

CHURCH CHAT

It is the mission and purpose of Somers Community United Church of Christ to study and seek the will of God and to transform our understanding into action.



February 2024



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



In the Pastor's Page for this month and for next month, it is my intention to share a prayer with you for each of the weeks of Lent...that you may pray your weekly prayer every morning of the week and every night of the week to remind you of God's presence during this holy season.

This year, Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Here is a prayer by Ted Loder for February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup>:

*Gentle me, Holy One, into an unclenched moment,  
a deep breath, a letting go of heavy experiences,  
of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties,  
that, softened by the silence,  
surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery,  
I may be found by wholeness,  
Upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple,  
and filled with the joy that is you.*

Here is a prayer for the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>.

It is from Anne Hillman:

*We look with uncertainty beyond the old choices  
for clear-cut answers to a softer,  
more permeable aliveness which is every moment  
at the brink of death;  
for something new is being born in us if we but let it.  
We stand at a new doorway, awaiting what comes...  
daring to be human creatures.  
Vulnerable to the beauty of existence.  
Learning to love.*

Here is a prayer for the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It is Elizabeth Barrett Browning:


*The little cares that fretted me. I lost them yesterday  
among the fields above the sea. Among the winds at play;  
among the lowing of the herds, the rustling of the trees,  
among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees.  
The foolish fears of what may happen, I cast them all away  
among the clover-scented grass, among the new-mown hay;  
among the husking of the corn where drowsy poppies nod,  
where ill thoughts die and good are born, out in the fields of  
God.*

We will continue our weekly Lenten prayers next month, with prayers from the Celtic Tradition.

# February

| February Birthdays |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 2                  | Patricia Swartz  |
| 5                  | Eleanor Thompson |

*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*




If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
PO Box 183  
Somers WI 53171

**WE'RE CLOSED**  
Due to Weather

Just a reminder, if the weather gets bad and it is dangerous to travel, there's a possibility church may be cancelled. You can find cancellation information on Channels 4, 6, and 12.





## Shalom Center Update

On Sunday, December 31st, our church served approximately 28 people at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Stephanie Christenson made the soup. Stephanie Christenson, Martha Swartz, Terra Newhouse, Lynetta Ingham, Pastor Kathy, Char Laba, Jennifer Swartz, and two local university students also helped. Thank you to all. Our next date to serve is Sunday, March 31st.

| Scripture Readings                            |                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>February 4</b><br/><i>Communion</i></p> | <p>Isaiah 40: 21-31<br/>Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c<br/>1 Corinthians 9: 16-23<br/>Mark 1: 29-39</p>         |
| <p><b>February 11</b></p>                     | <p>2 Kings 2: 1-12<br/>Psalm 50: 1-6<br/>2 Corinthians 4: 3-6<br/>Mark 9: 2-9</p>                     |
| <p><b>February 18</b></p>                     | <p>Genesis 9: 8-17<br/>Psalm 25: 1-10<br/>1 Peter 3: 18-22<br/>Mark 1: 9-15</p>                       |
| <p><b>February 25</b></p>                     | <p>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16<br/>Psalm 22: 23-31<br/>Romans 4: 13-25<br/>Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9: 2-9</p> |

| Sunday      |               |
|-------------|---------------|
|             | Altar Flowers |
| February 4  | NONE          |
| February 11 | NONE          |
| February 18 | LENT          |
| February 25 | LENT          |



## Easter Flowers

Thinking ahead we will be offering you the opportunity to purchase flowers to grace our altar for Easter Sunday (March 31st) which you can take home afterwards. The signup sheet will be available March 3rd—17th.



## ANNUAL MEETING

This year's ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 4th**. If we have to cancel due to weather conditions, it will be held on *Sunday, February 11th*. Hope to see you there!!



Our Food Pantry/ Diaper Ministry is in need of **KID'S CEREAL** and **TOILET PAPER**. If you cannot shop nor do not want to shop just make a check payable to "**Somers United Church of Christ**" and mark on it "**Food Pantry**" and we will do the shopping for you. **THANK YOU**  
Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager



Members of the **MISSION COMMITTEE** (Stephanie, Martha, and Bonnie) would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of winter items that were placed on our Winter Clothing Christmas Tree this year. We received hats, scarves, mittens, handmade scarves, hats and mittens for children, underwear, undershirts for men, women and children, sweatshirts and every piece of these articles will help keep a person a little bit warmer in these cold months to come. On January 8th these articles were delivered to the ELCA Outreach Center and Women's & Children Horizons. They were accepted with welcome arms and thankful Somers Church remembered them. **AGAIN THANK YOU!**



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, February 17th** at **8:30 am**. They will gather at the **Phoenix Restaurant, 12440 75th St, Kenosha** located west of I-94 on the north side of Hwy 50 at the West Frontage Road Intersection. Hope you will join us.



## Breakfast & Books (B & B)

On **March 23rd** at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge the B & B group will gather together to discuss the book "**AMERICAN DIRT**" by **JEANINE CUMMINS**. Pauline Lorenz and Tami Frentzel will lead the discussion and Pastor Kathy will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided, and a sign-up sheet will be on the cart in the Narthex for you to sign if you will be attending. **THANKS...**If you have any questions give me a jingle. Bonnie Curnes.



## CUSH FUNDRAISER Sunday, February 11, 2024 Chili Supper

Pre-ordering required.  
(pick-up, take home, reheat, & enjoy)  
*Featuring:* Rich's famous chili; Pastor Kathy's vegan chili; cornbread, toppings; homemade cookies for dessert  
**Place order at [cushkenosha.com](http://cushkenosha.com) or by calling Bunny at 262-654-7337** (last day to order is **Friday, February 9th**)  
**Tickets \$15 / each or \$25 for two**  
Cash/check accepted for payment at pickup.  
**Delivered to your car 3:00 pm –4:30 pm**  
**St Mary's Lutheran Church (eastside)**  
**2001 80th St., Kenosha**



| Sun                                                                                   | Mon | Tue                                         | Wed                               | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                        |
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|                                                                                       |     |                                             |                                   | 1   | 2   | 3                                                                          |
| <b>4 Communion</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><b>11:00 am</b><br>Annual Meeting | 5   | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 7                                 | 8   | 9   | 10                                                                         |
| <b>11</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                               | 12  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | <b>14 Ash</b><br><b>Wednesday</b> | 15  | 16  | <b>17</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| <b>18</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                               | 19  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 21                                | 22  | 23  | 24                                                                         |
| <b>25</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                               | 26  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 28                                | 29  |     |                                                                            |