

# The Sheaves Of Wheatland

The Monthly Newsletter of Wheatland Lutheran Church

March 2023



Faith is the assurance of things  
hoped for, the conviction  
of things not seen.

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## WHEATLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Deacon: Phyllis Cox

Organist: Pam Stump

Choir Director:

Members of Church Council:

President: Ron Smith

Vice-President: Kevin Loope

Secretary: (Open)

Treasurer: Misty Wood

Financial Secretary/Teller: Jenna Bill

Members:

Dwight Ayers

Lyndan Simpson

Dameon Dudding, Youth  
Representative

Webmaster: Misty Wood

Newsletter Editor: Natalie Haley

**Deadline for the April  
newsletter is  
March 29!**



Spring Forward

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

On Sunday, March 12 (at 2:00 a.m., if you are awake) be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead! Though we've had a little more light each day since the winter solstice on Dec. 21, the big change will be triggered at 2 a.m. on March 12 with the shift to [Daylight Saving Time](#) as clocks move ahead to 3 a.m. DST will end the first Sunday of November.



## Midweek Lenten Worship Services

We will be joining the following Lutheran churches for Wednesday evening worship services through Lent:

March 1 Trinity  
March 8 St. Philip  
March 15 Glade Creek  
March 22 St. Mark's  
March 29 St. Timothy



Pause each Wednesday evening to worship and ponder God's amazing grace. Worship is at 7:00 p.m.  
**Pastor Chuck will be leading the service at Trinity.**

# Community Care Ministry

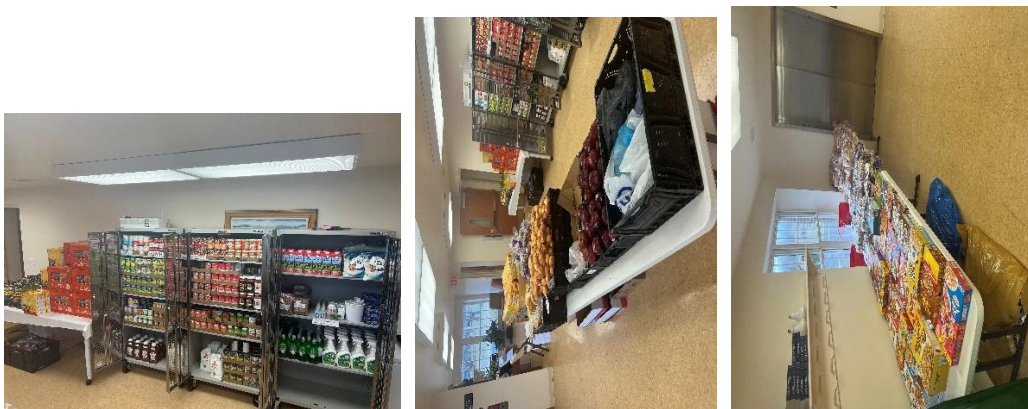
## Gardens of grace

Well with all the June style weather in February the garden space is heating up. As we have had some dry days and the garden space has dried out, we have been able to get in and take out all the left-over material from the drip irrigation and covered rows. Our next step is to till up the space and then in March Martin Farms will come over and put our new rows in. Here are a couple of pictures for you to see.



## Friday Feeding Food Pantry

In the month of February, we had two Friday Feeding Days. On the two Fridays we had a total of 89 families come and receive food (that is a total of about 400 people). We are very well stocked with items from Feeding Southwest VA, Frito Lay, Krispy Kreme, Altec, Pepperidge Farms, Food Lion, Troutville Elementary School, Botetourt Food Pantry, Dollar General, and more. If you have never been to the Feeding Friday please come and experience what a joyous ministry this is, I am attaching a few pictures so you can see the transformation of the gathering area to the store for the community.





- We celebrate Sam Murdock and Bev Faville becoming the newest members of Wheatland Lutheran Church.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of **Virginia Ferris**, who passed away February 8, 2023. May memories help ease the burden of your sorrow and give you peace.

"The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning."

Ivy Baker Priest



## *Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the notes, cards, and prayers when our mom, Ginny, was in the hospital and also after her death. You each meant so much to her and she loved being with you on Sundays. We will miss her every day.

Much love,  
Carol and Pam and family



## Youth Stuff!!

The Sr. High Youth attended Winter Celebration on 1/27-1/29 at Eagle Eyrie. This was a VA Synod youth gathering for all youth in the state. Zeb Grant, Jackson Truax and Dameon Dudding all attended and had a wonderful, faithful experience.



On Feb 5<sup>th</sup> the Roanoke area youth gathered for some Ice Skating.



## Lenten Season

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Thank You!!** To everyone who helped with the pancake dinner this year. We had a wonderful attendance, and we were given \$500 in donations to be split between youth and community ministries. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and look forward to seeing and serving you next year.



### Ash Wednesday Service

We had our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. with the imposition of Ashes with a very special helper, as you can see.





## **Wheatland Members on the Front page of the newspapers!**



DW and Olivia were captured in the “Bronco” crossing the bridge in Eagle Rock!



Jenna Bill was in action addressing the Botetourt Chamber of Commerce



St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts, starting in 1631. (Although blue was the color traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.)



To See a World in a Grain of Sand  
And A Heaven in a Wild Flower,  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour.

*William Blake*

### **Let There Be Peace**

**Lord, let there be peace in the world  
Help us to come together as one  
In a time when divisiveness swirls  
There is so much healing to be done**

**We have sadly and foolishly gotten lost  
And turned from You over the years  
Our nation is suffering the mounting costs  
As we realize our frailties and fears**

**The loudest voices have gotten their way  
Telling us that none are to be offended  
We who believe in You have gone astray  
Wondering if this malaise was unintended**

**You are the true answer to our prayers  
And we humbly must return to You  
We must remember You are always there  
No matter what trials we go through**

**Lord, let there be peace in the world  
Please help us to come together as one  
In a time when divisiveness swirls  
We must start getting true healing done**

**Steve Austin**



Wheatland Lutheran Church  
Minutes of Council Meeting  
January 8, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Chuck Miller, Ron Smith (President), Kevin Loope (Vice-President), Jenna Bill, Lyndan Simpson, Dwight (D.W.) Ayers, Misty Wood

**Call to Order:** Pastor Chuck called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Pastor Chuck led council in prayer.

**Video Chat:** A video chat was held to help reconnect on the Stewardship for All Seasons program. Good information and opportunities to move forward.

**Minutes:** The December meeting minutes were reviewed, and corrections were noted. Kevin moved to approve the corrected minutes. Misty seconded and the motion passed.

**Financial Reports:** The financial reports were presented. Misty reviewed the expenditure and account balances followed by Jenna reporting the offerings deposited. Following review Kevin moved to accept the reports and Ron seconded. Both reports were approved.

### **Old Business**

**HVAC Replacement:** The new HVAC unit installation work is scheduled for later this month.

**Video Camera for Sanctuary:** Pricing was received from Lee Hartman for the Sanctuary Video Camera. As noted in last month's meeting, installing the camera will allow the broadcasting of Church services via the internet. There are two options for the camera. One is a static camera that does not move for \$3,990. A pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera with a tracking feature will cost \$5,413. Purchasing the more expensive camera will require approval of the Congregation. Following discussion, Ron moved to call a Congregational Meeting with a recommendation from Council to purchase the PTZ camera. The Congregational Meeting was scheduled for February 5 after Church.

### **New Business**

**Council Leadership:** Pastor Chuck expressed thanks and appreciation for the 2022 slate of officers, especially Lyndan and D.W. The following slate of officers were approved for 2023:

- Ron Smith – President
- Kevin Loope – Vice President
- Secretary – Dameon Dudding
- Treasurer – Misty Wood
- Teller – Jenna Bill

**Grant Opportunities:** Pastor Check is meeting with Assistant Bishop John Wertz to discuss grant opportunities for the Feeding Program. There are two grants, one that provides \$7k-\$10k twice a year and a second one-time grant from ELCA of \$25k.



**Google Drive:** Pastor Chuck has set up a Google Drive site for Church Council to store information.

**Church Council Terms:** Church Council member terms with the first year of service are:

- 2021- Lyndan Simpson
- 2022 – DW Ayers, Misty Wood, Dameon Dudding, and Jenna Bill
- 2023 – Kevin Loope and Ron Smith (both second term)

**Worship and Spiritual Outreach:** Introducing a new hymn to the Congregation.

**Community Care Outreach:** Food donations coming in. Provided food to 44 families last Friday, serving 189 people.

**Faith Formation (Youth):** Winter Celebration coming up in two weeks. Also planning on ice skating in February.

**Property Team:** Focus is on HVAC installation.

The next meeting will be February 12, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned, following the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Smith  
Council Secretary

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## AT WHEATLAND IN MARCH:

**Sunday, March 5**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship**  
**Lay Assistant:** Connie Loope  
**In-person and Parking Lot**

**Wednesday, March 8**  
 6:30 p.m., **Men's Study Group**  
**In Person or Zoom if needed**

**Sunday, March 12**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Daylight Saving Time begins!**  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship**  
**Lay Assistant:** Sherwood Thoele  
**In-person and Parking Lot**

**Sunday, March 19**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship**  
**Lay Assistant:** Dan Robb  
**In-person and Parking Lot**

**Wednesday, March 22**  
 6:30 p.m., **Men's Study Group**  
**In person or Zoom if needed**

**Sunday, March 26**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship**  
**Lay Assistant:** Granville Grant  
**In-person and Parking Lot**



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## AT WHEATLAND IN APRIL:

**Sunday, April 2**  
**Sunday of the Passion**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 10:30 a.m. **Worship**  
**In-person and Parking Lot**



## Men's Bible Study

Please come join us for a couple hours of study, conversation and yes, Food! We invite anyone who would like to join us for the following dates:  
 March 8 @ 6:30 p.m. and March 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

## Botetourt Food Pantry Saturday, March 12th



**We need your help volunteering** at the Botetourt County Food Bank located at St. Mark's in Fincastle! Our scheduled time to help out is Saturday, March 11 from 9:30am until 12:00. Please come out for this worthwhile project! Contact Chuck to volunteer.





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