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*Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ,
sharing God's love with all.*

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From Pastor Jenny

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is coming, so go find a mirror.

On March 2nd, we begin a 40 day journey through Lent with Ash Wednesday. On that day, we are all called to enter into a period of self-examination, self-reflection, repentance, and prayer. We are called to use the 40 days of Lent to consider the sin in our lives, in our hearts, and the ways we separate ourselves from God and one another. Because of these practices, oftentimes Lent is considered a somber and solemn season of the church, which it is. But there is joy to be found in the journey.

So go find a mirror.

Direct your attention and scrutiny away from your neighbor or the stranger you don't know to yourself. Consider your heart, your need for forgiveness, and remember we have a God who is eager to lavish us with abundant love and mercy.

So go find a mirror.

In the mirror we will see mortality and eternity, sin and grace, death and life, our humanity and Christ's divinity. In the mirror we will see an ashen cross drawn on our foreheads from Ash Wednesday, reminding us that our mortal selves are perishable, but Christ's sacrifice is imperishable. In the mirror we will see a person in need of redeeming and a person whose redemption has been won by Christ.

So go find a mirror this Lent. Take time for self-reflection and trust that God is there on the journey with you.

With love and hope, Pastor Jenny

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation." 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Prayer Ministry

EACH OF US ARE A PART OF OUR CHURCH'S PRAYER MINISTRY.

PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS NEEDED

If you would like to serve on our prayer chain (email or phone), please contact the church office.
Prayer Journals available for all prayer team members and anyone else who would like them.

WE PRAY for our church community, especially: Phil Engelhardt (St. Francis Hospital), Jeanie Schuler (home), Sara Welch (home), Joyce Koenig (home), David Schmidt (home), Kevin Eaton (home), Martha Donohoe (home), Laura Martin (home), Lois Lykins (home), Verla Buch (home), and Blake Hopper (home).

WE PRAY for our homebound members: Betty Deutscher, Lois Lykins, Marian Orton, Bob Papp, Alice Purdy, Charlie Vaughn, and Margaret Worrell.

WE PRAY for our family and friends: Marilyn Tretcher (friend of Barb Collins), Linda Naugle (friend of Barb Collins), Linda Meyer (Verla Buch's sister-in-law), Shad Horchem (Shirley Perry's brother-in-law), Manny Ramos (Shirley Perry's nephew-in-law), Evelyn Ijams (CDO Student), Michael Kuner (friend of Mark Fuller), Heidi Mark (Bill & Joyce's daughter), Richard Holliday (Marian Orton's son), Amanda Gill (friend of Trudi Myers), Drew Hartz (Steve & Kathy Couch's son-in-law), Sheila Mitchell (Shirley Brower's niece), Deloris Patton (Nancy & Charlie Vaughn's sister-in-law), Don Kaphingst (Margaret Stewart's brother), Newt Newstrom (Dawn Graham's father), William Durham (Trudi Myers' son-in-law), Tavia Shaker (friend of Lindsay Blank), Pat Grant (friend of Ron Bessler), Dan Fraleigh (Sherrie Petersen's brother-in-law), Velda Jacobs (Eileen Caspers' aunt), Lewis Sanders (Rachelle Witherspoon's father), Syndee Haake (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Blanche Stephansen (Ron Bessler's sister), Nicole Klein (Patti's God-daughter), Georgi Peterson (Rhonda Dealey's mother), Lawrence & Lenette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' parents), John Browne (Penny & Marvin Boleski's brother-in-law), Camille Baehni Engler (former member), Brennan Soukup (Julie Bender's cousin), C.A. & Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' parents), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great niece), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), and David Metzenthin (Bud's son).

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Brooke Roark* on the death of her father, Bill Hentzler.

OUR CONDOLENCES to *Michelle Black* on the death of her father, Donald "Pete" Godlove.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST DUE TO DEATH:

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a more private prayer request (not to be printed on public list), please contact Pastor Jenny and the team of dedicated people will be contacted to start the prayer chain.

**FOR ADDITIONS TO OR REMOVALS FROM ANY OF THESE PRAYER LISTS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." — Martin Luther



Worship



Worship with us!

Hebrews 12:28 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN-PERSON

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

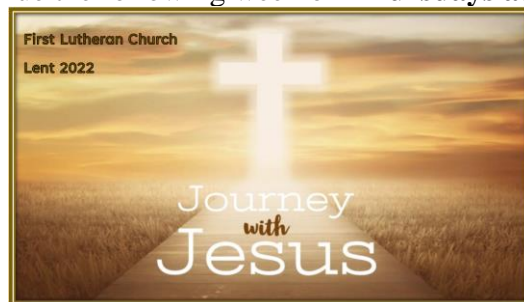
Facebook Livestream Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Upload Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

ONLINE WORSHIP OUTREACH: When you worship online, be sure to share the worship service as a way to welcome others to worship. It's never been easier to invite your friends to worship!

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY on March 2nd. Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday with a **service of imposition of ashes and communion at 7:00 p.m.** both in person and on Facebook Live. We will also be offering a **Drive Thru Imposition of Ashes in the South Parking Lot at Noon** on March 2nd. During the drive thru, a scripture will be read, ashes will be marked on your forehead, and a prayer will be spoken. Let us come with penitential hearts as we enter into the season of Lent.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES
will continue the following week on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

A basket of Lenten Devotions will be available in the Nave Lounge.
Please take one for you and take one to share with a friend or stranger.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

On March 2nd we will begin our church's annual World Hunger Appeal during the season of Lent. We invite individuals and families to take home one or two hunger banks (found in the Nave Lounge) to use to collect funds over the course of the next seven weeks of the Lenten season. We will have an **INGATHERING CEREMONY** where we bring the filled banks back to church on **Sunday, April 24th**. We pray that you will be generous in your special offering this year.

DATES	ATTENDANCE TOTALS	TITHES & OFFERINGS
1/22 & 23/22	13 + 55 = 68	\$4,907.00
1/29 & 30/22	21 + 44 = 65	\$4,000.00
2/5 & 6/22	15 + 58 = 73	\$3,990.00
2/12 & 13/22	11 + 90 = 101	\$9,657.00

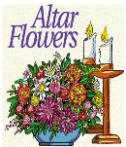
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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.
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FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE REGARDING JANITORIAL SERVICE

As of December 31, 2021, *Dolores Ussery* retired from First Lutheran, after providing janitorial service for our church for approximately 23 years. We wish Dolores and her workers rest and relaxation and we owe them a huge *“Thanks”* for all of their faithful service!

The Church Council approved hiring *Granado Janitorial, Inc.* as of January 1, 2022. Janitorial services will be provided four times per week. With a change in service, it will be necessary for any group using the building to set up and put away any chairs or tables that they may need.



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US HAVE FRESH FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IN 2022.

THERE ARE ONLY SIX (6) MORE DATES TO FILL.

OPEN DATES FOR BOTH VASES (unless indicated otherwise) INCLUDE:

4/24 (one vase); 5/29; 7/17, 7/31; 8/7; 12/11 (one vase).

Questions - call the church office at 785-272-5302 or Jeanie Schuler at 785-845-7964.



MARCH 13, 2022

Children's Day Out Preschool



Well, February is here and Spring must be right around the corner. We will be celebrating friendship and love this month. The love you give your children during the preschool years is irreplaceable. Research has proven that the first five years of a child's development is a crucial time period of their learning, growing and fostering opportunities to love their surroundings. Here's to a month of embracing the joy of true love and showing our children that they are miraculously loved and adored. We are so excited about the major playground renovation-it is looking awesome. Thank you to the Caring for Kid's 1st summer program for their help and financial support in this extremely needed project!

Blessings to you and your family.

1 in Action



REMEMBER THE "BLESSING BOX" NEEDS FILLING.

Blessing Box items can be almost anything that is small, easy to use/eat, and useful for folks in need.

PLEASE, NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION.

FOOD ITEMS: Canned food with pull tops, non-perishable foods, bottled water, small snacks. More specifically: granola or breakfast bars, small boxes of dry cereal, instant oatmeal, mac & cheese cups, ramen cups, cheese & crackers, pudding/jello cups, peanut butter, canned fruit/vegetables, dry noodle/rice/pasta packets, dry milk powder, instant coffee singles, hot cocoa packets, chips (individual bags), crackers.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Socks, toothpaste/toothbrushes, wet wipes, bar soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, laundry soap (small boxes of dry powder), tissues, toilet paper, feminine sanitary products, shampoo, lotion, dish soap.



Thanks for your continued support of this ministry. Let's keep them in our prayers for the work they do and that they stay in good health. For more information, contact **Gary Anderson.**



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm
1119 SW 10th Avenue, South Door
785-357-5341

MARCH IS FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S DOORSTEP MONTH to be one of four churches responsible for furnishing the "lion's share" of food and to supply workers in the clothing room. If you can volunteer your time on Monday, March 7th or any Tuesday in March, please **contact Anita Nelson at 785-354-8734.** Thanks!



MARCH MADNESS

Yes, it's almost that time again, both in the NCAA and at FLC. We will again sponsor a food drive, with **FANS OF KU, K-STATE AND WASHBURN COMPETING** to see who can donate the greater quantity of foodstuffs for Doorstep. **ITEMS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY DOORSTEP ARE:** Oatmeal, Dry Cereal, Tuna, Macaroni N Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Powdered Milk, Evaporated Milk, Canned Fruit, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter/Jelly and Egg Noodles. **Tubs for collection of donations will be located in the Nave Lounge throughout the month of March (be sure to look for the logo of the team you're supporting).** If you're unable to shop for items for this drive, **monetary donations** will be gladly accepted, and the Social Concerns Committee will do your shopping for you! If you don't designate a team to support, your donation will be divided equally between them.

Since Harvesters has not provided bread for some time now, **WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF LOAVES OF BREAD – WHEAT OR WHITE** to put in our food orders.

HYGIENE KIT ITEMS NEEDED: Full-sized Shampoo + Conditioner (2 in 1), Full-sized Shampoo, Full-sized Conditioner, Deodorant – Men’s/Women’s/Neutral, Toothbrushes, Winter additions: Body/Hand Lotion, Lip Balm - Chapstick

Doorstep currently needs the following items for our neighbors in need SEEKING CLOTHING:

- Men’s Coats – ALL Sizes
- Sneakers – Men’s & Women’s, ALL Sizes
- Adult Sweatpants & Sweatshirts – Men’s & Women’s, ALL Sizes
- Men’s Jeans – Waist sizes 32 & 34
- Women’s Jeans – Sizes 16 & 18
- Girls Jeans – Sizes 4 – 14
- Boys Jeans – Sizes 4 – 8
- Queen & King Comforters

DOORSTEP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

We are now firmly in the second half of Doorstep’s 55th Anniversary year, (June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022)! If you haven’t heard we are raising funds for our 55th Anniversary Fund, specifically to replace the 60+ year old HVAC system in our building! We received our original bid just after the beginning of COVID in our country, and our estimate was \$150,000. Unfortunately, with all of the changes COVID has brought, we now need to raise at least \$180,000!

Beginning February 16th and running through April 15th Doorstep has a Matching Funds Challenge for you to take advantage of, and help Doorstep meet our goal!! We have a generous couple who has pledged \$20,000 towards Doorstep’s HVAC replacement fund. They understand this type of ‘fundraising’ is not perhaps the ‘tug at your heartstrings’ type of need, but for a non-profit like Doorstep, who owns our building, it is very necessary!

Donate to Doorstep between February 16th ~ April 15th and for every \$2 you donate, our matching funders will add \$1 to that donation!

Help us turn \$20,000 into \$60,000 towards our 55th Anniversary HVAC Fund... Be a part of this exciting one-time, project specific ask to keep our building in good shape so we can continue providing emergency, basic needs services to your neighbors in need.

Make sure to note your donation as part of the 55th Anniversary, HVAC Matching Fund! As of 2/10/22 we have secured almost \$93,500 towards the updated goal of \$180,000. And anything we raise over what is needed to replace the HVAC system, will go towards rent and utility assistance for those families and individuals who are struggling, and need a little help, and a hand up!

If you have already donated towards our special project fund, Thank You, and keep in mind this is a new tax year, with another opportunity for you to help out, and have your donation matched!

Doorstep, Inc. is located at 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also visit our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org, and donate through PayPal. Make sure to note the HVAC fund on any donation you send for this Challenge.



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MARCH 2022

Information effective 2/16/22 and is subject to change.

Children's Day Out Preschool (CDO) schedule: M, T, W & T 9am-3pm Friday 9-11:30 am

Tuesday, March 1

NO CDO due to Parent Teacher Conferences

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Pack 175 (PH)

Wednesday, March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

NO CDO due to Parent Teacher Conferences

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

Noon – Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes (South Parking Lot)

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 3

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

5:30 p.m. – Den Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Friday, March 4 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Saturday, March 5

5:00 p.m. – Worship Service

Sunday, March 6 FIRST LENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School – Alpha Worship

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

12:15 a.m. – Children, Youth & Family Ministry (Zoom)

4:00 p.m. – Parish Life Committee (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. – Pastor Jenny at Arbor Court

Monday, March 7

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Caring for Kids 1st Executive Committee

5:45 p.m. – Property Committee (NL)

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee (202)

7:00 p.m. – Altar Guild Committee (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Committee (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, March 8

6:00 p.m. – Den Meetings

7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Supervision

Wednesday, March 9 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

6:00 p.m. – Den Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Adult Learning Committee (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. – Executive Committee (Zoom)

Thursday, March 10

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

6:20 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service (In-person & Facebook)

7:40 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Friday, March 11 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

7:00 p.m. – Book Study "Surprised by Hope" (Zoom)

Saturday, March 12 5:00 p.m. – Worship Service

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 13 SECOND LENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

CDO SPRING BREAK MARCH 14-18, 2022

Monday, March 14

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, March 15

6:00 p.m. – Den Meetings

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

6:00 p.m. – Den Meeting

Thursday, March 17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Pastor Jenny's Day of Reflection

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

5:30 p.m. – Den Meeting / 5:30 p.m. – Endowment Comm.

6:20 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service (In-person & Facebook)

7:40 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Friday, March 18 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Saturday, March 19 5:00 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 20 THIRD LENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Monday, March 21

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

Thursday, March 24

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. – CDO Board

6:20 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service (In-person & Facebook)

7:40 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Friday, March 25 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

7:00 p.m. – Book Study "Surprised by Hope" (Zoom)

Saturday, March 26 5:00 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 27 FOURTH LENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Monday, March 28

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – FLC Book Group (NL)

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, March 29 CDO Chapel

Wednesday, March 30 CDO Chapel

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

Thursday, March 31

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Zoom)

6:20 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service (In-person & Facebook)

7:40 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Celebrations in March



BIRTHDAYS

Karla Schneider	1
Bloom Tork	1
Dean Johnson	3
Bryan Price	3
Alex Crawford	3
LaDonna Little	4
Nate Whightsil	4
Ken Sherbert	4
Lora Carlson	6
Kathy Cheatham	7
Diane Leupold	8
Kevin Eaton	8
Mary Anne Rutz	8
Reed Holwegner	9
Jan Shewanick	11
Tucker Guyle	11
Lea Welch	12
Leslie Malone	14
Andrea Lichter	18
Brian Hageman	21
Jonathan Black	22
Mary Beth Van Blarcum	24
Judy Cripps	25
Phil Engelhardt	25
Juli Tinoco	25
Lillian Smith	25
Shirley Brower	29
Ryann Jenks	29
Brad Merryman	30
Sherry Hess	31
Michael Lungstrom	31
Dan McCready	31
Maggie Babinka-Repic	31



BAPTISMS

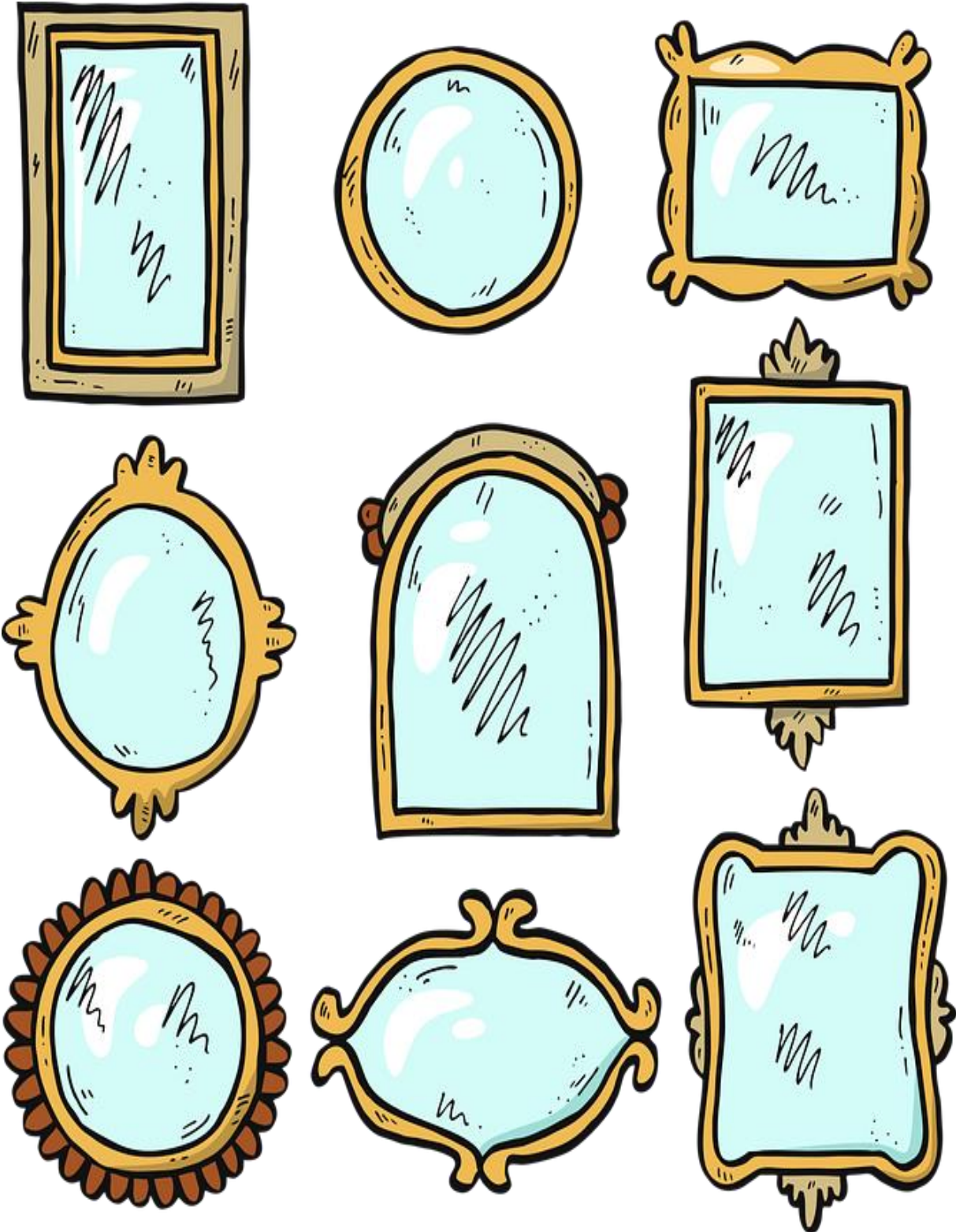
Scott Bangert	1
Judy Haley	2
Andrea Lichter	4
Janet Johnson	5
Ray Glaze	11
Nathan Leininger	11
Joshua Carney	13
Carol Ashwill	18
Linda Harold	19
Karen Wollin	19
Twila Zeigler	22
Kayleigh Arndt	22
Reed Holwegner	23
Kathy Montague	25
Pamela Strahan	25
Linda Anderson	26
Mike Wilson	26
Pam Callaway	27
Graham Chase	27
Phyllis Keller	28
Peter Hagstrand	29
Bryan Harold	29
Nancy Besta	30
Ken Sherbert	30
Bella Hopper	31



ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Cindy Lear	3/01/1974
Charles & Nancy Vaughn	3/04/1972
Rick & Julie Bender	3/10/1972
Robbie & Alyssa Sears	3/19/2005
Kirt & Patricia Collins	3/20/2010
Bryce & Judy Cripps	3/23/1975

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