



St. Paul's Epistle ~ March 2020

Church Council Minutes—February 6, 2020

Those present: Ken Leerssen, Leonard Morrison, George Aitchison, Richard Christie, Leanna Hasbargen, Dave Wright, Kyle Morrison, Pastor Quast and RaNae Whitbeck

Chairman Richard Christie called the meeting to order. Pastor Quast led a devotion based on *Moving On After Divorce*. There were no additions to the agenda. The minutes and treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved.

Briefs: 1) The Trustee's discussed roof construction and utility bills. 2) The Joint Parish Council Meeting was held on January 21st. 3) Pastor made a request for a summer vicar and is waiting for a response from the Seminary. 4) The financial review was done on the treasurer's books and everything was found to be in order. 5) We will be collecting items during Lent for hygiene kits for Lutheran World Relief. 6) Total for roof repair fund through the end of January was \$1413.00.

There were no membership changes. Dave Wright made a motion, seconded by Leanna Hasbargen to adjourn.

The meeting ended with prayer. Submitted by ~ RaNae Whitbeck, Acting Secretary

Personal Care Kit Collection

This Lenten season we will again be participating in Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kit Collection. Last year we collected enough supplies to complete 50 kits!

March 1—Bars of soap

March 8— Toothbrushes

March 15— Bath towels (dark colored, lightweight towels)

March 22— Sturdy combs

March 29— Nail clippers

April 5— Bars of soap

We will be packing the kits on Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.



Those Serving Our Church—March, April and May 2020



greeters

March: Elder: Ken Leerssen Altar: RaNae Whitbeck Greeters: 1st: Ralph and Sue Johnson 8th: Heidi Swenson and Lori Boquist 15th: Jenica Whitbeck 22nd: Kristen & Holly Wold 29: Dave & Rebecca Wright

April: Elders: Richard Christie and Ken Leerssen Altar: Mary Bacon and Leanna Hasbargen Greeters: 5th: Tim Anderson 12th: Dave & Catherine Crawford 19th: Brent and Lisa Bacon 26th: Steve and Mary Bacon

May: Elder: All Elders Altar: Michelle Hopkins and Susan Lucek Greeters: 3rd: Ralph Christie 10th: Erlene Gorder 17th: Roger and Leanna Hasbargen 24th: Steve Rutkowsky

Midweek Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, March 4th 6:15 Soup Supper 7 p.m. Worship at St. Paul Lutheran

March 11th: 6:15 Soup Supper 7 p.m. Worship at Church of the Lutheran Hour

March 18th: 6:15 Soup Supper 7 p.m. Worship at St. Paul Lutheran

March 25th: 6:15 Soup Supper 7 p.m. Worship at Church of the Lutheran Hour

April 1st: 6:15 Soup Supper 7 p.m. Worship at St. Paul Lutheran

Churches hosting the suppers will supply soup and bread. Desserts will be brought by the non-hosting church. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to sign up!



Sunday School Update:



Thank you to all parents/guardians for bringing your children to Sunday School! We are continuing the study the major stories of the Old Testament through lessons, crafts and science experiments. If you are interested in helping with crafts, snacks or even a puppet show, please talk to one of our Sunday School teachers or Pastor Quast.

Church Roof Update



As of February 16, 2020, our donations to date are \$1678.00.

If you would like to donate to the fund, just indicate roof repair on your giving envelope. Thank you to Lori Boquist for creating the roof fund poster! We are waiting for an estimate from the contractor to determine the actual amount of the project.

March Birthdays

March 3rd: Richard & Ralph Christie

23rd: Gary Buffington

4th: Cheryl Toth

24th: Lori Boquist

7th: William Bacon

25th: Jennifer Christie

9th: Chad Bacon & Robbie Leerssen

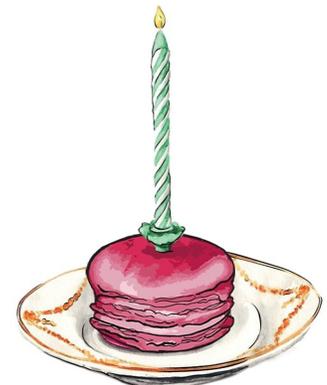
27th: Dave Swenson

13th: Norma Blake

28th: Jeanmarie Morrison

19th: Tristan Toth

21st: Brian Kelly





Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th! (And check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, also).

Don't forget our **Church Garage Sale** coming up in May when you are doing your spring cleaning! No clothes, please. Watch for our posters on where your talents are needed to make this sale a success! All the profits will be going to our roof fund.



Saint Paul says that all of us who are baptized are baptized "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3). Now we live "in Christ" as a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). Now Jesus' story is our story—as Jesus Himself told us again and again. What happened to Him will happen to us. A servant is not above his Master. If the world hates us, we know that it hated Christ first. He who would be His disciple must take up his cross and follow Him.

This great truth of our life in Christ finds no greater or more beautiful expression as the drama of Lent, Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum.

The whole liturgical year walks in Christ, but something is different about these days that we set apart as holy each spring. For most of the Church Year, we live in a kind of time-lapse video. In the long season after Pentecost, we walk through all of Jesus' teaching and healing ministry. This is time-compressed: That's three years' worth of teaching, healing and miracles crammed into about six months. The time compression is even more pronounced in Advent—thousands of years of prophecies about the coming of Christ in four weeks.

But now during Lent we slow down to real time. The time compression goes away. Now we will walk in Christ through the story of Christ day by day, hour by hour. Christ's story is our story now, so when we tell this story, we don't just tell it or read from the Scriptures in the few minutes that this would take. We actually slow down and live it in Christ in real time.

Christ fasted for forty days. We fast for forty days. Christ processed into Jerusalem on a Sunday. We celebrate Palm Sunday waving our branches and calling out our Hosannas to Him who has come in the Name of the Lord. Then there's the quiet intensity of Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Can you imagine what was building in the heart and mind of Jesus as He pondered what lay ahead of Him? The services appointed for these days are likewise quiet meditations on the Passion.

And now the Triduum, the Holy Three Days. We gather by night on Thursday to keep the New Pass-over, to receive the very Lamb of God who now comes to us in His body and blood. On Friday, we gather around the very hours in which Jesus hung upon the cross. Next comes Saturday, the Old Sabbath that Christ has now fulfilled by His great rest in the tomb, and as the sun goes down on that old Sabbath, we gather for the Easter Vigil, the transition from old to new, from Lent to Easter, from death to Life. And then Sunday—the empty tomb, the angels in white, the lilies, the trumpets. He is risen; we shall rise!

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