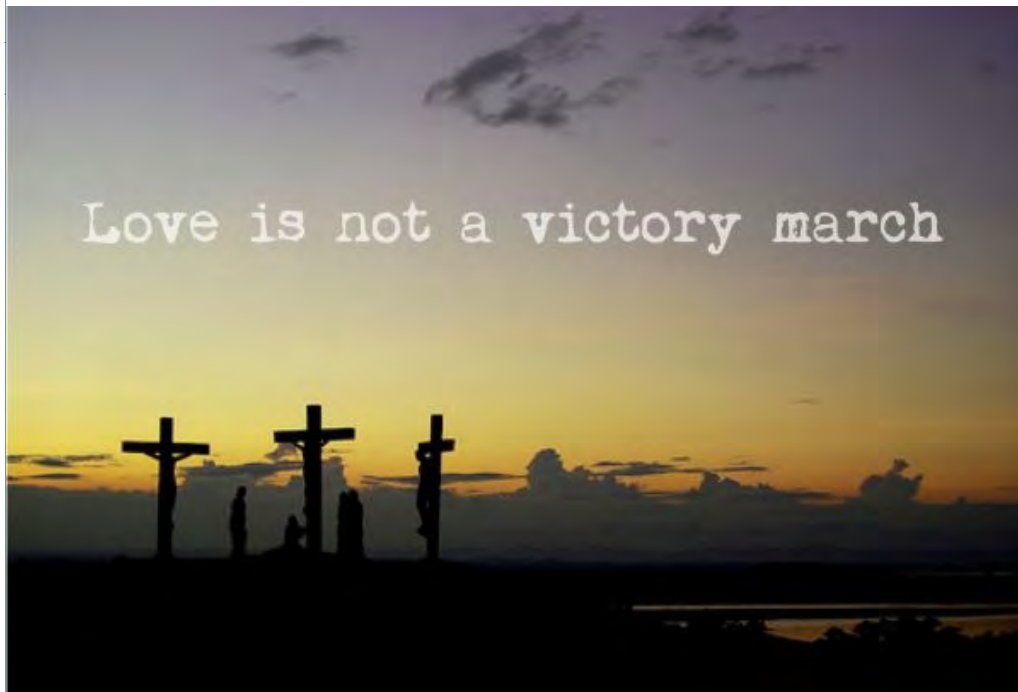


The Spirit

May 2019

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAYS HARBOR



Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

That is our Easter refrain during this 50 day season; 50 days trying to wrap our tiny brains around the idea that God would not let Jesus stay dead, despite the hatred of Empire and the basest impulses of humanity. **THIS IS LOVE!**

Christ is risen, Alleluia! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

And yet, loved ones still die. Hungry bellies still grumble. The homeless are still clinging to the riverbank in Aberdeen, unwanted there or anywhere. The addict is still so despairing that only the oblivion of a high brings relief. The unemployed feel unvalued. The disabled feel forgotten. The elderly feel dismissed. And the rest of us are simply overwhelmed and confused.

Christ is risen! Al...le...lu ... ia...

Well, maybe it is, as Leonard Cohen says, a **BROKEN hallelujah.**

“Love is not a victory march. It’s a cold and it’s a broken hallelujah!”

The cross is empty on Easter morning. But, resurrection only comes through death.

We are broken. Our world is broken. Our systems are

broken. The institutions we thought we could rely upon for stability are broken.

Mindy Makant, a religious studies professor says that we live in “the poignant gap” between that first Easter morning and Christ’s coming again – this in-between time in which we boldly affirm ‘Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!’ “And we also live with the reality of loss, anxiety, and grief. We are both/and people. We both genuinely mourn, and we do not mourn as people without hope.”

This is an incredibly difficult task that Jesus left us: being the church in this ‘poignant gap.’ And yet, that is our call and our purpose. It is difficult. But it is that which gives our lives meaning and so it brings great peace and joy to walk with Jesus, empowered by the Spirit doing this work.

And so we cut and pin and sew our quilts, shipping them to places of disaster and violence around the world.

We share our space, sleep on cots and cook meals so that the families trying to escape homelessness have a chance.

We bring our meals, made with love to Union Gospel Mission so that those living on the edge are filled with a nutritious meal and with hope.

We schlepp our canned goods, and diapers, and boxes of ramen to worship on first Sunday of the month so that teenage mothers can imagine a future in which people care for one another.

We carry our love and the bread of life and the wine of salvation to those in nursing homes and the homebound and sick so that they are reminded that they have not been forgotten. They too are a part of Christ’s body.

We stand with those clinging to life on the edge of the Chehalis River, affirming their humanity and dignity and their right to life and the pursuit of happiness like

any other citizen of this country that promises opportunity for all.

We give money to make God's mission and ministry through Amazing Grace possible every day of the week.

We gather together Sunday mornings, doing our best to welcome everyone without exception to sing and pray, to love each other and hear God's Word, to receive the real presence of Jesus, to be shaped by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ so that we can go out and do it all again another week.

We paint, and mow, and dust and type; we post on websites and facebook; we change light bulbs, we make coffee and do dishes – all so that what God is doing in the world may be known to those living in despair, which is sometimes us, but for many in our world it's reality **every day**.



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

Reckless in Your Love

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have been following and exploring the Way of Jesus throughout the season of Lent, and now we enter Holy Week. Jesus takes us into the time of dying and rising. As we journey with Christ through Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter, we discover the deepest mystery that it is in giving that we receive and it is in dying that God raises us to new life.

In John's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a planted seed to talk about this.

"Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the earth and dies, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is, destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal." (John 12:24 The Message)

I recall Raul, a member of my first congregation in San Francisco, telling me how he needed to let his whole, existing life die in order to plant a hoped-for seed of life for his family. When civil war broke out

We meet, and plan, and study so that we may be faithful to this call; to this love: the love of God showing up in the midst of the reality of our lives because God is seen most clearly in the **unlikely places** in our world: a manger, a cross, at the table with sinners, like us; but also right in the middle of our life together in our congregation, in our community, in the nation and in the world. Because **there are no godforsaken places or people**.

God is here no matter what: in our firm belief and in our broken spirits. This is love!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Val

Please contact Pastor Val or the church office if you are in need of prayer or a visit before surgery or any time. Hospitals do NOT notify us.



in El Salvador, Raul knew that his family and particularly his four young children were in grave risk from the violence swirling around them. Despite the cost and risks, Raul decided to leave his house, his extended family, and his good job as a car mechanic, and bring his family to the United States. They arrived in San Francisco with nothing. Fortunately, Raul soon found a new job at an auto shop and worked 12 hours a day to get his family settled. They had given up everything familiar, but slowly they began to see new life flowering in front of them. A supportive church community, where the majority of members had also recently lived through crisis and change, was a key ingredient in that new life.

It is often in the specific choices of everyday living that we experience dying and rising.

Jesus reminds us that, when God plants us in the world as seeds of life, there is a "dying" that is needed. The safe, exterior shell of our life must be cracked open. Our instinctive tendency to play it safe and look out only for our own success must be let go.

Love is risky. It costs us our time, our energy, our attention. In Jesus' case, it literally cost him his life as he poured out his love and power for others. Yet the deepest joy and fullest life becomes ours when we entrust ourselves to God and allow the grace and presence of God to live through us, no matter where that takes us.

"In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is, destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal."

Think of those who have been reckless in their love as they followed Jesus: James and John, Mary and Mary Magdalene, St. Francis, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr. Trusting God, they poured out their lives for others. In turn they became seeds of life, transforming the world.

Walking through Holy Week, we see the Way of Jesus expressed in its complete and fullest form. Centered in God; eyes opened by Christ; re-born to new life; changing the world. That is the path of dying and rising that Jesus invites and empowers us to take. We die to our old, habitual, fear-filled life and rise to the new and full life that God has wanted for us all along. May God bless us all as we travel through death to Easter and the life that knows no end.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Rick Jaech

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: Inez Coulter, Joseph, Deidre Turner, Mary Ann Majar, Catherine, Pastor Jeani Shofner, Kevin, Coleen Brown, Ginny Clark, Paula Elder, Kiara, Philip, Tammy Mumaw, 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 and for family and friends mourning the death of Ann Hodge. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. For family and friends mourning the death of Pete Majar. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. For family and friends mourning the death of Eden Murray. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. For family and friends mourning the death of Bob Fenton. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN THE PAST AND FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, 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.

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

Contact Brenda Grant with prayer requests at:

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Al Kelling, May 1

Molly Gundersen, May 2

Kari Ann Penttila, May 2

Janice Frafjord, May 6

Hiedi Seelke, May 6

Sophie Kupka, May 8

Hank Bilderback, May 9

Eilidh Channel, May 9

John Pellesier, May 14

Kristine Finazzo, May 17

Mark Smalley, May 20

Cindy Penttila, May 23

Tessa Buckman, May 24

Joelle Buckman, May 27

Madison Winter, May 28

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jeff & Stephanie Gundersen, May 26

Al & Marge Kelling, May 27

Thank you to:

To Mike Hubbard & Gene Schermer for putting up the tables for the quilters and for fixing the leaking toilet in the church office

To Mike Hubbard for filling in for Judi for janitorial duties

To Eileen & Gene Schermer & Elaine & Darrell Lokken for setting up the tables in the Parish Hall. To those who donated flowers, helped prepare food, and poke for Pete Majar's funeral service.

To those who donated many of the items for the Easter Egg Hunt and to Michelle Weiberg for organizing this event.

To the men of the congregation for preparing breakfast for everybody on Easter Sunday. To those who helped set up the Parish hall on Saturday morning and those who helped with the cooking, serving, the kitchen helpers and to those who helped clean up afterwards.

To the bell and choir members for the music during Easter service.

To the quilters for preparing the health kits and quilts to give to Lutheran World Relief and to those who donated the items.

Kristine Finazzo's granddaughter
Isabella

Sophie, M.J. Eilidh, Zack, Madison and Aiden
and Pastor Val



ESTATE PLANNING AND CHARITABLE GIVING PRESENTATION

John Aakre, a wealth advisor with Thrivent Financial in Olympia, will be leading a presentation about Estate Planning and Charitable Giving following the Sunday morning service on May 5th. John has worked as a financial advisor for 25 years. Prior to that he was a development officer at Pacific Lutheran University for 14 years helping donors with charitable gift planning. He will discuss basic estate planning, the differences between your will and beneficiary designations, and explain the many ways that your assets may transfer at death to your children and other beneficiaries. He will also share various ways to make charitable gifts both now and through your estate. There will be opportunities for questions and answers during the presentation. John will also remain after the presentation if you wish to ask him a confidential question about your individual situation.

WOMEN'S TEA



Ladies of Amazing Grace— **On May 11th**, we are hosting a Spring Tea at 1pm. Please contact Judi at jhubbard1952@comcast.net or Jeanette at Green950@q.com

AN EVENING WITH THE PHANTOM!

St. Andrews is hosting an Evening with the Phantom on **May 11th at 7pm**. Mary Jo Zimmer will play Bach's "Toccata" and "Fugue in D Minor" on the Pipe Organ. There will also be a lecture demonstration on the "King of Instruments", and a Pipe Crawl. A wine and cheese reception will follow. The program is free and donations to fund the upkeep of St. Andrew's instruments will be joyfully accepted!

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.

GARAGE SALE

Time for spring cleaning! As you clean and sort out your

stuff! We will be having a sale, **July 20**. So start saving— more details to follow Judi Hubbard

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.com to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*

QUILTERS

The quilter's shipped 111 quilts around the world along with 145 health kits.

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 aaostwald@gmail.com, 360-482-2306, or at church on Sundays.



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](mailto:jhubbard1952@comcast.net) or let's talk at church.

BORROWED ITEMS

When anything is borrowed from the church, from kitchen items to maintenance, please put on sign-out list in kitchen . If something breaks while you are using it at the church or borrowing it, let someone know so it can be fixed or replaced.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION May 7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader Liz Ellis, Molly Leithold, Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt
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.

LIVING STONES PRISON MINISTRY ANNUAL RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting the Living Stones prison ministry through your prayers, visits, ingathering of items, and financial gifts. We are excited to announce our **2019 raf-**

4-F Dinner

please put save the date for June 15. 4-F dinner Details to follow –Judi Hubbard

the prize is a \$5,000 Costco travel voucher. Tickets are now on sale through May **23rd** for \$10 each or 6 for \$50. To buy tickets, see Joe Fernandez or Carmon Shaw during fellowship time.

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.

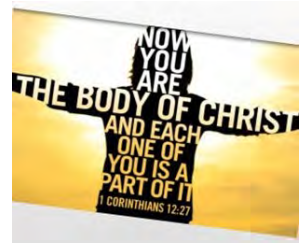
EXPLORATORY INTERNSHIP TEAM

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 semi-annual 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.

ABERDEEN FOODBANK

Aberdeen Foodbank needs a person willing to serve on the board of directors. The board is made up of 1 clergy and 1 lay person from each congregation. It is a prayerful process, that lasts for 3 years that meets Tuesday mornings.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019 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: Theresa Kaufman, Pastor Val, Phil Stegemoeller, Mike Barkstrom, Amy Ostwald, Joelle Buckman, Mark Smalley, Judi Hubbard and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

Devotions – Pastor Val

-In honoring the passing of Pete Majar council members read bible passages from Psalms

Establish Quorum

Review and Approve Agenda-M/S/P

Added to items to the Business items: d. SUV parking in church parking lot, e. Church Directory

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

Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

-February & March transactions by account M/S/P

-Theresa will amend and resent corrected treasure report to council members and she will add Family Promise to the Balances of Church account. The fundraiser account will also be closed but will require signatures.

i. Visa issues- Bank issued a new Visa after fraudulent charges were discovered.

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

i. New Program for financial secretary-It's still a work in progress.

ii. Estate Planning

-John Aakre will be doing a presentation on Estate Planning after service on May 5th. Phil will write a little announcement for the newsletter and bulletin. Mark will introduce John during worship about when the presentation will start.

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

-Theresa will email Annual reports to council members and will review next month

b. Council Retreat April 13 review – Mark

-There were some good discussion and everyone learned new things about the jobs that each council member does.

-The council members went over the Property Manager description during the meeting and had some feedback for Mike. Mike will amend his report and resend to council members.

c. Emergency Shelter Ground Rules- Mark

-There was a discussion among the council members about the rules for the Emergency Shelter. A maximum number of 40 people, if under the influence or intoxicated you will be turned away, if behavior is bad or disruptive you will be removed. Mark will make changes

-Cold Weather Shelter Approve as amended 6 yes 1 no

d. SUV parking in church parking lot- M/S/P

Bev who is homeless with a ten year old daughter would like to use the parking lot of our church for safety reasons until school is over. Pastor Val encouraged her to talk with Charles from Family Promise about getting some help. Family Promise has offered to pay for the dog to be boarded, while she is getting back on her feet. Family promise we could pay for the dogs to be boarded, while she is getting back on her feet. She will need to follow the rules that Amazing Grace has.

e. Church Directory- Progressing

Ministry Reports

a. Worship – Dee Erickson- gave a detailed report.

- i. Dinner Church-18-21 people attended, those who attended had a great experience. This is also Joe Fernandez's PSALM class project.
 - ii. Holy Week- Thursday at 7pm in Parish Hall. Good Friday service is at 12 and 7pm in the Sanctuary
 - iii. Altar Guild-
 - iv. Summer Worship-It will be a trial run to see who will show up for it. The summer worship will be held in the Sanctuary.
 - b. Outreach – Joelle
 - i. Family Promise- It's going well. We are currently hosting
 - ii. Quilters- Preparing to send 150 health kits and quilts will be mailed to Lutheran World Relief in May.
 - iii. Homeless outreach-A work in progress.
 - c. PSALM report –
-Joelle says the class is going well. She will be working on delivering the messages while Pastor Val is gone.
 - d. Imagine Team
 - i. Faith ConneX Survey
-7 surveys have been turned in. The group will get together after Easter.
 - e. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald:
 - i. Sunday School- The Sunday school teachers went over the survey and will decide what changes to make for next school year.
 - ii. Easter Egg Hunt- Michelle Weiberg will be organizing the Easter Egg Hunt this year.
 - iii. Youth ideas – Pastor Val
 - f. Fellowship – Judi-
 - i. Communion Ministry
 - ii. Welcome Committee-Judi will talk about this with Pastor Val
 - iii. Garage Sale-No clothes. Everything is a quarter. If it's a plug-in then it's a dollar. The garage sale will be on Saturday, July 20th from 8-3 in the Parish hall. Anything that is left over, a member of CP Methodist church will take away same day.
 - iv. Special Events Team
 - g. Property – Mike Barkstrom
-Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw are working on putting in some cabinets in the kitchen of Family Promise, which were built by someone at the prison. Mike Barkstrom contacted Aro Glass and the windows are on order and they also honored the original bid. Mike will check the fire alarms in Family Promise building.
- Pastor's Report
- a. Synod assembly – June 7 & 8 in Vancouver – Ask for Volunteers – Pastor Val
-Pastor Val asked if any of the Psalm people would like to volunteer to go. Joelle has volunteered but still need one more person.
 - b. **Internship possibilities – Pastor Val**
-Pastor Val will look into this more in June.
- Task Assignments
- Phil needs to share the excel file with Theresa and go over with Phil's report with him so everything matches for council meetings.
 - Joelle will get together with Theresa about psalm class payments.
 - Theresa will put together a spread sheet for Mike about money costs.
 - Theresa will send annual Minutes to council members for feedback
 - Phil will write a little announcement about the Estate Planning for the newsletter and bulletin.
 - Vicky will keep a hard copy of council member's job descriptions in church office.
 - Mike will amend his Property Manager report and resend to council members, all council members to email their job descriptions to the office.
 - Joelle needs the pages from the book.
 - Vicky will add the Sunday school teachers to the bulletin
 - Phil will make corrections on his financial reports
- Adjournment and closing prayer 8:13

PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – March 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

OUTREACH

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

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

Baptism – Tim Leithold
Funeral – Eden Murray

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:

Spiritual Direction program year two; Spiritual Direction monthly

OTHER ACTIVITIES in March

OUTREACH:

Food Bank work to reorganize and find new site

PASTORAL CARE:

Group spiritual direction for PSALM participants; advise and coordinate their process

WORSHIP:

Researching options for summer worship
Planning with ministry leader and worship team – organizing altar guild
Dinner Church weekly during Lent – coordinating food, worship, set-up and leadership
Holden Evening Prayer weekly during Lent
Ash Wednesday – 2 services
Developed Lent liturgy
Work with PSALMist – Hank on his project – developing an Amazing Grace liturgy

YOUTH/FAMILY/Education:

Write and distribute devotions via email and facebook **page** from A Way
Other Than Our Own for Lent
New member & baptism classes
Taught S.S. & Conf. kids KIVA micro-lending using Noisy Offering from
Advent

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

VACATION: None in March

UPCOMING: Holy Week: Palm/Passion Sunday 4/ 14
Maundy Thursday 4/18 – Last Supper re-creation
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at Noon and 7pm
Easter 4/21

Vacation and funeral April 23-28 (1 Sunday – Working on a preacher; Hank will preside)

Vacation May 13 – 19 (1 Sunday – Joelle will preach; Hank will preside)

Vacation May 27 – June 2 (1 Sunday – Mike H. will preach; Hank will preside)



Gene Schermer-Supervising

Traditional daffodil filling the cross



Shelby Kincaid



MARCH BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNT

| Name | | Date | Total |
|------------------------------|--|-------|--------------|
| Checking | | | \$ 49,126.60 |
| -PSALM | | | \$ (116.00) |
| -Caring Cupboard | | | \$ 388.75 |
| -Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve | | | \$ 2,620.00 |
| -Bells | | | \$ 547.09 |
| -Friends in Need | | | \$ 625.37 |
| -Reformation Fund | | | \$ 1,071.21 |
| -Outreach Funds | | | \$ 500.00 |
| -Altar Restore | | | \$ 386.83 |
| -Grace Fund | | | \$ 220.00 |
| | | TOTAL | \$ 55,369.84 |
| Fundraising Checking | | | \$ 215.90 |
| Maintenance Checking | | | \$ 13,285.37 |
| - Roof sub account of m aint | | | \$ 16,853.30 |
| Youth Checking | | | \$ 195.75 |
| Memorial Savings | | | \$ 4,089.01 |
| Mikkel Thompson Savings | | | \$ 1,906.75 |



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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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Celebrating
Easter

MAY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, May 5

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Carmon Shaw; **Communion Assistant:** Kristine Finazzo; **Ushers/Greeters:** Weiberg, Jim, Michelle, Jordan, Josie & Kylie; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Joelle Buckman; **Fellowship:** Finazzo, Evanson, Ellingsen, Hubbard, Waite, Winter

Sunday, May 12

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Jeannette Green; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Gene Schermer; **Communion Assistant:** Carrie Erwin & Sarah Channel; **Ushers/ Greeters:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Darrell Lokken; **Fellowship:** Barkstrom, Biornstad, Buckman

Sunday, May 19


Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Elaine Lokken; **Communion Assistant:** Carmon Shaw & Arlene Torgerson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Judi Hubbard & Maurita White; **Depositors:** Eileen Schermer & Joe Fernandez; **Fellowship:** Beemans, Kraiger, Debandt, Kupka

Sunday, May 26

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Communion Assistant: Mark Smalley & Dee Erickson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Tim & Pam Alstrom; **Depositors:** Mike Barkstrom & Ray Hodge; **Fellowship:** Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt

Kristine & Isabella



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|  | | | 1 9-12 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 PM BELLS | 2 7-8:30 BOOK GROUP | 3 6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK | 4 7-8 PM AA |
| 5 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S. | 6 4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS | 7 | 8 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 PM BELLS | 9 | 10 | 11 7-8 PM AA |
| 12 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S. MOTHER'S DAY | 13 | 14 | 15 9-12 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 5:30-6:30 AA 6-7 PM BELLS | 16 | 17 6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK | 18 7-8 PM AA |
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Sundays at 10am and for Fellowship group
Thursdays at 7pm**

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