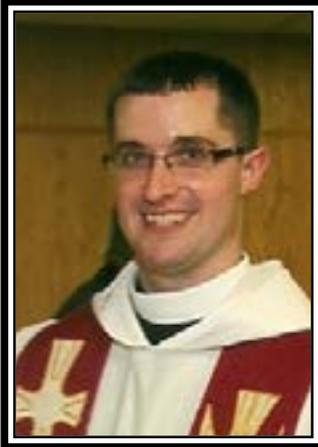


Covenant NEWS



Welcome to Covenant Rev. Bradley Ross!

January 8, 2017

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is with heart-felt appreciation and the utmost humility that I accept the call to serve as pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant.

I look forward to the opportunity of working together with all of you, as well as with our sisters and brothers of Triune Lutheran Church, in continuing to make the Resurrection ministry of Jesus Christ come to life in the congregation, the surrounding community, and beyond.

I intend to begin on Monday, February 13, with the first Sunday being February 19. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the significant opportunity to serve as your pastor, embarking on this new chapter together with God's grace empowering us all the way through!

*In Christ,
Pastor Brad Ross*

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Call Committee and Congregation Council News

On Sunday, January 8, a Special Congregational Assembly Meeting was held. The "Covenant" (the yoking/partnership agreement) between our congregation and Triune Lutheran Church was reviewed, as was the compensation package for the pastor. Questions and concerns about the candidate and the division of his time and attention were addressed. The ballots cast resulted in unanimous approval for each of: (1) approving the call of the pastoral candidate; (2) approving the Covenant; and (3) approving the compensation package.

The plan is for Pastor Bradley Ross to begin working in the two church offices on the week of February 13, and preside at services beginning on the weekend of February 18-19. He will have a few weeks to settle in before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. The Rite of Installation has yet to be scheduled.

February 2017

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Blessed Birthday Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to
each of the following
Covenant members born in

February:

- 2nd - Aubree McPherson
- 4th - Nel Lanese
- 8th - Katlyn Knerem
- 11th- Kenneth Schuetz
- 14th- Rich Nemeth
- 17th- Bill Scott
- 23rd- Jody Bernardo,
Harrison Werner
- 25th- Bryan Gaglione
- 27th- Jen Garberich
- 28th- Deborah Dickey



Happy Anniversary Wishes to...

- 2/14 William &
Jacquelyn
Blogna



Events for the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday falls on March 1 this year and begins the Lenten season. Many events are planned between now and Easter, on April 16. Some of these events are in conjunction with or hosted by Lutheran Church of the Master, 860 Northfield Road, Bedford. Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you!

Events During Lent

Ash Wednesday Eucharist: March 1, 7:00 p.m. at Master

Mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers & Holden Evening Prayer services:

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 8, 14 & 22 at Covenant.

March 28 & April 5 at Master. *(More information provided below.)*

Palm Saturday Children's Event: Saturday, April 8.

(More information provided in the March Covenant News.)

Plans for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter will be finalized after Pr. Ross arrives, and will be published in the March Covenant News.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper & Worship

This year we will join again with the congregation of Lutheran Church of the Master during the Wednesday evenings of Lent for soup supper and worship with the Holden Evening Prayer, beginning March 8 and continuing through April 5.

The mid-week Lenten observance begins at 6:00 p.m. with the soup supper, followed by the Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. The service will end at approximately 7:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Covenant will host the first three Wednesdays supper and worship dates, March 8, 14 & 22. The fourth and fifth Wednesday supper and worship dates, March 28 & April 5, will be at Lutheran Church of the Master.

The five Lenten mid-week soup supper and worship provide each of us with the opportunity for community fellowship with the people of our sister ELCA congregation and share with them the beauty and quiet time of the Holden Evening Prayer. These events will help us to prepare our minds and our hearts for the sacrifice of Christ's life for our salvation that we observe during Holy Week. Members and visitors are welcome for supper and worship each of the five weeks.

Retirees Luncheon!

The next Retirees Luncheon is on **Thursday, February 9, at 11:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. Please note the time change from our usual noon start to 11:00 AM - Don't be late! This change is to accommodate our entertainment. They were over-booked in December, but they are available this month: **the Bedford High School Madrigal Singers** will perform for us after lunch. Be sure to sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary, or call the church office.

If you have an idea for a future guest speaker or entertainer, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please notify the church office.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday Servers	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
February 5 AM: M. Wright Lect: N. Lanese Cru: K. Garberich Ushers: A. Treichel, B. Treichel AG: Frajter, Garvin, Zahn Greet: A. Copeland	5 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	6	7 7:00 Worship & Music	8	9 11:00 AM Retirees Luncheon (NOTE EARLY START TIME!!)	10	11 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
February 12 AM: D. Ptak Lect: M. Ptak Cru: E. Lockmiller Ushers: Schirmer, Frajter, Dobush AG: Hohenstein, Werner, Copeland Greet: A. Lasher	12 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	13 Pastor Ross begins office hours at Triune & Covenant	14 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	15	16 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	17	18 **5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist Pastor Ross Presiding! *At Covt. or Triune TBD*
February 19 AM: A. Treichel Lect: T. Lockmiller Cru: E. Garberich Ushers: M. Garvin, B. Zahn AG: Hohenstein, Werner, Copeland Greet: N. Langtry	19 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist Pastor Ross Presiding! 10:30 am Sunday School	20	21 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	22	23 5:00 pm Covenant- Hope Community Meal	24	25 **5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist *At Covt. or Triune TBD*
February 26 AM: B. Zahn Lect: M. Zahn Cru: J. Bernardo Ushers: S. Senderak, V. Besednjak AG: Lanese, Ptak, Bewsey Greet: D&M Ptak	26 Transfiguration 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00-8:00 Confirmation at CTK - Twbg	27	28	March 1 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm at Church of the Master	Sunday March 5 Servers: <i>Asst. Min.: N. Lanese</i> <i>Lector: M. Wright</i> <i>Crucifer: K. Garberich</i> <i>Ushers: A. Treichel, B. Treichel</i> <i>Altar Guild: N. Lanese, M. Ptak,</i> <i>L. Bewsey</i> <i>Greeters: J&M Garvin</i>		

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Attention Fans of Covenant's former organist, Patrick Parker:

Patrick's ensemble, Houston Baroque's debut album *My Soul Sees and Hears!* was released on Raven and is now available to the world!

Recorded on location at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston, the disc features instrumental and vocal music by Handel and Buxtehude as well as solo organ works on the Martin Pasi organ in its first commercial recording.

The CD is available through Amazon.com and Ravencd.com.

The album has been a ten month labor of love for all involved and has brought out the best in us; we are very proud of the final version.

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