

NATIVITY NEWS – MARCH 2025



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.



IS MADE FOR PANCAKES

The Fellowship Committee at Nativity will host a pancake dinner on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for Nativity and Ascension.

All food will be provided- all we need is YOU, your family and friends. Please give the committee a headcount by signing the attendance sheet in the narthex or contacting Ruth Burgess at 601-573-5215.

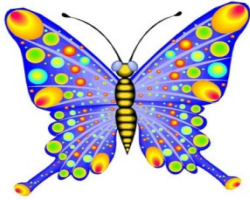


ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE STARTS OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Please plan to attend here with Rev. Ricky James on Wednesday, March 5th at 7 PM.



Starting on March 12th, Nativity will be joining Ascension in Jackson on Wednesday Evenings for Lenten suppers at 6:15 PM and services at 7:00 PM.



Spring is in the air!

As we head into spring, we begin to see new life; butterflies, flowers and sunshine! Please catch a butterfly for the Center for Violence Protection women's and children's shelter. Nativity is one of the shelter's few resources for day-to-day paper/laundry/cleaning supply needs.

Please bring the needed item listed on your butterfly to church by Sunday, March 30th. Thank you for your generosity!



Order Your Easter Lily by April 6th - Order forms will be in the pews and on the table in the narthex by March 9th. Just place your order form in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one with the \$11.00 lily payment in the offering plate.



March & April Birthdays

Cassandra Braband	3/01
Joe Hunt	3/01
Renate Hunt	3/10
Dave Braband	3/10
Pastor Scott	3/24
Derek Stevens	3/27
Bud Weisser	4/01
Barb Balsley	4/02
James Thatch	4/02
Carol Gallagher	4/04

Anniversaries

Keith & Pat Anderson	3/10
Tommy & Lynn Templeton	3/25
Joe & Renate Hunt	4/06
Dan & Jan Behringer	4/22

If you wish to participate, please look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex and provide your birthday and/or anniversary **month & day only** by your name so we can wish you a **Happy Day!**

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to All !!



Nativity Prayer List

Please pray for: Marlyn Hatten, Ned Balsley, the Hampe family, Barbara Barnes, Chuck Bentler, Gene Burgess, The Wheeler's, Denise Wilcox & family and Fran Johns.

MARCH 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Service with Holy Communion
- March 4 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – 6 PM
- March 5 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- March 9 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Service with Holy Communion
Daylight Saving time begins
- March 11 10:00 AM Ladies Coffee & Devotional
- March 12 6:15 PM Lenten Supper & Service
at Ascension in Jackson
- March 16 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Service with Holy Communion
- March 19 6:15 PM Lenten Supper & Service
at Ascension in Jackson
- March 23 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Service with Holy Communion
Church Council Meeting following the service
- March 25 10:00 AM Ladies Coffee & Devotional
- March 26 6:15 PM Lenten Service and Supper
at Ascension in Jackson
- March 30 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Service with Holy Communion

NLC March, 2025 Volunteer List for Services

March 2

Kitchen – Ruth Burgess
Greeters –Kathy Peters
Ushers – K. Anderson/T. Templeton
Lector – Sandy Bettiga
Comm. Asst. – Cindy Braatz
Nursery – Lynn Templeton
Counters – K. Anderson/ L.Templeton
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

March 9

Kitchen – Ellie Halverson
Greeters – Ann Mc Clellan
Ushers – Stephan Braatz/Geoff Hampe
Lector – Beau Bettiga
Comm. Asst. – Keith Anderson
Nursery – Lynn Templeton
Counters – TBD
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

March 23

Kitchen – Ellie Halverson
Greeters – Renate Hunt
Ushers – Kathy Peters/Mitch Leavell
Lector – Joe Hunt
Comm. Asst. – Joe Hunt
Nursery – Lynn Templeton
Counters – Cindy Braatz/Sue Caldwell
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Kitchen – NA
Greeters – Matthew Templeton
Ushers – Halverson Family
Lector – Rick Kirby
Comm. Asst. – Rick Kirby
Nursery – Pamela Kirby
Counters – Leavell Family
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

March 16

Kitchen – Kathy Peters
Greeters – Kerri Hampe
Ushers – Tony Caldwell/ Rick Kirby
Lector – Cindy Braatz
Comm. Asst. – David Braband
Nursery – Pamela Kirby
Counters – K. Peters/B. Barnes
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

March 30

Kitchen – Ruth Burgess
Greeters – Tommy Templeton
Ushers – Halverson Family
Lector – Rick Kirby
Comm. Asst. – Rick Kirby
Nursery – Pamela Kirby
Counters – K. Anderson/ L. Templeton
Altar Care – Dorothy Leavell

If you cannot serve on the dates shown, please try to swap with someone and let the office know of the change. Thank You.