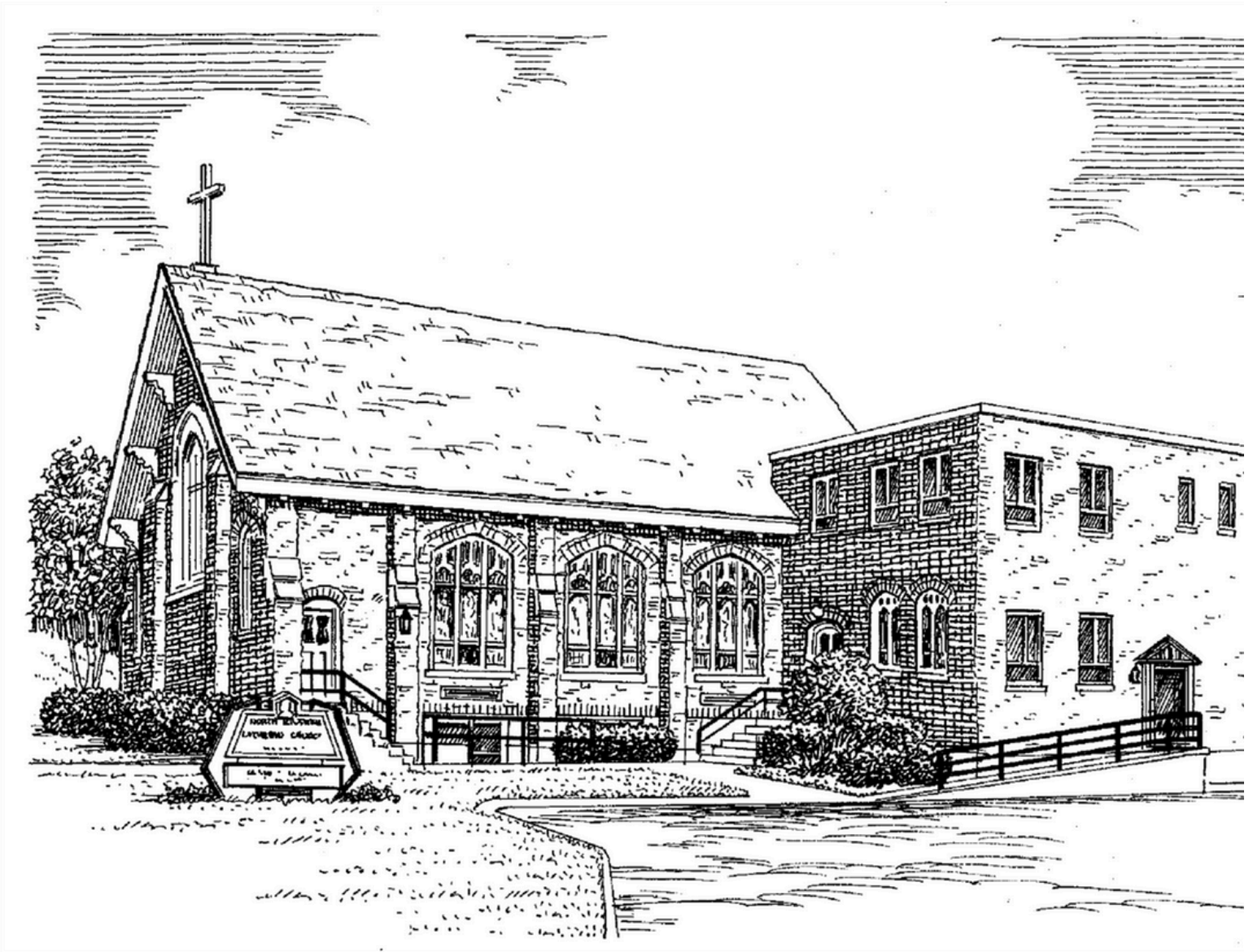


North Riverdale Lutheran Church



GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

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From Pastor Richard

Hello, people of God!

Since we have changed this publication to monthly, I am including my weekly message in the weekly email update that we are sending out on Saturdays. If you aren't on the email distribution list for that, but would like to be, let us know.

It's a privilege to serve at North Riverdale!

*Peace,
Pr. Richard*

LENT STARTS IN MARCH

Our observance of **Lent** will be both the same and different from in years past. Don't worry, though--the differences are additions, not deletions!

North Riverdale will be holding a traditional Ash Wednesday service on the evening of Wednesday, March 5. On the following Wednesdays, we will have our traditional evening Soup Suppers downstairs followed by Worship in the Sanctuary. We will also have a service in the evening of Good Friday, April 5.

This year, we have invited members of **St. John's Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church** to join us for all of our Lenten services. Likewise, they have invited us to join the **noon-time services** that they have held together for several years. That way, people from all three congregations will have **two opportunities to worship each of the days**--at noon and in the evening. That will help people from our church who cannot drive at night and people from the other churches who cannot attend at noon because they work. The noon-time services will rotate among the churches, and we have agreed to host two of them. The schedule:

Ash Wednesday, March 5 @ noon at St. John's

March 12 @ noon at New Hope

March 19 @ noon at North Riverdale

March 28 @ noon at St. John's

April 2 @ noon at New Hope

March 9 @ noon at St. John's

In Addition, St. John's will be having noon time services on Maundy Thursday (April 17) @ noon and on Good Friday (April 18) @ noon. In the evening of April 17, New Hope will be holding its annual Maundy Thursday Service that includes elements of the Seder.

Everyone is invited to attend any of these.

Remainder of Upcoming Church Committee Meetings in February



Council Meeting

Sunday, February 16 immediately following the 10:30 AM service.



Property Committee

Sunday, February 16 immediately following the 10:30 AM service.



Finance Committee

Sunday, February 23 immediately following the 10:30 AM service.

Food Pantry Open to Serve Our Neighbors



The Food Pantry team will be serving our community on **Wednesday, January 15th at 3:00 PM**. Through your generous donations and the partnership with the Foodbank, we help our neighbors who experience food insecurity. Thank you for your continued prayers, donations and financial gifts that help our community in so many ways.

For the month of **February**, we are collecting:

- Bar soap
- Dish liquid
- Toothpaste
- Laundry detergent
- Rice

North Riverdale Book Club

This Month, we'll be finishing up our Book Club discussions of "God Has a Dream" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. You can join us even if you haven't been able to make it to the first two sessions. Dates have **changed**, so please take some time to look at the following carefully.



TUESDAY EVENINGS

IN PERSON and On ZOOM

Feb 18 @ 5:30 PM (Chapters 5 & 6)

Feb 25 @ 5:30 PM (Chapters 7 & 8)

THURSDAYS DURING COFFEE HOUR

IN PERSON

Feb 19 @ 10:30 AM (Chapters 5 & 6)

March 6 @ 10:30 AM (Chapters 7 & 8)

Annual Bra Drive



Hey Ladies!

Do you have any bras laying around the house that don't fit anymore? Did you get a new bra or two for Christmas?

The Rebekah Circle is sponsoring a bra drive to support Oasis House. This charity give much needed help to sex workers and trafficking victims. The Oasis House provides many spiritual, emotional, and job skills programs that encourage women to get safely off the street. This drive is just one way we can help the cause.

We would prefer lightly used or new bras. Please deposit them in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church. We will be collecting them until after Easter.

Monthly Newsletter

Do you have an announcement for the monthly newsletter, a prayer request, or prayer of thanksgiving to share? Contact the church office at nrlchurch45@gmail.com with your information.

Photos for the monthly newsletter have been retrieved from Canva.com.





Rebekah Care Circle

The Rebekah Care Circle focuses on various topics for learning and discussion such as book reviews, Alzheimer's Disease, the state of NRLC, and healing touch. Each month the circle offers a devotion as they lift up prayers for those in need.

The Rebekah Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. This month, they will meet on January 14th. Please feel free to come and see what we are all about. You are most welcome!

Welcome Home Ministry

The Welcome Home Ministry is a partnership with Miami Valley Housing Opportunities. They provide a basket of goods needed upon moving off the street (or shelter) and into an apartment.

Please help this important work by collecting supplies and building the baskets.

For the month of **February**, we are collecting:

- Shampoo and conditioner for men and women
- Pillows
- Bath and kitchen towels
- Dinnerware



Inclement Weather Notification

Winter will be here soon and brings with it icy and cold weather. In an effort to keep everyone informed and safe when inclement weather arises, NRLC recommends that you follow the procedures below:

1. Check local news to determine current weather and road conditions.
2. Call the Church office at 937-275-5750. The answering machine message will be updated with information regarding the Sunday worship service or other events.
3. Check the North Riverdale Lutheran Church Facebook page it will be updated to reflect the status of the scheduled service/event.
4. Check the North Riverdale Lutheran Church website for an update on the Sunday worship service and other events.
5. For those members who do not use Facebook or the internet, we will institute a telephone/text alert to notify them of current status.





Prayers for the Church

We ask that you join us in prayer for the following prayer requests:

- All first responders.
- Active duty military members, their families, and veterans.
- Educators who are dedicated to the success of all children.
- Families who have lost loved ones to gun violence.
- Local, state, and federal leaders.
- Bishop Dillahunt, the Synod staff, clergy, and lay leaders.

If you have joys or concerns that you would like to add to the prayer list, please call Pastor Richard Freudenberger at 937.275.5750 or email him directly at nrlcpastor@gmail.com.

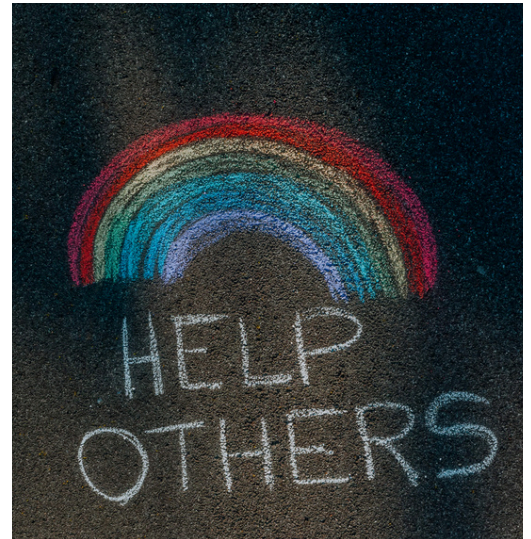
Fourth Tuesday Ministry Wish List

The **Fourth Tuesday Ministry** team will meet on **Tuesday, February 25th at 11:30 AM** at **St. Paul's Methodist Church** to serve the surrounding community.

We are grateful for your financial support and donations of goods. A wish list of needed items can be found below. There is always a demand for shaving cream!

For the month of **February**, we are collecting:

- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Hand warmers
- Hand sanitizer
- Socks for men and women



Joys of the Church

January Birthdays				January Anniversaries	
2/6	Jim Bannan	2/24	Laurie Jenkins	2/22	Charlene & R. J. Zarndt
2/7	Phillip Moore	2/25	Romona Carver		
2/11	Geneva Moore	2/25	Mark McGriff		
2/15	Elisabeth Hanchak	2/28	Susan Dyer		
2/19	Pat Wegley	2/28	Jessica Hanchak		
2/22	Kathy Fournier				
2/24	Steve Combs				

Calendar of Remining Events for February

Date	Event	Time
Monday, Feb. 17	Messy Church	5:30 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Food Pantry	3:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 20	Coffee and Fellowship Hour, including Book Club covering Chapters 5-6 Choir Practice	6:30 PM 6:30 PM
Sunday, Feb. 23	Worship Finance Committee	10:30 AM 11:45 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Fourth Tuesday Ministry Book Club - Chapters 7-8 - In person or on Zoom	11:30 AM 5:30 PM
Thursday, Feb. 27	Coffee and Fellowship Hour Choir Practice	10:30 AM 6:30 PM

[Click here](#) to access the full church calendar!