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Sharing Christ's Love

WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Mardi Gras at First!

Transfiguration – One Service Weekend

Sunday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m.

The “New River City Six” returns to raise the roof with their toe-tapping, hand-clapping Dixieland Jazz music.



11 a.m. – New Orleans style meal & Silent Auction

Come and enjoy a delicious meal featuring Italian Beef with a touch of Louisiana cuisine from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. A Silent Auction, featuring a wide variety of items, themed baskets for adults and children and services will also take place during this time.

11:45 a.m. – Live Auction

Youth Ministry is hosting a service auction to raise money for the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. A Live Auction will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will feature many items including an autographed Chicago Bulls jersey; a two night stay at Jeff & Nancy Lang’s cabin in Oregon, IL; a three night getaway at Mike & Sandy Bishop’s cabin in Eagle River, WI; and artwork by member, Nancy Cassens. Come and share in the fun and help support Youth Ministry!

FIRST NOTES:

- Property & Grounds work day on Saturday, February 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Cinnamon Roll Sunday is February 5!
- Sweetheart Dinner at Circa 21 on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. Come and enjoy *A Taste of Broadway!*
- Kid’s Ice Skating on Saturday, February 18 at The River’s Edge in Davenport.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



One Service Weekends

Over the summer of 2011, the staff and council had an in-house retreat. We welcomed as our facilitator, Marilyn Sharpe. Over the course of June 4 & 5, Marilyn shared with us ideas on mentoring, adult education, youth ministry, spiritual formation, faith stepping stones and congregational connectivity. We also had Marilyn preach that weekend so all our members could benefit from her high energy enthusiasm for God's mission. If you want to learn more about her ministry, Marilyn's website is www.marilynsharpeministries.com.

Marilyn is a blessing for Christ's Church. Because of Marilyn's giftedness, it was a valuable time for our leadership. There were more ideas passed on to us in 48 hours than we could implement in a year's time.

One such idea came to leadership on the second day. We were discussing the nature of our ministry. We addressed how we are a parish that has three different services which can easily leave us feeling like we are three different congregations. Here's how our worshipping practices break down on a typical weekend. On Saturday night, we worship between 75 and 100 people weekly. On Sunday morning at 8:30, we worship between 75 and 100 people weekly. On Sunday morning at 10, we worship between 150 and 175 people weekly.

At our retreat, while affirming our rich worship life we lamented how easy it can be for us to become disconnected from our fellow members. It can feel like we have 3 different congregations under our roof at First Lutheran Church. It was then that Marilyn shared an idea with us that her parish embraced.

Her parish is Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They worship 6,000 people weekly. They had the same situation, but they have 4 services. They

came to realize that they needed to provide opportunities for everyone to gather together. Mt. Olivet began their one service Sundays. Three or four times a year they gather for only one service on a weekend so that everyone can worship together.

This idea began with an internal conversation inclusive of our staff and council. After much prayer and conversation, this year First Lutheran Church will be holding 3 one service weekends. Two of these weekends will fall on a Sunday and one of these weekends will fall on a Saturday. The first one service weekend is Transfiguration, Sunday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Here are the details...

One Service Weekend at First Lutheran

Sunday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. only

Music: River City Six

11 a.m. Lunch with Youth Auction

All Proceeds to Benefit our Sr. High Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

This is our opportunity to worship with our entire parish. This is our opportunity to make new friends in faith. This is our opportunity to support our youth ministry.

Yes, this is out of the box. Yes, this may be uncomfortable for some of you. Yes, this is unlike anything we have done before. And yes, it is needed -- needed for us to grow together as one people, not three individual congregations.

—Pr. Arthur

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalm 122:1

February 4 & 5, 2012

5 Epiphany – Vision: Welcoming Presence

This weekend texts include Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 and Mark 1:29-39.

February 11 & 12, 2012

6 Epiphany – Vision: Senior Serving

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 46: 3-4, 13, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and Mark 1:40-45.

February 19, 2012 – Transfiguration, **One Service Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

The texts for this service include 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9.

February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday, Noon and 6 p.m.

Today's texts include Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

February 25 & 26, 2012

Lent 1 – Global Mission Weekend

Over the weekend of February 25 & 26, we will observe Global Mission Weekend with Ms. Jessica Nipp from ELCA bringing us a message concerning world-wide needs with a focus on the epidemic of malaria in third-world countries. Texts include Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15.

FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC



Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Barack Obama and Governor Pat Quinn.

For regions suffering with violence: Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan. For those soldiers in harms way: Clint Abell, James Bent, Ben Bushno, George Cox, Matthew Holzgrafe, Jonathon Hunter, Kimberly Hunter, Brandon Retherford and Brandon Sandoval.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Mark Hansen and Rev. Dr. Gary Wollersheim. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Paul Metili and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Vijayakumar, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Katie Blobaum and Randy & Carol Stubbs and family. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 10).

Health and Wellbeing: Norris Bennett, Bud, Donna Buechler, Dawn Collins, Betty Drefchinski, Mary Fuelling, Aaron Johnson, Bev Lewis, Paul Nelson, David Pries, Al Sandoval, Sandy Stahl, Sharon Stenzel, Kent & Kristi and Kyleigh Swanson, Nancy Tieken, Joanne Torre, Charlotte Vandemark, Dana Vanderheyden, Jonathan Vandike and Sandy Wilson.

Joys: Birth of Camilla Ryan, niece of Charlene & John Daniels and Cater Jordan Lampe, grandson of Michelle Fleming and great-grandson of Mike & Ethel Pries. Loretta Denys, Delores Mason and Agnes Yesinowski are improved.

Sorrows: On the death of Marie Perdue, aunt of Marlee Stienen and great-aunt of Karen Pittenger; Norine Nelson, former member; Alice Hopkey, member; Norman Riffel, father of Melinda Wildermuth; and Mike McAvoy, friend of Lee Fluck.

Thanksgiving: Matt Tallman has returned safely to the U.S.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail prayers@firstgeneseo.org. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Arthur at home at 309-944-2034.

FIRST PRAYER

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Lent Begins

On Wednesday, February 22, the church around the world celebrates Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the season of preparation for Holy Week. First Lutheran Church offers two services at noon and 6 p.m. Both services will have the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion. Our theme for Lent 2012 is "*Serving Christ Wherever We Are.*" Watch your mailboxes for FLC's Lent Brochure detailing all opportunities.

Midweek Service Times

Over the course of the 2011/2012 program, it was decided by leadership to move our midweek service time back from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. The reason of this decision is to make it easier for our families with young children to be able to participate in Advent and Lent services. The noon service time remains unchanged.

Praise Team Shuffle

If you are post-high school age, enjoy singing or playing contemporary Christian music, and think that you might like to be a member of one of First Lutheran's praise teams, come and join us on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will sing and share information about what being a worship leader in a praise team is all about. For more information contact Melinda Wildermuth, Director of Worship & Music at 944-3196 (mwildermuth@firstgeneseo.org).

Men's Lenten Breakfast

Geneseo Ministerial Association is hosting the Men's Lenten Breakfast. All men are invited to come and enjoy the delicious breakfast, fellowship and a brief program. The breakfast begins at 7 a.m. each week at the following churches:

February 25	St. Malachy Church
March 3	First Methodist Church
March 10	First Congregational Church
March 17	Grace Methodist Church
March 24	First Presbyterian Church
March 31	First Lutheran Church

Souper Bowl of Caring

Over the weekend of February 4 & 5, we will observe *Souper Bowl Sunday* with a special offering and donations of food for the Geneseo Food Pantry. At the Saturday evening service football helmets will be placed on a table for your offering. For the two Sunday services, the youth will be passing helmets for the offering. Grocery carts marked with the two Super Bowl teams will be in the Fellowship Room to collect donations of food items. Thank you and enjoy the day!

Singers needed for Palm Sunday Cantata!

Singers high school age and older are invited to participate in "*The Lenten Sketches*"; a cantata to be presented Palm Sunday, April 1, at both the 8:30 and 10 a.m. services. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings, February 29 through March 28 from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the choir room. This is a perfect opportunity for those who love to sing and appreciate a short-term commitment. For more information contact Melinda Wildermuth, Director of Worship & Music at 944-3196 (mwildermuth@firstgeneseo.org).

Council Highlights for January

Financial Report—

General Fund Offering:

December actual	\$76,481
December budget	\$81,241
YTD actual	\$470,048
YTD budget	\$457,000

Net Income Over Expenses:

December actual	\$25,178 surplus
December budget	\$25,013 surplus
YTD actual	\$11,308 surplus
YTD budget	

Social Ministry Benevolence Request—Gave approval to a request from Social Ministry as part of its Benevolence Policy, granting \$1,000 to Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center and \$500 to Lutheran World Hunger in support of Souper Bowl of Caring.

Memorial Fund Resolution—The proposed Memorial Fund Resolution was approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting after being amended to include the provision that disbursements from the fund be approved by the Finance Ministry, the Congregational Council, and the Senior Pastor.

2012 Church Council

President: Joni Conrad

Vice President: Randy Mullin

Secretary: Linda Storm

Parish Treasurer: Karen Daniel

Cabinet: Joni Conrad, Randy Mullin, Linda Storm, Karen Daniel, Dan Brudos, Dick Carlson and Pastor Arthur Bergren

Members: Darla Anderson, Dan Brudos, Dick Carlson, Joni Conrad, Karen Daniel, Barb Fehlman, Tim Holmstrom, Randy Mullin, Maurice Nelson, Sheila Puls, Sara Reed, Deb Spence, Linda Storm, Dirk Wildemuth, Chuck Williamsen, Emily VandeWiele (*youth*), and Teri VanHerzeele

Please feel free to contact any of these members with any joys or concerns you may have about First Lutheran.

Sweetheart Dinner at Circa 21 Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m.

Go on a date back to the 50's! This lively and funny musical featuring Rydell High's spirited class of '59 captures the look and sound of the 1950's. Reservations are limited to the first 20 couples. Hurry and sign up at the Welcome Center by February 4. The cost is \$43.50 per person which includes a 5 entrée buffet dinner. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran with Circa 21 indicated on the memo line. Questions? Contact Barb Fehlman at 944-3314 or Sara Reed at 502-9486.

FIRST MINISTRIES



Sanctuary Renovations Task Force

Over the course of February, the council of First Lutheran Church is welcoming nominations for our sanctuary renovation task force. Each nominee should be an active member of our parish, an openness to serve and a love of worship. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Welcome Center and should be returned to the church office no later than Monday, March 5.

Food Pantry collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting sugar, cereal, canned fruit, pancake syrup, pancake mix, soda/graham crackers, rice, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, diapers (*all sizes*), laundry detergent, dish soap, Chap Stick, and over-the-counter cold relievers to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

In addition, there is a need for baby and children's clothing of all sizes. Household items such as kitchen utensils, pots and pans, plates, cups, silverware, etc. are also accepted. Your help is appreciated!

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First Lutheran Preschool



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During the month of February, we will be emphasizing loving, sharing and helping others. Activities will include stringing Valentine necklaces, singing songs, painting, cutting, and gluing lots of Valentine hearts. All classes will have a Valentine's Day Party where we will exchange cards with our classmates. The 4 & 5-year old classes will be visiting Dr. Nelson's Veterinarian Clinic. The 5-year old class will learn about President Washington and President Lincoln and also talk about the voting process. Our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place the last week of February.

- No school on Monday, February 20 in honor of President's Day.

Kid's Event

Lace up and get ready to skate! All children and their families are invited to a day of ice skating on Saturday, February 18 from 2:20-4:45 p.m. at The River's Edge located at 700 W River Drive in downtown Davenport. The cost is \$5 for admission and \$3 for skate rental. Please pay Lori at the door. We will also have an area where we can enjoy some hot cocoa and fellowship. What a fun way to spend some time together! If your child would like to go but does not have an adult to join them, contact Lori Schefsky, Director of Children's & Faithtime Ministries, at 944-3196 (lschefsky@firstgeneseo.org). Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 15. Looking forward to seeing you there!

C.O.O.L. Sunday School

All children ages 3 through grade 6 are invited to participate in Sunday School! At each age level on every Sunday the children will be invited to a faith experience. It is during this time that they can come to a better understanding of God and what God calls them to do and be.

The lessons for the 3-year olds through 4th grade will be on the good news from the Gospels. They will be learning that Jesus values all children in God's kingdom.

February's B.I.G. (*Believe in God*) – The 56'ers focus is connecting the lines between Jesus' teachings and the way we live.

Please Note—No Sunday School on February 19
Transfiguration Sunday — one service at 9:30 a.m.

- **3- & 4-year olds** go directly to their single based classroom in our Zaccheus' Tree House at 10 a.m.
- **Kindergarten through 56ers** will go directly to their Sunday School room by 10 a.m, using the staircase at the south end of the Fellowship Room.

Property & Grounds Work Day

Come and lend a hand at our work day on Saturday, February 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. We will be targeting several projects including painting the stairway to the Youth Room. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

First Book Club

Join us for discussion on the content of the book *Michal* and faith response to the author Jill Eileen Smith on February 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Room 5—*Cool Creations* on the second floor.

- March's book title will be *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. A young asthmatic boy named Reuben Land narrates the story of his family after his brother kills two bullies who had targeted them. His brother Davy is convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to prison. His brother escapes from prison and heads for the Badlands in North Dakota. Reuben and his family then go on the road in search of the brother, and along the way, they learn the ways of God. Purchase your copy today and begin reading this stunning novel about faith, miracles and family.

First Lutheran Youth—F.L.Y. with us!

Confirmation (7-8th graders)

This month we will be transitioning from the Faithtime schedule to the Lenten season. As in previous years, we will go to worship and discuss the sermon afterwards. Here's an outline of the February schedule:

- Feb. 1 — “Wingo” (*Social night of wings and bingo!*)
- Feb. 8 — *The Transfiguration*
- Feb. 15 — *The Good Samaritan*
- Feb. 22 — *Ash Wednesday Service followed by small group sermon discussion.*
- Feb. 29 — *Lenten Service followed by sermon discussion*

Mark your calendar on March 30 for our Lenten Lock-in! Parents—please consider volunteering your time to this event the kids love. If you are able to help, please contact Lori Schefsky, Director of Children's & Faithtime Ministries at 944-3196 (lschefsky@firstgeneseo.org).

Casting Crowns Concert

First Lutheran has reserved 42 tickets for the Casting Crowns/Matthew West concert at the I Wireless Center on Friday, March 23. The concert starts at 7 p.m. with the ticket cost at \$21 each. To reserve tickets please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196. Payment is due by Thursday, March 1.

Youth Auction February 19!

The Senior High Youth are gearing up for another spirit-filled mission trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana, the summer of 2012. As their church family, we want to make sure every youth who wants to can join this transformational journey!

Our support starts now with prayer for these young Christians. Then comes the fun! The youth will be hosting a Benefit Youth Auction on Sunday, February 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First. We will offer a New Orleans style meal during the silent and live auctions.

This is where you come in! What can you offer to auction for this great cause? Do you have a service you can provide? A nice eye-catching item to auction? Could you bake a dessert a month for a lucky auction winner? Do you craft or build? Perhaps a gift basket for a family fun night? Or maybe you have a cottage or vacation property to share?

Our auction will be a success with your help! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Tim Oloffson, Director of Sr. High Youth & Adult Ministries at 944-3196 if you have items to share.

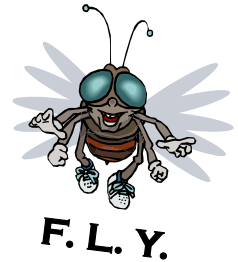
Senior High Youth Ministry

The Youth Room is open every Wednesday at 4 p.m. for youth in grades 9-12 to hang out, play games and socialize in a supervised environment. Friends are welcome!

During February we will continue to focus on *Time, Talents & Treasures*. Be sure to join us from 6-7:30 p.m. Our schedule will be as follows:

- Feb. 1 — “Wingo” Night
- Feb. 8 — *Lesson 4 in the 3-T's*
- Feb. 15 — *Lesson 5 in the 3-T's*
- Feb. 22 — *Ash Wednesday Service*
- Feb. 29 — *Lesson 6 in the 3-T's*

FIRST MINISTRIES



Operation S.A.S (*Save a Sister*)

Once again the Sr. High youth will be collecting change to support their global outreach for an at-risk teen. Over the weekend of February 25 & 26, the youth will have coin cups available in the Fellowship Room for you to take home and fill throughout the Lenten season. Operation S.A.S. (*Save a Sister*) was established to raise funds to help with the educational needs of an orphan girl in Romania. So, please pick up a cup and “*change*” a teen’s life.

FIRST MINISTRIES



Valentine Cheer for our Shut-ins

No matter what age you are it is fun to get Valentine's Day Cards! Everyone is invited to bring Valentine's Day Cards to share with our shut-ins. Individual bags for each shut-in are located in the Fellowship Room. Be sure to drop your valentines in by Sunday, February 12. This is a fun and easy way to share Christ's love with those who are unable to come to church or sometimes get out at all.

- If you would like to help deliver the Valentine bags, please contact Glen & Janet Anderson at 441-5522 (jangler@geneseo.net).

A Note of Thanks!

Thank you to LaRoma Pizza and the Curcuru family for providing 20 large pizzas at cost for First Lutheran's Trivia Night. Your support and generosity certainly contributed to the success of this event. Thank you!

First Friends: Senior Luncheon

Calling all seniors! You are invited to attend the First Friends Luncheon on Thursday, February 9 at noon in the Fellowship Room. The meal will be provided by Parkway Grill. We will feast on meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad and dessert for \$8. As February is American Heart Month, we will have a program on heart health with guest speaker, Lori Bahen, from Trinity. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196 if you plan to attend.

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting—Come and enjoy a morning of quilting with the "Cover Girls" on Wednesday, February 8 at 9 a.m.

Elizabeth/Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 15 at 9 a.m. at the home of Greta Nordstrom, 511 Richmond Hill Drive, Geneseo.

- *Please note:* If you need a ride please meet at the church at 8:45 a.m.

First Health and Wellness

Blood Pressure Checks: Our Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on February 11 and between services on February 12.

Women's Health Program: "Diabetes/Nutrition" is the topic of the noon luncheon on Thursday, February 23 at The Cellar. The cost of lunch is \$8 per person, which is payable at the door. Please register by calling Hammond-Henry Hospital at 944-9112.

Diabetes Support Group: "Helping Hands" will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room at First. Dr. Ranilo Rabacal of Trinity Family Medical, Geneseo will be speaking on "Organ Damage Caused by Diabetes." The organization is open to anyone who is directly or indirectly affected by diabetes.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have a ministry where we give prayer shawls to members and their loved ones facing serious illness or entering nursing home care. For many years, Marie Stenzel has been making the prayer shawls for us, but for health reasons is no longer able to continue. We are very grateful for her faithful ministry! Social Ministry is looking for volunteers who like to knit or crochet and would be willing to help make prayer shawls. If you would like to help us, please contact our Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, at 944-3196 (jholt@firstgeneseo.org).

DID YOU KNOW?

—First's Trivia Night was a huge success! This *FUN*raising event had 240 participants and raised more than \$3,600 to help send our 20 high school youth to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Thank you for your support!

Thank You

The family of Paul Gradert would like to thank all of you who prayed for Paul through the surgeries, visits in the nursing home, sent a get well or sympathy note, brought food to the house or the church for the funeral, called to see how we were doing or stopped by to visit. We also would like to thank the men and women that served the funeral luncheon and gave of their valuable time to help our family at this sad time. We would like to give a special note of gratitude to Pastors Arthur and Lynn Bergren, Pastor Juliot, and Melinda for all their prayers, visits, words of encouragement, gifts of communion and music. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

—*Shirley, Paula, Jakob, Jessica & families*

Intouch Adult Day Services

Intouch Adult Day Center in Moline, is one of the LSSI service organizations that our church regularly supports.

For the past several years First Lutheran has collected and delivered Christmas gifts from our Angel Tree. For many seniors this is the only Christmas gift they receive. When delivering the gifts this year, Gladys Swanson and Barb Burghgrave had the opportunity to tour the facility and observe their wonderful ministry to our area seniors. If you ever have the chance to visit Intouch, please stop by and see firsthand how our congregation is helping this ministry.

In addition to the Christmas gifts, First Lutheran has also granted benevolence funds to Intouch. In 2010, our grant was used to purchase a recumbent bicycle for the rehabilitation room. This provides much needed exercise to seniors who are no longer able to climb and balance on a convention exercise bicycle.

World Day of Prayer

First Lutheran Church will be the host church for the annual World Day of Prayer 2012 on Friday, March 2. We will begin the event with coffee and refreshments at 9 a.m. followed by a worship service at 10 a.m. This year's program is provided by the women of Malaysia, the theme is "*Let Justice Prevail.*" This is a timely prayer event for the country since they will celebrate their "Year of Jubilee" on September 16 as their 50th year of being an independent country. Christians in Malaysia are a minority in their country, only 7% of citizens are Christian. They are a persecuted, but persistent, minority. We gather with 170 other countries to pray for the people of Malaysia. We welcome women of our community to come together for prayer and worship, please consider attending this event.

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In 2011, we granted funds to help develop a sensory room for those suffering from Alzheimer's. This room will enable seniors to have a quiet space for calming and also activities for therapy and memory stimulation. We were told that they minister to approximately twenty seniors a day suffering with Alzheimer's.

Intouch is currently in greatest need of sweatpants in large, extra large and 2X sizes. If you would like to donate a pair of sweatpants, please place them in the Intouch basket outside the church office.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Intouch and know that they are ready to be of help to you and your family, if the need ever arises. Intouch also provides van transportation to Geneseo. For more information, please contact Mary Bivens, Intouch Program Director at 797-0200.

—*Social Ministry*



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Meeting Schedule:

Cabinet — Monday, February 6

Ministries — Monday, February 13

Council — Monday, February 20

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**FAITHTIME SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

3:15 p.m. Check In & Games
(Grades 1-6)

3:45 p.m. Snack & Table Talk
(Grades 1-6)

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation
(Grades 1-6)

Youth Room Open

4:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
(Grades 4-6)

Faithtime Troupe
(Grades 1-3)

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir
(Grades 1-3)

Faithtime Troup
(Grades 4-6)

5:00-6:15 p.m. Dinner Served

5:30 p.m. Check Out *(Grades 1-6)*
Confirmation *(Grades 7-8)*

5:30 p.m. First Book Club
(February 8)

6:00 p.m. Senior High Ministry

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir—*Not
on Ash Wednesday*