



# “Two Steeples Parish” Springdale & West Blue Mounds Lutheran Churches

## February 2020



Dear Friends in Christ:

A new year, 2020 is underway. Loren and I are finishing up our second, 6 month contract as your interim pastors. We know that you are wondering how the search for a new pastor for Two Steeples is proceeding. This is a good time to share some things with you.

As you know, the ELCA, along with a number of churches, is experiencing a shortage of pastors coming out of seminary. When Loren and I graduated from seminary, 40 years ago, there was a surplus of pastors waiting for calls. In fact, we actually began our ministry as licensed interim pastors at Merrimac and Mazomanie. After about a 6 month wait, we were called to a church in Kenosha County.

Times have changed. The church has changed in many ways. But one thing has not changed. The Holy Spirit still leads and guides our churches. God has a mission in this world. And God invites West Blue Mounds and Springdale to be a part of that mission.

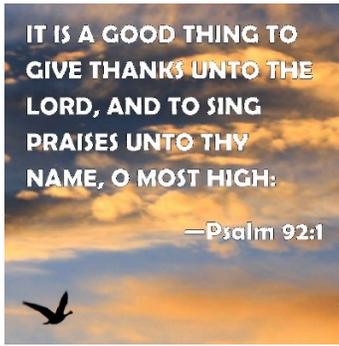
Churches, seminaries, and synods are developing new programs to address the shortage of pastors coming out of seminary. There are programs for long distance learning and second career folks. Seminaries have changed their curriculum to meet the times.

So what does this mean for Two Steeples? Please know that Loren and I, the church councils, and the synod office have been working toward the next step for our churches. And we are making real progress. It will be exciting to share the next step. But for right now, several things still have to fall into place. Until they do, and that, hopefully, should be in the next few months, we ask for your patience and for your prayers!

Loren and I hope to remain with Two Steeples and continue as your interim pastors until everything is finalized. Two Steeples is a great parish and there are exciting things happening. May God bless us as we move forward together.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Linda

**ANNUAL MEETING TIME:**  
Springdale’s Annual Meeting is Sun, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> following the worship service  
The Annual Reports are in the Narthex to take and review; please bring them back with you for the Annual Meeting.  
*Please attend this important meeting & encourage other to come also.*



## Message from Our Youth and Family Minister, Jim

*“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.”*  
*Psalm 92: 1-4*

Winter days in January and February can feel long and cold in Wisconsin! We may find ourselves feeling a little bit blue and tired of being cooped up in the house or shoveling snow one too many times! I have found, some of the best ways of getting through the dull cold days of winter, is to get dressed up in warm clothes and go outside with the family and find something to do. It can be really a great way to build family memories through doing things, like sledding, building a snow man or snow fort, dusting off those old cross-country skis or skates, snowshoes or just some good hiking with winter boots in the snow. Taking time to appreciate the beauty of the winter season; and give thanks to God for the gifts of the different times and changing seasons. Taking time to be thankful to God can truly make all the difference, in our attitudes and how we feel in this time of year! May God Bless you and keep you warm, safe and grateful in the day and the season of winter!

### Upcoming:

Our **Sunday school** classes will be exploring the wonderful Old Testament story of **Daniel in the Lion’s Den**. So, come join us every Sunday morning following worship and fellowship from at 10:00 am at Two Steeples-Springdale!

**February 2: Movie**

**February 9: Drama/Story**

**February 16: Craft**

**February 26: Kitchen**

Our **Confirmation** classes for **February meet on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm at Two Steeples- West Blue Mounds. Ash Wednesday is February 26.** Beginning with Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, we will NOT be having the 7/8 Grade 4-5:30 Catechism class as WBM. However, the students are highly encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday, and Lenten Services instead which will be at 6:30 at West Blue Mounds, and if possible, attend the Good Friday service-location announced later. There is so much to learn about Jesus’ journey to the cross, giving us, out of His amazing love, the greatest gift of salvation through our belief and faith in Him. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Winter Youth and Family Fun Day:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our all ages of youth and families to gather on **Sunday, February 23 from 3:00-4:30 pm** for a **Winter Youth and Family Fun Day** at **Waltz Park in Mt. Horeb** for Sledding, etc. The Dahlgren’s (507 Linda Road-1<sup>st</sup> driveway on left when turning onto Linda Road from Brian Street) are hosting this event with hot Chocolate and Treats. You are welcome to park on Linda Road along the front of our home. ***Bring your family and a friend, warm clothes, sleds and enjoy a fun winter afternoon at Waltz Park! YOUR FAMILIES, are invited to join us for some “Winter Fun!”***

Wishing you all Blessed winter days of February!

Peace Love and Joy in Jesus!

Jim Ranney ><



**NOTE:** The February Newsletter has been shortened because of getting the Annual Meeting Reports done for this Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Springdale's Annual Meeting will be NEXT Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, following the worship Service.

### January's Eternal Candle

The Eternal Candle is given by Gary Bakken in memory of his good friend, Ken Bussan who passed away in February of 2016.

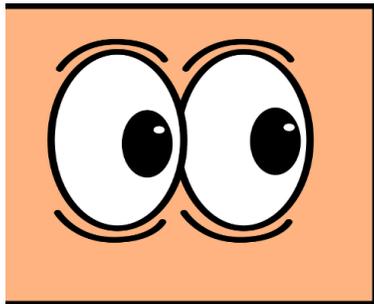


(The price is \$17.00 for the month.)

### Snow Shoveling for Springdale Safety

Volunteers to make Springdale's entrance accessible are again sought for 'show shoveling roulette'! We appreciate folks who just come and do it, whether signed up or not, but it is helpful to know who has offered their commitment beforehand.

Be sure to shovel and salt all four entrances: west side sanctuary entry, south side office entry, east side Sunday school stairwell and old north side office entry. Watch for sign-up in the sanctuary entrance soon and thank you! Thank you, to those of you who have shoveled and kept the entrance ways open.



**NOTE:** look for the **MARCH NEWSLETTER** around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. We are sending it out early because Ash Wednesday, which begins the Season of Lent, is February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Ash Wednesday Service and ALL Lenten Services will be at 6:30 following the Community Meal at West Blue Mounds.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



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**Dated Material: Please Do Not Delay!**



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Thurs., Feb. 6, 6:30 – Social Concerns Meeting @  
Springdale

Sun., Feb. 2, 11 a.m. - Sun Sch.&Ed. Comm. mtg.

Sun., Feb. 9, 10 a.m. - Annual Meeting-Sprngdl

Sat., Feb. 29, 10 am-3 pm – Quilting Group at  
Springdale-Bring your own lunch.

\* Wed., Feb. 26, 6:30p.m. - Ash Wednesday-WBM

**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**

Sundays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 9:00 a.m. – Worship  
service at Springdale

Sundays, February, 10-11 a.m. – Sunday School  
(Rotational) after Springdale Worship

Sunday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10:30 a.m. – Worship  
service at West Blue Mounds

Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am–Little Ones Playgroup @  
Springdale

Wed., Feb. 5 & Feb. 19, 4-5:30 – 7/8 Gr. Catechism

Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30 – Community Meal-WBM  
6:30 – Bible Study on Book of Revelation-WBM  
(Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19)\*