

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 2025



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I have been taking an online masterclass called “20<sup>th</sup> Century Mystics”. A mystic is simply someone who searches for and experiences Divine Union. Our mystics were from a wide variety of religious backgrounds and faith perspectives. Here they are along with a quote from each that touched me and blessed me personally. Enjoy:

February 2024—Thich Nhat Hanh (Buddhist from Vietnam)

*“We are here to awaken from our illusion of separateness.”*

March 2024—Mary Oliver (U.S, Poet)

*“Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”*

April 2024—Henri Nouwen (Catholic Priest from the Netherlands)

*“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”*

May 2024—Bede Griffiths (British Benedictine Monk who became a yogi in India)

*“God is not a concept to be understood. God is a mystery to be experienced.”*

June 2024—Sister Wendy Becket (Catholic Nun born in South Africa turned art critic)

*“Silence is the greatest art form of the contemplative. When we are quiet, when we are silent, we are in a state of receptivity.”*

July 2024—Thomas Berry (Eco-Spiritual Priest from the United States)

*“The earth does not belong to us: We belong to the earth.”*

August 2024—Caryll Houselander (British Chain-Smoking Misfit Mystic)

*“The sense of the joy in anything is the sense of Christ.”*

September 2024—Black Elk (Lakota Healer born in the United States)

*“Peace will come to the hearts of men when they realize their oneness with the universe. It is everywhere.”*

October 2024—Thomas Merton (French Monk)

*“Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone—we find it with one another.”*

November 2024—Simone Weil (Roman Catholic Born Activist from France)

*“Absolutely unmixed attention is prayer.”*

December 2024—Abraham Heschel (Polish Born Rabbi)

*“When I was young, I used to admire intelligent people; as I grow older, I admire kind people.”*

January 2025—Howard Thurman (Christian minister from the United States)

*“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”*



# February

| February Birthdays     |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2                      | Patricia Swartz             |
| 5                      | Eleanor Thompson            |
| February Anniversaries |                             |
| 12                     | Zarko & Deborah Radovanovic |

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

| Sunday |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
|        | Altar Flowers   |
| Feb 2  | NONE            |
| Feb 9  | NONE            |
| Feb 16 | Deb Radovanovic |
| Feb 23 | NONE            |

| Scripture Readings                                        |                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Feb 2</b><br><i>Communion</i><br><i>Annual Meeting</i> | Jeremiah 1:4-10<br>Psalm 71: 1-6<br>1 Corinthians 13: 1-13<br>Luke 4: 21-30                      |
| <b>Feb 9</b>                                              | Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13)<br>Psalm 138<br>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11<br>Luke 5: 1-11                     |
| <b>Feb 16</b>                                             | Jeremiah 17: 5-10<br>Psalm 1<br>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11<br>Luke 6: 17-26                          |
| <b>Feb 23</b>                                             | Genesis 43: 3-11, 15<br>Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40<br>1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50<br>Luke 6: 27-38 |



## Shalom Center Update

On Sunday, December 29th, our church served approximately 48 people at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Stephanie Christenson made the soup. We also furnished garden salad, fruit salad, cookies, and supplies for sandwiches. The following helped with serving: Stephanie Christenson, Terra Newhouse, Lynetta Ingham, Barb Flocker, Pastor Kathy, Steve Liton, Sue Fitzgerald, Jennifer Swartz and Martha Swartz. Thank you to all.

Our next date to serve is Sunday, March 30th.



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.



If you would like to mail your offering:  
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This year's ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 2nd**. If we have to cancel due to weather conditions, it will be held on *Sunday, February 9th*. Hope to see you there!!



The Mission Committee members would like to take this opportunity to thank members and friends of our congregation for their generous donations that were put around and upon THE GIVING TREE. They were delivered January 7th to the ELCA Outreach Center and Women and Children's Horizons and both organizations were so appreciative and so very thankful. Remember "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." THANK YOU!

The Mission Committee  
-Stephanie Christenson, Martha Swartz, and Bonnie Curnes



We are always in need of **KID'S CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, and PAPER TOWELS**. In the past few months, we have seen more food being given to families and some senior citizens at our food pantry. \$\$\$ money donations are always welcome, and we will do the shopping for you. Just send or put a check in the offering plate and mark on it "**Food Pantry**". Thank you for your help.  
Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, February 15th** 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 22nd** at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge the B & B will gather together to discuss "**THE WOMEN**" by **Kristin Hannah**. Bonnie Curnes will lead the discussion, and Debbie Radovanovic will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. A signup sheet will be on the table beginning in March for you to sign if you will or will not be attending. Any questions direct them to Bonnie. (262-654-1612), if you have any questions about joining this group.



### **CUSH FUNDRAISER** **Sunday, February 9, 2025** **Superbowl Chili Cookout** Pre-ordering required.

(pick-up, take home, reheat, & enjoy)  
*Featuring:* Rich's famous chili; cornbread, toppings; homemade desserts  
Pastor Kathy's vegan chili also available  
**Place order at [cushkenosha.com](http://cushkenosha.com) or by calling Bunny at 262-654-7337** (last day to order is **Wednesday, February 5th**)  
**Tickets \$15 / each or \$25 for two**  
Cash/check accepted for payment at pickup.  
**Delivered to your car 4:00 pm –5:30 pm**  
**St Mary's Lutheran Church (eastside)**  
**2001 80th St., Kenosha**



# FEBRUARY



| Sun                                                                                             | Mon | Tue                                             | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                          |   |
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| <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> |     |                                                 |     |     |     |                                                              | 1 |
| 2<br><b>Communion</b><br><br>10:00 AM<br>Worship<br>11:00 am<br>Annual Meeting                  | 3   | 4<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry  | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8                                                            |   |
| 9<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                        | 10  | 11<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15<br>8:30 am Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |   |
| 16<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                       | 17  | 18<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22                                                           |   |
| 23<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                       | 24  | 25<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 26  | 27  | 28  |                                                              |   |