

From the Pastor: Valentine's Day

Feb. 10, 2023

Valentine's Day is nearby, which means love is in the air. While most couples minds will have intimate dinners and romantic getaways. Valentine's Day suggests, the holiday originated as a Christian feast day honoring three early martyrs named St. Valentine also referred to as the feast of Saint Valentine, originating in Christian and ancient Roman tradition. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus. Though the patron saint is shrouded in mystery they died after being executed by Claudius II. The history of Saint Valentine's Day is fascinating and well worth learning about.

There are two prevailing theories regarding the origin of Valentine's Day. Some believe its namesake was a priest in ancient Rome who conducted marriage ceremonies in secret after they were outlawed by Emperor Claudius II, others think St. Valentine of Terni inspired the holiday. St. Valentine thought Claudius II was unjust to outlaw men who wanted to marry. He felt that unmarried men who were single made better soldiers. Thus, finding out that Valentinus married young men in secret Claudius II executed all three St. Valentines martyring them. These men loved the LORD and made a special day for a feast to acknowledge our Savior's love to us on February 14 and those we love. May everyone enjoy the love for their beloved wives, husbands, boy-friends, and girlfriends as you all celebrate Valentine's Day, expressing Jesus' love; his greatest gift to us.

Summer Church Service:

Session voted on changing service time to 10:00 AM during the summer months. The service time will change the 1st Sunday after Memorial Day which is Sunday, June 4th until the 1st Sunday after Labor Day which is Sunday, September 10th when it will return to 10:30 AM for worship service.

February Birthdays

6	Ila Burriss
8	Bob Glasgow
9	Julene Van Dyke
11	Irene Leonard
12	Dr. Jeffrey Harris
12	Eric Miles
12	Mark Powell
15	Mary Heckman
18	Jonathon Hundt
19	Dan Stinson
19	Kellee Byard
20	Lena Brown
	Adlynn Mae Nagy
22	Patrick Bodell
23	Tina Shepherd
25	Rachel Emmons
25	Toni Emmons
28	Cerise Dixon
	Lynne Strandberg



Ash Wednesday Service:

Ash Wednesday service. The service will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM, this is also a communion service.

Friendship Folders:

Please remember on Sunday during the offering to pass the friendship folder. We are seeing new faces attending every week and this is a way to follow up sending out a welcome card to greet them to our church.

Deacons Super Bowl Sub Sale:

Remember to pick up your order after service on Sunday, February 12th Super Bowl Sunday! This is a free will offering.

Session Meeting Results:

On Thursday, February 9th session voted Kathy Craven as our new Clerk of Session, Lauren Emmons and Lori Curtis were named as co-chairs for our Worship committee. Kathryn Lawter will be on the Finance and House Committee.

Sunday School Volunteers:

Our Christian Education committee needs volunteers to teach Sunday School. If you are interested in helping teaching our Children's Sunday School please contact TJ Craven.

Per Capita:

Please remember to pay your Per Capita for this year. The church just sent the per capita in for our membership. The cost per member is \$29.77. You can find a Per Capita envelope in your offering envelope

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. Hal Shafer	Faith Nurse Linda Hamilton
Office Admin. Linda Warren	Music Director TBD
Custodian Team Work of Lapeer	Organist Katherine Nold

Please Pray For...

Joe Adamson (Shirley Adamson's son)
Sharon Walker
Bob Barber
Chuck Hale
Delores Downey
Jane Waldrup
Lincoln Jeffers (Shirley Adamson's nephew)
Gary Robertson (Carol Lenneman's brother)
Bart Gentsch (Kim Herderich's father)
Daniel Braun (Sue DeView's grandson)
Betty Gamblin
Ricky Cummings (Beth McLeod's sister)
Julie McKenna (Mike Mosher's sister)
Wanda Knapp
Corey Lovell (Wanda Knapp's grandson)
Ruth Stover Lange
Sydney Petrie Kotarski (Cerise Dixon's sister)
Natalie Riewe
David McKim (Sam McKim's son)
Alan Bouren (Linda Warren's friend)
Ernest Benson (Director Lapeer Meals)



Making Connections

Office Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm
Pastor Hal's Hours T-F, 9am-2pm

Pews News Deadline: If you want your news item in Pews News, please submit your info the Wednesday before the next issue.

Going Deeper: To learn about becoming a Christian or a member here, please contact our office.

Per Capita 2023: \$29.77

Attendance:

01-29-2023—49 Adults / 0 Children
02-05-2023—65 Adults / 6 Children

Session & Committees

Bob Rowden (Missions)
Scott Placeway (Health Min)
Kathryn Lawter (House—
Finance)
Mike Mosher (House)
Kathy Craven (Session Clerk)
Bob Glasgow (Personnel)
Barbara Skirmants (Finance)
TJ Craven (Christian Ed.)
Lauren Emmons (Co - Chair
Worship)
Lori Curtis (Co-Chair Wor-
ship)

Deacons

Chris Dungey
Toni Emmons
Deb Moore
Darlene Placeway
Carol Jaeger
Francis Pitts
Nancy Pitts
Kim Herderich
Virginia Harris
Julene Van Dyke

Other Ministry Leaders

Scott Bodell (Ushers)
Carol Jaeger (Pres. Women)
Co Moderators (Faith Circle)