

# Children & Youth Ministry Newsletter

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St. John the Baptist Norway

February 2021



learning and growing in faith

Hello Families,

Great things are happening at St. John's despite the lockdown, so thank you God!

The first Family Worship service took place on January 31<sup>st</sup>. All the readers were excellent, and the prayers were beautiful. It really touched the congregation; there was a lot of positive feedback. So, thank you again to the eight children/youth who ministered to us! These services will always be the last Sunday of the month at 9am, and I will send a note out a couple weeks before as a reminder and to ask for volunteers.

Otherwise, we will continue with Zoom Sunday school at 10am all other Sundays. It's still the same link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/213306952?pwd=M2s5ZmdJSHo2VnJWOVJwMGFZzHBWZz09>

## Some dates for the calendar:

- 13 February Pick-up ashes for Ash Wed.
- 16 February Mardi Gras – Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
- 17 February Ash Wednesday (Ashes at Home!)
- 28 February Family Worship Service

And if Zooming isn't possible for whatever reason, please check out the list of Gospel lessons and links to short videos you can watch at any time.

Blessings,

Elisabeth

## Pancake Day



If you make pancakes for Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday, please send photos to Elisabeth, and state how many were eaten! The winner will get a surprise 😊

## Ashes at Home

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, stroll-in or drive-by the church on Saturday, February 13 from 10am-12noon to collect your ashes. Then everyone will meet by Zoom at 7pm on Ash Wednesday to start Lent together with ashes at home. Let's just say it will be a new way to mark Ash Wednesday and maybe a bit fun too:) – Molly+

## Family Worship Service

Children and teens are invited to participate in the 9am zoom worship service. This is a great opportunity for the children to both integrate and minister to the broader parish. The service is designed for families, so the liturgy will be relaxed and informal. Children/youth are invited to be readers or to write and lead the prayers.

## February Lessons & Links

Day	Description	Scripture	Link
7	Jesus Heals Many	Mark 1:29-39	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWDgdPiNpz0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWDgdPiNpz0</a>
14	Transfiguration	Mark 9:2-9	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT-S1F3gsVI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT-S1F3gsVI</a>
21	Baptism and Testing of Jesus	Mark 1:9-15	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwTZdjU8fWc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwTZdjU8fWc</a>
28	Family Worship	Rom 4:13-25 Mark 9:2-9	Family Worship -9am