manager (Webmaster)
Counters for the Financial Secretary	Internet Service Provider (ISP) Account Mgr.
Member of the Audit Committee	Member of the Nominating Committee

Lenten Season

Each of us is created as a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness-body, mind, and spirit - like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. During Lent, we will take a journey of recovery, for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health. Join us, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th with Drive-Through Ashes from 9:00 - 11:00 AM and an Evening Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7:00 PM using safe Covid-19 protocols.

Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes

Greetings and Peace in these times to all of you!

The Jr. and Sr. High Sunday school classes have been continuing online since March 2020. Over the summer, links were sent to the students on Christian-based videos and we met in Zoom sessions, periodically. Since fall, we have been discussing books, with a chapter each week.

The first book was *A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT THE 23RD PSALM*, by P. Fuller. We enjoyed this author's experience as a shepherd and how he related good shepherding of sheep to Jesus's good shepherding of us. Just like sheep, we go astray and the Good Shepherd just continues to call us back.

Our current book is *GOD AND THE PANDEMIC* by N. T. Wright, a professor at Oxford and a former bishop in the Anglican Church of England. Wright reflects on the Christian and the coronavirus with its aftermath. He draws from the Old Testament, as he looks at the prayers of lament by Job, and follows up with the New Testament and our response as called Christians.

Please keep our kids in your hearts and minds through prayer—Issac Stephens, Savannah Hughes, Ryan Gorsline, Lauren Gorsline and me, as we continue our discipleship and study of God's Word to us. Most of all, pray that we know and are assured of His love, through Christ Jesus, every day. Thank you.

Elaine Shelburne

The Ascension Council Proposes to Add a Youth Representative

Numerous times this year, the Council has discussed creating a position for an interested youth to serve as a youth representative to the Ascension Church Council. This position would provide the youth perspective to agenda items and maybe bring forward youth initiatives for consideration. The constitution will need to be amended to create a youth position and the youth can help with that process. In the meantime, we plan to invite the youth to council meetings as observers/visitors for a six-month stint until we are able to change the constitution later this spring. Lauren and Ryan Gorsline have expressed interest in this new opportunity and are excited about the possibilities. Seeing an adult policy-making body at work, up close and personal, would be excellent experience for these young people. We will provide periodic updates to this proposal.