

One of the most poignant things about the Lenten season during my youth was Ash Wednesday, when I was reminded (by the ashes put on my forehead) that we came from the dust and to the dust we'd ultimately return. In recent years, that imagery was 'juxtapositioned' a little, because now I'm the person who is actually PUTTING the ashes on the foreheads of people who view me as the priestly figure. But it in NO way does it make it any less apparent that I'm still dust; in fact, the role I now play keeps me conscious of the frailty I feel in performing such tasks for the Lord. Because being a pastor is more about understanding the dis-order of life than it does the order of things. Here's what I mean.

If you walk into my office, you'll see pretty quickly that there are all sorts of little sticky notes and items that help me remember things...phone numbers, notations, the hard copies of the minutes of meetings I am part of...and in our home there's a basket that is on the table in our hallway that has a number of little items that are kept there (keys, wallet, phone, etc.) that absolutely need to be there all the time or they'll get lost. Having certain things in my sightlines are critical to my knowing where things are – and I know this because I was tested for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the people that did the testing told me that these little 'helps' really make my life more ordered, even if doesn't feel that way.

I regularly had a key tied around my neck with a shoe string as a kid; I lost so many keys to our house after school that we even had a neighbor keep an extra one at her home. I can't tell you how many times I left my baseball mitt out in the rain during

my childhood, but I CAN tell you that this penchant hasn't gone away now that I'm an adult. Last fall, I did an outdoor funeral in Shelby and left my car running the whole time I was there (2 hours).

And if a familiar item that needs to be in a familiar place gets moved, it can take me miles to deal with the ole 'retrace your steps' way to solve the problem of losing something. My mind is really good on a number of levels (Scrabble, remembering field goal percentages of basketball players), but there are holes in my processing and the ADHD tests showed a couple. All of which can be extremely maddening without God; and a story reminded me of this.

The story was on my wall for years, but I know it well enough that it's ingrained in my head. It was written by a woman from a church in California some 20 years ago. Carol was describing her penchant for losing keys and her frustration in doing so as often as she did. In one particular case, the keys had been locked in her car (without the car running, thankfully) and she eventually found someone to jimmy the car open, one of a few who offered help. But for a while, she was so obsessed on trying to solve the problem herself, she couldn't get out of her own way. Then she continued:

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## Upcoming Sermon Texts:

Mar. 7 – I Cor. 1:18-25

Mar. 14 – Num 21:4-9

Mar. 21 – Jer. 31:31-34

Mar. 28 – Mark 11:1-11

Apr. 4 (Easter Sunday) – John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8





“The bonehead move of the afternoon was not losing my keys. The grand mistake was not accepting the first offer I got. I wanted to do it myself...(but) when life stops like this, God commands my complete attention. I picture Him almost gleeful at this opportunity. He shows me his faithfulness, his life, and His concern for me. He not only knows how many hairs there are on my head, but He knows where my keys are, or he connects me with the person who gets me into my house (or car)...when I call an end to my pity party, God reminds me that He is always paying attention and that I need to do the same. I sometimes joke that I don’t know how God can help anyone else in the world, because He is spending so much time taking care of me.”

With Joy For the God Who Cares,

Pastor Craig



Elias Greenwall	Mar 10
Jeanette Ostrom	Mar 10
Jodi Johnson	Mar 12
David Schram	Mar 14
Asher Greenwall	Mar 17
Peggy Lovgren	Mar 17
Kathy Nelson	Mar 17
Trey Willhoft	Mar 18
Lanny Nielsen	Mar 24
Wendy Ziemba	Mar 30



Doug & Cindi Perdue	Mar 5
Lanny & Dianne Nielsen	Mar 10
Mark & Judy Hanson	Mar 16

## March Dates to Remember



**Wednesday, March 10—Kids' Club Begins!**

6:00—7:30 pm (every Wednesday in March and April)

**Sunday, March 14—Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward!



**Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day**

**Thursday, March 18—Rescue Mission Meal—5:30 pm**

**Saturday, March 20—Spring Begins!**

**Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday**



**Wednesday, March 31—Community Prayer Breakfast**

7:00 am—ticket cost to be announced





## Financial Update:

2021 Budget Summary  
(1/1/21 through 1/31/21)

Needed Income: \$11,998.17  
Actual Income: \$16,677.58  
Difference: \$ 4,679.41

Budgeted Exp: \$11,998.17  
Actual Exp: \$ 8,273.20  
Under Budget: \$ 3,724.97

Note: some of this income was from the endowment for the purchase of sound system. Not all is tithes & offerings.



ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:  
[www.stromsburgcov.org](http://www.stromsburgcov.org) and click on ONLINE GIVING.

## Camp Registration:

Early bird registration for Summer camps is due April 1, 2021. Parents, please fill out registration forms for your students and turn them in to the office so we can register as a group. Forms are on the bulletin board across from the coat rack. If you have questions please talk to Johanna Nielsen. Her email is [jnielsen@crosscounty.esu7.org](mailto:jnielsen@crosscounty.esu7.org) and her phone is 402-764-0086.



## Ministry Team Leaders:

Note: Ministry teams will be meeting in early March to select leadership for 2021. The following may or may not continue on in their leadership roles. If you would like to be on a team please sign up in the fellowship hall.

**Lead Team:**  
Dennis Nuttelman  
402-366-9803

**Worship Ministry Team:**  
Sue Rosenbaum  
402-560-6759

**Fellowship & Hospitality:**  
Pat Everingham  
402-764-0345

**Christian Formation:**  
Judy Hanson  
402-764-6681

**Outreach:**  
Dave Schram—402-710-8858  
Shayla Hier—402-764-0261

**Properties:**  
Kent Erickson  
402-765-6721

**Prayer Concerns?** Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to [prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org](mailto:prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org).



## Ministry Partners

**Sunday, Mar 7, 2021**

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Dennis Nuttelman

Worship Team: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman,  
Craig Pinley, Ryan Cooper

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

**Sunday, Mar 14, 2021**

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Eleanor Greenwall

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue  
Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

**Thursday, Mar 18, 2021**

Rescue Mission Meal: TBD

**Sunday, Mar 21, 2021**

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Jeannie Ahlquist

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne  
Nielsen, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy; Kohen Hier

**Sunday, Mar 28, 2021**

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Bob Orsborn

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli  
Noyd, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy



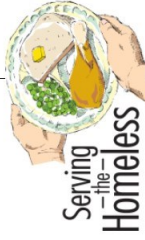








# March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 7:00 pm BSF Zoom (every Tues)	3 6:30 pm Prayer	4 9:30 am BSF (Free Ch) (every Thurs)	5	6
7 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:45 Fellowship 12:00 Lead Team Mtg	8	9	10 6:00 pm Kids' Club 7:30 pm Prayer	11 	12	13
14 	15	16	17 6:00 pm Kids' Club 7:30 pm Prayer	18 5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal	19 	20 
21 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	22	23	24 6:00 pm Kids' Club 7:30 pm Prayer	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31 PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00 am—Community Prayer Breakfast 6:00 pm Kids' Club 7:30 pm Prayer	