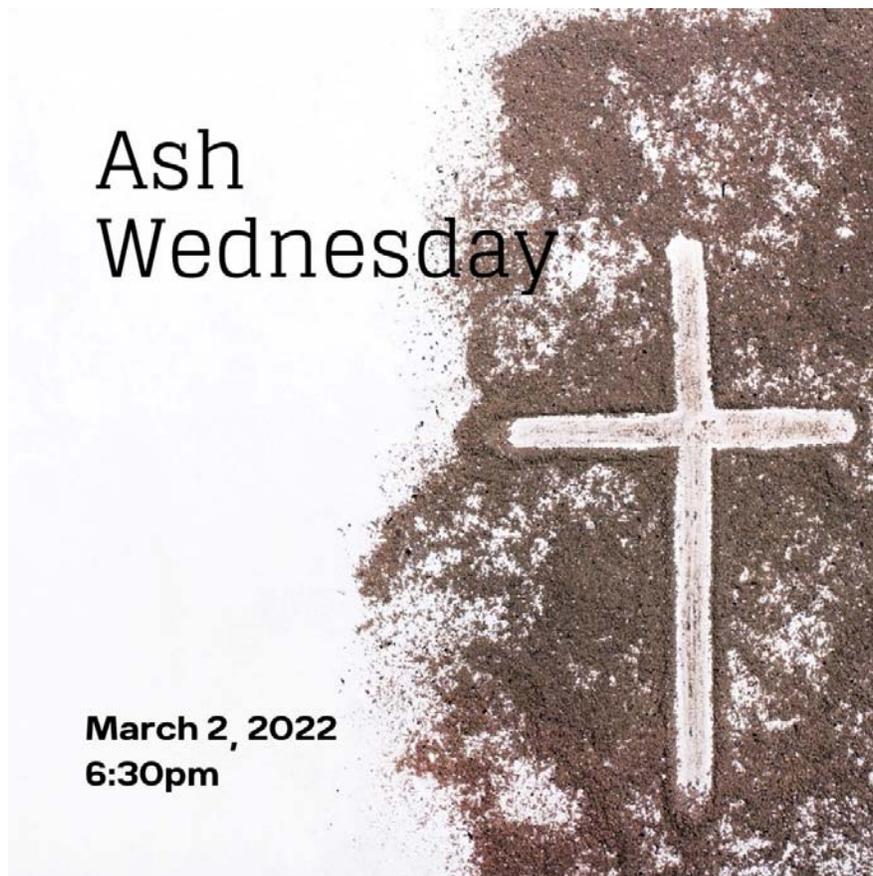


St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

# The MESSENGER

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## **Sunday Lenten worship**

In-Person or Live Stream on Youtube.com  
**Every Sunday morning at 10am**

# March

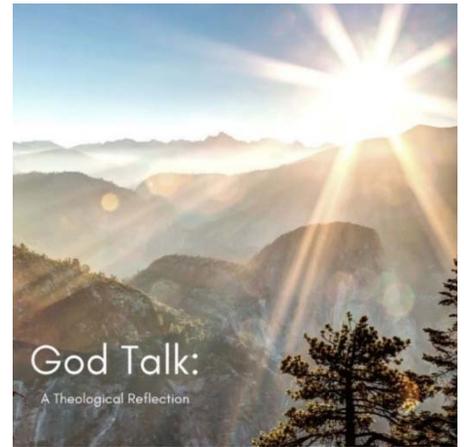
# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  6:30 pm Ash Wednesday	3	4	5 
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	15	16	17 	18 Pastor	19 vacation
20 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship <i>*April*</i> <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	21 	22 Delaney	23 is on	24	25 vacation	26 
27 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship	28	29 	30	31	Apr 1 	Apr 2

## God Talk

In November, just before the ground froze, I dug holes and planted allium. Adding to the collection I began a couple years ago, I dug small, deep holes, and pressed the cold mud over top of the beautiful, alien, onion-shaped treasures into the earth of my small backyard. My garden beds are filled with hidden hopes, hidden bulbs, secreted away in the fall, waiting for the moment when they will peek their heads above the ground, tender green shoots protruding from warm, wet earth. I think about those bulbs a lot, and I have thought about them more over the last year than ever before. And as I have considered the bulbs, the treasures waiting in the ground outside, living through the heavy, cold winter, defiantly emerging in the spring, I have thought a lot about what it feels like to be a person in the midst of the pandemic reality of the past two years. There have been so many aspects of these challenging years that have felt like heavy, cold winter: grief, chronic stress, inflation, anxiety. You may feel like a bulb, hidden in the dark, waiting for things to change, for hope to spring. Perhaps you know someone who feels that way.

Wherever you find yourself these days, I for one am grateful for the change in season. Lent is a time when we are reconnected to our source, our gardener, the one who



lovingly tends creation, reassures us that the challenges of life don't last forever, and that the hope of resurrection is trustworthy and sure. This year, as we watch the first shoots of spring emerge above the soil, I hope you might recognize something of yourself, and our culture, and our world, coming back to life, filled with the hopefulness of new growth, and the assurance that spring always follows winter, and even when things feel heavy and cold, the thaw is coming.

-Pastor Delaney

## **Vacation**

Pastor Delaney will be away on vacation from Friday 3/18-Saturday 3/26. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact Vicar Charlotte at 937-554-6893 or [clinberry001@luthersem.edu](mailto:clinberry001@luthersem.edu)





## **RIC Corner:** TRANSfiguration

We commemorated Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop on February 27, the last Sunday before Lent. In the gospel reading from Luke 9, we read that Jesus'

face changes its appearance, and God speaks from a cloud to say "This is my Son, my chosen!"

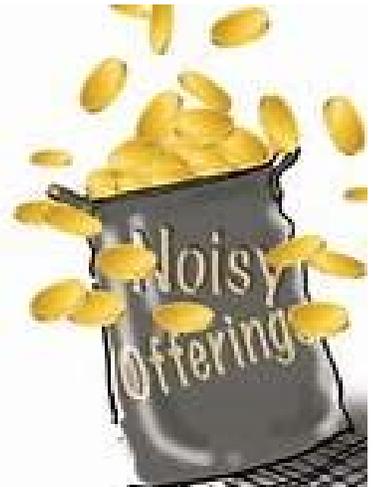
Did you know that many Christians in the LGBT+ community find affirmation and solidarity in this reading? There are many parallels between Jesus' transfiguration and the *coming out* process that many people experience. Jesus chooses a few trusted friends to show them his true self; God responds to affirm Jesus' identity and to say that God is proud of who Jesus is. This is not a story about Jesus becoming someone or something else, it's a story of Jesus revealing who he truly is.

In the same way, many of our siblings in Christ, myself included, have been through a journey of discovering and revealing to the world who they really are. We may start by telling only a few trusted friends, then a few more, before being bold enough to share our true selves with the whole world. I pray that those of you on that journey will find joy in revealing your true self, and that those of you blessed to be part of that journey with a sibling in Christ will join in with their joy and respond in love. We hear God respond, "this is my beloved child, my chosen!"

~Vicar Charlotte

# NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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



## ***Lutheran Disaster Response***

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

- ~ U.S. Wildfires
- ~ Hurricane Response
- ~ U.S. Flooding
- ~ Middle East Crisis
- ~ Afghan Humanitarian Crisis
- ~ Asia-Pacific Disaster Response
- ~ Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- ~ Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis
- ~ AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors
- ~ U.S. Tornadoes
- ~ Haiti Crisis
- ~ U.S. Severe Storms
- ~ South Sudan Relief

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

# SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## March 6 – 27

<p><b><u>March 6</u></b></p> <p>Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p><b><u>March 13</u></b></p> <p>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17--4:1 Luke 13:31-35</p>
<p><b><u>March 20</u></b></p> <p>Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9</p>	<p><b><u>March 27</u></b></p> <p>Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</p>

### *Quote~*

“Life is March weather,  
savage and serene in one hour.”

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# **Lent 2022**

Ash Wednesday: March 2

6:30pm

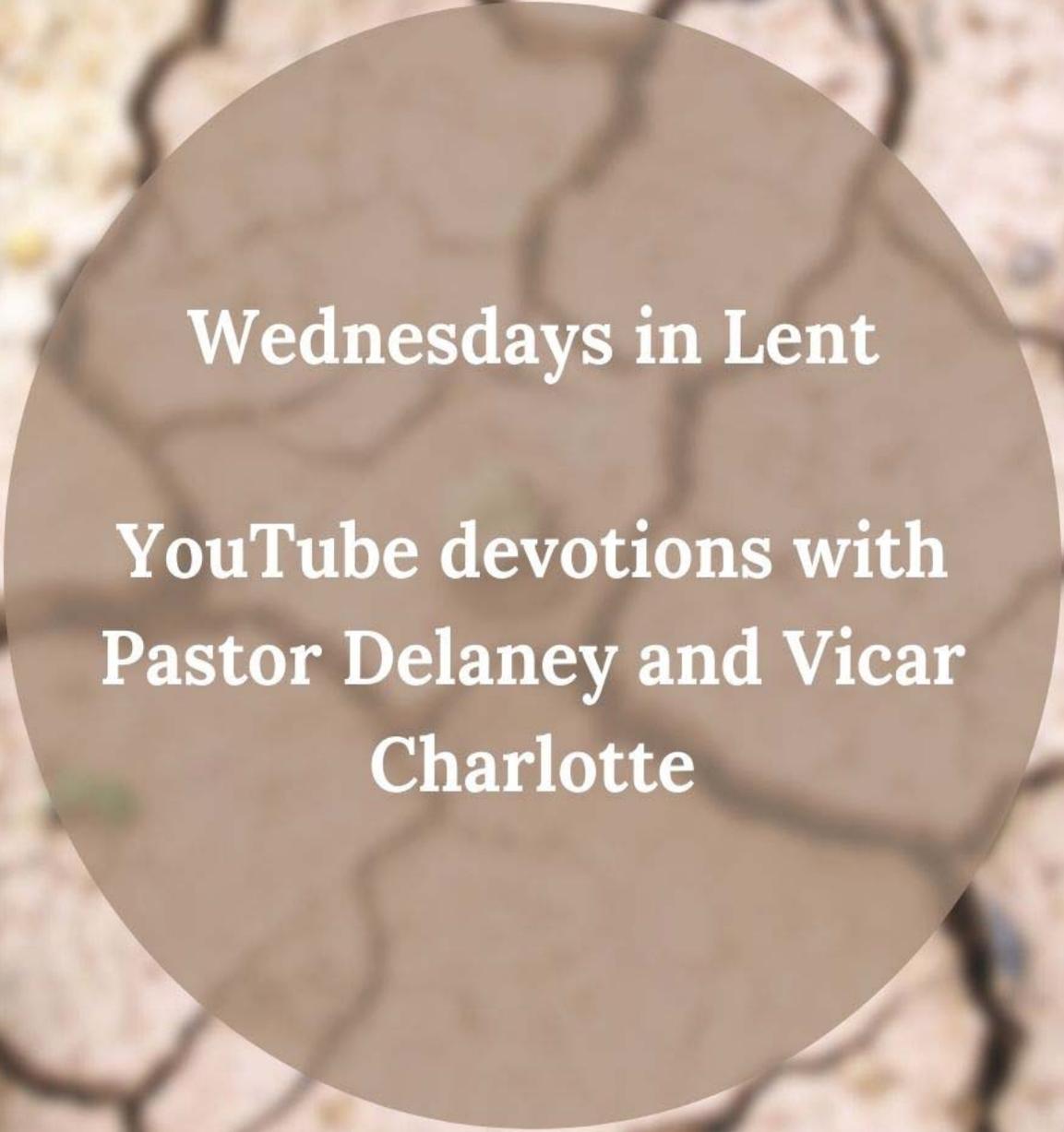
Sunday Worship: 10am

Holy Week Details to come

**All worship in person and  
online!**

## **Lenten Worship**

This season, we will join together for worship on Sundays at 10am in person and online, with a special evening worship service at 6:30pm on Ash Wednesday (March 2), as well as Holy Week Services to be announced!



**Wednesdays in Lent**

**YouTUBE devotions with  
Pastor Delaney and Vicar  
Charlotte**



**Easter Flowers Orders** – Once again we have teamed up with Mileager's in Racine for potted Easter plants. Lily, daffodil, hyacinth and tulip plants are \$12 each. New this year are azaleas for \$20 and hydrangeas for \$24. Ordering deadline is **Wednesday, March 9, 2022.**

Choose from: ~ Lily (white) ~ Daffodil (Yellow)  
\$12.00 each ~ Hyacinth - colors: blue, pink, assorted  
~ Tulip - colors: lavender, pink, red, assorted

*Azaleas = \$20 pink, red, white, assorted*

*Hydrangeas=\$24 blue, pink, assorted*

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or please email the church office at [StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com](mailto:StPaulsMKE@yahoo.com) with your name and phone number along with which plant(s) you would like to order.

*Lilies are toxic to cats and kittens. Let's protect our furry friends.*

## **Happy Belated Birthday to Larry Schulz!**

Due to a clerical error, Larry Schulz's birthday of February 16<sup>th</sup> was missing from the Birthday Announcements in the February Messenger. I apologize for this error and wish Larry the happiest of belated birthdays!

- Dianne Polinske, editor



## In Sympathy...

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Verna Heiges who passed away on February 7 just shy of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (February 22). Verna was a long-time member where, before her illness, was involved in many activities here in the life of St. Paul's. Verna's funeral was held last weekend. She was 89.



## Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Howard Voelz
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dennis Benjamin
- 17<sup>th</sup> William Carter
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sue Milhans
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mark Voelz
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mike Moylan
- 31<sup>st</sup> Matt Prahlow



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## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: March 2022

	March 2 Ash Wednesday	March 6 Lent 1	March 13 Lent 2	March 20 Lent 3	March 27 Lent 4
Assisting Minister	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day
Usher Team	3	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Kurt and Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Judy Gilbertson	Mary Klug or Mark Van Engen	Tim Kitzman	Matt Prahlow	Mary Ellen Voelz
Communion Type	Traditional	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz
Counting Team	~	4	1	2	3
Live Stream	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen	Elaine Disbro	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen