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CHURCH NEWS

On Lent...

LENT  "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; Job 2:12 With these words from the book of Job, we remember what the road of Lent looks like. It is a road of fasting, weeping and mourning. Sounds like Lent. Wait a minute... Lent already? What? Are you serious? Well... Lent officially begins on February 10, for Ash Wednesday. The joyous time of Thanksgiving, the contemplative time of Advent and the blessing of the Nativity on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have entered our lives and we are enriched because of it!

Now as the Church calendar moves on, we are moving into a special time of the year. It isn't as festive as Thanksgiving and it isn't as commercialized as Christmas (thanks be to God!). So what are we moving into when we say "Lent is upon us"? We are moving into yet another reality of being a Christian: we are fallen and broken sinners. Although this fact is with us all year, the Church has historically used this time to remind us we have strayed away from God's good will and design.

So why should we return with fasting, weeping and mourning? This is a good question because it gets to the very core of Christianity. It asks the questions "On what terms did I leave?" and "On whose terms will I return?"

The answer to this question comes from two conflicting beliefs about Christianity. The first philosophy treats the children of God like those who moved away to go to college or to work and when the time came, they returned because they were ready to settle down. Their return was as someone who is doing a favor by returning and therefore does so on his / her terms. Then there's the other belief. The second belief says we were born into a wonderful family and you spent your entire life taking that family for granted until you finally cut your ties and went out on your own way. After years of hardship and pain, you realize it was a horrendous mistake to forsake what has been so wonderfully and freely given to you. That realization is nothing other than God's Word calling you back. That is why it is with tears of sorrow that you are guilty of all the things God's Word accuses you of and tears of joy that you are forgiven for every single one of them.

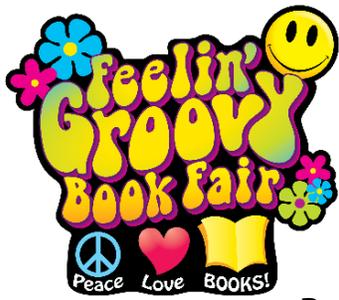
That is the journey of Lent, isn't it? We remember that we are the second group of people who left home. We are not some sort of conquering heroes; rather we are the disobedient children who have been made humble and low as we await Christ's return. As children who are called, gathered and enlightened by God, we have the blessing of being together as we worship God and receive His good gifts. As we gather this Lent, we'll do so on Wednesday's beginning with a meal to nourish our body followed by a God's Word to nourish our soul. The journey of Lent is one of repentance, but that journey ends at the cross and the empty tomb on Easter morning.

What a wonderful welcome home!

In His service and in yours,

Pastor Hoffmann





It's Almost Here! The "Feelin' Groovy" Scholastic Book Fair!!
February 7th - 11th

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.



Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Keep reading for important information about dates, events and hours of operation.

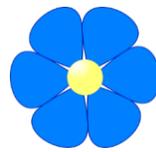
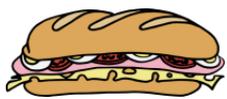
Book Fair Feelin' Groovy

Sunday Sub Sandwiches

On Sunday, February 7, 11:30am - 12:30pm, you are invited to Christ Lutheran. There is Sunday school for children - adults at 9:15am, Church service begins at 10:30am, following service at 11:30am is fellowship time.



During fellowship time there will be a sub sandwich lunch for all to enjoy and the lots of great books! So bring your appetite and check out our **Feelin' Groovy Book Fair!!**



During the week the Book Fair will be open daily, Monday - Thursday, February 8 - February 11, 8am - 4pm.

On Monday, February 8, the students will get a **Sneak Peek** at the Feelin' Groovy Book Fair!! Students will be perusing the book selections, so they can make out their wish lists. They will also be able to hear some of the books during various times throughout the week.

Our **Family Event** will be on Tuesday evening, February 9, 6pm - 7:30pm. There will be games, drawings, prizes and lots of **GREAT BOOKS!!**

As you can see, there will be plenty of opportunities to shop. Please feel free to invite family and friends as well. Our goal is to sell \$2,250 in books and merchandise. It sounds like a large amount, but it really adds up quickly. If we are able to reach the goal, our school will receive \$1,125 in Scholastic Dollars for our school! With Scholastic Dollars our teachers and librarian are able to add to classroom libraries and the school library.



Important dates in February are:

- Feb. 1 3:30pm Faculty/Staff Meeting
- Feb. 4 Fudge Orders Due
- Feb. 5 End of 2nd Quarter
- Feb. 7 Books and Sub Sandwiches
- Feb. 7-11 "Feelin' Groovy" Book Fair
- Feb. 9 3:15pm PTL
- Feb. 9 6 - 7:30pm Book Fair Family Night
- Feb. 10 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb. 11 Fudge Delivery Day
- Feb. 12 No School - Teacher Inservice
- Feb. 15 No School - Presidents' Day
- Feb. 16 2:30pm Bd of Ed
- Feb. 17 Immunization Exclusion Day
- Feb. 17 8:30am Awards Assembly/Chapel
- Feb. 17 6pm Soup Supper
- Feb. 17 7pm Lenten Service
- Feb. 24 6pm Soup Supper
- Feb. 24 7pm Lenten Service
- Feb. 29 Walk-a-thon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3:30pm Faculty/Staff Meeting 5pm Elders 1	5:45pm Choir 2	8:30am Chapel 10am Ladies Bible Class 11:30am Bible Class at NB Senior Center 3:15pm First Communion 3	Fudge Orders Due 9:30am Esther 4	End of 2nd Quarter 5	6
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9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30pm Potluck 12pm Voter's Meeting 28	29	<p>February Birthdays Madeline Dorfmeister 2 Diane Nelson 6 Betty Hinrichs 7 Carrie Harris 12 Joan Mahaffy 12 Faith Dorfmeister 16 Laura Miller 26 Tim Kokel 28</p>				

<p>February Anniversaries Charles & Diane Nelson 8</p>
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