

# THE NEXUS

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## February 2018

### From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent begins this month on Ash Wednesday which is February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are trying something new this year by holding our Ash Wednesday service at 12 noon in the sanctuary. We are aware that our congregation has a large senior constituency and many are uncomfortable driving at night. We hope the noon hour will enable participation. We also hope that some of the organizations making use of our church may join us. Ashes will be offered during the service.

Also, I am pleased that our Board of Deacons will be organizing our Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers beginning February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Devotions, soup and an interesting program await you!

May God bless us in our Lenten Journey as we, once again, travel to the foot of our Savior's cross.

God Bless you!

Pastor Freeborn

### Sponsor

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We will hold our Ash Wednesday service is at 12 noon on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.



Join us each Wednesday evening, starting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m., for our Lenten Soup Suppers. The Deacons will provide a delicious meal in our church lounge, followed by devotions and a program.

## Adult Education Classes

Join Tim Swanson on Sunday, February 18th at 9:00 am to begin a 10 week study of "**The Mission of Jesus: Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World of Chaos.**" The class will use a text and video from Ray Vander Laan as a way to illuminate the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures.

Highlighted topics include:

Capernaum: Jesus Binds the Evil One

Decapolis: The Other Side- Jesus and the Man from the Tombs

Crucifixion: The Coronation of a King

Ascension: The King Takes His Throne

Pentecost: God Changed His Address

Pastor Freeborn will continue his classes on *Bad Girls of the Bible* periodically throughout the year. Dates for those classes will be announced.

## Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through December 31, 2017

Income                   \$235,982.00

Expenses               \$238,236.00

Net                       \$ -2,254.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:       \$139,418.00

Non-Pledge:         \$ 16,456.00

## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the March issue is **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at noon. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch.



## Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **February:**

**Diane Huffman, David Heath, Chris Finelli, Frank Lanterman, Dick McNally, Cort Huffman, Bill Cramer and Norene Rosso.**



## Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **February:**

**Ernie and Sandy Rydell  
Ed and Anna Mae West  
Dennis and Jenny Collins**

## Koinonea

The Koinonea group will meet Wednesdays February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and 28<sup>th</sup>, following our Lenten Soup Supper.

## **Tentative dates for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Hours**

February 11	Valentine Luncheon
March 11	Choir
April 8	Congregation (need Coordinator)
May 13	K-Group
June 10	Church picnic - Christian Ed & Fellowship
July 8	Finance & Property
August 11	Congregation (need Coordinator)
September 9	Rally Day Picnic – Fellowship
October 14	Adult Sunday School
November 11	Mission Committee
December 16	Congregation (need coordinator)



### **Valentine's Day Luncheon!**

Please join us after worship on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for a Valentine Lunch. The church will provide beverages and desserts. Please bring a covered dish to share. You may sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b>  <b>Choir rehearsal, 8:50 am</b>  <b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>				1	2	3
4 Deacon's Meeting, 11:15 am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Valentine's Day Luncheon, following worship	12	13 Women's Circle, noon	14 Ash Wednesday Service, 12 noon  K-Group, 7:00 p.m.  Valentine's Day!	15	16	17
18 Adult Ed., 9:00 a.m.  Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15 a.m.	19	20	21 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Adult Ed., 9:00 a.m.  Deacon's Coffee Hour. 11:15 a.m.  Session meeting, 11:15 a.m.	26 Nexus Deadline	27	28 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.  K-Group, following supper			