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Invitation to Adult Nurture Classes

I am deeply thankful that at Waterford we have diverse corporate worship experiences! Already in the first weeks of 2020 we have experienced “Singing the Salvation Story,” considered the significance of baptism, celebrated a Mission Sunday, learned about the Doctrine of Discovery, and devoted a Sunday to focus on the topic of white privilege. I want to take the opportunity to express appreciation and gratitude to the Seekers and Agape adult nurture classes who led the last two Sundays as they shared out of the learnings they have received through their various studies.

In addition, Worship Ministry Team (WMT) extends a warm invitation to all adult nurture classes to embrace the invitation to work together to lead a Sunday morning worship service at Waterford. We see it as a great opportunity for classes to share with the broader church things they are learning, ways they are growing, and passions that spark life within them!

Please contact a member of the pastoral team, or Loanne Harms, lay ministry partner for WMT, if your class is interested in leading a worship service. We would be delighted to hear from you!

—Cindy Voth for Pastoral Team and WMT

Thank You

To the Congregation:

On behalf of the Ecuador Ministry Support Team, we want to personally thank you for your financial support for the ministry of Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family in Ecuador. Your faithful giving has made this ministry possible. We are seeing many new doors open for outreach that have happened because of your generosity. May God grant you a growing awareness of the impact you are having with your gifts and ongoing prayers.

—Steve & Debbie Fath, Liz Gingrich, Ursula Hess



Ash Wednesday

This year we will once again begin the season of Lent with a family-friendly Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 7:00 p.m.. Also, this year the JYF will serve a pancake supper at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to come and share the meal together before the service.

Everence Sharing Funds

The Everence Sharing funds provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Michelle Horning serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

Thank you

Thank you to the countless volunteers who made the Great Winter Warm-up a success! Groups of all sizes gathered in more than 100 events in churches and homes across the United States, Canada and Europe resulting in a preliminary estimate of over 5,700 comforters received. And that number is only expected to grow as the official counting continues through the end of the month. Every one of the comforters completed during the event is important. When families are uprooted from home and lack basic necessities, comforters are a versatile tool—functioning as bed covers, room dividers, carpets, curtains, wraps, mattresses and more. MCC thanks you for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world!

—Jennifer Steiner, MCC Great Lakes



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Thank you for your generous giving so far this year. Nine months into this fiscal year, giving toward the Waterford budget totaled \$599,831 at the end of January. This compares to \$619,280 at the same time a year ago. The YTD expense budget at the end of January is \$624,894. Our current YTD giving is \$25,063 behind our budgeted expenses and giving. Please prayerfully consider your giving through this final quarter of our fiscal year, ending April 30.

