

The Spirit

April 2019

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAYS HARBOR



God Says Yes To Me

I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic
and she said yes
I asked her if it was okay to be short
and she said it sure is
I asked her if I could wear nail polish
or not wear nail polish
and she said honey
she calls me that sometimes
she said you can do just exactly
what you want to
Thanks God I said
And is it even okay if I don't paragraph
my letters
Sweetcakes God said
who knows where she picked that up
what I'm telling you is
Yes Yes Yes

Kaylin Haught

It's the early days of April and we're in the final weeks of Lent with the hope of Easter still weeks away. We're also almost one-fifth of the way into the 21st century with the way ahead becoming ever murkier. Around us we witness the worsening effects of climate change: wildfires, floods, temperature extremes, drought, rising sea levels, unprecedented species extinction and environmental collapse. Wars now drag on for decades as veterans die by suicide, 20 per day and the rate of hunger worldwide is increasing after years of decline. Homelessness and addiction are touching the lives of even the usually stable as wages drop and health care costs soar.

As the ways we have understood life in the past crumble in the face of new technologies and unimaginable problems, we find ourselves on the ash heap with the 7th century prophet Habakkuk lamenting:

“God, how long do I have to cry out for
help before you listen?
How many times do I have to yell,
“Help! Murder! Police!”
before you come to the rescue?
Why do you force me to look at evil,
stare trouble in the face day after day?
Anarchy and violence break out,
quarrels and fights all over the place.
Law and order fall to pieces.
Justice is a joke.
The wicked have the righteous hamstrung
and stand justice on its head.”

During this season of Lent, we've been walking “A Way Other Than Our Own” with Walter Brueggemann challenging us to see that we are called by Jesus' radical love to live authentically and fully alive as were his disciples, electrified as they must have been as each day with him unfolded: the leprous given baby fresh skin; the dead walking out of their tombs into the blinding sunshine of new life, the despairing being given hope.

Lent invites us to face the truth of our lives and of the world not as an exercise in masochism or character building. Lent's discipline of repenting, turning around, unflinchingly naming sin what it is are all for the sake of renewed relationship with God. We name our indulgence for the sake of eliminating the excess that lulls us into complacency. We name our tendency to judge others for the sake of becoming more generous with them, seeing them as well as ourselves as God does – dearly beloved. We name our laziness for the sake of being energized again in God's mission.

We live Lent and our lives as Christians **together** much like the Train Analogy that describes helping a child get through scary times. "The difficult feeling or situation is a tunnel and the child is a train going through the tunnel. Well-meaning adults often want to pull an emergency switch to get the child out of the tunnel faster, but the tunnel is the length that the tunnel is. The adult's role is to **ride through the tunnel with the child** however long it lasts."

We're on this ride of Lent and life, sometimes as thrilling as a roller coaster, sometimes as terrifying as being stuck at the top of the ferris wheel, but the point of the ride is not the ash heap even when it feels as if it is our whole world. The point of the ride is the life that Jesus offers us and showed us how to live; the **life of yes!**

"A way other than our own" is not the easy way. But, it is the only way that promises **real hope and true joy and love** that come from being fully alive in Christ. As we ride this train in these last weeks of Lent, we ride together knowing Easter is coming. As we ride this train into the murky future, we ride together knowing God's love is true and real and stronger even than death.



Southwestern Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Friends in Christ,

God's Promise for our Lenten Journey

As we enter Lent and head towards

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter, here is a story from

Luke's Gospel that jumps out at me. This translation is by Eugene Peterson in *The Message*.



"Not long after that, Jesus went to the village of Nain. His disciples were with him, along with quite a large crowd. As they approached the village gate, they met a funeral procession—a woman's only son was being carried out for burial. And the mother was a widow. When Jesus saw her, his heart broke. He said to her, 'Don't cry.' Then he went over and touched the coffin. The pallbearers stopped. He said, 'Young man, I tell you: Get up.' The dead son sat up and began talking. Jesus presented him to his mother.

"The villagers all realized they were in a place of holy mystery, that God was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful—and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, 'God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!' The news of Jesus spread all through the country." *Luke 7:11-17*

In Jesus' day, a faithful believer did not touch a dead person or anything connected to death, such as a coffin. Doing so would make you spiritually impure and would distance you from God, or so they believed. Jesus, however, revealed a deeper truth from the heart of God. God desires to bring us full life in every moment of pain and death. Jesus' own heart broke when he saw the suffering of the widow mother who had lost her only son. Therefore, Jesus boldly touched death...touched the coffin...and so brought life roaring back to her son. "God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!" the people shouted.

Wherever there is death or despair, Jesus enters and brings life. That is also the promise of the weeks ahead of us as we make our Lenten journey. We will follow Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, confronts the authorities, is seized and taken to the place of death. Yet, wherever Jesus touches death, God brings life.

As we travel this Lenten path, we are urged to let Jesus touch the places in our life and world where death holds

Jesus. Jesus' heart breaks when he sees us suffering. He mourns our physical pain. He grieves the breaks in our families and communities. He feels with pain the deadly grip of suspicion, abuse and violence that strangles our nation and world right now.

Seeing Jesus gasping on the cross, we wonder if we, too, are about to breathe our last. We wonder, like the disciples, if everything good we care about in the world is about to die. Then suddenly, God comes and turns death into life.

"God is back, looking to the needs of God's people!" That's Easter. That's where we're headed on this journey. Through Jesus, God welcomes us again and again to the table where we feast on grace, joy and community and then sends out into the world to bring full life to others.

May God's bless you in this holy time of Lent as we journey through death to life.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Rick Jaech



after learning comes fun in the Snow!

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: Mary Ann Majar, Catherine, Pastor Jeani Shofner, Lisa Hoquiam, Kevin, Coleen Brown, Ginny Clark, Paula Elder, Kiara, Philip, Tammy Mumaw, **Bob Fenton**, Tracy Rigsby, Bob Murray, Flora Schroeder, Conchita Murray, Tom Plumlee, Sarah Robbins, Nick and Judy Claussen, Penny Holbrook, Sammy, Terry Warwick, Susie Kellendar, Matthew Green and family, Penny Rae Johnson, Betty Schlaht, Maxine Cogburn, Jeff Lacey, David Shaw, Jeff Miller, Amy, Mary Alice Walton, Don Rabung, Whitney Morean, Kaitlyn Brown, Sherry McAllister, Laura & Jacob, Jean and David Hanson

FOR AMAZING GRACE: that all we do in fellowship and service would be done humbly following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

FOR THE WORLD: Console us, Redeemer God, when we are dismayed by the news of the world. Headlines of strife fan the flame of fear. News of tragedies triggers grief unresolved, and unbidden.

However, those headlines don't tell the whole story; they don't capture the humanity of the people involved, they often don't tell of the countless joys, focusing instead on the multitude of sorrows.

Though we may not know their names, though we may never hear their stories, we pray for the billions of people who call this planet their home.

We pray that each person will sense your presence, marvel at the world around them, draw close to others who love and care for them.

Help me, help us all, to have clean hands and a pure heart; so we might draw closer to you and receive your many blessings. **Amen**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN THE PAST AND FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, Maria Majar, John Kupka and Crystal Rojas

FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD: especially Stacie Evensen's Myanmar Mission.

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE MARGINS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY: Those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY: Organizers of Family Promise, workers at the Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission and those reorganizing the Aberdeen Food Bank.

God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.
from Worldinprayer.org

We periodically edit the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to update prayer requests.)

Contact Brenda Grant with prayer requests at: brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Maxine Cogburn, April 1

Bob Salmon, April 3

Yvette Koerner, April 6

Mary Ellen Salmon, April 6

Ginny Clark, April 13

Walt Ebel, April 16

Nicholas Evanson, April 16

Chris Seelke, April 17

Mike Hubbard, April 19

Anneliese Kraiger, April 19

Pam Alstrom, 20

Sarah Teveliet Channel, April 20

Luke Ostwald, April 22

Mark Ostwald, April 22

Kristine Burns, April 29

Stephen Natwick, April 29

Adam Sykes, April 29

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ray & Jean Hodge, April 9

Thank you to:

To the PSALMISTS (Hank Bilderback, Joelle Buckman, Joe Fernandez, Diane Hanson & Mike Hildreth for hosting coffee hour on March 3 and thank you all who donated towards their PSALM class.

To those who participated and helped during the 6th annual 4-F St. Patty's Dinner

To Gene Schermer for setting up the sewing tables for the quilters and for putting feet on the tables.

To Pastor Val for the Daily Devotions: A Way Other Than Our Own.

To Naomi Kraiger for helping Vicky assemble the bulletins and newsletters

To those who played the handbells during worship on March 24th.

To Mike Hubbard for filling in for janitorial duties while Judi was away.

To Joelle Buckman, Dee Erickson and Amy

Ostwald for volunteering for the Vice President positions for the rest of 2019.

To Amy Oswald and everyone else for doing a great job on getting the church directory completed.



EASTER BREAKFAST

In keeping with a long tradition at Amazing Grace, the men of the congregation will prepare a breakfast for everyone on Easter Morning, April 21 from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. The breakfast is a fundraiser sponsored by Thrivent and the free will offering will go to Family Promise.

All men are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will set-up on Saturday Morning April 20 beginning at 9:00 AM. Then on Sunday, we need cooks, servers and kitchen helpers, Cooks should arrive by 7:00 and others by 7:30 so that you can eat before we begin serving.

ENDOWMENT FUND

At a recent Endowment Committee meeting a budget of \$8000 was proposed and adopted. Anyone who wishes to make a request to support a group or project set forth in the Bylaws of the Fund needs to complete a request form.

Requests and scholarship forms are available in the church office or from Darrell Lokken.

Scholarship forms are due June 1st. There will be more information on this later. All completed forms can be returned to the office or to a committee member.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

HELP FAMILY PROMISE WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON!

If you shop on Amazon, a half a percent of your purchase can be applied to Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Here's how you do that: Log into your Amazon account. Then type in smile.amazon.com in the top white http address bar. Hit enter and it takes you to the charity page. Where it says select a charity on the right, go to the bottom option of pick "your own" and type in Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Select Search. The next page will appear and you press "select". Then hit "yes" you agree to start your shopping with smile.amazon to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS GETTING CLOSER TO COMPLETION!

Our directory is a great tool to help us learn each others names, become closer as a community of believers and is especially helpful for new people! There are a few of you out there that still need to be added to the directory with a new or



updated photo, or updated contact info. You don't have to be a member to be in our directory. Please contact Amy Ostwald at aao-stwald@gmail.com, 360-482-2306, or at church on Sundays.

QUILTERS

The quilter's are in need of FLAT sheets to be used as backing for our quilts. The sheets can be donated at any time.

-Eileen Scherrmer

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

We are forming a team or several teams of folks who might be interested in helping with funeral receptions and other events that come up in the life of the congregation. This would probably mean providing sandwiches, dessert, veggies etc. There may be other opportunities that we don't even know about yet! If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know. We can figure this out together. (Maybe if we put our heads together we can also think of a better name!) Please contact Judi Hubbard at Jhubbard1952@comcast.net or let's talk at church.



The cabin during the women's retreat.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION April 2

Mary Ellen Salmon, Leader Elaine Lokken, Donna Morrisette, Jean Hodge, Carmon Shaw, Naomi Kraiger
Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw 360-532-294



**The director of UGM says that we can expect to serve about 50 people.
They need food delivered before 5PM so that they know what is coming.
Thank you!!!**

HELPING GRAYS HARBOR'S AT-RISK YOUTH



The 1st Sunday of each month we highlight the needs of the at-risk youth in our community. Our Caring Cupboard is a one-stop donation site for the Gravity Center and other entities that serve Grays Harbor Youth.

G.R.A.V.I.T.Y. Program

Typical Gravity Center kids are experiencing poverty and neglect. The kids are always hungry and can always use: Cup of Noodles, Instant cocoa packets, bread, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, cookies and fruit. In addition the **teen parents** need: Diapers Size 1 or larger, baby wipes, soaps or lotions, clothes, bottles, Children's Tylenol, diaper rash creams. These items may be left in the basket in the Parish Hall for pick-up and delivery by Vicki Mitchell.

SUMMER WORSHIP

We're exploring adding a worship service this summer that would meet in the evening sometime during the week. If you find that you miss worship often in the summer due to vacations or travel, camping, or whatever, please take a minute to tell us on the blank sheet in the back of the bulletin, which day of the week you think you'd most often be able to attend. We're considering evenings on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday probably beginning in July. Also, if you're interested in helping to plan this worship service please indicate that or speak with Pastor Val.

EXPLORATORY INTERNSHIP TEAM

Amazing Grace is an exceptionally nurturing community that could contribute to God's mission in the world by raising up leaders. In addition, the Aberdeen area is ideal for new leaders learning how to bring God's love to hurting people in tangible ways. For these reasons, and following the stirring of the Spirit, an exploratory team is forming to discern whether this ministry, hosting a seminary intern for a year at Amazing Grace is where God is leading us. If you are interested in being a part of this discernment process, please let Pastor Val know.

ANNUAL ST. PATTY'S DINNER

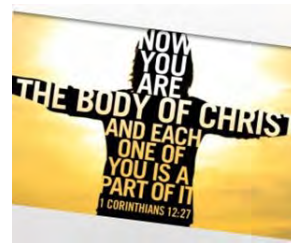
Our annual St Patty dinner was another success! Thank you to everyone that attended and invited friends. After expenses, a deposit of \$1910 was made! From this our %10 tithe will be allocated as such 1/3 family promise 1/3 LWR 1/3 Lutheran disaster, %70 of balance will go to the roof replacement account %30 to maintenance.



So many thank yous!! Our chefs— Mike and Karen, bread bakers Eileen, Carmon and Kathy, kitchen help- Naomi, Mike H and Gary, musicians Donna and Keith with Trace, Jared and Madison on instruments, thank you Beate Wahl for donating her beautiful bags for Donna to fill with so many spring goodies, bartender Dennis and last but not least our servers— Trace, Jared, Madison, Marti, Jacob, Kristine and Judi. We enjoy doing these 4-F dinners especially seeing all the wonderful fellowship that happens. Having it on Saturday made it possible for some to attend that have not in the past. If you missed this dinner- we missed you! Watch for our next "save the date". Thank you

Your 4-F team

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018 6:15 pm**



Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance: Dee Erickson, Amy Ostwald, Mark Smalley, Mike Barkstrom, Judi Hubbard, Phil Stegemoeller, Pastor Val, Joelle Buckman, Theresa Kaufman and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:22

Devotions – Stewardship – Holy Currencies –Chapter 4 and 5 - Mark

Truth- People think of Truth in a polarizing way. We need to listen to others point of views and not just our own..

Establish Quorum

Review and Approve Agenda –**M/S/P**

-Added several items to the Agenda: Business items, g. Family Promise – approve other dates for Amazing Grace hosting, h. building use agreement with county and i. Church Directory .

Review, correct and final approval of minutes for last meeting, February 19, 2019 **M/S/P**

Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

-There will be a sub-sub account for Grace funds under the general account **M/S/P**

-Theresa will amend the Budget Analysis and the Transactions by Account and will resend to council members. The Transactions by Account will be voted on at next month's council meeting.

-Give Plus Debit/Credit Card Rate, ACH Processing Rate, Card Reader **M/S/P**

-Phil Stegemoeller will have the administrative job. If anyone is interested in learning how to run the card reader, please let someone from council know.

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

i. New Program for financial secretary

-Phil's plan is to have the new program for the financial secretary operational by next year.

ii. Estate Planning

-John Aakre will come to Amazing Grace on May 5th and talk about estate planning. Mark Smalley will introduce him during Sunday worship. John will talk and have a presentation on estate planning which will last for about an hour.

Business items (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community)

a. Annual Meeting Minutes– January 27th - Theresa

-Council members will look over the January Annual Meeting Minutes that Theresa took and have feedback for her at next month's council meeting.

b. Council Retreat April 13 – Mark

i. Topics for the Retreat

1. Role and purpose of council – Bring your job descriptions

-Council members will be discussing what their individual jobs mean and what the council believes your job to mean.

2. Stewardship 8am-2pm will start at 8.

-The council retreat will be from 8-2 on April 13th and will be held at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. Council members have signed up for duties for that day. Dee will make breakfast burritos, Judi will bring fruit, Pastor Val, Joelle, Amy and Mark will get in touch with each other about what to bring.

c. Emergency Shelter Ground Rules- Mark

-Council members discussed in depth about the Cold Weather Shelter Rules. If Revival or another organization would like to use Amazing Grace as a cold weather shelter, they will need to follow the

rules. Mark will make the corrections that were talked about and then forward it to Pastor Val and she will give them to Revival.

d. Vice Presidents for the rest of 2019

Joelle Buckman: April, May and June

Dee Erickson: July, August and September

Amy Ostwald: October, November and December

e. Synod assembly-June 7 & 8 in Vancouver-Ask for volunteers-Pastor Val

f. Internship possibilities-Pastor Val

-Amazing Grace has an opportunity of hosting a pastoral Internship, the deadline to apply is Jan. 31st. A committee will be organized to consider the opportunity.

g. Family Promise – approve other dates for Amazing Grace hosting

July 22-28 and October 21-27

h. building use agreement with county

-Request a copy of the Insurance.

i. Church Directory- Amy

-The church directory is close to being done, she just has a short list of people that she needs to get photos and address from. Joelle will get some photos of the quilters.

Ministry Reports

a. Worship – Dee Erickson

-The Worship Committee will be meeting the second Sunday of the month, the Alter guild on the fourth Sunday of the month, during coffee hour. Dee will be talking with Pastor Val about the Liturgical Arts and the possibility of doing a mid-week service during the summer. Curtis Steinhauer and Joe are looking into doing an informal outdoor church service and is this something that members of the church would be interested in doing? The outdoor service would be a great experience for the intern. Pastor Val and Dee will look more into the mid-week services.

b. Outreach – Joelle

i. Caring Cupboard basket

-The missing basket for the Giving Cupboard is back. Joelle is looking into more programs that the Gravity program can support. A council member suggested Joelle look at the Family Promise board that has a wish list of items that are needed, she will get in contact with Charles. It was suggested to Joelle that she might form a committee to help her come up with other programs that Outreach can support.

ii. Homeless outreach

c. PSALM report - Joelle

-The PSALM class has wrapped up Old Testament and are beginning the New Testament. The retreat that the PSALM class took was a chance for them to learn about the history of worship. All five members are still working on their individual projects. They will also be doing more fundraisers.

d. Imagine Team

i. Faith ConneX Survey

-There have only been a couple turned in so far.

e. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald

i. Parent Outreach – Christian Ed Survey

-The Sunday school survey that Amy distributed, 6 out of 9 families responded. She passed out a chart to council members on the questions that were asked on the survey, any questions council may have, please forward them to Amy.

ii. Youth Ideas-pastor Val

-Amy suggested the possibility of an after church conversation and faith exploration with the kids and adults.

f. Fellowship – Judi

-The date for the women's tea will be held on May 11th.

i. Communion Ministry: Extending Christ's table to people who receive communion at home. A small group needs to be formed so it's more organized and less chance of missing someone.

ii. Welcome Committee

g. Property – Mike Barkstrom

Lupo Construction fixed the breeze way for \$2500.

The water was shut off in March because of stuck valve on the west end toilet in the church, Elway Plumbing came and fixed the toilet and water was turned back on.

Some of the surplus metal chairs from downstairs of the church were taken to the day center and given to them to use as necessary.

Mike has bids to repair windows on 1st and 2nd floors of the parish hall. The downstairs windows will cost about \$9300 including WSST to replace with vinyl double pane windows, if the bid received one year ago is still valid.

Mike will check with Aro Glass to confirm. We will only do the downstairs windows at this time. **M/S/P** to replace downstairs windows in the parish hall provided the bid comes at a reasonable number if there is an increase.

Pastor's Report

Task Assignments

- Council members will need to go over the Truth Inventory from the "Holy Currencies" book and will talk about it more during the council retreat. Mark will also get a plan about what will happen at the retreat.

- Mike will go over the heat issue with Theresa

- Pastor Val about the sign on the wall of the sanctuary to put in the newsletter

- Theresa will email Mike about where the money goes for the big accounts

- Phil will get in contact with John Aakre to see if he requires anything else to get ready for the Estate Planning presentation being given on May 5th.

- Pastor Val, Joelle, Amy and Mark will get in touch with each other about what to bring to the council retreat.

- Mark will make the corrections on the Cold Weather Shelter rules that were talked about and then forward it to Pastor Val and she will give them to Revival.

- Pastor Val will send out the link information about the intern possibilities to council members to read more on the subject.

- Amy will ask Pastor Val some questions about the church directory

- Pastor Val and Dee will talk more into the mid-week services

- Joelle will get in contact with Charles about the wish board for Family Promise and to think about forming a committee to help her come up with other programs that Outreach can support.

- Judi will talk with Arlene Torgerson about the women's tea.

- Vicky will put out name tags on the first Sunday of the month.

- Theresa if you have any questions about maintenance issues involving Family Promise, contact Mike Barkstrom.

Adjournment and closing prayer 9:20

PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – February 2019

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday worship – Plan and lead

Plan adult education

Plan seasonal and special worship services

Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing

Prayer

Meet with ministry leader as needed

ADMINISTRATION

Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA

Coordinate Imagine Process w/ Synod D.E.M.

Conference Pastors meeting monthly

Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed

Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger

Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.

Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly

Newsletter - writing, editing

Meet with treasurer as needed

Mutual Ministry meeting

Endowment Committee advisor

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant

Healing monthly

Grace notes weekly or as needed
Pastoral care as needed
Hospital visits; homebound & assisted living visits
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed
Food Bank reorganizing meetings
Monthly local Pastor's group
Facebook page – outreach through social media.
Coordinate with others to support homeless and fragile people
Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

OUTREACH

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY Adult study: plan and participate
Confirmation: plan and lead
Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

OFFICIAL ACTS – None in January

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Spiritual Direction program year two; Spiritual Direction monthly; Armchair Mystic by Thibodeaux.

OTHER ACTIVITIES in February

OUTREACH: Food Bank work to reorganize and find new site

PASTORAL CARE: Group spiritual direction for PSALM participants; advise and coordinate their process
Individual spiritual direction

WORSHIP: Planning with ministry leader and worship team
Planning Dinner Church during Lent
Preparing music for new liturgy for liturgists and guest pianist

YOUTH/FAMILY/Education: Planning devotions from A Way Other Than Our Own for Lent
Confirmation class weekly: 3 youth, parents and mentors
PSALM group spiritual direction
PSALM mentoring – reading essays; collaborating on projects
Writing recommendations for graduating seniors

IMAGINE RENEWAL: Faith ConneX wrap up survey

SYNOD: Exploring options for possible intern hosting

VACATION: None

UPCOMING: Mid-Week Dinner Church each Thursday beginning 5:30-6: 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, including a meal and discussion. This is being planned with Joe Fernandez, PSALM participant

Mid-week Holden Evening Prayer each Thursday (same dates as above) 7:30.

Holy Week: Palm/Passion Sunday 4/ 14, Maundy Thursday 4/18, Good Friday 4/19,

Easter 4/21. Being planned with Hank and Kris

Lent Devotional reading: A Way Other Than Our Own by Walter Brueggemann

Baptism – March 24

Vacation and funeral April 25-28

(1 Sunday)



FEBRUARY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNT

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 44,424.20
-PSALM			\$ (500.00)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 322.38
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Bells			\$ 608.91
-Friends in Need			\$ 558.98
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund			\$ 220.00
		TOTAL	\$ 50,212.50
Fundraising Checking			\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking			\$ 12,703.47
- Roof sub account of m aint			\$ 15,650.00
Youth Checking			\$ 195.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 4,089.01
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,178.51

\$2495 invoice paid to John Lupo Construction 2/19



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BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

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Liturgists: Hank Bilderback, Keith Lile, Laura Carle, Jeannette Green, Charles Scamman, Greg

Johnstone **Musicians:** Kristine Burns, Heidi Seelke



Amy Ostwald and Naomi Kraiger at women's retreat

APRIL 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, April 7

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mark Ostwald & Erin Burns; **Communion Assistant:** Kristine Finazzo; **Ushers/Greeters:** Ray & Jean Hodge; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Darrell Lokken; **Fellowship:** Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Fernandez

Sunday, April 14

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Arlene Torgerson; **Communion Assistant:** Steve Swanson & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Molly & William Rabung; **Depositors:** Judi Hubbard & Gene Schermer; **Fellowship:** Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom, Ellis

Sunday, April 21

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Judi Hubbard; **Communion Assistant:** Jeannette Green & Elaine Olsen; **Ushers/Greeters:** Eileen & Gene Schermer; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar; **Fellowship:** Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 28

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mark Smalley; **Communion Assistant:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Roger & Carmon Shaw; **Depositors:** Judi Hubbard & Eileen Schermer; **Fellowship:** Hanson, Erwin, Hodge, Seelke



Pastor Val mentoring PSALM participant Joelle Buckman.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30 –6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS	2	3 9-12 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 BELLS	4 DINNER CHURCH— Arrive between 5:30-6 HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER 7:30	5 6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK	6 7-8 AA
7 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	8 5:30-8 PM PARENT CLASS in PARISH HALL & S.S. ROOM	9	10 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 BELLS	11 DINNER CHURCH— Arrive between 5:30-6 HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER 7:30	12 5:30-8 PM PARENT CLASS in PARISH HALL & S.S. ROOM	13 7-8 AA 8 AM-2PM COUNCIL RETREAT
14 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S. HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE 15-21	15 4:30 –6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS 5:30-8 PM PARENT CLASS in YOUTH ROOM & S.S. ROOM	16 6:15 PM COUNCIL MEETING	17 9-12 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 BELLS	18 HOLY THURSDAY LAST SUPPER 7PM ALL ARE WEL- COME—SIGN UP IN Parish Hall	19 GOOD FRIDAY Noon & 7p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS in sanctuary 6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK 5:30-8 PM PARENT CLASS in YOUTH ROOM & S.S. ROOM	20 7-8 AA
21 EASTER Easter Breakfast— times 8 AM– 9:30 AM 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP Egg Hunt following worship	22 5:30-8 PM PARENT CLASS in PARISH HALL 7 S.S. ROOM EARTH DAY	23	24 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 BELLS	25 7-8:30 BOOK GROUP	26	27 7-8 AA
28 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	29	30				

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