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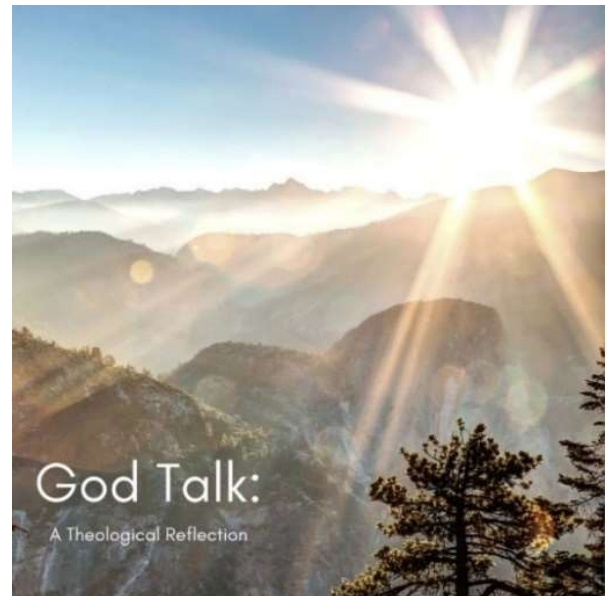
**Farewell Pastor Delaney,  
Pastor Matt and Milo**

Sunday, February, 18, 2024

**Join us for fellowship following the 10am Worship Service**

## God Talk

*“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” -Philippians 1:3-5*



As I sat down to write my final “God Talk” article to all of you, these words from Paul sprang to mind. He opens the letter to his friends and associates at Philippi with these words, and I find that they echo my own feelings these days. I have spent the last few weeks thinking about all the ways we have experienced God’s joy, fun, love, and hope together, and I find myself filled to the brim with gratitude for the ways that we have “shared in the gospel from the first day until now.” St. Paul’s is a special place---this congregation is filled with radical warmth and hospitality for all who enter. I have been so pleased to notice the relationships that exist across generations, socioeconomic status, gender, race, and sexuality in my time here. Surely God is present and active here in this place, and the Holy Spirit has knit you together into one beautiful, diverse body of Christ.

As I prepare to leave you and head to my new call at Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Florissant, MO I want to take a moment to tell you what I know. I know that God is

good and God is faithful; I know that we have been called together into a beautiful relationship over these past five years; I know that I will always remember what I learned here, and I know that God is calling St. Paul's into new pathways of ministry going forward. I am so grateful for the experience of being your pastor; I love each of you, and I thank God every time I think of you, praying for you all with joy in my heart, and giving thanks for all the ways we have shared in the gospel from the first day until now.

- Pastor Delaney

## February Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Polinske

3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Moylan

6<sup>th</sup> Kim Bromberek

8<sup>th</sup> Steve Day

9<sup>th</sup> Gretchen Pearson

11<sup>th</sup> Mary Klug

12<sup>th</sup> Mike Polinske

16<sup>th</sup> Larry Schulz

26<sup>th</sup> Rev. David Redman

27<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Carter



# ANNUAL MEETING



**Mark your calendars** and stick around after worship on Sunday, January 28, for our annual congregational meeting. A Zoom option will be available for those who aren't able to attend in

person. We will be accepting nominations and voting on the following slate of officers.

Accepting Nominations are:

President: Michael Polinske

Secretary: Alyssa Gluth

Board of Properties: Bob Bromberek

Board of Parish Education & Youth: Sarah Micheel

Open for Nominations are:

Board of Parish Life: OPEN

Board of Worship & Music: OPEN

**Bible Study** Join us for Bible Study in the memorial Suite Sundays at 8:30am. All are welcome! We will continue our reading through the Gospel of Mark.



# Five Finger Prayer

Thank you to Ernst Weil for sharing this with us!

1 Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis said, a “sweet duty.”



2 The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This included teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3 The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, prime minister, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.

4 The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray enough for them.

5 And lastly comes our little finger – the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the bible says, ‘The least shall be the greatest among you.’ Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



## 2024 Outreach for Hope Super Bowl Food Drive

As we kick off that time-honored tradition of celebrating the best football teams of the year at the Big Game, we'd like to ask you to join Team OFH for our annual

Super Bowl Food Drive!

Over 150,000 people in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Waukesha Counties are food insecure (Feeding America). That's almost enough people to fill Lambeau Field twice over! Would you consider sharing food with people in our community who are struggling to feed their families?

Ways to Give:

Bring any of the specific food items listed below to worship on Sunday, February 4th and 11th. We will share what is collected with our Ministry Partners at All Peoples Lutheran Church.

Canned ravioli, spaghetti sauce & jelly (not in glass), spam, pancake mix, and syrup. Soup is also a good option.

Monetary donations are always welcomed. Make checks payable to St. Paul's and designate OFH Super Bowl Food Drive. Other donation options are available. Please visit OFH at <https://outreachforhope.org/superbowl/> This included using their Amazon Wish List, or making a direct donation to Outreach for Hope.



## **Black History Month 2024**

This month we celebrate Black History Month! As we honor the history of Black Americans and reflect on the legacy of so many throughout history, we will take a moment in worship each

week to explore Black history and theology. Join us in worship, and spend some time learning about Black history on your own. Frequent some Black-owned businesses and restaurants here in the city, and give thanks for all the contributions of African Americans!

## **NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION**

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

### *OFH Super Bowl Food Drive*

In connection with our Board of Outreach and Social Ministry, this month, we will be supporting Outreach for Hope's Super Bowl Food Drive. For more information on this and OFH in general, please visit their website. <https://outreachforhope.org/superbowl/>



## **RIC Corner**

This month, we will celebrate Valentine's Day—a holiday all about romantic love! So, what could be better than an opportunity to give thanks for all the ways people are wonderfully made to be in relationship with each other? We believe that God has created all people with intentionality and love and called us all “good.” As we prepare to celebrate, why not take a moment to get familiar with the different ways people express their love by exploring the Human Rights Campaign's “Glossary of Terms”



<https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

## **Congratulations!**

*Congratulations to Jon Polinske and Rachel Weidenbach as they were married on Jan. 13, 2024 in a private ceremony. Jon is the brother of Salem Polinske, the son of Mike and Dianne Polinske and the grandson of Wayne Ringwolski.*





## **Ash Wednesday**

We will gather for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30pm. All are welcome as we begin the journey into Lent.



**Wednesday, February 14**  
**6:30pm**  
**in person and online**

# February

# 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study &amp; Zoom 10am Worship</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
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<p>8:30am Bible Study &amp; Zoom 10am Worship</p>		<p>7pm Council</p>	<p>6:30pm Ash Weds Worship</p>			
<p>18 Lent 1</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study &amp; Zoom 10am Worship *Farewell to Pastor Delaney*</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>10am March Messenger Deadline</p>						
<p>25 Lent 2</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study &amp; Zoom 10am Worship</p>	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	Mar 2
						

# SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## February 4 – 25, 2024

<p><u>February 4</u></p> <p>Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39</p>	<p><u>February 11</u></p> <p>2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9</p>
<p><u>February 18</u></p> <p>Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15</p>	<p><u>February 25</u></p> <p>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-24 Matthew 8:31-38</p>

*Quote -*

“You can’t stay in your corner of the Forest  
waiting for others to come to you.

You have to go to them sometimes.”

— *Piglet*, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A.A. Milne



2024 TOGETHER IN MISSION

**Greater Milwaukee Synod:  
Together in Mission – February 10, 2024**

Ascension Lutheran – Waukesha  
1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha, 53188  
8:00am to 3:00pm

Join us for Together in Mission, our synod's annual learning gathering for lay and rostered leaders! This year, we return to our popular workshop format. Together we will worship, celebrate our partnership in the Gospel, and learn together on a variety of ministry topics. The cost is \$25. For more information visit the synod website <https://milwaukeeesyndod.org/event/together-in-mission/>



**February Anniversary**  
14<sup>th</sup> Earl and Ethel Walter



## Look Who's 80!

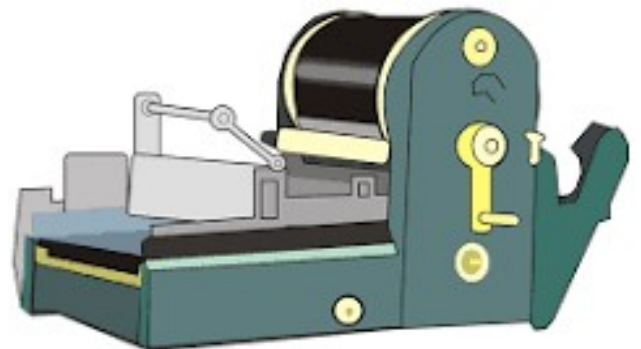
Did you ever notice the numbers next to the month and year of each edition of the Messenger? For those of you playing along at home, the "Vol." stands for the volume or the number of years the publication has been circulated and the "No." stands for the

number of issues that has been published during that year. Last month, our little monthly newsletter known as The Messenger turned 80 years old!

I called upon the first person I could think of to give us some fun facts about the Messenger and a little bit of her years working as its editor: our very own Ethel Walter. Ethel said that it was Pastor E.H. Stoltz who began writing the monthly newsletter all those years ago. "He wrote the articles himself and had it printed at a printer on glossy 11x14 paper that was then folded in half." Ethel said during our conversation. She also mentioned that she was the church secretary for a while and she somehow was transferred into the job of creating, editing and printing the Messenger. Ethel held the editorial job of the Messenger for 13 years!

During that time, Ethel typed up the articles and pages on a typewriter and printed it on a mimeograph machine that was housed in the church office which is now the Resource Room, the small space outside of Pastor's office.

A mimeograph machine was a low-cost duplicating machine that worked by forcing ink through a stencil onto paper. It was popular in the 70's and early 80's before



smaller office printers were affordable. Ethel began adding graphics to the Messenger by actually cutting out pictures and words from the mimeograph company's literature that they sent out and pasting them to the page before mimeographing.

In the early 1990s, when Louisa Hoessel was our church secretary, Louisa was looking for additional working hours and with council approval, the Messenger duties were shifted to the church secretary. During Louisa's 20 years behind the desk, and armed with an office printer, Louisa created the smaller size and look of the yellow covered Messenger you may be holding right now.

As 2024 unfolds, watch for more fun and interesting tidbits from the last 80 years of The Messenger! Until then, let's look at 1944, the first year that the Messenger was published and some fun facts. -Dianne Polinske

~ postage stamp was 3 cents

~ a movie ticket was 32 cents

~ average income \$2,400

~ gallon of gas, 21 cents

~ dozen eggs, 64 cents

~ new house, \$3,450

On the radio...

"The Trolley Song" by Judy Garland

"You Always Hurt the One You Love" The Mills Brothers

"Besame Mucho" Jimmy Dorsey

"I Love You" & "Swinging on a Star" Bing Crosby

World Series Winner: St. Louis Cardinals

NFL Champions: Green Bay Packers

Golf Masters was not played due to the World War 2

Slang phrases:

~ Ace: top notch expert

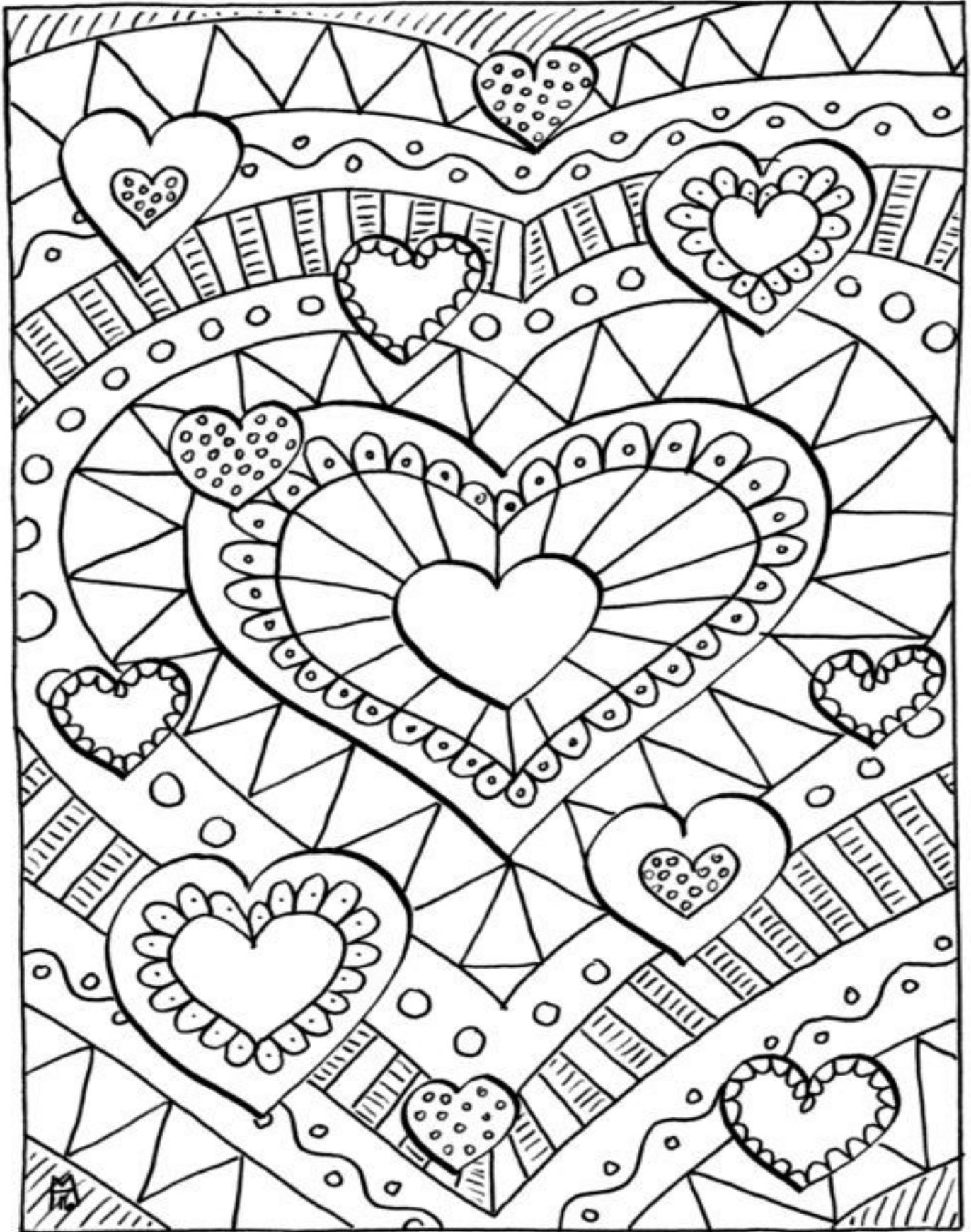
~ *Flip your lid*: to get angry

In theaters:

Double Indemnity, Gaslight, Lifeboat, and Henry V

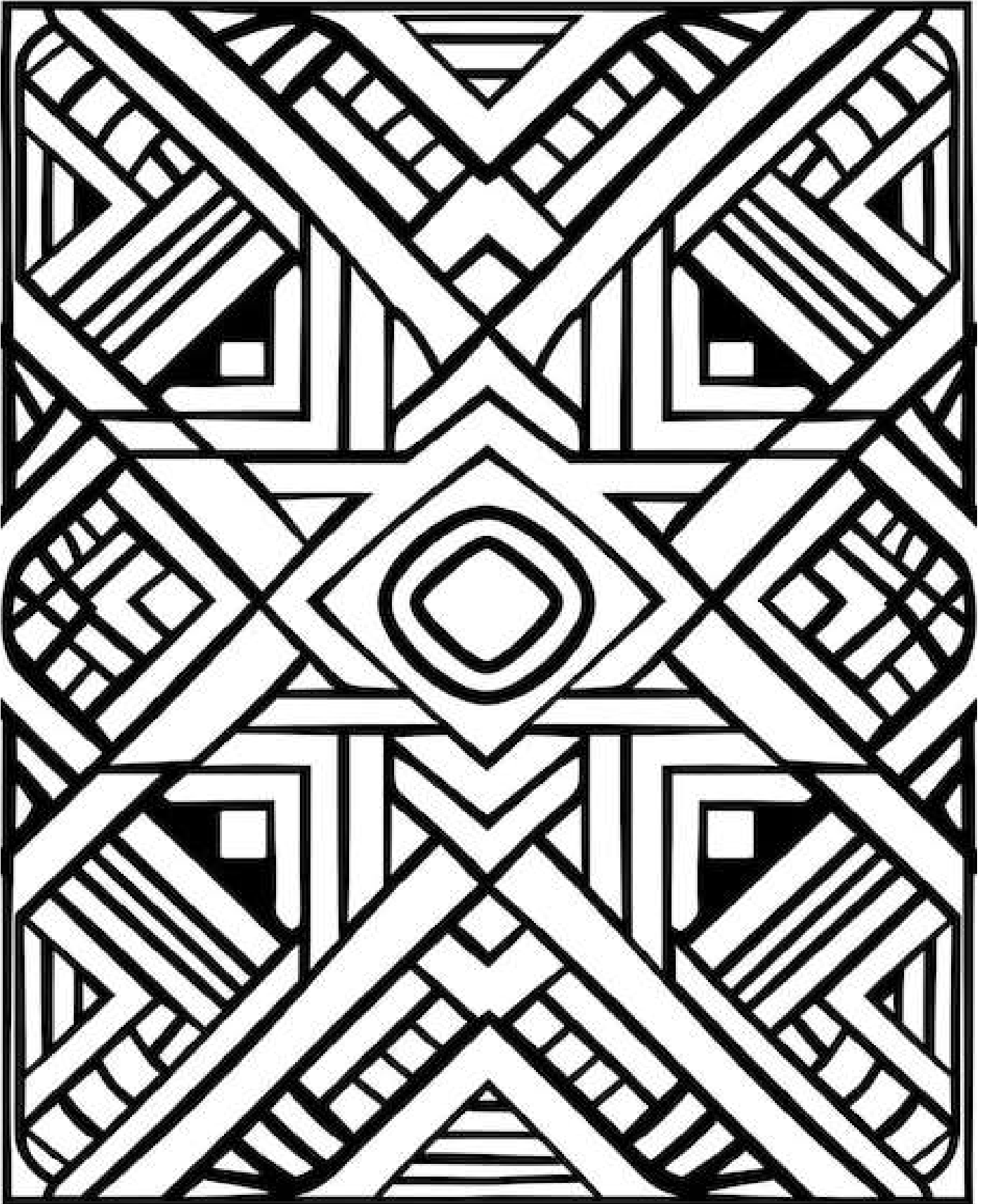
## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: February 2024

	February 4 Epiphany 5	February 11 Transfiguration	February 14 Ash Wednesday	February 18 Lent 1	February 25 Lent 2
Assisting Minister	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day		Sarah Micheel	Jeri Jende
Usher Team	3	4		1	2
Altar Guild	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel		Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Kurt & Judy Ruehrmund
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek		Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson		Tim Kitzman	Mary Klug
Communion Type	Continuous	Continuous		Continuous	Continuous
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen		Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Close	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz		Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Counting Team	1	2		3	4
Live Stream Team	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen



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