

Winter Greetings - Grace Newsletter



LENT

Welcome back! This newsletter is to prepare you for lent! We are going to do a movie study over lent and your family is invited to participate!

This Sunday, February 14th, we are supposed to have supply pick-up but it's also supposed to snow. So this Sunday we will have zoom. NEXT Sunday, we will have supply pickup!

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/5771068839?pwd=eFdhaXgxZUUtGNG8reCtJaS9VTUZsdz09>

Meeting ID: 577 106 8839
 Passcode: 09192020

This week I want to introduce you to the options for lent! This week, join us for Ash Wednesday options..

Lent! Lent! Lent! What is lent? Lent is a time of 40 days of waiting before Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time to help us specifically devote ourselves to faith formation, a carved-out time.

This year for lent we are going to do a movie study on the movies: Incredibles & Incredibles 2! Wednesday, Sun. Feb. 21 - Wed. Mar. 31st.

Middle & High School Youth will be doing a movie study on the new Disney movie, *Soul*. Dates and times to be arranged.

There are multiple ways to participate:

Each week the newsletter will give you devotions and directions on what parts of the movie to watch.

Sundays: Join on zoom 9:00-9:30am and talk through discussion questions with Kelsey based on the movie clips.

Wednesday: Join Kelsey on zoom from 7-8pm to watch a clip of the movie and have some discussion around your faith related to the movie!

At-Home: There will be an opportunity next Sunday, Feb. 21st to pickup "Lent-in-a-box" from church at 9:00am to facilitate at-home lent with the movies, devotions, and activities.

ASH WEDNESDAY OPTIONS

Drive-through Prayer and Ashes will be available in the church parking lot between noon - 2pm. Enter the parking lot and drive around to the side of the church office. Pastor Kraiss will come to your car to pray with you and provide ashes for you to mark your own forehead.

At 7pm, **worship with Deacon Allison & Pastor Kraiss on zoom.** Ashes in small containers will be available to be picked up from the church office porch (located in container below mailbox) at your convenience, Sun., Feb 14 through Wed., Feb 17. You may also use ashes from your own fireplace. *You should have received the zoom link in your email from Grace!*

Lent Incredibles Devotion – Sneak Peak!

Section 1

0:00.00 – 0:31.00



Day 1

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no
one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they
were coming down the mountain, he ordered
them to tell no one about what they had seen.*

Mark 9:2-9

**"So, Mr. Incredible, do you have a secret identity?"
– Interviewer**

**"Every superhero has a secret identity. Who wants
the pressure of being super all the time?" – Mr.
Incredible**

Jesus has a dual identity: fully human AND fully God. Jesus' superpower is God! Even Jesus doesn't want to pressure of being super all the time. "Do not tell anyone about what you have seen" is a theme throughout most of the gospels.¹ Taking the pressure off being super all the time also means you get time to yourself, to focus on you, and what you need, not on serving others. Jesus also needed that. He would go off alone and pray after doing amazing things like healing and miracles.²

- Why do you think Jesus told people not to tell anyone about what they saw?
- Why do you think Jesus took time away and prayed?
- What would happen if people found out a superhero's identity?
- If you could have a superpower, what would it be?
- What other superheroes have secret identities?
- What ways does God put on his superhero costume and do great things in your life and others?

***Written by Kelsey Tomlinson**

Weekly Service Opportunity

Welcome Bread - Snack Packs

<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeBread/>

Welcome bread Ministry is an off-shoot ministry of the Welcome Church (we have served with in previous years). They work with community food programs by helping provide food. We are helping build snack bags!

Directions:

In a sandwich-sized Ziploc bag pack 5 total items (*listed below*) (mix of sweet and savory). Drop-off by Sundays at 9am at Kelsey's home (713 E. 8th Street Boyertown, PA 19512) *drop-off may change as the project continues.*

Items that can be packed:

sweet items: fruit snacks, mini-chocolates, raisins, chewy granola bars, cookies;

savory items: 1 oz bag of potato chips, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, mini slim jims.

Please make sure you follow the directions for items to pack, amount to pack, and all in a sandwich size ziploc.

¹ Matthew 8:3-4, 9:29-30, 12:15-16, 16:20, 17:9, Mark 5:42-43, 7:35-36, 8:30, 9:9, & Luke 9:21.

² Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:46, Luke 5:16, 6:12, & Mark 1:35.