

March 2022 @OSLC*

Sunday Office Hours	Monday 9am—1:30pm	Tuesday 9am—1:30pm	Wednesday 9am—3pm	Thursday 9am—1:30pm	Friday Closed	Saturday Closed
		1 First Day of Women's History Month 1-5pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	2 Ash Wednesday Noon In-Person Worship & HC 6:30pm In-Person & Online Worship & HC	3	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5 9am-1pm WCC
6 9:30am Worship/HC In-Person & Online 6pm WUW ZOOM 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	7	8 International Women's Day 9am Quilters 1-5pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	9 Lent 1 Noon In-Person Worship & HC 6:30pm In-Person & Online Worship	10 1:30pm La Crosse Area Synod Anti-Racism mtg.	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12 9am-1pm WCC
13 Daylight Saving Time Starts 9:30am Worship/HC In-Person & Online 6pm WUW ZOOM 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	14 Happy Pi Day! 6:30pm Priscilla Circle	15 1-5pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	16 Lent 2 Noon In-Person Worship & HC 6:30pm In-Person & Online Worship 7:15pm Church Council ZOOM mtg.	17 St. Patrick's Day 2—7:30pm L a Crosse Area Synod Council mtg.	18 Pastor's Sabbath	19 9am-1pm WCC
20 9:30am Worship/HC In-Person & Online 11am-1pm Youth Group 6pm WUW ZOOM 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	21 12pm Messenger articles due	22 9am Quilters 1-5pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	23 Lent 3 Noon In-Person Worship & HC 6:30pm In-Person & Online Worship & HC	24	25 Pastor's Sabbath	26 9am-1pm WCC
27 9:30am Worship/HC In-Person & Online 6pm WUW ZOOM 6:30pm Y.E.S. AA mtg.	28	29 1—5pm WCC 4:15-5:15pm CFS	30 Lent 4 Noon In-Person Worship & HC 6:30pm In-Person & Online Worship & HC	31	HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet WUW—Waking Up White Synod Lenten Read *Events subject to change; up-to-date information at www.allarewelcome.org . To access this and other publications online visit allarewelcome.org .	

SYNOD WIDE LENTEN DISCIPLINE OF ENGAGING IN "COURAGE CONVERSATIONS" THROUGH THE WAKING UP WHITE READ

We live in a time that we have lost the ability to talk about issues with dignity and respect. Often, we remain in our own "silos" and listen and talk with those who agree with us and tend to dismiss others. Courage Conversations are an attempt to create opportunities to listen and learn with each other.

The **Waking Up White Synod Read** invites you to engage in conversations about the dynamics of race in your own life, congregations, and community. Members of the Synod Church and Society Committee will lead these ZOOM based conversations on Sunday Evenings during Lent. There is no fee to participate.

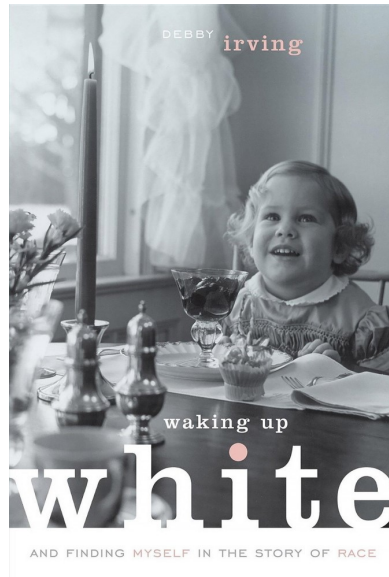
Sundays: March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3

Time: 6pm—7pm, via ZOOM

Registrations: Email or call the synod office
(melanie@lacrosseareasyndod.org or [608.788.5000](tel:608.788.5000))

Copies of *Waking Up White** are available in local libraries, and a few are still available in the church office or at the synod office.

**Waking Up White* is the book author Debby Irving wishes someone had handed her decades ago. By sharing her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As she unpacks her own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of those well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. She also explains why and how she's changed the way she talks about racism, works in racially mixed groups, and understand the racial justice movement as a whole.



MARCH 2022 BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Danielle Feran	3/14	Brady Blankenship
3/1	Judy Sasse	3/14	Charles Manske
3/1	Jan Schilling	3/14	Anthony Piazza
3/2	Ruth Ellefson	3/14	Bryon Potts
3/3	Amelia Kruser	3/15	Rodney Thiele
3/5	Steven Kruser	3/16	Doni Moyer
3/5	Krista Kuhn	3/17	Emma Kadera
3/5	Sophie Schmitz	3/18	Bethany Matsick
3/5	Mavis Stafslie	3/19	Roger Piazza
3/7	Robyn Malayter	3/19	Pao Xiong
3/8	Judith Black	3/20	Amy Smaby
3/8	Sydney Grimes	3/20	Linda Rudrud
3/8	Ryan Kruser	3/22	Lori Blowers
3/8	Bert Sasse	3/22	Rachel Culver
3/8	Scott Swedeen	3/22	Mary Rathgaber
3/9	Cheryl Amsrud	3/23	Amber Lange
3/9	Annika Masingille	3/23	DeLoris Malmberg
3/9	Travis Shulka	3/23	Dottie Pierce
3/9	Ryan Van Berkum	3/24	Byron Blackmore
3/10	David Blowers	3/24	Jessica Guy
3/10	Elliot Jensen	3/24	Brittany Taylor
3/10	Jessica Kramer	3/25	Allen McCallson
3/10	Patricia Mitchell	3/25	Catherine Siekert
3/10	Lisa Rudrud	3/26	Jason Anderson
3/10	Robert Suter	3/26	Nylan Hynek
3/11	Rudy Nedvidek	3/28	Dylan Richards
3/11	Max VanZee	3/29	Virginia Bentzen
3/11	Sheila Zentner	3/29	Theresa Cravens
3/12	Emily Fazio	3/29	Mariah Deal
3/12	Suzanna Krause	3/29	Jeffrey Franko
3/13	Jaxon Dieck	3/30	Heather Halvorson
3/13	Bonnie Powell	3/31	Colleen Cartwright
3/13	Martha Rowling	3/31	Alfred Fair

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET—REOPENING

The Women's Clothes Closet (WCC) is ready and incredibly happy to reopen Tuesday, March 1, 2022!

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our guests and staff. These safety measures are in effect so we can continue to serve women in the La Crosse area with grace and respect:

- **Appointments are not required.** Drop in hours are: **Tuesdays, 2pm—6pm; and Saturdays, 9am—1pm.**
- Face masks required (a mask will be provided for you if you do not have one)
- Hand sanitizer will be available for guests use
- Social distancing rules will be in effect
- Fitting rooms will not be available to try on clothing at this time
- Please do not come if you or anyone in your household is ill at the time of your appointment.

DONATIONS

The WCC is now welcoming donations of gently used *spring and summer clothing* that is fashionable, clean, and in good repair. Bras, shoes, handbags, scarves, and jewelry are also very much appreciated. Donations will only be *accepted on Wednesdays and Saturdays by appointment only.* **Please call 608.784.5745 to schedule a drop off time** (leave a message and someone will call you back to schedule). Thank you!

OFFERING COMFORT and Care to THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST—PERSONAL CARE KITS

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more. Whether a kit

helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.



Throughout Lent, we are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits. **Please bring needed items (list on next page) to worship during Lent.** With your help these ordinary items go a long way to helping give people around the world tools to stay healthy in some of life's most challenging situations.

OUR GOAL IS TO ASSEMBLE 100 KITS.

For more information visit Lutheran World Relief's website www.lwr.org.

PERSONAL CARE KITS



Provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools.

Some important guidelines to remember

- Please give only new items, in good condition.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Include the following in each Personal Care Kit

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), dark color recommended shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use).
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no hotel soap).
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap).
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging. (No brushes; please provide medium- to wide-tooth combs, so that members in all the communities we serve can utilize them).
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Please bring donations to worship on Sundays or Wednesdays and place in the marked cart in the Narthex or to the church office Monday—Thursday from 9am–1:30pm.