

February 2023

Birthdays

- 1 – Arlene Troester
Gabriel Schieber
- 2 – Mary Gregory
Angie Johnson
Elizabeth Genz
- 3 – Nick Reynolds
Nathan Bangert
Emma Showalter
Joe Baumann
- 4 – Maddie Vanness
- 5 – Rev. Zachary Voss
- 7 – Christal Burns
Lydia Baumann
- 8 – Jean Morgan
Eva Schnabel
- 9 – Deb Behn
- 12 – Amelia Brooks
- 13 – Brandon Grefe
Jonah Bollhagen
- 14 – Ann Flickinger
- Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 – James Hansen
- 16 – Lukas Showalter
- 19 – Greg Moore
- 20 – Kendra Voss
Jordan Pooock
Trey Barz
- 21 – Troy Hansen
Isabell Akers
- 25 – Elijah Schieber
- 26 – Peter Bollhagen
- 27 – Elijah Fink



Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

- 1 – Arlynn & Julie Ahrens
- 16 – Paul & Joyce Hauser
Cliff & Ruth Berghoefer
- 23 – Jamie & Jodi Patton
- 28 – James & Kay Stahl



Ushers

- Adam Akers, Chr. Jamie Patton
Gary Sheppard Nathan Subbert
Grant Subbert

Greeters

- Lynn & JoEllen Arends
Jamie & Jodi Patton
Kay Sheppard

Acolytes

- 5 – Colin Harr
- 12 – Slade Pigman
- 19 – Henry Subbert
- 22 (Ash Wednesday) – Parker Haller
- 26 – Madison Heilskov

Special Services

- February 22nd at 7:00 PM –
Ash Wednesday Service with Holy
Communion

Individual and small group communion is being offered in place of the Special Needs service. Please contact the church office if interested.



Seeking Ushers and Greeters

It is time for the 2023-2024 Usher and Greeter list to be updated. There will be a form in your mailbox this week. **Please return it by Monday, February 20th.**



Please consider volunteering if you have never done so before or consider volunteering for two months out of the year.

We are in special need of additional ushers in the month of May.

If you are currently an usher and/or greeter and do not return your form, you will be put on the same month as last year. Thank you in advance!



Wednesday, February 1st at 2PM
Devotions/Bible Study:
Deb Behn
Hostess:
Jolene McWilliams

All ladies are invited! Please let Stephanie know if you need a copy of the Bible Study.

Calling All Singers - Choir



LHM Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, February 5th. **The Lutheran Hour** radio program proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to more than 1 million listeners on nearly

1,800 stations throughout North America, as well as on the American Forces Network, through a mobile app, and online. We are so fortunate to be able to support this ministry right here in Hampton through KLMJ! Find out more at www.lutheranhour.org.

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd with our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM. All Lenten services will be on Wednesday's at 7:00 PM and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

There will be a sheet out soon for groups to sign-up to serve a Lenten meal. The meals will begin on March 1st and will be served from 6:00-6:45 PM on Wednesdays before the worship service at 7:00 PM.



We have the opportunity to use our voices to praise our God. And we have much for which to be thankful!

We welcome all ability levels; some of us read music and others do not but learn by following along. Please do not hesitate to join us as we are a welcoming group!

Although we have taken a break over the holidays Easter will be here before we know it. We will resume rehearsals on Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m.

So PLEASE consider joining us for rehearsal and singing with us! "OH, SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!"

Attention Thrivent Members:

The deadline to designate your 2022 Choice Dollars is March 31, 2023. You may phone Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt, call the Iowa Falls office at 641-648-2067, or go online at <https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice>. Please have your Member ID available. Thank you.



From Vicar Cox...



Lately I've been intrigued by the struggles between the House of Saul and the House of David as recorded in the books of 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel. It hit me that the family connections, defections, rogue agents, secret meetings, and plot twists are every bit as

interesting as movies and TV series about other royal families and their struggles. This month we will look at the **House of Saul**.

The setting is ancient Israel, circa 1000 B.C. **King Saul** is a tall man from the tribe of Benjamin, who was anointed as the first king of Israel by the prophet-priest-judge Samuel. His oldest son is **Jonathan**. He has a daughter named **Michal**. The general over his armed forces is **Abner**.

Due to Saul's disobedience to God's clear directions, Samuel tells him that the kingdom will be taken from him, and he will be replaced. From that day forward, King Saul grows ever more moody and suspicious of potential rivals. Samuel withdraws from Saul for good. Unbeknownst to Saul, Samuel is directed by God to anoint a young shepherd in Bethlehem as the next king of Israel - David!

Through God's providence, the shepherd, David, winds up working in Saul's royal court as a part-time musician! Saul's rival is right under his nose, and he has no idea. To him, David was just a talented entertainer that helped him get through wild mood swings. Meanwhile, David is gaining experience on how a royal court functions.

King Saul is occupied with constant warfare with the neighboring peoples, most pointedly, the Philistines. Out of the blue, David kills Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army. David goes from an unknown minor courtier in the House of Saul to being a national hero. King Saul takes a keen

interest in David, as the people literally sing accolades to him. "Who is this guy? Who is his father?" Saul asks General **Abner**. Abner brings David to King Saul. David tells Saul, "I am the son of Jesse, from Bethlehem." That means David is from the much, much larger tribe of Judah.

While Saul sees David as a serious rival, his own son, **Jonathan**, becomes David's best friend! The prince who would be the next king by birthright instead swears his loyalty to his father's rival. Remarkably, David returns to his musician duties after the Goliath incident. But King Saul can no longer control himself. In a fit of jealousy, he throws his spear at David and David is forced to evade the attack.

Since King Saul's direct attack didn't work, he comes up with another way to get rid of David. Saul makes the musically talented shepherd boy an army officer and puts him in charge of a thousand soldiers. Maybe he will get killed or be an inexperienced leader and lose his reputation with the people. But that didn't happen. With the help of God, David sees only success in his new position.

King Saul receives more bad news. His daughter, **Michal**, is in love with David! Technically, he had already promised a daughter's hand in marriage to whoever slew Goliath. In that sense, the bride price had already been paid. But Saul unilaterally alters the agreement. He devises a new way to get David destroyed. The bride price will be physical proof that David has killed 100 Philistines. "Bring me the foreskins of 100 Philistines," he tells David. Surely this task is insurmountable and will lead to David's downfall!

What does David do? David and his men bring 200 Philistine foreskins to King Saul. Saul has no choice but to make David his son-in-law. David marries Princess Michal, daughter of the king, and the sister of his best friend, Prince Jonathan. All King Saul's efforts to destroy his rival have resulted in making David more and more famous and closer to the throne.

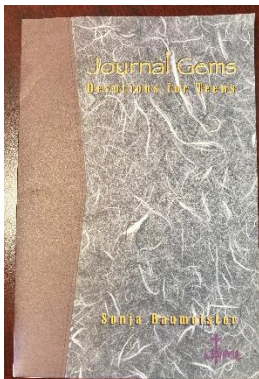
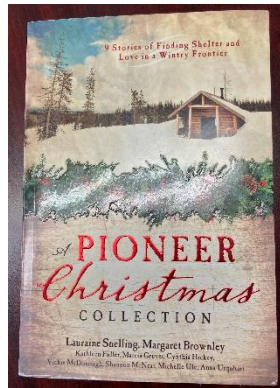
Next time we'll look at the **House of David** as he is forced to live like an outlaw with his loyal men.

Remember our shut-ins with your prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards...

- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Don Fink, Bob Heilskov, Doris Knueppel, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen, Merlin Behn
- *Apple Valley Assisted Living:
Donna Helmke, Dixie Schmitt
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:
Daisy Bentrrott, Jamie Fink, Mildred Pingel
- *Keelson Harbour, Spirit Lake:
Betty Fink
- *Our members at home who may not be able to come to church.

Library News

If you like heartwarming love stories, please look at *A Pioneer Christmas*. Even though Christmas is over, these stories of life in pioneer times can be enjoyed, especially with Valentine's Day around the corner. Curl up with a blanket and a hot cup of cocoa and enjoy!



Journal Gems is a series of devotions for teens that the LWML had published in 2005. Of course, all the topics in the devotions are relevant to teens today.

Stephanie is looking for a volunteer to help her organize our lending library. If you are interested in helping, please let her know.

Gifts to Share

A recent daily devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries talked about “gifts to share”. Are you interested in knowing what “gifts” God has given you that you can share with people around you?

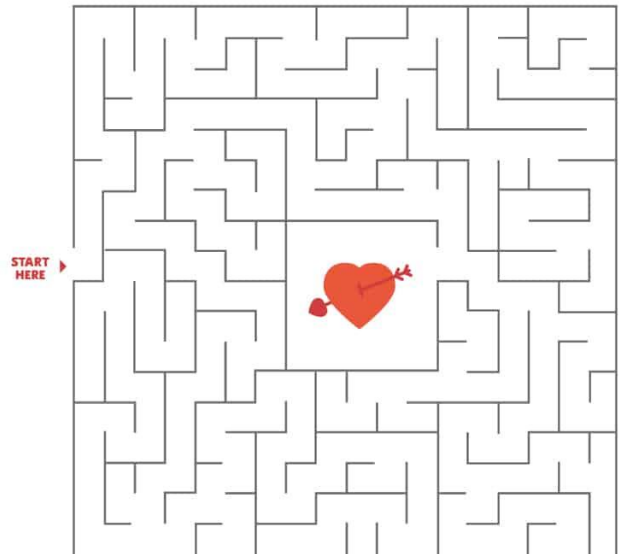


Take the **EveryGift Inventory** at <https://everygift.org>. Lutheran Hour Ministries has partnered with Barna for this free online questionnaire that can confirm unique gifts you have or show you “new gifts” that you hadn’t thought of. The inventory questionnaire takes about 20 minutes. Then use your “special gifts” to help yourself and those around you in your family, church, or community.

VALENTINE'S DAY MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the heart in the center.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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