

The MESSENGER

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Join us for in-person worship

Or live stream on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Every Sunday morning at 10am

February

2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

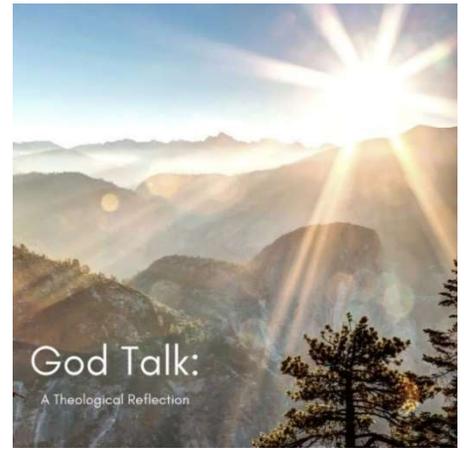
Saturday

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6 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship	7	8 7pm Council	9	10 	11	12 
13 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship	14  Valentine's Day	15	16 	17	18	19
20 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship <i>*March*</i> <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	21	22 	23	24	25 	26
27 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship	28 	Mar 1	Mar 2 Ash Wednesday	Mar 3 	Mar 4	Mar 5 

God Talk

*Then the Lord answered Job
out of the whirlwind...*

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding! Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, Or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?” -Job 38:1-7



In this passage, God answers Job’s long-festering complaints about the state of his life. He has lost everything, for no reason he can discern, and is about to lose his faith in God as well. He dramatically wishes to undo his own birth into such an unjust world, and curses creation. God finally responds to Job, saying that there are things Job cannot possibly know. Faith relies on trusting God, who created all things to be good. After all, Job was not there when the earth was formed, when the oceans sank into the deeps, when the stars and heavenly hosts sang for joy at the new creation. God reminds Job who is really in charge – and it’s not Job.

Like Job, I can get frustrated and impatient when God seems far away, when I can’t make sense of things happening on earth, or when injustice around me seems too much to bear. This story reminds me that I am not, ultimately, the one in charge. That can be frustrating, when things aren’t going the way I think they should, but it can also be liberating when I realize that I don’t *have* to be responsible for everything on the foundation of the earth.

God is the one who made everything good, including me. I get to be part of God's beautiful world, created by God and loved by God. When the world seems overwhelming, God reminds me that God is still present and still in control.

-Vicar Charlotte

February Anniversary

14th Earl and Ethel Walter



Birthdays

- 2nd Dianne Polinske
- 3rd Ryan Moylan
- 6th Kim Bromberek
- 8th Steve Day
- 9th Gretchen Pearson
- 11th Mary Klug
- 12th Mike Polinske
- 22nd Verna Heiges
- 26th Rev. David Redman
- 27th Charlotte Carter



ANNUAL MEETING



St. Paul's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 30th both in person and on Zoom. Special thanks to Mike Polinske for coordinating the technology set up that made

this possible. During the meeting, the congregation received reports from Pastor Delaney and Vicar Charlotte along with reports from those serving on Church Council. Members voted to approve the nomination of candidates for Church Council, including Elaine Disbro (Secretary) and Jeri Jende (Board of Music and Worship) who were each elected to a second two-year term. Mark Voelz (President), Marcia Mikich (Vice President), Nancy Day (Board of Outreach), and Mike Polinske (Board of Properties) will all continue in their offices under section C 11.02 of St. Paul's Constitution.

The meeting also included a guided discussion around the future of the congregation. Members were invited to write their hopes and fears on post it notes that were read aloud. The discussion culminated in a vote to approve the creation of a special task force that will research specific possibilities for the future of the congregation and report back to members at congregational meeting in June. If you are interested in being part of this important process and would like to join the task force, please reach out to Pastor Delaney or Mark Voelz. -Elaine Disbro

RIC Corner: Love wins

On June 26, 2015, I was in the middle of a summer in Syracuse, NY as a seminary intern, like Vicar Charlotte is now with St. Paul's. I remember being near the campus of Syracuse University that day, grabbing a coffee and walking around the campus neighborhood. When the news broke that marriage equality had passed in the Supreme Court that day, the feeling on the streets around the University immediately changed. The atmosphere felt charged with joy and excitement, and an irrepressible smile broke out on my face, as well as the faces of many I passed on the sidewalk. The phrase “#lovewins” began trending on the internet that day, celebrating this landmark moment in our country's history and the power of love to overcome fear.



February is the month when we celebrate love; with Valentine's Day coming up on the fourteenth, we spend a lot of time on romantic love. But I want to take a moment and consider the love of God, which is for all people, and flows through and beyond all members of God's creation. When we think about love in this way, we may think about Jesus' call to “love our neighbors” and come away with a new way of thinking about what it means that “love wins.” So, as you celebrate this month of love, think about all the ways love shows up in the world, and take a moment to recognize the beautiful force of good that love is in this world.



Black History & Music

IN WORSHIP EACH WEEK
FEBRUARY 2022

Black History Month

As we observe Black History Month during February, we will engage four African American spirituals/hymns in worship throughout the month. Prepare to learn some beautiful music and some amazing history in worship, and share the ways you are celebrating Black History Month this year!



ASH

wednesday

Wednesday, March 2
6:30pm
in person and online

OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you, St. Paul's members and friends! Your support for Outreach programs has been great and we couldn't accomplish what we have without your ongoing support.



As you know, during the pandemic, we stopped collecting used clothing. In fall, the Outreach Board decided to discontinue collecting used clothing and household goods for the foreseeable future and focus on providing new clothing at Kim's Table via grants, financial contributions and specific collections. There may be some exceptions, like collecting gently used blankets and bedding or winter jackets, for example.

While the board is currently planning for 2022, the Kim's table events will resume in May and continue during the warmer months. Anyone is welcome to help.

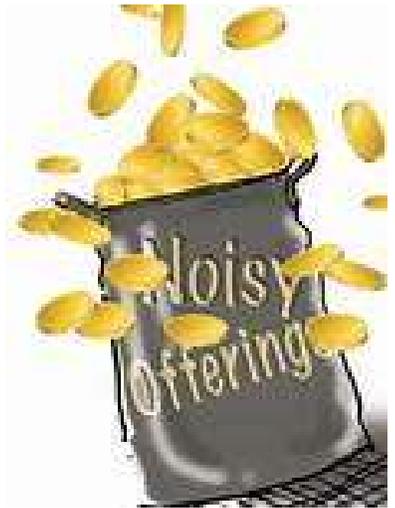
Thanks again for your generosity!

Outreach Board

Suzie Moylan, Jane Prahlow, Mary Ellen Voelz, Pr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse, Vicar Charlotte Linberry and Nancy Day

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.



Sojourner Family Peace Center

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin. Established in 1975, Sojourner provides an array of support aimed at helping families affected by domestic violence achieve safety, justice and well-being.

The Family Peace Center accommodates a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations and service providers. Families receiving services at the FPC have access to a wide array of various services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self sufficiency and freedom from abuse.

In 2020, Sojourner made over 61,000 contacts with more than 10,000 individuals. Nearly 80% of survivors report an annual household income of less than \$15,000, and the vast majority of our clients reside in Milwaukee's poorest neighborhoods on the north and south sides of the city.

Sojourner 24-Hour Hotline: 414-933-2722

The National Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888, TTY: 711 or Text: BeFree (233733)

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.familypeacecenter.org>

The above information was taken from their website.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

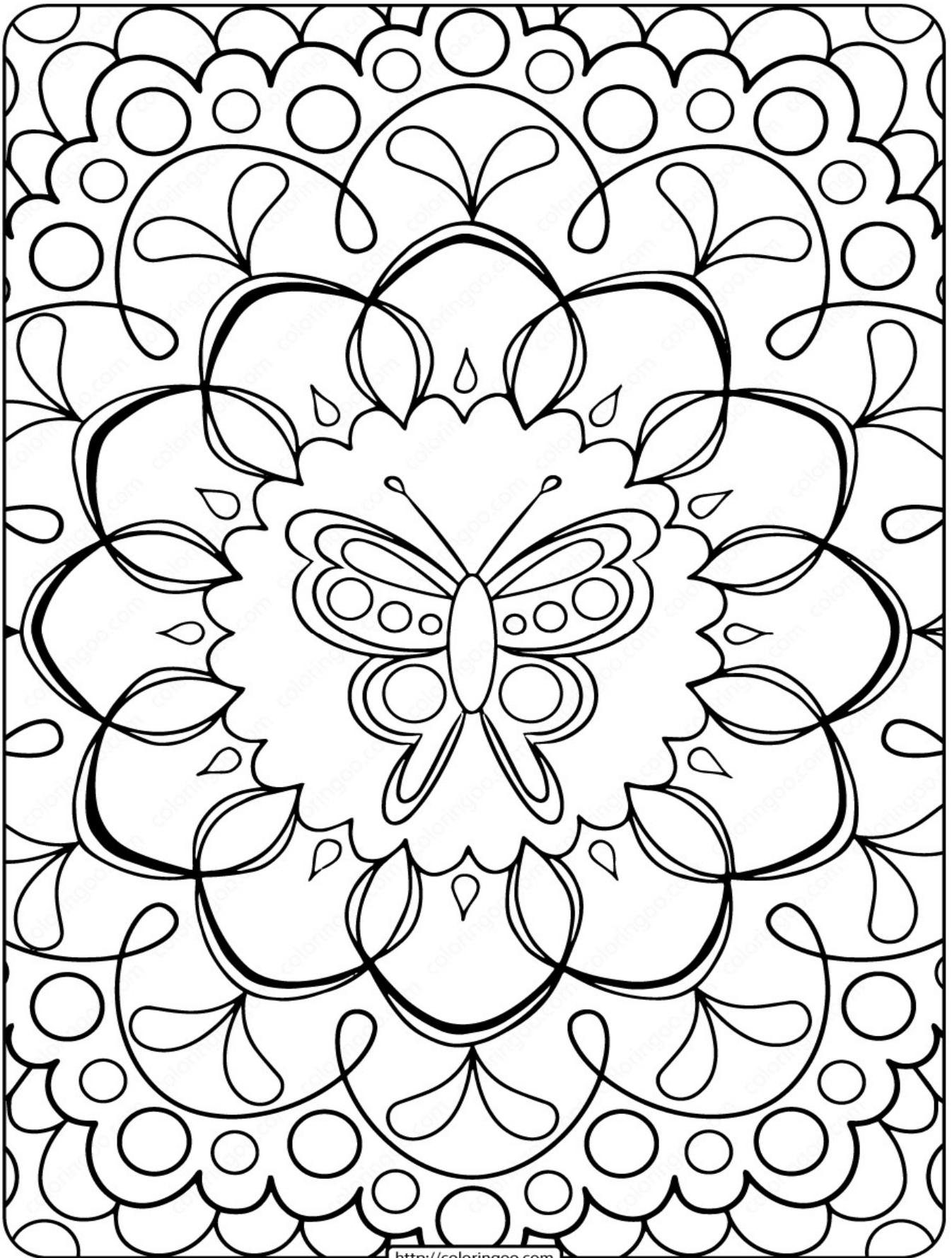
February 6 – 27

<p><u>February 6</u></p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11</p>	<p><u>February 13</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26</p>
<p><u>February 20</u></p> <p>Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p><u>February 27</u></p> <p>Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]</p>

Quote~

“We all require and want respect, man or woman, Black or White. It’s our basic human right.”

—*Aretha Franklin*



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