## Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



Most years I burn the previous year's palm branches to make ash for Ash Wednesday. The sign and symbol of our need for constant renewal is too good for me to resist. It has long been the tradition of the church to do so.

But this year, the wind has never been calm enough for long enough for me to feel I can do it safely, so I haven't. We will use a previous year's ash this year. I miss the smell of the burning leaves, which smell so different from other kinds of smoke. But the thing about burning leaves to make ash is that you don't need much. The pile of leaves becomes a small bowl of ashes. But I only need a handful of ash for everyone's forehead.

Part of Lent's message is about getting rid of the things you don't need, that draw you away from what you do. If the process of winnowing down from a pile to a bowl to a handful leaves you with what is truly necessary, then it is a good and useful process, emblematic of our Lenten journey.

This Lent, if you look to remove something from your life, make sure it's something that draws you away from God, something unnecessary, so that you might be drawn closer to God.

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MISSION STATEMENT
We covenant ourselves to gather around Word and Sacrament for mutual support and strength in Christ, that by God's grace we:
Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom
Nurture the community through Christian Education Provide settings for Christian fellowship, and Equip the membership to be Christ's servant people within God's world.

| $8^{\text {th }}$ | Tonya Morrison |  |
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| $11^{\text {th }}$ | Dawn McKee |  |
| $19^{\text {th }}$ | Tifanie Ehde |  |
| $21^{\text {st }}$ | Coan Price |  |
| $26^{\text {th }}$ | Terry Lubeck |  |
| $30^{\text {th }}$ | Hollee Bosch | $10^{\text {th }}$ |
|  | Kara Mattern |  |
| $31^{\text {st }}$ | Amy Windmeier |  |
|  | Shawn Morris |  |




## Woody and Karen Shore $* 57$ years 

Filling Backpacks for the weekend backpack program at the old Junior High School.



MARCH 31, 2019
6.30 PM

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## $9519^{\text {TH }}$ ST. $^{2}$

Weyc inviting everyone (No matter what church you go to) to come \& worship \& praise God in music \& song.

If you or your church have a special tallent (soloist, cluet, choiry instrumental, etc.) come share with us \& let's sing all our favorite hymns together:

We are doing this on a rotating schedule at different host churches.
If your church would like to host sometime, just call 322-9101

## REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Sponsored by the Ministerial Association

MARCH SERVERS


| SUN | MUN |  | VVED | IHU | FRI | SAT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 <br> MEN'S BREAKFAST <br> AT TASTY <br> TREATS <br> 7:30 AM |
| 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAIZE 7:45 PM | 4 | 5 <br> SHROVE TUESDAY <br> @ ALL SAINTS <br> 5:30 PM | 6 <br> ASH WEDNESDAY <br> SERVICE 6:30 PM <br> CHOIR | 7 | 8 | 9 <br> SET <br> CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR |
| 10 <br> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME <br> SUNDAY SCHOOL <br> TAIZE 7:45 PM | 11 | $12$ <br> PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM | 13 <br> BIBLE STUDY <br> 2:00 PM <br> SOUP \& SERVICE <br> 5:30 PM <br> CHOIR | 14 <br> COUNCIL <br> MEETING <br> 7:00 PM | 15 | 16 |
| $17$ <br> SUNDAY SCHOOL <br> TAIZE <br> 7:45 PM | 18 <br> KIDS <br> SPRING <br> BREAK <br> TILL <br> 22ND | 19 <br> DIAPER DAY 9:00 <br> AM <br> WELCA B-DAY <br> LUNCH @ 11:30 AM <br> PRAISE BAND <br> 5:30 PM <br> WORSHIP <br> COMMITTEE <br> 6:30 PM | 20 <br> BIBLE STUDY <br> 2:00 PM <br> SOUP \& SERVICE <br> 5:30 PM <br> CHOIR | 21 | 22 | 23 <br> 11:00 AM TO <br> 3:00 PM IN <br> THERMOPO <br> LIS IS THE <br> BISHOP <br> RETREAT |
| 24 <br> INTER- <br> GENERATIONAL <br> SUNDAY SCHOOL <br> TAIZE 7:45 PM | 25 | 26 <br> PRAISE BAND <br> 6:00 PM | 27 <br> BIBLE STUDY <br> 2:00 PM <br> SOUP \& SERVICE <br> 5:30 PM <br> CHOIR | 28 | 39 | 30 |
| 31 <br> MUSIC <br> FELLOWSHIP <br> 6:30 PM @ FIRST <br> CHRISTIAN <br> CHURCH |  |  |  |  |  |  |

