



Ash Wednesday *By Bonnie Scranton*

There is a lot I didn't know about Ash Wednesday. Here is some information the ELCA has included on its website. Perhaps there is something new here for you as there was for me.

"Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence: ♣Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). ♣Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. Even in this ashen mark of death, we anticipate the new life of Easter. ♣Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, ♣Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent and return to God."

When we come forward to receive ashes we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

Lent is a season for changing our lives, for turning things around, for getting back on the right path, for living the life to which God has called us. Ash Wednesday isn't a cheerful celebration, but if we take it seriously Ash Wednesday can be the beginning of a changed life. A life of deeper faith, stronger community, and a closer relationship with God.

Lenten Wednesdays: Speaking of change - change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after". We choose to undergo some changes while others are forced upon us. In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion,

the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change can be hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. During our mid-week Lenten services we will explore the following ways in which change can affect our lives.

Change of Season: "For everything there is a season." We hear those familiar words telling us life is full of changes. Jesus' parables are filled with images of life transformed. Just as yeast turns flour into bread, we too are called to be agents of change in the kingdom of God.

Change of Habit: Bad habits are hard to break. The word of God urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.

Change of Circumstances: We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God.

Change of Heart: Jesus' words to the Pharisees give us pause: "You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me." Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will change every part of our lives.

Change of Plans: God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine.

If you feel called to speak on one of these aspects of change, please let me know. We are looking for four volunteers to share a message on how such change has impacted their lives. *Are you one of those four?*

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Jan. 11, 2020

Members Present: Dick Tabb, Matt Futhey, Katie Rupp, Bonnie Scranton, Kathy Buckman, Jim Hobbins, Connie Hornsey, Tom Jett, Sara Klusmeyer, Andrew Maas, Bill Wolters. Members absent: Brandon Ross

Additions to the Agenda: Under old business Dick Tabb requested electrical bids be added. Under new business Andrew Maas requested time to discuss scouting and Tom Jett requested church security be added.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes for the December 10, 2019 meeting motion for the minutes to be approved was carried.

President's Report:

- Dick Tabb reported that there is no change in the call process, which was expected due to the holidays.
- Dick reminded the council members of the 2020 budget and Annual Report timelines.
- Tellers, Bonnie Scranton, Sara Klusmeyer, and Matt Futhey, were selected for the annual meeting.
- Dick voiced appreciation for the work done by those members whose council terms are ending. They are Kathy Buckman, Jim Hobbins, Sara Klusmeyer, and Brandon Ross.

Parish Administrator's Report: Bonnie Scranton presented a written report of activities for review and discussion. Motion that the report be approved carried. Bonnie also mentioned that supply pastors through February are in place; Vivian Legreid's family was very pleased with the service and funeral luncheon; council liaisons should check the Time and Talent forms for their ministries and contact any new volunteers; and a Sunday close to the annual meeting would be set aside for induction of new council members.

Treasurer's /Financial Secretary's Report: Printed reports for September were distributed by Bonnie Scranton for council review and discussion. Motion to accept the reports and to place the financial report on file pending audit carried. Bonnie also mentioned that the last mortgage payment was made on December 21, 2019.

Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** No report
- **Fellowship:** Bonnie Scranton reported the team would be meeting January 20, 2020 to plan the Lenten Wednesday evening soup suppers. She also said kudos go out to the ladies who prepared and served Vivian Legreid's funeral lunch.
- **Learning:** Sara Klusmeyer reported that the team will meet after coffee hour Sunday, January 19, 2020 to begin planning for VBS. The next Kids' Night Out will be February 7, 2020, and the next Youth Group meeting will be at Luther Memorial, with the date to be announced.
- **Mutual Ministry:** No report
- **Property:** No report
- **Service:** No report
- **Stewardship:** No report
- **Worship:** Kathy Buckman reported on the December 19, 2019 meeting of the Worship team. Plans were finalized for the Christmas Eve service and the removing of the greens. Preliminary discussion took place regarding Lent. A

recommendation to use a coffee hour group to run the soup supper will be presented to the Fellowship team. The next meeting will be January 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

- **Risk Management:** Andrew Maas reported that the light in the west parking lot has been repaired.

Motion that Ministry & Committee Reports be accepted carried.

Old Business:

- Discussion of proposed 2020 operating budget resulted in adjustments to funding requests of six ministry teams. These adjustments allowed the budget to be balanced. A motion was made that Proposal B, now balanced, be recommended to the congregation carried.
- A motion was made that council approve the allocation of a \$5,000 gift from former members, Beverly and Buford Ward, in the following way: \$2,500 to the endowment fund and \$2,500.00 to capital improvements specifically for the installation of LED lighting. The motion carried.
- Two bids were submitted for the labor to install LED lighting throughout the building. There was a difference of \$3,800 between the bids. Motion proposed that Stu Bell, Jeff Clauss and several of the property team review the bids, contacting the two companies as needed, and report back to the council. This proposal was accepted by the council.

New Business:

- Motion made that the council approve the use of memorial funds for the purchase of new Advent candles as the current candles have begun to leak oil. The approximate cost is \$450 which includes shipping. Motion carried.
- Bonnie Scranton informed the council that the new "Workplace Transparency Act" in Illinois requires that all employers in the state provide annual sexual harassment training to all their employees as of January 1, 2020. The Act requires the state to prepare a model training program and offer it to all employers free. Thus far, there is no training program in place. Bonnie will keep the council informed of further developments
- Andrew Maas requested that CLC, as the host location, assist Cub Scout Pack #52 in the observance of Scout Sunday, February 9, 2020. The Cub Scouts would like to present a Temple Talk and assist in the service. The council agreed that this would be possible.
- Tom Jett raised the question of security during Sunday services. He proposed the formation of a three-man security team, from among members who have a conceal to carry license. Bonnie said that before we consider forming such a group, the Synod office would need to be contacted about any guidelines in place. She will make contact with the Synod office. After discussion it was decided that we could take the precaution of locking the narthex doors after the service has begun. Dick Tabb suggested that the council recommend the Worship team look into assigning someone to lock the doors.

Adjournment: Motion moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Rupp, Secretary

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



Clauss Bach Tooke Jones Rupp Hornsey

Congregation Elects Council Members, Approves Budget

Six council members were elected at our annual congregational meeting Sunday, Jan. 26th. Jeff Clauss is a new council member elected to fill the remaining year of Jim Hobbins' term. Judy Bach is a new council member elected to fill the remaining two years of Brandon Ross' term. Newly elected to three-year terms were Diane Jones and Dave Tooke. Re-elected to a second three-year term were Connie Hornsey & Katie Rupp.

Elected to next year's Nominating Committee were Crystal Bliven, Joe Brinkman, Sue Reeder, Kathy Buckman, and Sara Klusmeyer. Kathy and Sara are outgoing council members.

The congregation approved the proposed balanced budget of \$194,183.31, a decrease of \$18,110.53 over last year. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in anticipated giving for 2020.

Sixty-two voting members signed in for the meeting, out of 118 possible, which was an excellent turnout!

- ❑ Bill Wolters reported that the Audit Committee found that all financial records for the year 2018 were in order. Wolters and Olin Schuler audited the 2018 books. Olin Schuler, Dick Klusmeyer and Taylor Klusmeyer were appointed as the 2020 Audit Committee and will audit the 2019 books.
- ❑ Connie Bakker was elected to fill a three-year term on the Endowment Committee.
- ❑ Outgoing council members Kathy Buckman, Jim Hobbins, Sara Klusmeyer, and Brandon Ross were recognized and thanked for their years of service, as were Connie Hornsey and Katie Rupp who were reelected to new terms on council.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the meeting and everyone who participates in the life of our congregation!

Dick Tabb Re-elected President

At the council reorganization meeting immediately following the annual congregational meeting Jan. 26th, the council elected officers to one-year terms on

the council Executive Committee. Upon nomination by Matt Futhey, Dick Tabb was re-elected president. Matt was re-elected vice president, Katie Rupp was re-elected secretary, and Bonnie Scranton was re-elected treasurer. Ministry team liaisons will be appointed at the February 11 council meeting.



President's Message New Year, Same Faith

By Dick Tabb, President

Dear Friends in Christ, a huge thanks to all who attended the Congregational meeting! It's now time to look forward to this coming year and all of the excitement and challenges it will bring. As the new council briefly met after the main meeting, officers were selected for the coming year – President, Dick Tabb; Vice-President, Matt Futhey; Secretary, Katie Rupp; and Treasurer, Bonnie Scranton. Please keep the council in your prayers as we work for the good of our church, it's members, and the glory of God. I told the new council that I truly believe we will welcome a new Pastor this year, and it's up to all of us to move forward in our planning and preparation for that day. In the meantime, we will – as a congregation – continue to strengthen our outreach, ministry teams, and our worship life each day. Remember, all of us are missionaries. It is our duty to proclaim our mission – “Christ Cares, Share the Faith.”

SERVICE TEAM NEWS

Program focusing on Caregiving

By Connie Hornsey



On April 16th at 6:30 p.m. the Service Team will be hosting an educational program on the subject of Caregiving. We are ironing out the content details with our prospective speaker. We want to touch on all aspects of

caregiving: day in and day out activities, stress, depression, burnout, etc. We're very excited to be presenting this program as caregiving will touch most of us whether it's of an adult special needs child, a spouse with dementia, a family member with a terminal disease. This program will be open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. You won't want to miss it!

February "Second Sunday" to Support ELCA Mission Fund

By *Connie Hornsey*

The Second Sunday offering on February 9th will be for the ELCA Missionary Fund. Our church has pledged \$1,500 per year to support our new missionaries in Cairo, Pastor Chistie Manisto and her husband Pastor Steven Saari. Our Service Team budget for 2020 will supply \$1,000 of this amount. This leaves an amount of \$500 to be raised through donations this year. Your generosity for this ministry will be greatly appreciated.



February Food Donations Going to the Salvation Army

By *Sue Hobbins*

WOW! You accepted the food challenge with enthusiasm! I asked you to beat our best ever year and gather more than 435 items for the "Super Bowl of Caring". We collected 1014 items during the month of January. Our "Second Sunday, Second Basket" also resulted in \$219 in cash to be given to the local food pantries. That will give a significant boost to the pantries at a critical time of year. Keep in mind how consumable our gifts are and the need to continually replenish them. The February pantry recipient is the Salvation Army. Please keep in mind healthy foods as you shop for pantry clients. We are a county with a high ratio of obesity and need to help improve those statistics every way possible. Thank you for all you are doing for our neighbors. To God be the glory!

- Protein items (includes baked beans, chili beans)
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna)
- Canned meals or boxed meals
- Macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
- Soups, especially chicken noodle & vegetable
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Nuts (dry roasted almonds, peanuts, etc.)
- Fresh apples, potatoes
- Boxes of powdered milk & canned evaporated milk
- Dry cereals
- Paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue, diapers)
- Laundry detergent, cleaning products
- Deodorant, shampoo, toilet soap
- Hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc.
- Baby care products and baby food

FEED THE HUNGRY

2020 Garage Sale

By *Co-Chairmen Bonnie Cox, Debbie Hemmerle and Kathy Wolters*

The organizational meeting for our 2020 Church Garage Sale will be held on February 17th, 2 p.m. at church. This is an organizational meeting for members who would like to help organize the event. We need all kinds of volunteers for a successful garage sale. We invite you to be a part of our team as it is fun and fellowship for all. We will have sign-up sheets later for volunteers to help on specific days the week immediately before the sale on April 25th.

Property Team Garage Sale Announcement

By *Kathy Wolters*

Stu Bell indicates there are a number of large plastic tubs available for church members to use to store their garage sale finds in their home. These large tubs are available by contacting Stu Bell at 653-6294. They may be picked up on Wed. mornings at 9 a.m. during the Property Team meetings and on Sunday mornings following church. Please bring your garage sale articles to church after the property team announces they have space for your treasures. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS



Feb. 4 & 18: Prayer Shawl Group

By *Bonnie Cox*

Prayer Shawl will meet February 4th and 18th in the Brides Room from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Anyone interested in joining this mission project is welcome. We still have a cabinet full of 4 ply yarn which has been donated from our loyal supporters for you to use.

Feb. 11: Ladies' Birthday Lunch

This month's Ladies Birthday Lunch is at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Tony's Too, 4821 Oak 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 February birthdays are treated by the rest!



Feb. 18: Paddles for a Purpose



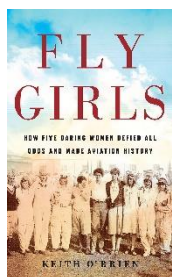
Mark your calendars for Paddles for a Purpose on Tuesday, February 18th at CLC! They will be raising money to support Young Life of Quincy!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bidding starts at 6:30 p.m. Paddles are \$1, there will be vendors and you can bring your own snacks and drinks!

Feb. 24 & 25: Create-A-Card Class

By Bonnie Cox

Create-A-Card class will meet for making cards on February 24th and 25th. The morning session is from 9 a.m. to noon and afternoon session is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1620 Windermere Court, Quincy. Depending on class size we could finish earlier. We will be making a St. Patrick's Day card, 2 birthday cards and a sympathy card. The class gets you four cards for \$8. Please sign up with me for class time and date. With 2 days of classes we have plenty of room for anyone interested in starting a class. Anyone can do this as the kits are premade and follow simple step by step instructions to create a beautiful greeting card. The only extra cost to newcomers is to purchase a snail and refill through me at cost. (one time only for snail.) Bonnie Cox, 217-779-8481.



Feb. 25: Books N' Brew

By Pat Bell

Our February selection is "Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History" by Keith O'Brien. Trish Santos suggested this book because her daughter is learning to be a pilot. The contrast between then and now is eye opening. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 25th at Hy-Vee on Broadway.

LEARNING TEAM BRIEFS

By Trish Santos

- ❑ **Learning Team will have a meeting after church on Sunday, February 2nd.** We will be focusing on getting some events planned for Blessing Buddies and VBS. Please join us, everyone is welcome!

- ❑ **Kids Night Out is February 7th and we will be celebrating Valentine's Day!** We have a fun evening planned and only a few spots left. If you'd like to help out, we would love to have you.
- ❑ **Calling all jeopardy fans!** On Sunday, February 16th at 5 p.m. at Luther Memorial, the joint youth group for CLC and LMC will be hosting an event that's fun for everyone. All ages are invited! Make sure you don't miss this one!

BRIEFLY . . .

- ❑ **Woman's Bible Study is changing a little bit, it will now be called "Dinner and Devotions"** and will be meeting on Monday's at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Keep an eye out for updates!
- ❑ **Pastoral Support is Available!** CLC Members, just a reminder that pastoral support is available should you need it in the event of an emergency. A number of pastors in the area have offered to help. Just contact Bonnie Scranton and she will get in touch with one of them for you. Bonnie's cell number is 217-577-9086.

Endowment Team is Thankful for Your Support



"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

The Endowment Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of the fund. We also want to posthumously thank Vivian Legreid for including the Endowment Fund as one of her memorials. We received over \$1,000 in memorials to Vivian for the fund. Endowment funds will be used to provide grants for special projects (the fund was not established to provide for the everyday operations of the church). Please keep in mind that you can make a direct deposit to the church of the required minimum distribution from an IRA fund at any time and designate those dollars go to the Endowment Fund.

If you would like to have someone speak about the endowment fund or other financial matters, please talk to a member of the Endowment Committee. Members are: Charlie Bach, chair; Conny Bakker Gerhardt; Jim Dunn; Ron Lerner; and Roger Wegehenkel. Ex-officio members are Amy Lannerd, Bill Wolters, and Bonnie Scranton.

Property Team Switching Things Up



By Bonnie Scranton

As many of you may know, the former property team has been divided into two teams. We now have the building maintenance team (the old property team) and the grounds maintenance team (new group).

The building maintenance team will be responsible for all maintenance and repair issues related to the building itself, to include plumbing, electrical, etc. In addition to the day-to-day things this team has a number of capital improvement items on the docket for 2020. The biggest of these is the conversion of the ceiling lights in the sanctuary, narthex, narthex restrooms, fellowship hall, offices, kitchen, and back hallway to LED lights. The lights and fixtures are being donated by Jeff Claus's firm, Villa Lighting in St. Louis. The church will need to pay for a licensed commercial electrician to do the installation.

The grounds maintenance team will be meeting for the first time after worship on Feb. 9th to get organized and plan out their work for the year. In addition to taking care of the landscaping, this group will need to assess and make recommendations regarding outdoor lighting and the playground. They'll also be responsible for making sure the east parking lot is repaired and resurfaced this spring.

If you are interested in serving on either the building or grounds team, please let Stu Bell or Bonnie Scranton know.



Worship Team Begins Planning for Lent

By Bonnie Scranton, Chairperson

Christmas has come and gone and the Worship Ministry Team (WMT) is now into planning for Ash Wednesday & Lent. How quickly the seasons come and go! At our January meeting WMT members discussed various proposed themes for Lent and decided on the Sundays and Seasons Mid-week Lenten series entitled "Making Change." During the

five mid-week Lenten services following Ash Wednesday we will focus upon how God is with us during times of change, such as the change in the seasons of our lives, or our habits, our circumstances, our plans, and even when we have a change of heart. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on Feb. 26th and the mid-week Lenten services at 6:30 p.m. every Wed. from March 4th – April 1st.

Pastor Jim will be presiding on Ash Wednesday. We are looking for volunteers to give the message during the other five Wednesdays of Lent. If you are willing to share a message about how God has been with you, or how He has influenced/led you, during a time of change please let Bonnie Scranton know. The pulpit supply schedule has been set for February as follows: Pr. Jim Trutwin (2/2); Dan Wilson (2/9); Pr. Jim Trutwin (2/16); Pr. Jeff Rasche (2/23), and Pr. Jim Trutwin (2/26 – Ash Wed.).

We look forward to seeing all of you in worship each Sunday and on Ash Wednesday, as well!

Fellowship Team Update

By Char Tooke, Team Chair

At our January meeting the Fellowship Team discussed the Lenten Soup Suppers and Sunday coffee hours. It was agreed that we would continue to have a meal before the Wednesday evening Lenten worship services and that we would continue to have beverages only after church during Lent.

We are asking that money typically spent on food for the coffee hours once again be donated toward food for our local food pantries in an effort to help feed the hungry in our community. The committee also suggested to Bonnie Scranton that this might be a good time to have some adult learning programs, perhaps using topics from the Living Lutheran magazine. Hopefully, this might improve attendance at the fellowship time during Lent, as the majority of people tend to forgo fellowship time if there is no food available.

As for the Wednesday evening "soup suppers", the menu will be soup on March 4th, followed by tacos, ham sliders, sloppy joes, and hot dogs for the remaining four weeks. There will be sign-up sheets available for each week. We are hoping that folks will pitch in and help with clean up after the meal so that the Fellowship Team can attend worship with everyone else. Anyone who would like to join the fellowship team is welcome. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m.



Missionary Corner **Sing of God Made Manifest**

By Pastor Kirsten Fryer
Following are excerpts from Pastor Kirsten's November newsletter

Peace to all in this Advent season! Pastor Christie here writing to you from my office at St. Andrews United Church of Cairo. As I look out the window at the palm trees and sunshine, it feels like our home state of Minnesota is a million miles away. Especially as I continue to receive reports of the 26 inch “snowmageddon” they just had in and around our hometown of Cloquet last weekend. Last year at this time if someone had told us that we’d be spending December in Cairo we’d never have believed it! Yet here we are living into this season of watching and waiting with a new anticipation and a new found sense of awe. Our girls will be joining us here in Cairo soon to spend the Christmas season with us. We look forward to that time as we dearly miss them. We are so excited to share with them all the quirks and beauty and amazement that is this place.

November was an exciting month both personally and professionally for both of us. The church and ministry had many visitors from all over the world and there was a lot going on and a lot, as is our practice in November, to be thankful for. At the beginning of the month was the annual StARS bazaar. A day of food and crafts and fun! We were happy to receive visitors from our ministry partners—the Church of Scotland, Church World Service, and the ELCA here to observe and share in the work of ministry in this place. At the end of the month I participated in a four day on site board retreat for the St. Andrews Refugee Service (StARS) board. This was the first in person gathering of the whole board who hail from Sudan, the UK, the US and right here in Cairo. We were also were privileged to spend time with Pastor Collin from Scotland who served in the congregation last year and Pastor Mark Nygaard who also served St. Andrews several years back. We are grateful for all who visited as we learned about their unique role in this multifaceted ministry and church.

Installation and 40th Anniversary – We also were grateful to participate in two special events this past month. The first was my installation as pastor of St. Andrew's. We were honored that Pastor Said Ailabouni, the ELCA Director for Europe, Middle East and North Africa (and our Global Mission Supervisor) was in Cairo and performed the installation rite. It was a special service with Steve taking the lead on music and Rachel our council



president singing harmony with him on Allison Krauss’s Down by the River to Pray. Longtime member and folk guitarist Bill Evenhouse also shared his gift of music during the offering. We were honored

to host area clergy who came out for the service, grateful for their support and new found friendships.

Advent blessings

In this season of Advent we pray that you are able to take a breath. To spend each day as we await the coming of Jesus birth intentionally—however that looks for you in your context. For us this means we are remembering the ways that we celebrated Christmas in the US and are incorporating them into the new traditions we have found here. Instead of real pine trees, our Christmas tree was purchased on the side of the road at a flower vendor, resplendent with blinking neon lights. The star that tops our tree traveled here with us, but our decorations we are collecting from bazaars and shops around the city. Our worship at church has a more contemplative tone in Advent, which includes breathing not in silence but among the honking busses that pick-up passengers just outside our doorway. We are grateful to be grounded in both the traditions of old and all that seems very new. Know that in this season we are thinking of all of you. Grateful for your love and care and the many ways that you share God’s love with us and those around you. Peace and care to you this Advent and Christmas blessings to all. We look forward to sharing more with you in the new year. Salam, peace, Pastor Christie and Steve.



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Month	2019	2020
January	82	77
Year to Date	82	77

Operating Budget Highlights through December 31, 2019

By Bonnie Scranton, Treasurer

The following are a few of the financial highlights that I mentioned at the Annual Meeting which are worth repeating! The most exciting point was that the “mortgage” is paid off and we are a debt free congregation.

Congratulations! The notarized “paid in full” notice was received on Saturday, Jan. 25th. As some of you may recall, we transferred the note from Town & County Bank here in Quincy to the ELCA Mission Investment Fund in September of 2014. At that time the balance on the note was

\$182,000. We’ve paid this loan off over a year early, primarily due to more of our monthly payment going toward principal than it was previously due to a significantly better interest rate; \$20,000 in gifts toward the principal over the past few years by a CLC member couple; the commitment on the part of council to adhere to an aggressive payment schedule if financially feasible; and the steadfast giving by members of our church family, which made that aggressive payment plan a reality. Thank you all so much. We will mark this important milestone as a part of our 60th anniversary celebration in September.

We ended 2019 just over \$31,000 to the good in the operating budget. This was primarily due to five months of savings in pastoral salary and benefits. A portion of this money had been committed to capital improvement projects scheduled in 2019 that did not get completed, to include the east parking lot and the southside landscaping. Those projects, in addition to a number of needed 2020 capital improvement projects, will be paid for using some of that \$31,000 in net gain from 2019.

One of the more exciting capital improvement projects on the docket for 2020 is to convert all of the ceiling light in the sanctuary narthex, narthex restrooms, offices, fellowship hall, kitchen, and back hallway to LED lighting. This major, energy saving conversion is being made possible thru the gift of all lights and fixtures by Jeff Clauss’s company, Villa Lighting, out of St. Louis. The only cost to us will be for a commercially licensed electrician to do the installation. A big thank you to Jeff for securing this gift for us! And a sincere thank you to all of you who faithfully support our church and our mission with your financial gifts. We are truly blessed.

Category	Actual Through 12/31/19	Budgeted Through 12/31/19	Actual as % of Budget
Year-to-Date Budgeted Receipts			
Pledged Offerings*	\$190,100.44	\$191,483.00	99.3%
Non-Pledged Offerings	\$19,908.00	\$17,385.84	114.5%
Other Budgeted Offerings	\$6,014.97	\$3,425.00	175.6%
Total YTD Budgeted Receipts*	\$216,023.41	\$212,293.84	101.8%
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$184,952.11	\$212,293.84	87.1%
YTD Budgeted Income (Deficit)	\$31,071.30	\$0.00	
*100% of 2019 pre-paid pledged offerings are included in the actual amounts above			
Total Balance Available Funds*	\$196,415.27		
Checking	\$76,454.56		
Savings	\$119,960.71		

**Excludes the Endowment Fund of \$77,843.57*



FEBRUARY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30 am Worship – Pr. Jim Trutwin presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour Group 1	3 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 6 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Dinner and Devotions, Fazoli's	4	5 9 am Property Party 7:15 Choir	6 6:30 Tai Chi	7 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Kids' Night Out	8
9 9:30 am Worship – Dan Wilson, S.A.M. presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour Group 2	10 6 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Dinner and Devotions, Village Inn	11 12 pm Ladies Birthday Lunch, Tony's Too 6:30 Church Council	12 9 am Property Party 5:30 pm Worship Team Meeting 7:15 pm Choir	13 6:30 Tai Chi	14 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	15
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23 9:30 am Worship – Pr. Jeff Rasche presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour Group 4	24 9 am & 1 pm Create- A-Card Class 6 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Dinner and Devotions, Zoup	25 9 am & 1 pm Create-A- Card Class 5:30 pm Books N' Brew, Hy-Vee	26 – Ash Wednesday 9 am Property Party 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service; Pr. Jim Trutwin presiding 7:30 Choir	27 6:30 Tai Chi	28 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	29

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Assisting with Worship in February 2020

POSITION	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Asst Minister	Sue Reeder	TBD	Matt Futhey	TBD
Deacon	Jerry Spurgeon	TBD	Judy Bach	TBD
Greeters	Darlene Perry	Carol Gustison	TBD	TBD
Reader	Judy Wegehenkel	Jim Dunn	Sue Reeder	Amy Stollberg
Sound Tech	Tafi Lathrop	Connie Hornsey	Conny Bakker-Gerhardt	Matt Futhey
Usher	Roger Wegehenkel	Dave Tooke	Charlie Bach	TBD
Sun. School	Kensey McGartland	Laura Mikkelson	TBD	TBD
Nursery	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Marcia Johnson	Marcia Johnson	Marcia Johnson	Marcia Johnson
Verger	Matt Futhey	Katie Rupp	Judy Wegehenkel	TBD
Coffee Hour	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Acolyte	Adelynn Spurgeon	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Flowers	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Memory of Kim Albert