



"Open My Life, Lord" Continues through Lent to Easter

By Pastor Gayle Pope

We continue to invite God to open our eyes, hands, ears, hearts and lives to his love and power this Lent. Here's what's coming up:

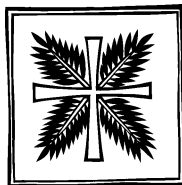


Midweek Services – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

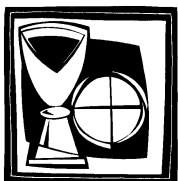
(preceded by supper at 5:30)

- ☐ **April 3: Open My Heart, Lord** – Martha Rapp, spiritual director, chaplain and religious educator from St. Peter's Catholic Church in Quincy, will reflect on Acts 16:11-15, the story of Lydia, who opened her heart to God and was baptized.
- ☐ **April 10: "Open my Life, Lord"** – I will conclude the Wednesday series with a message about the transforming power of the Spirit in a life cracked open to the love of God. As Paul writes in Galatians 2:15-21, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Palm Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.: Our service begins in the Fellowship Hall as we process with palms into the Sanctuary. The service turns from joyful Hosannas to the somber recognition of what is to come as we hear the Passion according to Luke.



Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.: A traditional service including individual absolution with the laying on of hands, a foot washing ritual, congregation communing one another, stripping of the altar as Psalm 22 is chanted, and departing in silence.



Maundy Thursday to Good Friday Prayer Vigil in the Resurrection Chapel:

For the second year, we are inviting people to sign up for 30-minute slots in a 23-hour prayer vigil from the close of Maundy Thursday worship to the opening of Good Friday worship. Various guided prayer materials will be provided for those who wish to use them. This is a time to contemplate your own relationship with Christ, to open your heart to the meaning of his suffering and death, and to pray for self, others and the world. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex. You are welcome to take more than one slot if you wish to stay longer. Someone will always be present in the church building so no one will be there alone.



Good Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.:

This year we will again experience the "Service of the Nails" – a series of readings, extinguishing of candles, responses, silent reflection and prayer to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday. Everyone is asked to bring your Lenten key. Toward the end of the service, all are invited to come forward and receive a nail tied with a red ribbon, drive your nail into a rugged wooden cross, and hang your key on it. The ribbon symbolizes our sin (though your sins are like scarlet...") and Christ's blood. The key symbolizes our willingness to unlock our hearts and let Christ in. You can retrieve your key if you want to keep it, or leave it to become part of something made out of all the keys.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.:

We will unpack the Alleluia and participate in a joyful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, followed by Easter Brunch to benefit our Memorial Garden project.



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Mar. 12, 2019

Members present: Dick Tabb, Matt Futhey, Pastor Gayle Pope, Katie Rupp, Bonnie Scranton, Kathy Buckman, Jim Hobbins, Connie Hornsey, Tom Jett, Sara Klusmeyer, Andrew Maas, Brandon Ross, Bill Wolters

At 6:30 p.m. Pastor opened with prayer. Katie Rupp led devotions. President Tabb called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 12, 2019 council meeting minutes carried.

President's Report:

- Dick Tabb checked if any council members need a key.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's printed report for February was distributed.
- Pastor said she would make information about Jansen Woods Summer Camp available for those interested.
- Mission trip update was provided to the council.

Treasurer's/ Financial Secretary's Report:

- Printed reports for Feb. were distributed and reviewed.
- Bonnie Scranton requested approval to move \$25,000 from Town & Country checking to the Mission Investment Fund Demand account. Motion approved and carried.

Motion to accept reports and place the financial report on file for audit carried.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

- **Communication:** Bill Wolters reported that the website license was renewed. The team is considering providing a virtual tour of the church on our website.
- **Fellowship:** Brandon Ross reported discussion of the Conference Assembly meal on March 24 and Lent suppers.
- **Learning:** Sara Klusmeyer reported KNO dates for March 29 and May 5; a Blessing Buddy event scheduled for Sunday, April 7. Male Blessing buddies are currently needed. Updates on the playground and mulching will follow.
- **Mutual Ministry:** No report
- **Property:** Jim Hobbins reported on his research into alternative flooring for fellowship hall and the costs. Motion to approve replacing the fellowship hall floor with a product similar to what is there now carried.
- **Service:** Katie Rupp reported that \$606.29 was collected March 10 for ELCA World Hunger relief. The Super Duper Garage Sale will be held Saturday, April 27. Proceeds from the sale will be split between sanctuary stained glass windows and the Memorial Garden. Next meeting is May 9
- **Stewardship:** No report
- **Worship:** Kathy Buckman reported that at the Feb. 13 meeting discussed the Lenten theme and preparations needed for Ash Wednesday. Hymns were selected for March 3 through March 31.
- **Risk Management Committee:** No report
- **Memorial Garden Committee:** Bonnie requested council approval to apply Thrivent Choice funds toward the expenses of creating the garden. Motion approved and carried.
- **Finance and Investment Committee:** No report
- **Endowment Committee:** No report
- **Columbarium Oversight Committee:** No report

Motion to accept all reports as presented carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Call Process:** President Tabb said there was nothing new regarding the call process since his last update.
- B. Church Rental Policy:** The Fellowship Committee recommended changes in the site rental policy:
 - 1.) Rental by non-members of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, and lounge will be raised to \$300 plus a \$50 cleaning fee refundable upon inspection by the current custodian.
 - 2.) Rental of either the sanctuary OR the fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and lounge ONLY will be \$200 plus a \$50 cleaning fee refundable upon inspection by the current custodian.
 - 3.) There would be no charge for not-for-profit groups.
 - 4.) The policy applies to staff who are not church members the same as other non-members. Motion that the recommendations be accepted and a form be made reflecting the new scale carried.
- C. Office Computer:** Bonnie Scranton recommended we purchase a custom-built computer from Gigahertz Garage for \$700 to replace the current office computer. Motion carried.
- D. Strategic Planning** The following decisions were made concerning Strategic Planning:
 - 1.) Pastor's summary of the CAT results will be printed and distributed to all active households.
 - 2.) Matt Futhey will chair a committee to organize Cottage Meetings between May 1 and May 18.
 - 3.) A Strategic Planning meeting will be held Saturday morning, June 1, for council, Team and Committee Chairs and other interested members to review our current plan and identify new goals and objectives.
 - 4.) Information from the June 1 meeting will be referred to Ministry Teams and Committees for fine-tuning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Emergency Readiness Profile:** ServPro offers a free program that will compile all information needed to address fires, weather damage and other emergencies in one document. Council agreed we should take advantage of this service. Assigned to Andrew Maas.
- B. NW Conference Assembly Delegates:** Dick Tabb and Katie Rupp were appointed to serve as voting delegates to the Conference Assembly on March 24 at Christ Lutheran.
- C. Synod Assembly Delegates:** No council members were interested in serving as delegates to the Synod Assembly June 6-8 in Springfield. Pastor will promote the opportunity.
- D. Recycling:** Bonnie Scranton presented options for recycling due to changes in the city's policies. Tabled until April.
- E. Election Day:** Responsibilities were determined; President Tabb will communicate with the County Clerk's office and inform those who volunteered of the arrangements.
- F. Scholarship Program Suggestion:** The consensus was not to pursue such a program at this time.
- G. Virgene Project:** Jim Hobbins provided council with an update on the Virgene Project.
- H. Adopt-a-Plot:** A new coordinator is needed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. carried. Meeting closed with the Lord Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Katie Rupp, Secretary

NOTE: These minutes are slightly condensed. Full version is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



President's Message **We Are Blessed with Talented, Dedicated Leaders**

By Dick Tabb President

Dear Friends in Christ, as I write this we are in the middle of our

Lenten supper and Wednesday evening services. How nice to see so much involvement by our church family. This truly demonstrates the commitment we have in hearing God's word.

I would like to let everyone know that the we have a very talented group of folks who serve on your church council. As you read the minutes of our meetings, you can see how dedicated these individuals are in leading our church family forward as we meet our mission: "Christ Cares: Share the Faith."

Every ministry team is made up of interested individuals who want to share the task of providing programs and activities that will assist the congregation in outreach, and providing an environment where we indeed make lives better in this broken world. I would ask that when you see a council member, you thank them for all they do. The amount of time and sacrifice they make is admirable.

Please keep track of our calendar of activities, and plan to attend or assist as your time and schedules permit. We are a church actively spreading the Gospel, and, please invite folks to visit and share our commitment to Christ.

Cottage Meetings Coming Up in May

After a good discussion with council, it's been decided to have another round of the popular cottage meetings. For those of you who haven't participated in the past, we give members an opportunity to host 8 to 10 people in their homes where we discuss current programs, initiatives and other topics of interest among members. We will have some follow up questions based on the results of the CAT survey.

Matt Futhey will be coordinating the meetings. Our goal is to have a series of up to 10 meetings between May 1 and 18. If you would be willing to host one of these sessions, – morning, afternoon or evening – please contact Matt.

We expect to have sign-up sheets and more information in the next few weeks. We will compile the feedback from these meetings and use it in updating our strategic plan.

Memorials May Go to Endowment Fund



"Did You Know" is a regularly published SEED column by our Endowment Fund Committee describing various aspects of the Fund and how members may contribute.

By Charlie Bach

A church friend or member who wants to honor a person with a memorial donation may name the Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund as the recipient. This fund is for the long-term future of the church and its members. The principle (money donated) cannot be used. The earnings from the fund can be used for needs or projects that the congregation approves.

Memorials to the church's general Memorial Fund are used to purchase special items for the church as needs arise, subject to council approval. Or they may be designated to be spent on a particular item or for a particular purpose.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund, talk to any of our members: Charlie Bach (Chair), Jim Dunn, Ron Lerner, Roger Wegehenkel and Conny Bakker-Gerhardt.

New Associate Member

Jim Hornsey, husband of Connie Hornsey, is our newest associate member. Jim retired two years ago after driving a semi for 40 years. He is a veteran who served in the infantry in Vietnam in the Marine Corps. Jim enjoys target shooting, turkey hunting and traveling within the U.S. In the fall, he usually helps a friend haul grain, but this fall he'll also be touring Hawaii! Jim is a member of Madison Park Christian Church, but he is here frequently with Connie, and also participates in the Wednesday morning "Property Party."



SERVICE TEAM NEWS

April Food Donations Going to St. John's

By Sue Hobbins

Have you ever gone out to eat and left the restaurant feeling too full and still taking leftovers home? Most of us could probably answer yes. What if eating out meant a once a day meal most days? What if eating meant going through trash cans or dumpsters? That would never happen in Quincy you say. I have seen people looking for something to eat from trash cans here in our community!



What can you do, what can we do to prevent that desperate hunger? One thing we can all do is give food donations, hygiene items, pet foods in the grocery cart in the Narthex. I realize that people need to be fed first, but when you have a pet who is hungry, many of us would feed our pet first. Please give generously to help our food pantry recipients.

1. Protein items (includes baked beans, chili beans)
2. Canned meats (chicken, tuna)
3. Canned meals or boxed meals (chili, stew, mac and cheese, meals with all the ingredients in them)
4. Macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
5. Soups, especially chicken noodle & vegetable
6. Canned fruit and vegetables
7. Nuts (especially English walnuts, dry roasted almonds, peanuts)
8. Bisquick (or similar mixes that make a variety of dishes with little or no additional ingredients)
9. Fresh apples, potatoes
10. Powdered milk & canned evaporated milk
11. Dry cereals
12. Paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue, diapers)
13. Laundry detergent, cleaning products
14. Deodorant, shampoo, toilet soap
15. Hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc.
16. Baby care products and baby food

World Hunger Offering: Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$611.20 for ELCA World Hunger in our Second Sunday-Second Basket collection on March 10. The Service Team wishes to thank our congregation for sharing of your treasures. Connie Hornsey, Team Chair

Depression in Adults Subject of Public Education Event in May

By Connie Hornsey

The Service Team will be hosting an educational program on the subject of depression in adults on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss this informative program led by Penni Ippensen, a local Licensed Clinical Social Worker and therapist with more than 20 years of experience in private practice. She will talk about symptoms, treatment options, suicidality, affects on family and other aspects of depression.



Along with her advance training and certification as a therapist, her professional experience includes working with children, adults and families in residential, school based, community counseling and private practice locations. Penni earned her Master's of Social Work specializing in clinical mental health from the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana.

We're very excited to be presenting this program, as depression touches many of our lives. This program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Camp Callahan Is 'Second Sunday' Recipient for April

By Bonnie Conover

NOTE: Our "Second Sunday" offering will be held on the FIRST Sunday of April (the 7th), since the actual second Sunday is Palm Sunday – too much!



The April "Second Sunday" Mission Moment will be dedicated to Camp Callahan. Randy Callahan will be our Mission Moment speaker.

Camp Callahan is known for its "YES I CAN" camp for physically and mentally handicapped children and adults. They provide a camp experience through a stimulating, liberating program in an environment that is adapted to the very special needs of the campers. The camp is held at Saukenauk Scout Reservation near Lima, IL.

Contributions through Camp Callahan's "Sponsor a Child" program help send deserving children to this very special camp. Let's help give a deserving child this wonderful experience!

Missionary Corner

Sing of God Made Manifest

By Pastor Kirsten Fryer

Following are excerpts from Pastor Kirsten's March newsletter



On this last day of Epiphany, I give thanks for the ways that people from many nations bear witness to the promise of good news of great joy for all people.

On 5 January, I joined the Ethiopian congregation for their Christmas celebration. I was anxious about something (what, I don't remember anymore!), and distracted myself with emails and Whats App messages and attending to all of those details swimming in my head [while preparations were being made for the service]. After some time, the lay leader started leading some singing. Simple, a cappella call and response, in Amharic. After some time, and several deep breaths, the spinning thoughts in my head calmed, and I was moved by the beauty and simplicity of these prayers. Eventually, the choir took over the singing from the lay leader and they sang and sang and sang.

By this time, the congregation had grown and, looking behind me, I saw the faces of people who found great comfort and solace in the words. Some sang with eyes closed and hands open; others listened with content looks on their faces. Some stood, while others sat. It went on for a long time.

Eventually, the tempo and the volume increased. I realized what was coming and a huge smile broke out across my face. There is a song, much loved by this community, where the singers bend over and make motions like rocking a baby. They sing about welcoming the Christ child. And then there is a point when they stand up and start to jump.

Two years ago, I almost had to leave this service when this song started because I was so anxious. In our 100+ year old church, the floor was desperately in need of repair and from where I stood, I could feel it giving way under me. I had this horrible vision of the floor falling out under all of jumpers and could barely focus on the joy of the message that the Christ child is born!

But this year, with the floor repaired, restored, and solid under us, I smiled. I even jumped. And after a

while, I realized that I couldn't hear anything going on outside. The noise of the city around us, and there is a lot of noise, was drowned out. But more importantly, the anxiety that comes along with the details and the distractions was drowned out and I found myself caught up in the good news of great joy for all the people.

Justin and I have made the very difficult decision to leave Cairo in the summer of 2019. I knew that this would be the last Christmas service I celebrated at St. Andrew's. I was supposed to give words of encouragement, but as I stood in front of the congregation, all I could say was thank you. Because they gave a tired, anxious pastor an amazing Christmas gift. The gift of being able to worship, joyfully and without distraction. It is one that I will carry with me for a long time to come.

Memorial Garden Reminder

By Judy Wegehenkel

The Memorial Garden committee met on March 25 with Keith from Bergman Nurseries and Danyelle from Harrison Monuments to finalize our plan for the garden. We are very excited that we can bring this project to reality. There is still time and options to memorialize a loved one, charter member, previous Pastors, or a special veteran.

We are planning to break ground May 19 with anticipated construction to begin in early June. Please don't forget the Easter Breakfast fundraiser to also help complete our goal.

Briefly . . .

- ❑ **An all-expense paid trip to Springfield for a lucky couple or any two individuals is available** for two delegates to represent our congregation at the Synod Assembly June 6-8. If interested, talk to Dick Tabb or Pastor Gayle.
- ❑ **Conny Bakker-Gerhardt has agreed to serve as our Adopt-A-Plot Coordinator** this year. If you want to keep your "plot" or get involved in the program, please contact Conny.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Month	2018	2019
January	73	82
February	88	91
March	90	87
Year To Date	84	87



It's Coming Up Again Soon!

*By Kathy Wolters and Debbie Hemmerle
Garage Sale Co-Chairmen*

Christ Lutheran's annual Super Duper Garage Sale will be held Sat., April 27 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Gently Used Items Wanted

We are asking for your continued support with donations of gently used furniture, cooking utensils, household goods, exercise equipment, children's clothes, toys, books, baby equipment, decorator items and sports equipment. All appliances must be in good working order. Fiction books are in demand. **We do not accept adult clothing, computers, printers or televisions, encyclopedias and old dictionaries.**

Garage Sale Items may now be delivered to church on all Wednesday mornings in April while the Property Team is there 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The committee will welcome your donations on **Wed., April 24 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thurs., April 25 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Fri., April 26 from 9 a.m. until noon.**

If you have something really special that we should advertise please let us know by Palm Sunday. If you have questions please call Debbie Hemmerle or Kathy Wolters or talk with a garage sale committee member.

The Property committee will be available to pick up a limited number of larger items before the sale. Please contact Stu Bell, Property Chairperson, to arrange a pick up.

Volunteer Help Needed

We will need your help during the week of the garage sale: setting up tables, cleaning items, displaying goods, pricing items, selling, and baking. It is a huge job that requires many hands. **Please volunteer to help when you can on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, April 27 by signing up on the sign-up sheets in the church lobby before Good Friday.** Work shifts are approximately 3 hours long.

We will find something for you to do when you are available. Thank you!

You can also help with publicity by sharing our Garage Sale Facebook page on your page several times during the week of the garage sale! If you don't know how to do this, we will help you. Colorful Garage Sale posters are available for you to post at your favorite shopping places, at work or in the rear window of the driver's side of the car.

Homemade Goods Bake Sale

We need baked goods to round out the sale. Please sign up on the separate Bake Sale sheet. The bake sale committee requests items be brought in Friday p.m. or by 8:30 Saturday a.m. See the bake sale sheet in the church foyer for ideas. This is a great opportunity to buy homemade goodies.

This year's proceeds will be used to beautify both our sanctuary and for the Memorial Garden. We look forward to another successful garage sale with your help and God's blessings. Thank You!

Briefly . . .

❑ **Work is underway to get new flooring in our Fellowship Hall.** We were hoping to have the project completed by Easter, but it may have to be done in May. It's hard to work around all the events we have going on! It will be great to get a new floor, as the present floor is breaking and coming loose in several places.

We've had a couple of people back out of the Mission Trip set for June 2-8, so we're opening up to other congregations to see if we can fill the trip with at least 12 people. If anyone knows of a youth or adult who would be interested in going, talk to Jessica Dunn.

❑ **We have heard that some folks are not getting the weekly "News & Announcements" email** and the weekly Prayer Warrior update. If you do not receive News & Announcements by Saturday afternoon, or the weekly prayer updates by Thursday, please let Bree or Pastor Gayle know.

❑ **The annual Northwest Conference WELCA gathering is set for Saturday, June 1, 9:15** through lunch at St. Peter's Arenzville. The program will be a group discussion on "What Is God Up To?" and "How Do We Respond?" Any ladies interested in attending, talk to Helen Pagel.

COMING EVENTS

Apr. 2 & 16: Prayer Shawls

By Bonnie Cox

Prayer Shawl will meet the first and third Tuesday of April (2 and 16) in the Bride's room at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in crocheting, knitting or quilting a prayer shawl please come and join us. We are also cutting and tying fleece blankets for infusion centers in town.

April 7: Easter Egg Hunt & MORE

Kids of all ages from our congregation, as well as grandkids and friends are invited to stay after church on Sunday, April 7, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Blessing Buddies will continue the fun with bingo and pizza. Thanks to all those who have filled eggs with candy for the hunt!

Apr. 9: Birthday Lunch

This month's Ladies Birthday Lunch is at noon on Tuesday, Apr. 9, at Red Light Bar & Grill, 428 Maine St. If you can come, sign up in the church narthex or call the office and we'll add your name to the list. Ladies with April birthdays are treated by the rest!

Apr. 15: Create-A-Card Class

By Bonnie Cox

Create a Card class will meet Monday April 15 at either 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at 1620 Windermere Court, Quincy. Anyone interested in creating 4 greeting cards for the cost \$7. We will be making a variety of cards from kits I make up. I have space for any new comers who are interested. Please contact me to sign up for class.

No Books & Brew in April

By Pat Bell

We decided not to meet in April, due to all the extra activities happening this month. The next Books N' Brew will be Tuesday, May 21 at Zoup's and the book choice is "Finding Dorothy" by Elizabeth Letts.

May 5: Final Kids' Night Out

Our last Kids' Night Out of the school year will be Friday, May 5, from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. We will have kittens, pound exercises, bounce house, a craft, and Grammy Corrine Sutcliffe is planning a parent presentation with songs and review of the year's lessons for parents.

May 9: Lutheran Day in Springfield

Lutheran Day is on May 9, 2019, this year. As in previous years, advocates from across the state will gather to study, pray, and take action for equality amongst Illinois residents. The event begins at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran. There are educational sessions on various bills being considered in the legislature, testimonials, lunch, visits with legislators at the capitol, and a prayer service in the rotunda.

Helen Pagel would very much like to see a group of members from Christ Lutheran attend Lutheran Day in Springfield and she is willing to organize a car pool. If you are interested, please contact Helen



Words from the Worship Team

By Bonnie Scranton, Chairperson

The Lenten season is well underway and hopefully all of us are unlocking our eyes, our hands, our ears, our hearts, and our lives as we approach the time of Christ's death and resurrection.

We were blessed to have 100 people in worship for the 2019 Conference Assembly here on March 24. The music was awesome and Bishop Roth's message was both timely and inspiring. I want to personally thank everyone on the worship ministry team and all of the other volunteers who helped with the preparations and with the worship service itself. We had a wonderful evening celebrating the glory of God with our Christian friends from other congregations within our conference!

Your worship ministry team members have now shifted their focus from planning for Lent to preparing for Holy Week. Between Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, our time will be spent helping Pastor Gayle plan worship services while also changing colors and paraments in the sanctuary. This is the time of year that reminds us of what it means to be a Christian. And our goal is to make sure that each service is worthy of our Lord and equally meaningful to those of you who join us for those services. Please make every effort to come to worship during the remainder of Lent and all of Holy Week. You'll be glad you did. It is a great way of keeping the Lord's sacrifice and promise of eternal life at the center of our Christian faith!

LILIES FOR EASTER

We will decorate our chancel with lilies for Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild will purchase the plants. We invite you to donate a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Your order and check need to be received in the church office by Sunday, April 14.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

_____ Lilies at \$10.00

_____ Given to the Glory of God

_____ Given in Memory of _____

_____ Given in Honor of _____p



Please make check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, designating "Altar/Flower Fund" on the memo line, and return to the church office or place in Sunday offering by Sunday, April 14..

APRIL MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Operating Budget Highlights through February 28, 2019

By Bonnie Scranton, Treasurer

If you have read the abbreviated March 12th council minutes in this newsletter, you'll note that council approved transferring \$25,000 from our Quincy Town & County Bank checking account to one of our Mission Investment Fund (MIF) accounts in Chicago. We actually have money on deposit with the MIF in three different accounts. Two of these are the equivalent of CD's and are referred to as "term investments" by the MIF. Each is a 4-year investment with staggered maturation dates.

The third fund is referred to as a "demand investment with check writing." It is the equivalent of a standard checking

account. This is the account into which we transferred the \$25,000. Our reason for doing so was to secure a better rate of interest while we had a significant amount of cash on hand. Interest paid on our checking account balance at our local T&C Bank is one half of one percent. Interest on the equivalent MIF account is 1.1%. Neither of them is anything to write home to mother about, but we did want to take advantage of the higher rate while we could.

Our cash on hand is higher than usual due to \$27,500 in pre-paid pledges for 2019 (paid in 2018), pledges that were paid in full early this year, and receipts from the Memorial Garden Project. Over the course of the year these funds will be expended and we will have to transfer some or all of that \$25,000 back into our local account. But for now, a nickel is a nickel and we'll save them however we can best do so.

Category	Actual Through 2/28/19	Budgeted Through 2/28/19	Actual as % of Budget
Year-to-Date Budgeted Receipts			
Pledged Offerings	\$35,753.44	\$31,913.80	112.0%
Non-Pledged Offerings	\$1,829.00	\$2,897.64	63.1%
Other Budgeted Offerings	\$267.59	\$570.88	46.9%
Total YTD Budgeted Income	\$37,850.03	\$35,382.32	107.0%
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$32,761.53	\$35,382.32	92.6%
YTD Budgeted Income (Deficit)	\$5,088.50	\$0.00	
Total Balance of All Funds*	\$175,272.94		
Checking	\$82,118.74		
Savings	\$93,154.20		

**Excludes the Endowment Fund of \$49,604.75*



APRIL 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 6)	1	2 – Election Day 10 am Coffee & Devotions 11 Prayer Shawl Group	3 9 am Property Party 9 Pastor leads Good Sam 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:30 Lent Service 7:15 Choir	4 6:30 Tai Chi	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 7)	8 1 pm Garage Sale Meeting	9 10 am Coffee & Devo, Good Sam 12 pm Ladies Birthday Lunch, Red Light 6:30 Church Council	10 9 Property Party 2:30 pm Confirmation, Luther Memorial 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:30 Lent Service 7:15 Choir	11 1:30 pm Columbarium Mtg 6:30 Tai Chi 10 Pastor’s Chaplain Shift →	12	13
14 – Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 1)	15 9 am & 1 pm Create-A-Card Class	16 10 am Coffee & Devo 11 Prayer Shawl Group 1 pm Worship Team 5:30 Paddles for a Purpose	17 9 am Property Party 7:15 Choir	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 Maundy Thursday Service 8 Prayer Vigil begins in Chapel	19 Good Friday 7 pm Prayer vigil ends 7 Service of the Nails	20
21 Easter Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Easter Brunch (Group 2 to help)	22	23 10 am Coffee & Devo	24 9 am Property Party 2:30 pm Conf, LMC 7:15 Choir	25 6:30 pm The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	26	27 7 to Noon Super Duper Garage Sale!
←-----Garage Sale Set Up All Week-----→						
28 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 3)	29	30 10 am Coffee & Devo	MAY 1 9 Pastor @ Good Sam 9 am Property Party 2:30 pm Confirmation 7:15 1 st Communion Class 7:15 Choir	2 11 Pastor leads devotions at Adams Pointe 6:30 Public Ed Program on Depression 6:30 Tai Chi	3 5:30-8:15 Kids’ Night Out!	4

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POSITION	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Asst Minister	Jerri Klusmeyer	Sue Reeder	Sam Lathrop	Jim Bailey
Deacon	Brandon Ross	Brandon Ross	Judy Bach, Brandon Ross Connie Hornsey, Matt Futhey	Connie Hornsey
Greeters	Darlene Perry	Kathy & Charlie Bach	Diane Jones	TBD
Reader	Judy Wegehenkel	Bill Shuler	Tafi Lathrop	Amy Stollberg
Sound Tech	Tafi & Sam Lathrop	Matt Futhey/Brian Tallman	Stuart Peters	TBD
Usher	Brian Tallman	TBD	Dave Tooke, Charlie Bach	TBD
Sun. School	Pat Bell	Corrine Sutcliffe	Kensley McGartland	Marcy Bigley
Nursery	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Bonnie Scranton	TBD	Bonnie Scranton	TBD
Verger	Bonnie Scranton	Brian Tallman	Bonnie Scranton	TBD
Coffee Hour	Group 7	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	Makenzie Dunmire	TBD