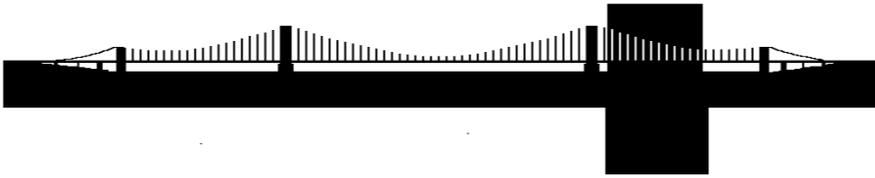


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FEBRUARY 2ND is Super Bowl Sunday,

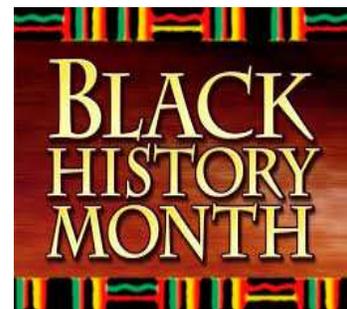
and before we sit down to watch the big game, we'll be here at church, collecting donations in honor of "Souper Bowl of Caring", which helps feed the hungry in our community. Funds will go to the LSS Food Pantry. ***So join us for worship Sunday, Feb. 2, at 10:00 a.m. and look for the Soup Kettle!***

Donation of canned goods are greatly appreciated as well!



FEBRUARY is Black History Month.

This month celebrates the contributions of African Americans to American history and culture.



Please join us for Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 9

“Put Feeling First!”

February 2014

This is the month of Valentine’s Day...a day all about feelings, right? Valentine’s Day is not so much about *thinking...analyzing...measuring*. It’s about *feeling!*

Chip Heath (who, with his brother Dan Heath, authored the best-selling book *“Made to Stick” – Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die*; Random House, 2007), shares some wisdom that we in the church would be wise to hear. He claims that “knowledge rarely leads to change.” If you want people to change, then you’d better connect with them on the level of *feelings*, not facts.

It’s a good point! If you’ve ever fallen in love with someone (the very expression, ‘*fallen*’ in love says something important), then you know that love doesn’t result from careful analytical thought. Nor can you convince someone to love *you* by describing all your lovable attributes (I’m sure there are many!) and arguing why it makes good sense to love you. Either you love each other or you don’t; you probably won’t succeed in reasoning with someone and convincing them it’s to their advantage to love you.

In the church, we are quick to say that “*God is love.*” True! But then we often muddy the waters with our tight definitions of what love is, how it works, what it must look like, what its limits and benefits are, who deserves it. In that great ‘love letter’ written by John (1 John 3:7-12) from his exile on Patmos, John puts it this way: “*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God... In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another.*”

What is John getting at here? Isn’t he saying that *love begins with God...is given to us by God*? Isn’t John pointing out that *God’s love is a sacrificial kind of love*, love that is poured out on us to the point of overflowing...*so that we might love one another!*

Chip Heath cites a Harvard professor, *John Kotter*, who says that in our western cultural tradition, we believe that *change* occurs in people when they first *analyze the facts* and then *think about the benefits*. But John Kotter says if you want to really change behaviors, then you must first get people to see and to *feel*, and *then* they will change!

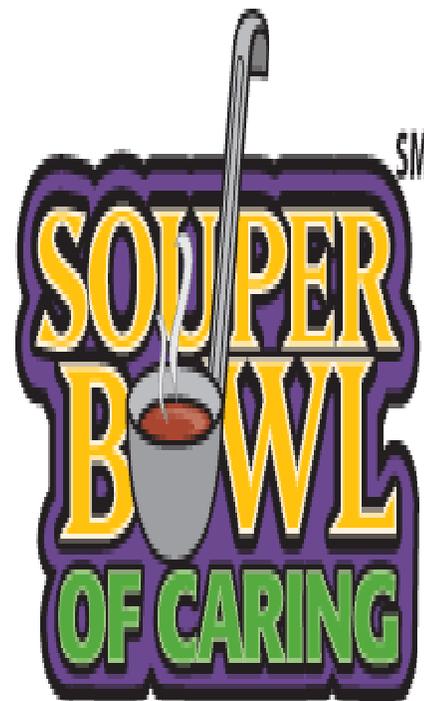
Apply this wisdom to the gospel of God’s love made real in Jesus. Don’t tell a hungry child that God loves him and wants him to be nourished. *Feed him!* Don’t tell a grieving parent that the child she just lost in another school shooting was loved by Jesus. *Work to bring about change that keeps guns out of the hands of mentally unstable people!*

If we are to succeed in our ministry of sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, then let’s just *do it!* Love people as Jesus does. Forgive them as Jesus does. Sacrifice for them as Jesus sacrificed for you. *Put feeling first*, above all that is analytical and rational. Just *love ‘em!*

+ Pastor Rich

Sunday, February 2

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

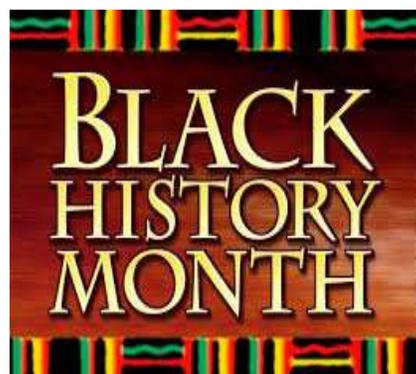


Every day there are children in our community who face hunger. ***You can help!*** On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, our Youth will hold a large “Soup Kettle” to collect donations that will go directly to the LSS Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry Program is entirely supported by donations of both ***food*** and ***money*** from our Congregations in the area.

Please make a donation to help keep the LSS Food Pantry stocked so that we may faithfully minister to the communities we serve. ***Canned goods are also appreciated!***

Look for the “Soup Kettle” on February 2!



Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.



We would like to thank Luanne Okoneski for many, many years as Music Director at All Saints and would also like to thank Mike Okoneski for his many years for preparing visual display for worship.

Here is a fable for you:



The Creation of the Dog, Monkey, Cow, and Man

On the first day, God created the dog and said:

"Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a lifespan of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God Agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:

"Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty year lifespan."

The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God Agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:

"You must go out into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I'll give you a lifespan of sixty years."

The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give you back the other forty?"

And God Agreed.

On the fourth day, God created man and said:

"Eat, sleep, play, marry, and enjoy your life. For this I'll give you twenty years."

But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "But remember, you asked for it."

So that is why ...

- ~ The first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves.
- ~ For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family.
- ~ For the next ten we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.
- ~ And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

So now, my friends, you know.

Did you laugh? Good. Laughter is good medicine!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship "Souper" Bowl Sunday Groundhog Day	3 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	4 8:30 AA (open)	5 8:30 AA (open)	6 8:30 AA (closed)	7	8 9:00 Lady Saints  <i>Women's Fellowship</i>
9 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour 1-3 Pre School Mexican Fiesta	10 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	11 7:00 Property 8:30 AA (open)	12 8:30 AA (open)	13 8:30 AA (closed)	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	17 Presidents' Day 7:00 S.O.S. 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	18 7:00 W & M 8:30 AA (open)	19 8:30 AA (open)	20 Newsletter put together 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	21	22 9:00 
23 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	24 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	25 6:30 Ryewyck Blockwatch 8:30 AA (open)	26 8:30 AA (open)	27 8:30 AA (closed)	28	

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

READER

Feb. 2 Bob Krueger
Feb. 9 Dave Driver
Feb. 16 Jim Burkhardt
Feb. 23 Rick McCann

GREETERS

Wilma Lupe
Rex & Kathy Yarger
Roger & Lynda Meyer
Rick & Becky McCann

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Feb. 2 Bob Krueger & Mary Lou Houle
Feb. 9 Bill & Judy Reber
Feb. 16 Roger & Lynda Meyer
Feb. 23 Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller

MONTH
FEBRUARY

ALTAR
Chris Stockmaster

COUNTERS

Feb. 2 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker
Feb. 9 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Feb. 16 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey
Feb. 23 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer

OFFERING

Feb. 2 Norm Merkel
Feb. 9 Rose Thomson
Feb. 16 Judy Reber
Feb. 23 Janet Caskey

USHERS

Feb. 2 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Feb. 9 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Feb. 16 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Feb. 23 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch



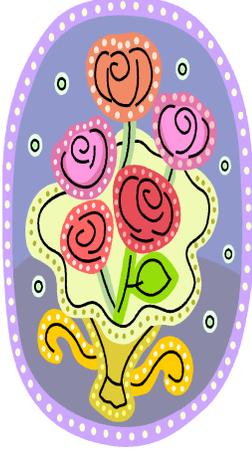
- 2/2 Dwight Mauer
- 2/13 Maxine Gorsuch
- 2/15 Barb Mounjie
- 2/16 Laura Myers
- 2/21 Tim O'Hara
- 2/23 Robert Sopher



- 2/5 David & Bonnie Driver ~ 31 yrs.
- 2/15 Tom & Darlene Stokes ~ 40 yrs.

If we've missed your Birthday or Anniversary this month, please notify the office so we can correct our records.

February Altar Flowers



- 2 Irene Fink
- 9 Bev Rose
- 16 Wilma Lupe
- 23 Bill & Judy Reber

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