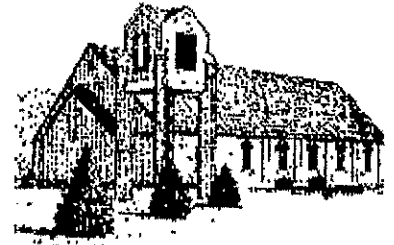


St. Peter's Epistle



February / March 2021

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
145 S. 6th Street, Waterford, WI 53185

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday

February 17th
Ashes offered from 9:00-11:30 am in Pastor's office
Divine Service 6:30 pm

Lenten

Midweek Vespers
February 24, March 3, 10, 17,
& 24 6:30 pm
With light meals at 5:15pm

Confirmation/ Palm Sunday

March 28

Easter

April 4
7:00 & 10:00 am

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From the Desk of

Pastor Conradt

"Well done,
thou good and faithful servant"
Thank You Pastor Bischoff

The above words come from Matthew 25:21. The words come from a parable told by Jesus called "The Parable of Talents" and are words spoken by the master to his servant. These are words often spoken of our Lord's servants when, in God's proper time, He calls them to Himself.

Pastor Bischoff served this congregation for 37 years (1983-2020). We are thankful to God for giving us such a faithful under-shepherd.

I spent more hours than I can count in Pastor Bischoff's office asking him questions and learning from him. I am thankful for the time that God gave me to learn under him and with him. He started out as my vicarage supervisor over a decade ago, where he taught me the inner workings of the pastoral office; how to practically apply the theology that we are taught in the seminary.

Upon receiving the call to St. Peter's we had to learn how to jointly share the Office of the Ministry. I'm thankful for the time I got to serve with him. I'm thankful for the years of confessional, liturgical service that he provided to this congregation. I'm thankful that he had catechized the importance of weekly communion well before I arrived. I'm thankful for so many things that he has done here in service to God and that God did through him.

I'm going to miss him. He was my pastor, my colleague, and my friend. His death reminds us that the time we have here is determined only to God. None of us know the day or the hour of death or Christ's

return. We must live as God has given us to live. We must devote our life to Him. Worshiping Him, daily remembering our Baptism, receiving His absolution, and frequently receiving Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

I'm reminded of these words of St. Paul, "For if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8). Pastor Bischoff lived and died to the Lord. His life was devoted to serving God and his neighbor. And now he has received his rest. His body is sleeping while his soul is praising; awaiting the day that body and soul will be reunited on the Day of Resurrection.

I can't give you the answer as to why God decided it was time to call Pastor Bischoff to Himself; or how He decides to call anyone to Himself; but what I can tell you is that God was gracious to Pastor Bischoff as He is to each of us. His love caused Christ to come to earth, to live a perfect life, suffer and die in our stead so that God's wrath could be appeased and that our sins could be forgiven.

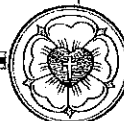
That's the God that Pastor Bischoff feared, loved, and trusted in above all things. That's the God the we must fear, love, and trust in above all things. God chooses the time. We must cling to Him. He has done it all for us. It is by grace through faith that salvation has come to us. God loves Pastor Bischoff, Lori, and Phil; and He loves each and every one of you.

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

From Pastor Conradt's Desk

Ashes for Ash Wednesday (Partial Reprint from 2015)

From an article prepared by the LCMS Commission on Worship:
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return." Gen. 3:19

For nearly a thousand years, these words have been spoken to young and old alike as the sign of the cross is traced on their foreheads with ashes—the Imposition of Ashes, as it has come to be known. During the last half of the 20th century, Lutherans have also begun to make use of this ancient rite, and indeed, it has been approved for use in the forthcoming *Lutheran Service Book*. And so, as our catechism is prone to ask: "What does this mean?" Where did this rite come from, and how can it be used meaningfully in LCMS congregations today?

Ashes in the Bible

The Bible contains a number of references to ashes and dust (cf. Josh. 7:6; 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:2, 15:32; Job 2:12, 16:15; Jer. 25:34; Lam. 2:10; Ezek. 27:30; Jonah 3:6). In fact, the Lord's curse on Adam, "*dust you are, and to dust you shall return*" (Gen. 3:19) is echoed in the Imposition of Ashes formula. In the New Testament, Jesus declares: "*Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes*" (Matt. 11:21). Thus, in the Bible, ashes carry a two-fold meaning: as a sign of human mortality (Gen. 3:19) and as a sign of public repentance (Matt. 11:21).

Ashes in Church History

This understanding carried over into the early and medieval church. Tertullian (ca. 160-225) describes the use of sackcloth and ashes in the penance of an adulterer before his pastor. Originally, ashes were reserved only for public penitents—i.e., murderers, adulterers and others who had fallen away from the church because of grave public sin but desired reconciliation. Such reconciliation could occur at a variety of times during the year, but by the medieval period, the beginning of Lent became a primary season of the church year for that reconciliation to take place.

By the 12th century, ashes became specifically associated with the beginning of Lent, thus providing the first day of Lent with its name, Ash Wednesday. However, by this time, everybody—pastors and people alike—had ashes either sprinkled on their head or traced on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. By the time of the Reformation, the imposition of ashes was a regular mainstay of Lenten piety and practice.

However, Lutherans at the time of the Reformation did not choose to retain the Imposition of Ashes. The reasons for this are not entirely clear since there is very little written for or against this practice by Luther and his colleagues. Thus, although Lutherans began Lent with Ash Wednesday, they did not retain the use of ashes as part of their Ash Wednesday order of service.

Ashes Today?

A contemporary Lutheran appropriation of the Imposition of Ashes should begin with the two-fold biblical understanding of ashes: as a sign of our mortality and as a sign of our repentance. Likewise, the traditional formula, "*Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return,*" is most appropriate, since it paraphrases the words of God in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:19). By receiving the ashes, the worshipper acknowledges that God's judgment against our sin is right and just. But the ashes are also made in the sign of the cross—the very instrument by

which our Lord took upon himself the punishment for our sin, in our place. Thus, the cross of ashes serves to remind us that we are sinners, and that Christ died for us sinners. This is exactly what the rite in *Lutheran Service Book* calls for.

Imposition of Ashes in the LSB Agenda

The rite begins the service for Ash Wednesday, with the pastor calling the congregation to observe the holy season of Lent:

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. . . .

The congregation then joins in praying the ancient Litany, a responsive prayer for all sorts and conditions of humanity. The Litany concludes with an additional collect, then the pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person, saying: "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*" After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence. The hymn "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" or other appropriate hymns or Psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) may be sung during the imposition of ashes. After all have received the ashes, the service continues with the rite of Confession and Absolution or the rite of Corporate Confession and Absolution.

When considered in its larger liturgical context, the Imposition of Ashes could really be viewed as a special way to prepare for Confession and Absolution on Ash Wednesday. The ashes particularly remind us of our sin and mortality and of our need for our Savior, and the opportunity to confess our sins and receive absolution immediately following is a wonderful thing.

So what happens after you leave Ash Wednesday with those ashes on your forehead? The first thing that happens is that you go out into the world where others will see that cross on your forehead. Although reactions may vary, your silent witness has been given: you have been marked as one redeemed by Christ the crucified!

But the other thing that happens is that you will eventually go home and wash those dirty ashes off your face once and for all. And doesn't that water also become a concrete, tactile reminder of the water of your baptism, where your sins were washed away forever? God's grace abounds!"

The imposition of ashes is optional for those who wish to receive; but not required. As they have been for the last few years, they will be offered in my office from 9:00-11:30 am along with time for anyone who wishes to spend time in Confession and Absolution and then will be optional at the 6:30 pm Divine Service.

In Christ,

Pastor

OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

By Transfer:

Ron & Jayne Badtke
Roman & Diana Nowak



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Release:

Marilyn Rudrud



DEATHS

Patricia Schalinski

10-23-1930 12-12-2020 12-29-2020

Glenn Collins

03-18-1937 12-18-2020

Pastor F. A. Bischoff

08-16-1955 01-21-2021 02-01-2021

Shirley Spletter

01-24-1941 1-26-2021 02-04-2021

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 14, 2021

*(Move your clocks ahead one hour
Saturday night, March 13th)*



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Looking for Christian Fellowship? Come and join our Senior Group. We meet every second and fourth Monday of every month until May. We have requested that everyone try to seat themselves separately with one seat between each attendee. Masks are optional. Everyone brings their own lunch and two people usually volunteer to bring a dessert. We are planning on a luncheon (catered in) at the February 8th meeting. This will be in celebration of Valentines Day. Ladies Aid will be joining us and the luncheon will be in the parish hall.



LENTEN MEALS



The Board of Parish Fellowship is now planning for our Lenten Meals held before each Lenten worship service beginning at 5:15 pm.

The meal will follow safety protocols where attendees will point to the selected items wanted and servers will place them on their plate. No unnecessary contact. All condiments will be individual portions. Simple menus like casseroles or soups & rolls are encouraged. Seating will also be according to safety protocols. Wear masks if you desire.

Volunteer groups, boards, committees, families, or individuals are encouraged to sponsor a meal and call the church office to select their date. (262-534-3639)

The following dates are available:

Feb: 24th and **March:** 3rd, and 10th.

Newsletter Due Dates

April / May

March 22



HANDICAPPED PARKING

On the East side of our building there are several parking spaces marked for handicapped parking only. We remind you that by state law, these spaces can be used only by individuals displaying a handicapped motorist sign in their car window or having the prefix "dis" on their license plate. Please respect the rights of our disabled members and guests!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating
February Wedding Anniversaries:

Ralph & Nancy Schwanke	2/07
Keith & Jennifer Drallmeier	2/08
Greg & Monica Glisch	2/10
Warren & Sandra Majchrzak	2/15
Robert & Sheri Glisch	2/28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating
February Birthdays:

James Triplett	2/02
Taylor Himebauch	2/03
Chesney Bankenbush	2/06
Jamie Multhauf	2/07
Jenna Keeling	2/08
Pamela Fesko	2/09
Corbyn Mullikin	2/09
Robert Somers, Jr.	2/09
Ramona Holden	2/10
Nicholas Szeklinski	2/10
Jayla Stern	2/11
Evelyn Biesiadny	2/13
Paul Collins	2/14
Wendell Zirbel	2/14
Kathy Anderson	2/15
Melissa Holden	2/15
Charlene Eisenhut	2/17
Eden Conradt	2/18
Hella Goering	2/18
Dwight Jutrzonka	2/18
Weston Baumeister	2/19
Michael Chart	2/20
Cora Ciszewski	2/22
Steve Grindeland	2/22
Joseph Schauer	2/22
Clinton Chalmers	2/23
Janice Kafer	2/23
Alice Sánchez	2/23
Dorothy Strasser	2/23
Larry Henning	2/24
Kevin King	2/24
Janet Christiansen	2/25
Jill Grindeland	2/25
Austin Kaul	2/25
Nick Carriker	2/26
Pastor Conradt	2/26
Ella Breien	2/27
AJ Hayden	2/27
Faith Alloy	2/28
Addison Drallmeier	2/28

PLEASE CALL



If you should find yourself hospitalized or confined to your home for health reasons, please notify the church office. Pastor can only minister to your needs if he is aware of your situation. Pastor is eager and willing to make regular visits with you, but he can do so only if you let him know.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating
March Wedding Anniversaries.

Steve & Lila Solar	3/03
Frank & Dorothy Meyer	3/06
Matthew & Cynthia Kaul	3/12
John & Beata Luznicki	3/19
Roman & Diana Nowak	3/19
Kevin & Patricia King	3/20
Christopher & Amy West	3/20
Michael & Kory Chart	3/21
Clifford & Darlene Jacobson	3/21
Nicholas & Jacqueline Hunt	3/27
Jeff & Denise Schmittinger	3/28
Seth & Heather Hutchison	3/30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating
March Birthdays:

Owen Kin	3/01
Lauren Acker	3/02
Desiree Buchholtz	3/02
Andrew Peterson	3/02
Jodel Jacobs	3/03
Gracin Schmittinger	3/04
Jayne Badtke	3/06
Gabriel Eberhardt	3/06
Steven Jung	3/06
Brinley Hunt	3/07
Glen Kimball	3/07
Warren Majchrzak	3/07
Raymond Morby	3/08
Gilbert Amborn	3/10
Karen Luick	3/10
Mikayla Acker	3/11
Scott Ten Cate	3/11
Samantha Repischak	3/12
Denise Schmittinger	3/12
Henry Breien	3/13
Marian Becker	3/14
Jacob King	3/14
Jeff Schmittinger	3/14
Lila Solar	3/14
Frank Meyer	3/16
Aaron Scott	3/16
Patrick Becker	3/17
William Lindbloom	3/17
MaryAnn Pirk	3/18
Charles Brintnall	3/19
Judith Buse	3/21
Bruce Grindeland	3/21
Heidi Hollander	3/21
Carrie Buchholtz	3/22
Christine Repischak	3/22
Norman Tuscany	3/22
Irene Zirbel	3/22
Jason Charland	3/23
Hallie Hayden	3/23
Jeff Checker	3/25
Madelyn Jusuf	3/25
Bertha Neumueller	3/25
Jack Alloy	3/26
Taylor Badzinski	3/28
Stephanie Conradt	3/28
Kirsten Grindeland	3/28
Ronald Hunt	3/28
Robert Hassey	3/29
Ken Hein	3/29

Tammy Peterson	3/29
Brandon Eisenhut	3/30
Harry Knoblauch	3/30
Kathryn Zastrow	3/30
Keith Drallmeier	3/31



USED EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS

Please consider depositing your used eyeglasses & hearing aids in the container provided in the narthex. By donating these used items, someone is seeing and hearing the world differently. The Lions Club distributes these items to those in need.



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to request a prayer on Sunday morning for birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please call the church office. We would be happy to share with you those special days in prayer.

CHURCH CHUCKLES

*Feeling in the dark?
Follow the Son.*

*Fight truth decay:
Study the Bible daily.*

*Dear God,
Thank you for my baby brother,
But what I prayed for was a puppy.
Rachel, age 7*

Ladies Aid/LWML News

Ladies Aid/LWML will have their first meeting of 2021 Thursday, February 4 .

Everyone is invited. We will be reading to the preschool and helping them with a project. **Please join us at 1: p.m in the conference room.**

The Winter Getaway end of January was a GO!

Clarion Hotel- Wisconsin Dells. See pictures at lwml-swd.

See our bulletin board and crochet octopi -servent project at retreat.

Grants LWML South Wisconsin District - susported by our Mites.

Grant Church Worker Student - partial payment. (\$30,000)

Bethany Evangelical Church in Milwaukee - Ministry Outreach - Paid (\$12000)

Next two Grants to fund are:

Financial Assistance for Fort Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op. \$10,000 - provide food for students preparing for full-time church work to reduce the financial needs of the family during their time of preparation.

A Place of Refuge-Refuge House Vehicle - \$20,000 - Provie a replacement vehicle for transportation of the resident of Refuge House.

Mite Boxes are in the narthex.

Fall Fair Turkey Dinner 2021 – as you know Fall Fair 2020 was cancelled due to COVID. And the next question that arises is ***What about Fall Fair and Turkey Dinner 2021?*** Due to the retirement of both LuAnn Himebauch and Sue Lindbloom, **Fall Fair is in need of re-organization.**

The decision needs to be made by March 2021 in order to start the process.

NOTE: At this point no one has stepped forward and time is running out. Difficult decisions will be made March 1st.

There are a couple of ways this **COULD** happen.

Option #1: One or 2 people to agree & to take over the chairperson's position. If you are able and willing to chair or co-chair this event, please know there are detailed step by step/month by month instructions. Remember: You can "***do it YOUR way***". You don't have to do it the way it has been done in the past.

Option #2: Individuals willing to take responsibility for One Day or Segment: Tuesday (Turkey Prep for Roasting); **Wednesday** (Turkey Roasting & Deboning + Fill In Tasks); **Thursday** (Turkey slicing & layering, Dressing, Cole slaw Prep + Fill In Tasks, Dining room table (physical) set up); **Friday** (Finish anything not completed + set tables for 1st dinner seating + side serving tables); **Saturday Morning Crew** (Food assembly, pie and bread check-in, pie table set up, bread table set up); **Saturday Early Afternoon Crew** (Food Set up and Heat Food); **Saturday Dinner Crew** (Oversee all food prep through dinner) **Saturday Clean up Crew** (Kitchen and Dining room clean up + packaging leftovers for Sunday Sales); **Sunday Morning** (set up and sell before and after both church services)

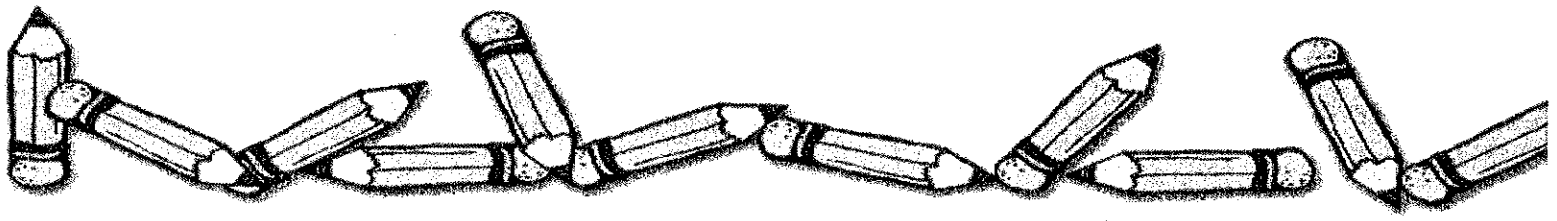
The regular sign up boards offer immeasurable support for all the above efforts.

Additional departments: Dining Room Team, The Bake Sale, The Silent Auction and The Carryout Department.

The Starting Point is The Kitchen Prep Work (Tuesday– Saturday) and the Dinner (Kitchen Crew and Dining Room Crew) And **NOTHING** can happen unless we have people committed to these critical areas.

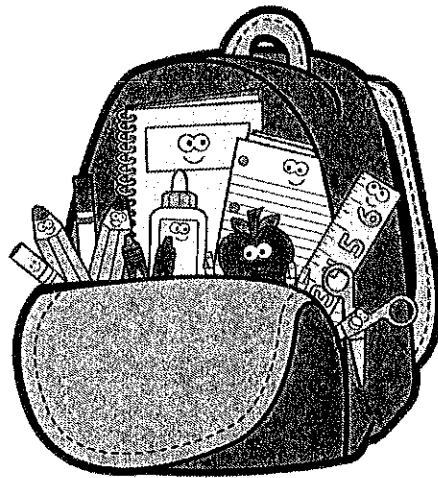
Many people have faithfully executed certain responsibilities and have done them so masterfully. And for that we are very thankful! Our hope is that we will have people volunteer for the Tuesday – Saturday Kitchen and Dining room responsibilities. And we will need everyone to continue to sign up on the sign up boards and do what you always have done.

Please give this request prayerful consideration. It is a marvelous fund raiser for our congregation and provides innumerable opportunities for Christian fellowship and community outreach.



Think Fall School Year 2021/2022

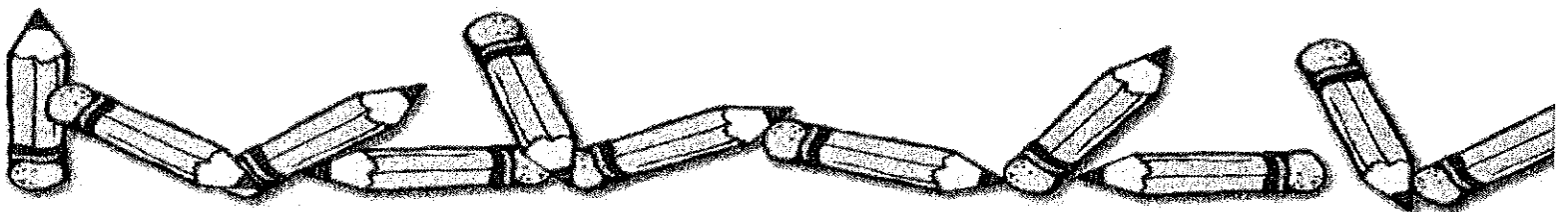
Rainbow Preschool is now accepting Fall Enrollment. We are a one stop drop: Open 6am-6pm, ages 2-5 years old, hot lunch, certified 4K teacher, mature staff, Christian based opportunities, social interaction, sensory play, math, and so much more!



Set up your tour today!

262-534-6066

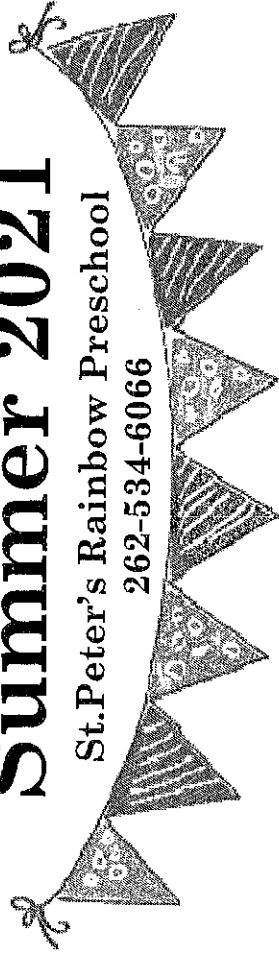
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Camp ABC

Summer 2021

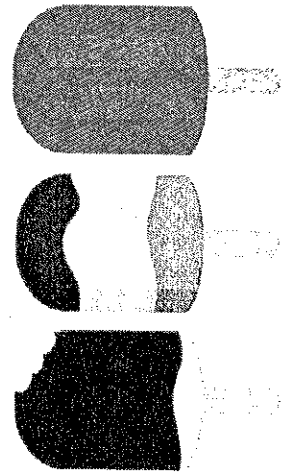
St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool
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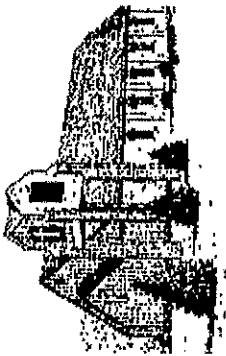


Group 1 is for children ages 2-5 (entering 5K). Camp ABC will have weekly themes, outdoor adventures, cooking activities, participation with the Waterford Library Program, arts & crafts and so much more!



Group 2 is for ages 5 (completed 5k) - 12. Camp ABC will have weekly themes, science fun, physical games and activities, cooking, and creative art activities. Plus, we participate in the Waterford Library Program and take bus field trips. We like to enjoy all that summer has to offer!

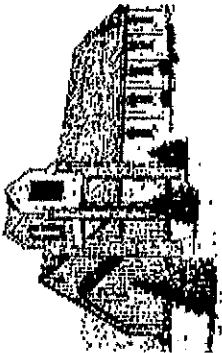




February 2021

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