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**February 12, 2023**

9:30 Worship

"What is Love? God IS"  
Rev. Matthew J. Smith

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# Warren United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: You, O God, love us from the moment of our conception.

**P: As a mother loves her child before she ever sees it, and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth, so you love us –and we thank you.**

L: You love us, O God from the time of our naming.

**P: You love us in our growing and hold us as we take our first steps.**

L: You love us and walk beside us as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes.

**P: Help us dear God to love one another in this way.**

L: You even love us when we say no and when we begin to stray.

**P: We thank you God for loving us when we are uncaring, and for calling to us when we go far away. Amen.**

\*Hymn #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## Children's Time

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

Hymn #572 Pass It On

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #95

### Prayer of Dedication

"Such a tiny offering, compared to Calvary. But nevertheless, we lay it at your feet." Touch our hearts, Father, with Your love so that we may urgently plead for the privilege of sharing our resources with others. May Your grace shown to us in Jesus Christ make us generous givers. Amen.

**Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7: 7-13**

**New Testament: Romans 8: 31-39**

**Sermon** "What is Love? God IS"  
Pastor Matt

\*Hymn #292 What Wondrous Love Is This

### \*Benediction

\*Postlude #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Todd Stone (Feb 13), Addison Sigafus (Feb 13), Kirk Raab (Feb 14), Bill Thompson (Feb 15), Cindy Brinker (Feb 16), Grayson McClennan (Feb 16)

### Anniversaries:

## UPCOMING MINISTRY

Fat Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 21st - 6-8pm

Volunteers Needed

Last Weeks Attendance: 42  
Last Weeks Offering: \$816.00  
Avg. Offering Needed: \$ 900.00



## PASTOR'S CORNER

It Only Takes a Spark!

I was reflecting this week about how much we have done together over these past 6 months and it quite frankly

amazes me.

John Wesley had his heart "strangely warmed" at Aldersgate and mine continues to be warmed as I pastor this congregation.

"That's how it is with God's love" the song says. A little spark, that grows into a flame..that gets the whole fire burning.

I feel that happening here, I feel the warmth of the flame and believe we are on the precipice of a blazing fire.

And that is ALL because of God's love for us and for each of you responding to that love in service and dedication to Him, this church and this community.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us next!!



Cereal, crackers, peas, pancake mix, cake mix, laundry soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo

## Church Calendar

**Today:** Ad Board Meeting (8:30), Worship (9:30)

**Tuesday (2/14):** PM in Office 9:30-3

**Thursday (2/16):** PM in Office 9:30-3

**Friday-Sun (2/17-2/19):** PM on Vacation

**Sunday (2/19):** Worship (9:30)

Ash  
Wednesday

Service  
With  
Ashes

At St.  
Paul's

February 22nd  
7:00pm



Soup Supper  
and Bible  
Study

THURSDAYS (2/23-3/30)  
6:00PM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Mary Mead-Cantrell  
guest preaching  
next week!



Darla Cobb and family, Wayne Wubbena, Jenny Carter, Denis Toay, Brynn Fry,, Brandon Hartzell, Chuck Sidor, Lynn Workinger, Roger Broshous; Candy Blair Schellinger; our people in the nursing homes, all those who are suffering with certain sicknesses; service men, women, and their families; police, firefighters, and EMTs, doctors, and nurses. Please leave a message with Susan Stone at (815) 297-2028 with additions or changes to the prayer list.