

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP = FIESTA! — Ascension Lutheran Church and RPC are co-sponsoring a Taco Dinner fundraiser benefitting Refugee One on Saturday, February 23 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Ascension Church, 400 Nuttall Road, for the next refugee or refugee family that we will co-sponsor. Tickets are available in the RPC church office. Adult tickets are \$12.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$5.00.

CHOCOLATE FOR LENT - Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together, please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE - Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes.

In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion. Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP on Sunday, February 24, 6:30 pm at the home of Dale and Dennis, 2505 Keystone Avenue, North Riverside, for an Academy Award viewing party! Please bring your favorite snack inspired by a nominated movie (if you feel creative) and something to drink.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **February 24 – The Lord's Prayer, March 3 – Woman at the Well**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!

DEACONS POTLUCK — Deb Jansky and the Deacons are hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 17. Get your green on and join us. Please bring your favorite dish to pass to celebrate the Irish and St Patrick's Day.

CARERS CORNER FEBRUARY— The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

TREASURER AWAY—Ellen will be out of the country looking for Bengal tigers March 3-25. Don't worry, she's already paid the light and heat bills!

PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR —The Raffle and Book Fair will run from Thursday, February 28 through Wednesday, March 6. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open, and the raffle baskets will be on display at the Riverside Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 2 during the Scout Pancake Breakfast and Sunday morning, March 3 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 6. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list is in the office and on the bulletin board.

PRESCHOOL NEWS — February is all about kindness and love! We'll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences. Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED —Although the Deacons supervise Coffee Fellowship insofar as making sure beverage supplies are available and sponsoring periodic potlucks, the responsibility for providing anything other than beverages for Coffee Fellowship belongs to the entire congregation. If you want fellowship, please take a turn – it doesn't need to be fancy or enough to make a lunch. Store-bought or homemade, it doesn't matter — it's all a welcome treat during this social hour.

URGENT REQUEST: Companions Journeying Together MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles, so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by Sunday, March 3.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS—Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the church office.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY —The next church work day will be Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale's office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Ushers: Elizabeth Musick and Gwen Heine

Andrew Minister: Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Fred Kitch and Cyril Friend

Flowers are given in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser's birthday, from Fred Kitch.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Mission Committee.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/24

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting

3:00 pm The Boulevard

Tuesday, 2/26

6:30 am Men's Forum

11:15 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 2/27

10:00 am Women's Circle for Fellowship and Study

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 2/28

6:30 am Women's Forum

Saturday, 3/2

7:00 am Scout Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, 3/3

9:00 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Open Gym

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata