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“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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Faith describes what we do not see, but what is faith?

It's a deep feeling in something or someone that doesn't have real evidence or a touchable confirmation.

Faith is considered important because it can give us hope, purpose and strength especially during a difficult time.

Faith is what gives us a sense of hope and confidence that we will get through it even in the hardest times. It helps us to keep going and to find strength in challenging times.

Faith provides structure for understanding the world as a place that we want to follow in life.

Having full faith in The Lord is the greatest wealth. Trusting in Him with your entire being: knowing that He has your back, that He will help us and take care of us. He knows what is best for us. Most importantly, it is what He has planned for us we must really trust.

Pastor Emilce Erato



PRAYER REQUEST

The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tina Bugalia, Bill Ciampa, Corey Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Jimmy E., Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Ginni Hart, Virginia Heinsch, Angela Herber, Jessica, Joe, Joanne Kempel, Elizabeth Lacchini, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, John Pisarri, Joseph Randazzo, Joe Sallow, Schneider family, Moira Sheldon, Robert Smith, Rose Smith, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Miriam Valder, and Deanna Ventura



Jim Brosnan 3/17
Trevor Gasperetti 3/31



Memorial Fund Contributions

A gift has been given in memory of Sylvia Erato by Joyce Becher.

March 17th



Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA
3/12-Council Meeting 10 a.m.

Tuesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA
6:45-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Wednesdays

3/5 Ash Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
11-12 p.m. New Life-AA
Girl Scouts 3/12 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

6:00-7:45 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA
1-3 p.m. SDA Church-Parish Hall

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Worship

March 20th





Easter Flowers 2025

\$16 for tulips or daffodils

\$18 for lilies

Order by April 6

Lily _____

Tulip _____

Daffodil _____

Name _____

Envelope # _____

of plants _____

Amount enclosed _____

*Please dedicate my plants in the
bulletin as follows (Please print).*

In memory of

by _____

In honor of

by _____



Women's History Month is celebrated annually in the United States during the month of March. It honors the contributions of women to history, culture, and society. The celebration dates back to 1857 when women rallied to protest harsh working conditions. In 1987, Congress declared the entire month of March as Women's History Month. International Women's Day, which falls on March 8, is also part of this celebration. -*The History Channel*

Ashes to Go



Pastor Erato and Caren Prill distributed ashes to those passing by on Franklin Avenue. They continued their ministry at Lutheran Social Services on the lower level of the Parish Hall. Worship service with communion was at 11:00 a.m. We welcome everyone to worship with us during this Lenten season.

MARCH OUTREACH



In 1907, Ohio businessman Edgar Allen lost his son in a streetcar accident. The inadequate medical services

available to save his son prompted Allen to sell his business and launch a fundraising campaign to build a hospital in his hometown of Elyria, Ohio. Once the hospital was established, Allen was surprised to discover that the staff would often conceal children with disabilities from public view. Motivated to make a difference, Allen founded the National Society for Crippled Children in 1919, which became the first organization of its kind.

In the spring of 1934, the organization launched its first Easter "seals" campaign to raise funds for its services. Donors showed their support by placing these seals on envelopes and letters. Cartoonist J.H. Donahey from the Cleveland Plain Dealer designed the first seal, inspired by the right to live a "normal" life.

Following World War II, the organization recognized the growing needs of returning veterans and their families. The National Society for Crippled Children expanded its mission to provide comprehensive services tailored specifically to adults and veterans re-entering civilian life. These programs addressed employment opportunities, physical rehabilitation, and community reintegration, offering critical support to people who had dedicated themselves to the nation's service. This expansion not only highlighted the organization's adaptability but also underscored its commitment to fostering independence and dignity for all individuals during a pivotal moment in American history.

Why They Don't Go To Church

*Some stay at home because it's cold,
And some because it's hot,
And some because they're getting old,
And some because they're not.*

*Some stay at home to entertain,
And some to cook their dinners,
And some because they're good enough,
And some because they're sinners.*

*And some declare they don't enjoy
The singing of the choir;
And others 'cause their fellow saint
Aroused their wrathful ire.*

*Some stay home, because they say
The weather's cold or rough;
And some to vent a little spleen,
Because they've got a "huff."*

*And some bewail with pious face,
"The worldliness and sin
That finds a lodgment in the church,"
So never enter in.*

*Alas! Alas! Excuses grow
To drive our thoughts from God,
And turn us from the house of prayer,
The place our Savior trod.*

Author Unknown