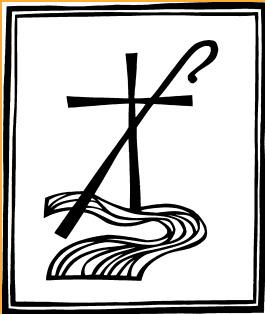


THE VOICE

MARCH 2011



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as in heaven.

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These words, while so familiar, are truly powerful words. They slip off our lips day after day, week after week, throughout our lives, as we pray the way Jesus taught us to pray. Yet how often do we stop and reflect on the real meaning of these words for our lives? How often do we slow down enough to consider what it means to ask these things of God and then listen for what God is asking of us in return?

Lent is a season of expectation. It is a time of preparation, a time when we look back at our past, but also forward with hope for all that is to come. It is fitting then that during this season of Lenten preparation, we spend some time exploring the words of the Lord's Prayer. This prayer is the cornerstone of our worship and devotional life. We pray this prayer every time the assembly gathers. We pray it at the bedside of those who are sick. We pray it in celebration and thanks when good things happen. These words are the words Jesus gave us as a means of asking for God to act, and for us to respond to that action.

This Lent I invite you to take something on, rather than giving something up. Take on the Lord's Prayer. Think about it in your daily work and play. Make it part of your life this Lent. Pick up a copy of the book *Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer*. Consider joining a small group to talk about your experience. Come to Sunday worship as we will focus on these familiar words together. Come on Wednesdays for a meal and worship together. Consider taking on a spiritual practice or an act of service. We are hosting Family Promise during this season, which provides many opportunities to serve. The possibilities go on and on.

Lent is one of my favorite times of the year. I do not think of it as a sad or depressing time of year. I think of it as a gift. It's a time to refocus my attention on all that God is doing in my life and the world around me. It's a time to walk with Jesus a little more closely and to grow in my relationship with those around me. It's a chance to ask that God's kingdom may come just a little bit closer to me. I invite you into this adventure.

May God's power and love give you strength for the journey.

In Christ,

Pastor Kathy

WORSHIP FOR LENT AT GOOD SHEPHERD

+ Ash Wednesday, March 9th

We will gather for worship at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. This service, which includes Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, is a reflective and reverent beginning to the season of Lent. We will be invited to experience Lent as a gift, a time out to consider the ways God is calling us to grow spiritually and in our acts of service. We will together confess our sins, and be fed at the Lord's table with the bread of life.

+ Sundays in Lent, beginning March 13th

Our Sunday worship for this season will focus on parts of The Lord's Prayer. We will use a special sung version of the prayer in worship, and the sermon will focus on a different petition of the prayer each week. On March 27th we welcome Pastor Ed Kay, Assistant to the Bishop, as our guest preacher, and we will celebrate the Rite of Healing in worship that morning.

+ Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 16th

Soup Supper at 6 p.m.

Worship at 7 p.m.

This year our midweek worship will feature a drama series called "Whose Cross is it Anyway?". This is a lighthearted, yet poignant look at what the cross means for us. The dramas follow the experiences of the JPS man (Judean Postal Service) as he tries to make an important delivery. We will meet all kinds of people, those who knew Jesus and those who did not, along the way. Once again, we will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy for this service. Come for supper at 6, and stay for the evening! All are welcome.

LENTEN EVENT: A CROSS-GENERATIONAL EVENT

Sunday, April 3rd from 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Come join us for a fun and meaningful evening of crafting, worship, and fellowship! We will be working together on a Lenten craft project, participating in a special Lenten worship and enjoying dinner and fellowship.

Supper for this event will be a traditional potluck so please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share. Drinks and bread will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to get to know more members of the congregation – families, friends, and people of ALL ages are invited to attend.

We hope to see **you** there!

~Sponsored by the Youth and Family Ministry Team

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

“Walking together in Christ, we grow in faith and love to share Christ with the world.”

This is the **mission** statement for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and it states the purpose of our life together as a congregation. This simple statement of our mission declares our intention to work together to strengthen our faith and to share Christ’s love with the world. This mission statement was developed following the leadership retreat held in May of 2008. This statement of purpose, along with more specific mission statements and goals of the committees of Good Shepherd, guides the ministries of our church today.

It is now time to build on our mission and develop a **vision** plan for our church – specifically, how do we envision the congregation and ministries of Good Shepherd in ten years and how do we get from here to there? We encourage all members of Good Shepherd to take part in this important discussion. As a priesthood of all believers, we are each called in a unique way to experience God’s love and to share this love with others.

On Saturday, March 19th, 2011 Council invites all members of Good Shepherd to attend a leadership retreat. Pastor Kathy Ierien and Rick Bogda will lead us through a series of activities and discussions to develop a comprehensive vision for our future. The retreat will be held at Good Shepherd from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with lunch provided. Please sign up on the Council bulletin board or via the Count-me-in sheet in your bulletin so we know how much food to order.

In 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Together as a congregation, let us discern how the ministries of Good Shepherd can do this over the next ten years.

I hope you will join us.

Sharon Oslin, Council President

Plan to attend!

Sat.

Mar 19th

*A Feast for the Soul
Good Shepherd Women’s Retreat
Son and Sands Retreat Center
Ocean City, MD
April 8th-10th, 2011
6 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Sunday*

*Rescheduled from last September! The deadline to register is **March 28** This time away will explore ways to deepen our spiritual lives through various practices of faith, and mutual conversation and relationship-building time. We will center our days in worship and prayer, enjoy morning walks and worship on the beach, and simply enjoy getting to know one another in community.*

Cost is \$60, which includes housing, meals and transportation. Sign up on the Count Me In form or on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy. All are welcome!

SALT AND LIGHT LOG

+ You are the salt of the earth. + You are the light of the world. +

During the sermon on February 6th I asked the congregation to try a little experiment. After hearing Jesus' proclamation that we are salt of the earth and light of the world, (not you will be if you do this... or you could be once you have learned this...) I asked you to reflect on how you are these things. I also asked you to share your stories with me, ways you have experienced others as salt and light, and ways you have been salt and light for others. Your stories have been powerful and spirit-filled. The experiment continues, and I would like to share these stories with you each month through our "Salt and Light Log". If you have stories to tell, please send them to me (pastorkathyierien@gmail.com). Remember, you are salt, you are light, you are loved.

Peace,

Pastor Kathy

"A few years ago, during some dark times in my life, I was barely hanging on in faith. I was coming to church basically because it is what we did on Sunday mornings and I was trying to be normal for the kids. I just sat through the service stone-faced and then hustled out the side door so that I could avoid contact with anyone. Well, Nancy Griffith chased me down after one service and told me that she wasn't letting me get away. She wanted to make sure I was signing up to volunteer in the nursery and activity again. Well, I certainly didn't want to but it is hard to say no when asked face to face. It turned out to be the best thing for me. She showed me that life was still normal, even in that small task I needed to do. She showed me that I could still contribute something. And, most importantly, she showed me that someone cared if I was there or not, I was not just a body in a pew. It was the beginning of a long trek back to a new normal for me, but I have always considered that act very important." ~ Linda Ulmanis

"At my workplace part of my responsibility as a supervisor is to be a leader in service to any and all employees in our call center. I have been reaching out to a young lady whose father passed away right after the Christmas holiday. I talked to her while he was very ill, and then after he was gone, I went over to speak to her and express my condolences. By then I had started reading Rabbi Levy's book "To Begin Again". The young lady told me she was just fine, and that she was at peace with his passing. I let her know that we all grieve in different ways, and to not be surprised if there are more tears. I let her know what Rabbi Levy says about tears in the "Tears" section of her book. I summarized in my own words what Rabbi Levy says in the "Tears" section of her book: "I have never met a person who has not felt better after crying. It's a great cleansing release. I have never met a person who has not looked more beautiful after crying. We usually think crying makes us look ugly. Your face is all blotchy, your nose is red, your makeup is smeared. But to me there is nothing more beautiful than a person's face after a cry....." As it turned out, the young lady had to miss several days of work due to her grief. She returned yesterday and I gave her a big hug and welcomed her back. She said she was "really beautiful" after several bouts of crying.

If I were not an active member at Good Shepherd, I would not have known about Rabbi Levy, I would not have heard her speak, and I would not have purchased her book. And I would not have been able to offer some unique kind of comfort to a young lady who was grieving the death of her father. Praise be to God that he led Keith and me to Good Shepherd." ~ Kaye Tyson

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

All students in fourth grade are welcome to participate in Holy Communion instruction leading up to receiving the sacrament for the first time on Palm Sunday, April 17th. Students and parents will gather for two classes, to be held from 9:30—noon on Saturday, April 2nd and Saturday, April 16th. Prior to these classes, families are asked to spend some time together talking about Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Kathy if you would like to participate in these classes and for more information about preparing for this milestone of faith.

LENTEN JOURNEY: 40 DAYS WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

This year, you are invited to join with others at Good Shepherd to spend the 40 days of Lent on a journey together. We are going to walk through the Lord's Prayer, spending time each day and each week reflecting on these words that are a central part of our life together. We will use a book from the new Book of Faith series of materials, which is available for \$8. The book provides a devotion, including scripture, prayers, thoughts to consider and suggestions for journaling, along with the author's reflection for the day. Books will be available Sunday, March 6th or in the church office after February 28th.

In addition, we are forming small groups to gather weekly to discuss the devotions from the past week. Please consider joining the conversation. This is casual conversation about the readings for the week, with time for fellowship and prayer:

Here are the current Small Group Opportunities for Lent:

Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer Groups:

- Monday Evening, beginning March 14th 7 p.m.
Faith and Bob Moyer's home N Wilmington (Holiday Hills)
- Tuesday Evening, beginning March 15th 7:30p.m.
Kaye and Keith Tyson's home Bear, DE
- Thursday morning at 9:30 p.m. beginning March 10th 9:30 a.m.
Sharon Oslin's home Garnet Valley, PA
- Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. beginning March 10th
Beth Trebilcock's home Chadds Ford, PA

Ongoing Bible Study (currently studying Esther):

- Monday Evening 7:30 p.m. Meets in Room 12

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the nursery to join a group. Welcome to the Lenten journey!

YOUTH NEWS

March Youth News

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out with and attended Dinner and Jazz Under the Stars. What a terrific evening!

Superstars for Hilltop

6:00 – 10:00pm

Saturday, March 5th

Come support Wilmington's Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center by joining our Good Shepherd Superstars team(s). We will go to the YMCA and compete in fun sporting events such as wallyball, an obstacle course, basketball hot shots, swimming races, and racquetball. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Garnet Valley Middle School Play

7:00pm Friday, March 11th

1:00pm Saturday, March 12th

Kyle and Rachel are in Garnet Valley's middle school play this spring. Come out to support them! We will go as a group on Friday, but if you can't make it the play runs on Saturday too! Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door.

Youth Group and Dinner

5:00 - 6:30pm

Sunday, March 13th

Come to youth group for fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun!

Dinosaur Party

5:00 – 8:00pm

Saturday, March 19th

Join us as we celebrate the most awesome animals to ever have roamed the earth! We will have dino food, dino games, and a dino movie! Don't miss this prehistoric event!

Rice Krispy Sculpture Contest

5:00 – 6:30pm

Sunday, March 27th

Feeling artistic and/or love rice krispy treats? Come to youth group and design, make, and decorate your own rice krispy masterpiece!

Youth Retreat

The tentative weekend of our annual youth retreat is May 13-15. Mark your calendars!

Notes to the Congregation

ELCA World Hunger Honey

Thank you to everyone who continues to support World Hunger Honey. Sixteen one pound bottles of honey were purchased in the first six weeks of 2011. The honey basket will be in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, however, only between services. So, 11:00 attendees please make your purchases before worship. One pound bottles are \$5. A limited number of two pound bottles for \$9 are available upon request.

~ Nancy Owen-Farrell

To My Good Shepherd Friends in Christ,

For the third time, I am at Forward Manor for therapy trying to recover from a fall that resulted in broken bones. Each time I have been here, your thoughtfulness in the form of prayers, cards, flowers and visits have warmed my heart and helped me to get well. I thank you and hope to see you at church soon.

With love,

Pelham Bookout

I would like to thank all of you who have been praying for my son-in-law, Walt Speakman, over the years and recently for my daughter who has the sole care of Walt at night and over the weekends. Walt is in the sixth year after the diagnosis of Cordical Basil Ganglionic Degeneration. (This is related to Parkinson's, ALS and other neurological conditions.) At the time, the Johns Hopkins docs gave him 4 to 8 years to live. He is unable to do anything and has to be fed. He is in the wheel chair watching TV or sleeping most of the time unless someone reads to him or is visiting with him. He thoroughly enjoys company. He seems to understand what is said and often replies. His speech is difficult to understand. To watch him go from being an active attorney to being wheel chair bound has been difficult for me and my family. Both my daughter, Karen and Walt still need your prayers and we appreciate you concerns.

Thank you, Phyllis Bierstedt

A Note From Your Financial Staff

In order to ensure that everyone's contributions are properly credited, it is important that your contribution be properly identified. This includes:

- Standard envelopes: Contributions will be credited to C & B account for both pledge and non-pledge offerings. (Current Expenses and Benevolence)
- Special offering envelopes: Contributions will be credited to Festival offering.
- Misc. offerings (i.e., flowers, candles, Family Promise, etc.) : Contributions can be made using a pew envelope or a separate plain envelope with the donor name and/or envelope number and the purpose of the offering clearly written. If you wish to include the special offering in your standard envelope, the designations need to be clearly written on the front of that envelope.

We appreciate your contributions and offer these suggestions to help us properly credit your offerings. Thank you. ~Ann Bogda and George Huemmrich

Do You Like History?

Hagley Museum is looking for volunteers! Check their website at www.Hagley.org or see Nancy Griffith.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19th—23rd

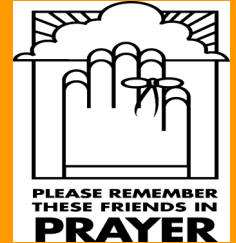
5:30—8:00pm

Join us as we travel back into Biblical times to Hometown Nazareth. Imagine living and working in the dusty town of Nazareth just before Jesus began his ministry. We'll meet Mary and hear her stories of Jesus' boyhood. Imagine what it must have been like for her to live side by side many people who didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God! We will hear Mary tell about how she knew that Jesus was God's son and we'll explore how we can stand up for our faith in everyday life.

Kids from age 3 through Grade 5 are encouraged to sign up on the Pre-Registration form on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Youth and Adults are invited to join us as a Tribe leader, Marketplace shopkeeper, an actor in our daily drama or numerous other activities. Look for the sign-up sheets with our display. **Lots of help is needed!** For more informa-

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

PRAY FOR:	CONCERN:	REQUESTED:
DAVE BARRELL	Ocular Melanoma	Nancy Wolfe
SUZANNE BEAM	Breast Cancer	Betsy Lengel
SETH BLOOM		Janet James
PELHAM BOOKOUT	Fall, Broken Hip	Pastor Kathy
ALFRED CHANEY	Liver Cancer	Dottie Chidester
KATHY COUPE	Pancreatic Cancer	Sally Heinz
PATRICIA DILLON	Brain Cancer	Nancy Wolfe
DONNA HARRIS	Back Procedures	Self
INEZ HAYNES	Stroke	Ruth Ellefson
TRINA HAXTON	Auto Accident	Susan Wendt
BOB IERIEN		Pastor Kathy
LINDA LARKIN		Self
BETH MICHENER	Leg Surgery	Betsy Lengel
JOANNE OHNMACHT	Parathyroid Surgery	Sandy Andrews
JAMES PERSOLEO	Colon Cancer	Carol Lee Waslick
MEGAN PIERCE	General Well Being	Janet James
JUNE ROBINSON	Continued Care	Debbie Sheridan
HARRIET SHEALY	Continued Care	Pastor Kathy
OTIS SHEALY	Continued Care	Self
KAREN SPEAKMAN	Wife-Caregiver	Phyllis Bierstedt
WALT SPEAKMAN	Neurological Degeneration	Phyllis Bierstedt
BILL STANZIALE	Bad heart and Lungs	Betty Rodham
HELEN TORGERSON	Fall -Head Injury	Bob Torgerson



Friends & families of those persons removed from the prayer line thank everyone for their prayers and concerns.

Prayer requests may be made by calling Pastor Kathy at the church office, (302) 478-3030 or Faith Moyer at (302)-475-3122.

Once again, as I will ask every month, let us know if a member, relative or friend is serving in our armed forces here or overseas. Please provide a name and a location. Send it to John Crum, jcrum@udel.edu, or to the church office so that we can maintain an armed forces prayer list for each Voice.

We live in a time in history that has, as one of its characteristics, what are known as "limited wars;" limited in the weapons used, the military resources applied, the military and diplomatic goals, and the geographic area. These wars are limited to those who are not in them; but, not to those who are serving. We need to pray for all of our members, relatives or friends who serve, and not just those who are serving overseas. Events in Texas and elsewhere have shown us that serving inside our country can also be dangerous. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to supporting all those who serve.

Please pray for Nancy Owen-Farrell's cousin, Marine Cpl. Maggie Podgwaite, who is on her way back to Afghanistan.

Thanks, John Crum

FOR WOMEN FROM WOMEN

Soup and winter just go together! For their January sale, FFWW sold 35 quarts of soup to eager buyers who made their selections from a wonderful variety of delicious soups. A big “thank you” to all donors and buyers who made this a successful project.

In February, FFWW provided a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings to the local Thrivent board who take their monthly dinner meetings to different churches. The \$200 they donated for this service was a nice addition to the FFWW account.

On March 20th, there will be another “New to You” sale which was highly successful last year. People are encouraged to search their homes for treasures they are willing to part with and sell for a good cause.

Since the last update in the June “Voice”, the following donations have been made: \$1,000 to “Educate the Children, Inc.” which sponsors the Dolareng women’s group in Nepal. And two \$1,000 donations to the Worldwide Fistula Fund which is in the final stages of constructing a model fistula surgery center in Danja, Niger. The exciting aspect of the latter two donations is that Dave Mathews, founder and lead singer of the Dave Mathews Band, is donating matching funds to this project. Our \$2,000 in donations is therefore yielding \$4,000 to this worthwhile cause. FFWW had its first sale in May 2006 and since that time has made contributions to worthy women’s causes locally and worldwide amounting to \$12,000. With the matching funds, the amount increases to \$14,000.

FFWW not only benefits those organizations which receive its donations but continues to underwrite the Midwife Kit project. Each quarter, approximately 45 midwife kits are assembled and sent to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis for distribution to third-world countries.

All donations of handcrafted items are gratefully accepted for FFWW sales and are acknowledged for tax purposes at the end of the year. Also, all suggestions for beneficiaries of the group’s donations are welcome and considered. Any questions about the program can be directed to Karol Hitt Rowan and Arlene Steigler.

HEALTH MINISTRY

In this Lenten season, we reflect and prepare ourselves for Easter. Questions that we may be asking ourselves may relate to where we are in our lives and our level of happiness. In his most recent book, *The Law of Happiness: How Spiritual Wisdom and Modern Science Can Change Your Life*, Christian writer, Dr. Henry Cloud provides scientific findings regarding happiness that correspond with Christian ideas. Through the science and scripture, the book walks the reader through a discovery of true happiness. The following an excerpt:

Happy People Are Grateful

I was having lunch with a friend that I hadn’t seen in a while, just to catch up. I had heard he was changing jobs but didn’t know much of what was going on, and I was curious to see what all was happening in his life. He was a top performer in the entertainment industry and had been the head of a big company. I wondered why he left such an amazing position to do something new. *The new job must be really interesting*, I thought.

What I found out, however, shocked me: he had been fired. I couldn’t believe it, as he was loved by everyone in the industry and had gotten stellar results over the years. There was just no way he could have been fired, but he was.

“What happened?” I asked.

“There was a takeover, and the new CEO of the parent company came in and wanted to shuffle the deck chairs, making changes as they often do for whatever reasons. I think he thought that making a change in our company would look good to the stock market, like he was changing everything, so I got the boot,” he explained.

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"Amazing...how long had you been there?" I asked, knowing it was a long time but not being sure of the exact number of years.

"Twenty-one years," he said. "Started in the proverbial mailroom and worked my way up to my last position. I actually always thought I would spend my whole career there, but it didn't work out that way."

"So where did you land?" I asked.

"Nowhere, not yet, anyway," he answered. "Unemployed."

"What?" I asked. "How can that be? You are one of the rock stars."

"Yeah, I guess. But nothing has come along yet that is a good fit. Talking to a lot of people, but not sure what I am going to do," he went on.

I knew that after twenty plus years, getting fired and not immediately finding something new must take its toll. Not sure what the answer would be, I asked, "So...how are you doing?" In fact, in happiness research losing a job has been shown to be one of the biggest circumstantial hits on people's well being.

"Quite interesting," he said. "I am doing great, surprisingly, even to myself."

"How do you mean?" I asked. I've seen a lot of people who lost jobs, and he looked like he was doing better than I would have expected. I could feel the sense of well-being in his spirit.

"Let me tell you a story," he said. "In this time while I was not working, one of the things I decided to do was train and enter a marathon. I have been wanting to do that for a long time. With my work, I never had the time to train and do it right, and so I figured this might be my only chance. So I did it."

"Last weekend, I was walking up to the start line, and all of a sudden, my eyes welled up with tears. I realized something...I am so fortunate!"

"How do you mean?"

"I started feeling so grateful for so many things, like being healthy enough to enter a race, to begin with. For my family and friends and for the work experiences that I got to have at the company for so long. And get this...I was even thankful that getting fired had given me the opportunity to finally enter a race! Weird. Is that a sick way to think, doctor?" he laughed. "Am I in denial?"

"No, you aren't", I said. In fact, you are right in line with the way that it is supposed to work."

He asked what I meant, and I went on to tell him of all the research that has been done in the last decade and how one of the most powerful findings, proven over and over, is this *grateful people are happy people*. People who are grateful and practice gratitude regularly have significantly different levels of happiness than those who don't. And it is one of the strongest messages that God tells us over and over: be thankful.

Continually, the Bible tells us to be thankful people and not hide our thanksgiving secretly in our hearts. We are to express it, to God and to others.

And the research agrees. When we are thankful, and also when we express it to others, we are happier. People who express gratitude are not only happier but have more energy and better outlooks on the future; they're even physically healthier, having fewer physical ailments than those who don't express gratitude. They have less emotional and psychological maladies as well. Also, they show more relational capacities and are less envious and less materialistic. Sounds like the kind of people you want to be around, huh?

The good news is that you can learn to express gratitude and have it play a bigger role in your life with positive results. Experiments and clinical experience have shown that when people are given structured gratitude exercises – like writing down things in life that they are grateful for, keeping a gratitude journal, or calling and visiting people to express gratitude to them – they become happier as they practice those activities. It is just one more example of how following the law of God is the same as following the law of happiness. God has actually, literally, wired our brains and bodies to respond, come alive, and do better when we are practicing certain activities. When we give thanks, our chemistry changes in a positive way from when we are envious or resentful. So, like any parent, God tells us to do things that are good for us. It is a spiritual equivalent of "Eat your vegetables. They're good for you."

Pastor Kathy, in her sermon on February 6th, spoke of Salt and Light. She offered us an exercise that allows us to express our gratitude by contributing to the Salt and Light Log. You have seen some of the entries here in the Voice. Not only submit a contribution but start your own Salt and Light log as a way of enjoying the happy life God is wanting for us.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council met on February 9. Sharon Oslin opened her first meeting as our new Council President by welcoming our new Council members Laura Hinds, Nancy Koch, Betty Setterquist and Martin Uniacke. John Schneeweis then led our devotions from the book Called by God to Serve by Robert Holley and Paul Walters.

As many of you know by now, Chris Otto resigned as parish secretary to accept a full-time position effective 2/22. Chris has worked in our office for almost 10 years and we thank her for her long and loyal service. We will miss her cheerful, welcoming smile in the office.

In Pastor Kathy's report, she highlighted that we will use the book, Book of Faith Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer, during Lent. The book is a devotional resource connecting forty personal daily readings structured around seven key petitions of The Lord's Prayer.

Malcolm Styer gave the financial report which was approved as submitted. He highlighted that we started the year with a bang with our income exceeding our expenses by 40%+.

Council approved the committee chairs that include:

Mutual Ministry	Kay Gallogly	Worship & Music	Joanne Ohnmacht
Christian Education	Beth Trebilcock	Evangelism	Chet Norstrom & Ed Preisendanz
Youth and Family	Abby Wolfe	Social Ministry	Phyllis Bierstedt
Fellowship	Doreen McGrath	Stewardship	TBD
Finance	Malcolm Styer	Property	Craig Hooper
Mission Endowment	John Otto	Health Ministry	Amy Canady
Audit	Jim Simpson		

Thank you to all the chairs and the people who serve on these important committees.

Lent is usually a time when people give something up. But this year, we will do a bit of a twist on this. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, John Schneeweis highlighted that during Lent we will have a series of activities and each of us will be asked to do either an act of service or an act of spiritual discipline. There will be a series of chapel talks highlighting more details. With Pastor Kathy's plan for the Book of Faith Lenten Journey and the Stewardship Committee's activities, we should have an enlightening and inspiring Lenten season.

We will also try a common Council committee meeting night on 4/27 and 5/25 at 7pm. Council reps will be talking to their committees to determine if they can participate. This approach will allow for greater sharing among committees.

Council authorized our church officers to sign the contract for purchase and installation of the columbarium and established the Columbarium Committee to oversee the installation and use of the columbarium and columbarium gardens. They also approved the "Rules and Regulations for the Operation of the Columbarium". This has been a long journey, but we are now moving forward towards installation this Spring. Thank you to the task force leader, Ann Bogda, and the rest of her task force for a job well done.

The Synod Assembly will be held on 6/2-4. Pastor plus 3 regular members and a youth or young adult (under 30) may attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Kathy.

Finally, mark your calendars for the Leadership/Vision Retreat that will be held on 3/19 from 9am-3pm. I am working with Pastor Kathy on the meeting design and agenda. All members are welcome since we are all leaders of our church.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Please feel free to contact any Council member with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Council,
Rick Bogda

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