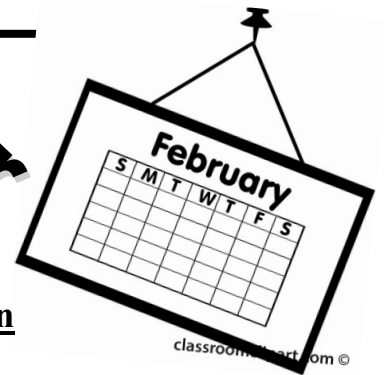


Friendly Messenger

2020



The Anniversary of Women's Ordination

2020 marks an important anniversary in the church: the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. It, of course, is a significant milestone for me as I am grateful for the obstacles that have been removed from being able to serve as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. It is also a significant celebration for the church because the church has been enriched by the addition of gifts and diversity it allows. As part of the celebration, the ELCA states that it both laments the difficulties women have faced in ministry and celebrates the gifts and service brought to the church and world. The Reverend Elizabeth Platz was the first woman of European descent to be ordained in a Lutheran Church body in the United States. She was ordained on November 22, 1970. She was a graduate of Gettysburg Seminary and worked as a lay minister at the University of Maryland – College Park prior to her ordination. She was one of few women who qualified for ordination and had an unprecedented level of support from both male clergy and seminary and synod leaders. While she faced plenty of challenges, that support of her mentors and colleagues helped her to persist. She was ordained and remained at College Park as a chaplain until she retired 47 years later. She is recognized as a symbol of advancement for women in the church, however, she clearly states that her pursuit of ordination was not a gendered effort to make a statement, but about her spiritual call to serve the gospel. It is indeed a gift to heed one's call to serve in the church.

At Churchwide Assembly this summer, a resolution was passed inviting congregations to celebrate this anniversary along with the ordination anniversaries of women of color (40 years) and LGBTQ (10 years) throughout the year. Thanks to the leadership of our Worship & Music Committee, we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. We will have three special worship services that will honor the women pastors that have served this great congregation of Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pastor Anna Merritt, Pastor Mary Louise Sitton, and I will each have a worship service to celebrate our ministries and the call upon our lives. How wonderful that Sardis has been a pioneer in this area of Catawba County!

Please mark your calendars for these special dates. The Rev. Anna Merritt, who served here from 2006-2012, will be in attendance and will preach on Sunday, April 26th. As it will be a sweet reunion, we will host a congregational lunch for her and her husband Doug after the service. This will be a good time to catch up with them and hear about their life in Montana. I am delighted that we will celebrate my ordination anniversary for a special service on Sunday, August the 16th. That is perfect timing as my first day was August 15, 2016 and my ordination service was Wednesday, August 17. And finally, The Rev. Mary Louise Sitton, who served here as Music Director from 1991 to 1999, will preach for our Homecoming Service on September 13. While serving here as Music Director, she received her call to ministry and left to attend seminary. She is currently serving in Tennessee. We will also host a congregational lunch after the service in her honor. These will be special occasions filled with memories and celebration. I pray you will plan to attend and invite family and friends!

Please also stay tuned for information about our Evening Lenten Services and activities. The Season of Lent starts this month with Ash Wednesday on February 26th at 7 pm.

Grace and peace, Pastor Adrienne

Sardis Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
December 6, 2019

PRESENT	ABSENT
Dwayne, Jane, Sherrie, Tim, Ken, Rick, Joe, Becky, Carolyn, Kathy, Bryan, Ben, Pastor Martin	Bruce, Jon

Dwayne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with current council members and new elected members in attendance. Tim had devotions and prayer.

Terry read minutes from the November Council Meeting and from the Congregational meeting.

Motion was made by Ken to accept the minutes as presented, Joe seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Dwayne; The Building Fund balance is \$5,500.05, General Fund balance for December is \$473.77 and the Cemetery Fund is \$972.69; Becky motioned to accept the Treasure's Report, Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Pastor Adrienne gave her monthly report for November and upcoming events

Visits = 21

Recap

- Steering Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 19
- Trinity Ridge Birthday Party, Wednesday, November 20
- Prayer Service, Wednesday, November 20
- Wedding Rescheduled for Linda and Terry, November 23
- Trinity Ridge, Sunday, November 24
- Confirmation Service Project, November 24
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27
- Baptismal Recognition, Sunday, December 1
- WELCA Christmas Dinner, Sunday, December 1
- Fred T. Foard Seniors Lunch at Wesley Chapel, Wednesday, December 4
- LIGHTS Conference Lunch, Thursday, December 5
- Presented to Synod Council Committee, Friday, December 6
- Confirmation at Beth Eden, December 8
- Caroling, December 8
- Council, December 8

Upcoming

- Shepherd's Dinner, Monday, December 9
- Advent Prayer Service, Wednesday, December 11
- Decorating sanctuary for Christmas, Saturday, December 14
- Cat Square Parade, Saturday, December 14
- Christmas Eve Service
 - ⇒ Prelude Music 10:15 pm
 - ⇒ Service 10:30 pm
- Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 29
 - ⇒ Vacation of Christmas week

Pastor Adrienne thanked Dwayne Whitener for the great job he had done as Council Vice Chair the past two years.

Pastor Adrienne stated that Frank and her had been planning for the Advent Season and was looking forward to the activities.

Old Business

- Ken gave an update from the Property Committee. The Property Committee still waiting to re-pave the small section in the back. Rick Lutz has put new lights in the old church sign. The water heater had to be replaced and some of the plumbing in the kitchen had to be repaired. The office has been painted and new flooring put down. The Property Committee recommended cleaning the floors and pews every 2 years or as needed. Jane motioned, Sherry seconded, motion carried.
- Dwayne reported that the Meal for Inmates approved last month had been canceled and the money returned.

New Business

- Dwayne opened the floor for nominations for officers next year. Ken nominated Joe Biggerstaff for Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, Ken motioned the nominations be closed, Tim seconded, motion carried. Joe nominated Terry for Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, Joe motioned the nominations be closed, Ken seconded, motion carried. Kathy will assist Terry if he cannot attend a meeting.
- Dwayne passed out annual assignment sheets to be finalized at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer
Submitted: Terry Bledsoe, Council Secretary

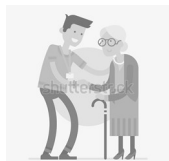
Lenten Series Schedule

The penitential Season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 26th at 7 pm. We will be marked with ashes as a reminder of our mortal life in light of God's love. On each Sunday evening of March, we will meet for Evening Lenten Services. Our theme for this Season will focus on the The Ten Commandments and God's redeeming love for the world. Each week the supper will start at 6 pm and the service will start at 7 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for families to sign up for hosting the meal. If you are interested in being a reader for the dialogue/monologue part, please contact Pastor Adrienne. Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter about our Lenten series!

VBS UPDATE

Mark Your Calendars-

"On the Farm" Community Vacation Bible School at Sardis Jun 14-18 630-8 PM.
Sardis, Plateau, Wesley Chapel and Zion are joining together to plan a fun and educational week focusing on caring for God's creation and growing both a garden and our relationship with God. If you are interested in being a "farm hand" and help with VBS, please come to the next planning meeting on Feb 18th at 7 PM



The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet in February on the 5th at Plateau Methodist. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Hymn Choir

The Sardis Hymn Choir will sing the second Sunday in February. The hymn will be “This Little Light of Mine”. We welcome you to join us in the choir room to prepare for worship at 10:15am.

Annual Meeting

February 2nd is our Annual Meeting and luncheon. Food is being catered by Norman’s Café. We are asking our Sardis members to furnish deserts. Please plan to attend and receive your copy of the 2019 Congregational Report. (one per family).

February Food Drive

The members of Sardis continue to reach out to the community to help those in need. The Women of Sardis will again be sponsoring a canned food drive for the Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM) during the month of February. Please remember those less fortunate as you are doing your grocery shopping during January and February. Placing an extra can(s) of food in your cart may seem a small sacrifice, but to needy families and individuals it’s not a small matter. Many individuals and families depend on their twice monthly pickups at ECCCM to help put food on their table. The staff and volunteers at ECCCM attempt to help each client meet the nutrition needs based on interviews and documentation.

The schedule for our collection is:

Sunday, February 2nd – FRUIT

Sunday, February 9th – VEGETABLES

Sunday, February 16th – MEAT

Sunday, February 23rd – PASTA

It has been brought to our attention that Peanut Butter has become a need for ECCCM. Due to this information, we are adding a 5th Sunday to our food Drive.

Sunday, March 1st- PEANUT BUTTER

Thanks to all who share their blessings by reaching out to those in need.

Thank you “Samuel”

We are so excited that Samuel Biggerstaff has decided to join our Handbell Choir. Samuel currently plays Baritone in the Jacob Fork Middle School Band. His expertise in the Clef pitch will be a huge asset to our choir.

Wounded Warrior Project

On February 9th Jacob Scronce will join us for Worship and be in the lobby afterwards to take up money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sardis Sisters

Let’s go BACK to Kick Back Jacks for Bingo, dinner and a great time of fellowship. February 11th. Meet at church at 5:30 to car pool or 6:00 at the restaurant.

ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February

2/1 Evie Jo Carroll
 2/6 Margaret Propst
 2/7 Ray Fulbright
 2/8 Grace Hoyle
 2/9 Bill Whitener
 2/10 Ethan Carroll
 2/15 Amy S. Kilpatrick
 Mike Whitener
 2/16 Buster Bledsoe
 Hope Gladden
 Jamie H. Powell
 2/21 Sylvia King
 Ashley Yow
 2/23 Alan Fulbright
 2/25 Carolyn Hoyle
 2/26 Gerald Nail
 2/27 Jeff Wilson

Feb 2 Kathy Weaver Nena Babb Joe Wyant
Feb 9 Hayden Johnson Roger Teague Marilyn Teague
Feb 16 Jane Moretz Rick Johnson Jon Gladden
Feb 23 Tryston Sylvester Jon Gladden Jane Moretz

USHERS

Women ELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS SECURITY

Feb 2 Dwayne & Barbara E. Whitener Ben Whitener
Feb 9 Nena Babb Zach Stuart
Feb 16 WELCA Rick Johnson
Feb 23 Ken & Margaret Propst Nelson Speagle.

LAY READERS & GREETERS

Feb 2 Becky Gladden Jill Bledsoe, Joe Wyant
Feb 9 Al King Annette Richard, Kay Whitener
Feb 16 Dawn Covington Evelyn Fulbright, Nena Babb
Feb 23 Carolyn Truitt Darrell Jarrett, Rita Lutz

COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP

Barbara J. Whitener Sandra Roseman

COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER

Kathy Weaver Kathy Weaver

SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY

Feb 1 No Meal Delivery
Feb 8 Rita Lutz
Feb 15 No Meal Delivery
Feb 22 Margaret Whitener
Feb 29 No Meal Delivery

OFFERING COUNTERS

Feb 2 Dwayne Whitener, Tryston Sylvester, Sherrie Midgett, Patsy Johnson
Feb 9 Dwayne Whitener, Tryston Sylvester, Al & Sylvia King
Feb 16 Dwayne Whitener, Tryston Sylvester, Mike & Sherrie Midgett
Feb 23 Dwayne Whitener, Tryston Sylvester, Susan Jones, Nena Babb, Sandra Roseman

Delivery Week BACKPACK PROGRAM Pickup Warehouse

Feb 7 Rick & Rita Lutz Joe Biggerstaff
Feb 14 Gene & Donna Biggerstaff
Feb 21 Dwayne & Barbara E. Whitener
Feb 28 Dawn Covington, Carolyn Truitt

Anniversaries:
 Bill/Mae Whitener
 2- 3
 Dwayne & Barbara
 Whitener 2-11

**February
 Baptisms**

6 Dianne Nail 1972
 Hayden Johnson 2011
 10 Maleah Duncan (2019)
 12 Kallista McGinnis 2017
 24 Gregory Thomas Smyre 2019
 25 Marvin Kizer 1987
 Yvonne Kizer 1987
 Sandra W. Roseman 1952
 26 Kipton Jennings 2017

February 2020 Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Evie Jo B'day Party
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion, Baptismal Recognition 12:00 Annual Cong. Meeting and luncheon 6:00 WELCA	3	4	5 12:00 FTF Seniors at Plateau 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 2:00 Lail Shower 5:00 Bill Whitener 90th B'Day Celebration
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 2:00 Confirmation St. Paul Startown	10	11 6:00 Sardis Sisters; Kick Back Jack's	12 10:00 Nellie B's 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15 7:30 until Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser for Kristin Teague at Propst Crossroads Fire Department
16 BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 2:00 Josh Speagle Shower	17	18 7:00 VBS Planning meeting	19 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 12:00 Prayer Group 3:00 Trinity Ridge 6:30 LMM	24 Sardis volunteer ECCCM	25 6:00 Shrove Pancake Supper	26 10:00 Nellie B's 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	27	28	29

****NOTE****

If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Also, check

SARDIS LEADERS CONTACTS

Pastor: The Rev. Adrienne E. Martin (C) 469-243-5237 pastor@sardislutheran.net

Organist/Director of Music: Frank Griffin, Musician@sardislutheran.net

Council Chair: Joe Biggerstaff, biggerstaffjoe@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Moretz, secretary@sardislutheran.net (C) 828-302-8458

Bill's 90th Birthday Celebration

Sardis Lutheran Church
6103 NC Hwy 10 W
Hickory, NC 28602

February 8, 2020
6pm

RSVP to Jennifer at 828-228-8067

Join us for barbeque and a singing. No gifts please.
Only your presence is requested.

JOIN US

at the

Propst Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department
3169 Plateau Rd, Newton, NC 28658

for a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 15th

7:30 a.m. until



**\$7.00
per plate**



To Benefit:

Kristin Teague

with her multivisceral transplant as a result of
Neuroendocrine Carcinoma

Menu

Pancakes	Eggs
Bacon	Sausage
Fruit	Coffee
Juice	Milk

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6103 W NC 10 HWY
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