

# March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 8:00 pm AA/Al-anon	3 7:00 p.m. Zoom Lent Bible Study	4	5 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6
7 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion	8	9 8:00 pm AA/Al-anon	10 7:00 p.m. Zoom Lent Bible Study/Family Night	11	12 10:00am-4:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	13
14 8:30 a.m. Worship Service	15	16 8:00 pm AA/Al-anon	17 7:00 p.m. Zoom Lent Bible Study	18 6:00 p.m. Finance/Council Meeting	19 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	20
21 8:30 a.m. Worship Service	22	23 8:00 pm AA/Al-anon	24 7:00 p.m. Zoom Lent Bible Study	25	26 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	27
28 8:30 a.m. Worship Service	29	30 8:00 pm AA/Al-anon	31	April 1 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in Montrose	April 2 12:00 noon Good Friday Community Service in Annandale (unknown at the present time)	



## March Birthdays

March 2	Celia Mix
March 7	Debbie Baker
March 15	Danielle Bach
March 15	Jeff Bach
March 17	David Heitkamp
March 17	Trevor Prinsen
March 28	Craig Dezell



### Blood Drive - Friday, March 12

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on March 12.

The Blood Drives have been full, so please make a reservation online with the Red Cross **soon!** Due to Covid-19, they may not be accepting walk-ins. If you would like to donate, please make a reservation at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).  
Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts to help check in the blood donors.



### Montrose UMC Emergency Food Drop - Tuesday,

**March 9, 3:00 PM.** Food Drop will be Tuesday, March 9 at 3:00 PM until we run out of Food Boxes. The boxes will have fresh produce and other items (We haven't heard what yet). We hope to have 190 boxes available. Everyone is welcome! Volunteer servants are always needed for our food distribution ministry.



## March FoodShare Campaign 2021

2021 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Minnesota Food Share program which began in 1982.

In the past, we have participated with donations of both cash and food items. Because of ongoing CoVid19 restrictions, we will opt only for cash collections during the 2021 campaign. Our financial donations go much further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs that food shelves have to purchase those items most needed in each community.

Our Mission March for the month of March will be dedicated to the Annandale Area Food Shelf. Your donations will be collected both in person and by mail. Watch for a special letter later in March asking for your support if you are unable to attend in person.

We are very fortunate to have such a robust food shelf here in the Annandale area. According to the Minnesota Food Share hunger facts, over three million visits are made to Minnesota food shelves each year and nearly one in eleven Minnesotans experience food insecurity. Food insecurity has become a much bigger problem during these pandemic times because so many people have lost their jobs or have reduced hours.

The Minnesota Food Share campaign runs from March 1 to April 11, 2021.

Thanks for your support,

Linda Elfstrand, Outreach Coordinator