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Post Scripts

What to "give up" for Lent? Decision, decisions...

The Bonhoeffer quote at the right of this column would be a good guide any time of the year, or for a life. He is informed in his opinion, of course, by Our Lord Jesus who indeed asked us not to judge, but rather to forgive, to pray for our enemies, to love the neighbor and the stranger among us. Giving up judging is certainly a complex issue, of course, and there is a time when making sound judgment is the healthy thing to do and to be about. I get that.

What our Lord is asking us to give up, though, falls into the categories of judging in terms of care for the other person(s). For Bonhoeffer, it deals with making our discipleship of following Jesus (this quote is from his seminal book, The Cost of Discipleship. I am re-reading it during Lent). Jesus didn't come to build walls between people, but rather to have us risk making bridges of care and compassion --at great cost to our own sense of security, if necessary. Jesus (and Bonhoeffer as well) went to death upholding such principles, as we will see again during this season of Lent and into Holy Week next month.

I am no Bonhoeffer scholar (one of our Oregon Synod pastors is quite adept at discussing Bonhoeffer; ask me about his works regarding both Bonhoeffer, and environmental concerns from a Christian perspective). But one can glean insights about how to live as a follower of Jesus just from Jesus himself. As I mentioned in last month's column, we have been following a study of The Sermon on the Mount. On Ash Wednesday, our focus is always on Matthew 6, the center chapter of that "sermon", which guides into genuine prayer, fasts, and acts of loving kindness/"charity" that are in contrast to shallow and perfunctory practices.

It seems to me the call to Lenten practice is a time of deep reflection and commitment to those genuine aspects of life in Christ, and not merely "giving up" chocolate or television or booze or to turn these forty days into some pious weight-loss scheme. Lenten practices, please, call us into something much more substantial so that we ground ourselves firmly into the costly, yet essential aspects of what it means that we follow Jesus all the way to the Cross. And then, into resurrection. Deep? Yes!

From my amateur reflections about Bonhoeffer, though he was serious, he wasn't a "Gloomy Gus" who didn't enjoy the good things of life. In fact, he, like Luther, enjoyed music as an accompaniment for the journey. Luther once said "the Devil hates good music", Bonhoeffer wrote this: "Music... will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy alive in you."

So, letting go of hurtful judgment, and adding great music (!) sounds like one fine way to use the Lenten season in a God-pleasing way. If you like, call me and tell me about what significant things you may be about as a disciple of Jesus this Lent. Or, don't do so (read Matthew 6 about keeping your piety to yourself...). Either way: "Soli Deo Gloria" ("to God alone be praise").

A Blessed Lent to all! - Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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Dave & Joan Boriack

Meet & Greet Joan Boriack

By Michelle Guillory—This call was *dangerous*. She has stories. LOTS of stories. We had a lovely call and I came away wishing I had interviewed her over tea instead of on the phone. She's been a busy girl and could easily fill a couple of books with her adventures, so this will be a pared down Cliff Notes version of her life. Grab a cup of tea to learn more from her directly.

She's currently 71 and going strong. She's been married to Dave for 26 years this spring. She has two kids, four grandkids, and 3 great-grandkids...there's proof that she's a Great grandma. There's more. She has 11 rabbits (Holland Lops that she used to breed and sell to 4-H kids), 24 chickens, 1 pea hen, 1 indoor cat (Little Boots) who wears a tuxedo (it's her fur, honest!) They have tons of wild birds as they live on 3 acres in Fall Creek. They have tons of pigeons and 3 coveys of quail.

Here I am at a dilemma...not enough room...so, I'll highlight a bit...don't check my grammar as my sentences will likely not be complete...

Not born Lutheran—Went to church with a childhood friend (First Christian Church in Waldport)—Her first husband was Missouri Synod and that's how she became Lutheran—Went to Res Lutheran in Thurston—Married Dave here at SLC—Served all over the place here at SLC (Council, Synod Assembly, SLCW, Call Committee, editor of SLC newsletter for 10 years!!!, etc.)—Her favorite charity is St. Jude's.

She loves to bake (LOVES) and does a lot of cooking from scratch—Her favs are Fajitas and Chile Rellenos—Has done knitting and crocheting—not fond of crochet—Knit her dad a lap afghan—They enjoy fishing hunting, and camping although they're waiting on repairs to their camper at the moment—Loves to be outside...(LOVES!!!)—Birding and gardening are favorites—Loves swimming and teaches water fitness classes at WillamaLane (going on 10 years now)—Not a big reader and prefers to wait for the movie—Her favorite movie is a tie between "Hacksaw Ridge" and "Hidden Figures"—Current favorite TV show is "The Scorpion"...whew!

Avid, total Duck fan—She loves football, but played softball, volleyball, and basketball as far as team sports go—Was a Waldport "Shamrockette" and was a baton twirler and tap dancer (still does it on the side) with their group who performed at the Junior Rose Parade in Portland and at the Bicentennial in Salem...even nationally—Was a cheerleader—Business school in Salem at Merrit Davis Business College—Taught ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Eugene—Worked for Lane County Tax & Assessment, City of Eugene...ack! I've run out of room! Talk to her. She's great!

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLSS meets on all Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.

2 New 12-Step Groups

There will be two new twelve-step groups here at SLC. Here's a brief bit about them and when they begin:

Women in the Solution (WITS) is a women's AA (for the addicts) group. The current plan is that they will start hosting meetings here on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am each week. The start date looks to be April 1, 2017. All women are welcome...there will be a general AA meeting at 12:30 pm that men may join.

There is also an Al-Anon (for the families) group meeting here on Monday nights at 6:30 pm...the start date is yet to be determined, but check your Sunday bulletins for more information.

They will also appear on the calendar on page ten.

LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/ Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



The Season of Lent

Source "Historic Trinity Lutheran Church", Detroit MI

The season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, is devoted to an intensive study of the Passion of Christ, this feature becoming unusually pronounced in Holy Week, with the culmination in the great happening of Good Friday, in the death and burial of Christ.

The length today of the Lenten season is for forty days. While such a period is indicated as early as the third century... its length is indefinite prior to the Council of Nicaea (4th century). Thereafter it is spoken of as the fast of forty days and spans a period of six weeks with prior to Easter (as in Rome and fourth-century Alexandria) or prior to Holy Week (as in Syria, Constantinople, and eventually all the Eastern/Orthodox churches).

In the early church the Lenten season was a time for the catechumens (students of the faith) to make preparations for baptism, but by the end of the fourth century in the West it was also a period for the ritual of humiliation of the penitent. This led to the Christian liturgical traditions that observe the Lenten fast experience as a time of "dying to self," so as to participate fully in the renewal of life in the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

The custom of fasting during Lent started at a very early date, but the length of the fast varied, eight days being customary at first, but the time was extended to forty days, after the analogy of the period included in the Lord's temptation (Matt. 4:2). Gregory II, is said to have fixed the Wednesday now known as Ash Wednesday (from the custom of daubing the foreheads of the worshipers on that day with the ashes of last year's palms, in token of mourning) as the first day of Lent in order to secure uniformity of observance throughout the Church. The season of preparation for Easter closed with the Great or Black Week, also known as the Holy Week.

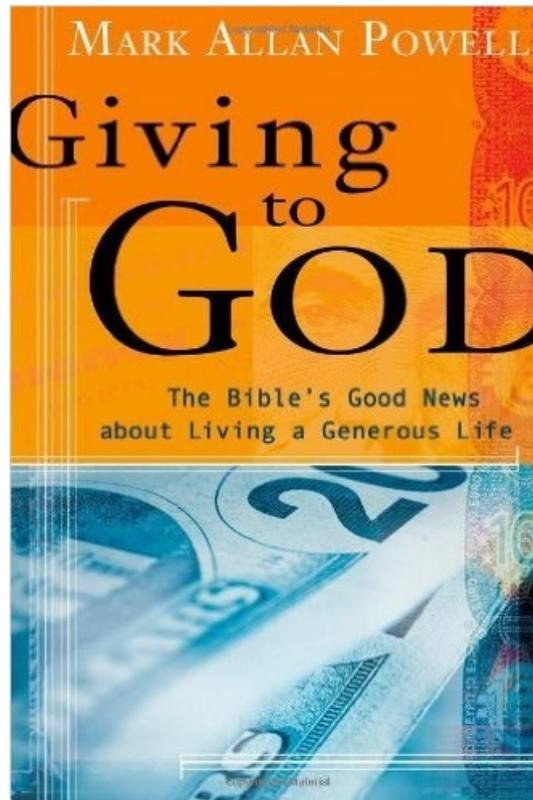
Giving Opportunities

Excerpts from Mark Allan Powell's book Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life, pages 89 to 93:

“Trust

Acknowledgement of God as the giver of all that we have implies trust in God's continuing benevolence. Such trust is the antithesis of anxiety. The Bible cautions us not to be anxious, not even with regard to the basic necessities of life (Matthew 6:25-33). “Do not worry about tomorrow,” Jesus says quite plainly (Matthew 6:34). “Do not worry about *anything*,” the apostle Paul adds, but “with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). Such counsel seems remarkably relevant for our modern era, an age in which conveniences have provided no safe haven from stress. As we all know, stress is not only unpleasant and harmful to one's emotional well-being, but is unhealthy in other respects as well and can even be life-threatening. Two thousand years ago, Jesus and Paul prescribed the only known antidote for stress: *trust*. Again, we might see why the biblical message of stewardship is good news. When we are faithful stewards, trusting in God to provide us with what we need, we will have better and more satisfying lives.”

“The good news of biblical stewardship starts with the realization that all things come from God and are God's to give as God chooses. This is good news because we know that God is generous and loving, that God knows us better than we know ourselves, and that God will do what is right for us. For Paul, the secret of being content seems to lie in the absolute assurance that God provides him with everything he needs to be the person God wants him to be and to have the life that God wants him to have. And that is enough. It does not matter one whit if someone else has more, for he trusts that what he has is right for him. God provides him with whatever is sufficient for him to have the best possible life that he can have in this world. Trust in this generous and perceptive God yields contentment, which makes for a much more pleasant life than one consumed by greed or covetousness.”



Lenten Rose

According to Wikipedia...“Commonly known as **hellebores** /ˈhɛlɪbɔːrɪz/, the Eurasian genus **Helleborus** consists of approximately 20 species of herbaceous or evergreen perennial flowering plants in the family Ranunculaceae, within which it gave its name to the tribe of Helleboreae. The scientific name *Helleborus* derives from the Greek name for *H. orientalis*, ἑλλέβορος *helléboros*, from *elein* “to injure” and *βορά* *borá* “food”. Many species are poisonous. Despite names such as “winter rose”, “Christmas rose” and “Lenten rose”, hellebores are not closely related to the rose family (Rosaceae).

Several legends surround the hellebore; in witchcraft it is believed to have ties to summoning demons.

Helleborus niger is commonly called the Christmas rose, due to an old legend that it sprouted in the snow from the tears of a young girl who had no gift to give the Christ child in Bethlehem.

In Greek mythology, Melampus of Pylos used hellebore to save the daughters of the king of Argos from a madness, induced by Dionysus, that caused them to run naked through the city, crying, weeping, and screaming.

See Wikipedia for more information.



Your Council Members for 2017:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President/
Stewardship:
Open

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Kae Ellingsen

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



President's Corner

Happy March to you all. Council recently met for the first time with its new members. See the full list of your Church Council members to the left of this article.

The meeting was opened as Pastor gave devotions and a prayer which were followed by the minutes being read and accepted.

Liz Hurley, your Financial Secretary, is looking for people who would count on Sundays...we need a couple of substitutes to jump in when a regular can't be there to count the offering and prepare it for deposit in the bank (instruction is provided and you'll be with a partner who is experienced.)

Our Treasurer reported that everything is up to date. We need at least 13,000 a month to be in the black...just with bills, anything extra is extra. A big thank you to all who give.

Ray, from Property/ Management, reported that he has caught homeless men sleeping and leaving messes and waste in the front of our church, near the Sanctuary doors, he has told them to leave or the police would be called. Due to this we are considering a wrought iron gate and fence in front of our church. More information on this to come as we get it. We are also glad for the upgraded light fixture by the Sanctuary doors. Thank you to New Way Electric for the work.

Outreach/Social concerns. Reported that things are going as planned. Planning for the next breakfast at Easter has commenced. There will be sign up sheets at the Narthex Table prior to Easter for volunteers. During Lent, we are again collecting for the Baskets of Promise for LWR, The need for personal care items in areas of crisis is great. Each week is a different theme and the next week's theme will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

Council will meet next month on the 3rd Sunday (March 19) after the second service.

Linda Loomis
President
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New Members

Sunday, February 26, we received Bob and Vicki Zoot into our family here at SLC. They transferred from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. We welcome them and the gifts they bring to the body of Christ here in Springfield.

FAQ for Funds Given

By Michelle Guillory—In case you're curious, a FAQ is a list of questions and answers about a given topic. This topic is what happens to the monies you give to Springfield Lutheran Church. Please note, that while we would not say no to any funds given because of this article, we aren't asking for money at this time. We want to do what you want with the monies given and in order to do that, we need your help.

- * **General Account**—This is the account that we pay our bills from and we do most ministry activities and property maintenance. To add to this account, do nothing special, just give as normal. If you would like to designate it for something such as Easter Breakfast (or whatever project you like), just make a note on the memo line of your check.
- * **Memorial Gifts**—These monies go into the General Account, but may be given in honor of someone who has passed. There is an opportunity to specify if you would like it to be in honor of a special project by noting it on the memo line of your check.
- * **SLC Trust Fund**—This is an interesting one. If you contribute to the Trust Fund, we cannot use these funds to run our church or host any events. We put monies in the Trust Fund and leave them there... forever. We can only use the proceeds (a.k.a., interest earned) from this fund to contribute to other ministries and agencies of good works. You may contribute to this fund by writing "Trust" in the memo line of your checks and you may even dedicate the gift in honor of someone else.
- * **Leave a Legacy Fund**—This is our church savings account, our rainy day fund, etc. Write the word "Legacy" on your checks or if you choose to put it in your will, use the phrase "Springfield Lutheran Church Leave a Legacy Fund" for clarity.



Donna & Larry Gieseke

New Fireside Furniture

By Michelle Guillory—So, I went home on Friday afternoon and the Fireside Room had one pink-ish love seat and an end table or two...it was empty and bland, boring even, though Peaux loved the area rug. That expanse of roamable territory (according to Peaux) ended thanks to the Giesekes. They found some lovely furniture at an estate sale and donated it to our use here at SLC. Check it out the next time you're here...though, I warn you that once you sit, you may not want to get back up!

Thank You Giesekes!

Thank You to the SLC Trust

We regularly get correspondence from those whose work we contribute to from our SLC Trust Fund. Here are just a couple of thank you letters describing what our Trust Fund has done for them.

FOOD For Lane County: "Thank you for your gift of \$910 to FOOD for Lane County. Without your support, we would not be able to provide over 95,000 emergency food boxes, serve children, help seniors, and teach people to grow and cook food."

Camp Lutherwood: "Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,100 to Camp Lutherwood Oregon...Thank you for helping make camp possible in the summer as well as year-round. We are so grateful for your support."

Eugene Mission: "We are so thankful to God for the facilities that He has given us to share warm food, dry shelter, clothing, "wellness" programs and love for our guests. Your donation of \$800.00 allows us to continue our humble service to those in need."

Suggested Food Pantry Items to Donate:

Fats, Oils, Sweets

- Jelly & Jam
- Honey & Sugar & Syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable Oil
- Salad Dressing

Milk Yogurt, Cheese

- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Instant Breakfast Drinks
- Canned & Boxed Pudding

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Nuts

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew & Bean
Soups & Chillis
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts

Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables & Toma-
to Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

Fruits

- Canned Fruit
- Raisins & Dried Fruits
- Applesauce
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% Fruit)

Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta

- Rice & Rice Mixes
- Canned Pastas
 - Noodle Mixes
 - Dry Noodles & Pastas
 - Macaroni & Cheese Mix
 - Cold Cereals
 - Bran Cereal & Shredded
Wheat
 - Infant Cereal
 - Hot Cereal Mixes & Oat-
meal
 - Bread & Muffin Mixes
 - Pancake Mix
 - Granola Bars & Graham
Crackers
 - Flour

Bits & Pieces...

By Michelle Guillory—I was gone for all of January and came back to throw together a belated February newsletter. As I got settled in, my stack of little multi-colored Post-It Notes grew...I kept finding things to let you know about, but they didn't always end up being a full article in and of themselves...so, here you go:

- * **Warming Centers**—Through the end of March, whenever the nights get to 30 degrees or colder, the Egan Warming Centers will be opened for our local homeless population. While we don't host one, we can provide items for those in need...warm socks, gloves, hats, longjohns (sizes large and extra large in men's and women's), tarps (green and brown), hand warmers, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, dog coats, etc.
- * **ThriventChoice**—Twice per year ThriventFinancial gives back to their members via their favorite charities. In 2016, over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choce Dollars to more than 32,000 churches, schools, and other nonprofits, including SLC. This program is known as Thrivent Choice Dollars and each year SLC gets about \$2000 from this program...it's money we didn't have before and we are appreciative of every bit we get. **The deadline for the current giving cycle is March 31.** Please go online to the ThriventFinancial site to make your selection (thrivent.com/thriventchoice), be it SLC or not, you get to choose to whom Thrivent gives your donatable monies (not your savings, I promise!)
- * **Bulletin Changes**—In February, we changed the format of the bulletins to include a larger font...how's that going? Do you like it? Should we switch back or should we make the font even bigger? What about the PowerPoint presentation on the wall of the Sanctuary? Do we need to make changes there or are we good? We need your feedback to make them the most useful tools you get each week.
- * **Baskets of Promise Collection**—We are once again collecting items for the LWR Baskets of Promise drive. These items are being gathered for distribution to areas in crisis throughout the world. **Please bring bars of soap** (any brand in original wrapping, 4-5 oz); **combs, metal nail clippers** (attached file is optional), **toothbrushes** (adult size, in original packaging), and **bath towels** (lightweight, dark colors, maximum size 52" x 27"). This collection drive runs **through April 9**. The assembly of kits will be on May 1, 1:00 pm in the Church Gym.
- * **LWR Baby Care Kits**—The SLCWomen are gathering items for babies to be given to LWR for distribution in areas of crisis throughout the world. This collection effort runs through March 31. **Items needed are lightweight cotton t-shirts** (no onesies), **long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet, receiving blankets** (medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square), **cloth diapers** (flat fold preferred), **jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts with hoods** (with baby caps if no hoods), **socks, hand towels** (dark colors), **bath soap** (4-5 oz. bars), **diaper pins**. Please give new or gently used, clean items with no holes or stains. Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months as varying sizes of clothing will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows. Please note that they cannot use items with any religious symbols, messages, or our congregation's name...not to mention items decorated with a US flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Thank you for all items donated.

More Bits & Pieces...

- * **LWR InGathering—Fall 2016 Results**—SW Idaho, SW Washington, Northern California, and all of Oregon contributed: 3,685 Quilts, 36 Fleece Blankets, 181 pounds of soap, 2,384 School Kits, 885 Personal Care Kits, 70 Fabric Kits, 6 pieces of Yardage (fabric), 265 Baby Care Kits. Awesome! But, where did SLC fit in there? 71 Quilts and 15 School Kits! Way to go Springfield!
- * **LWR InGathering—Part II—Spring 2017 Details**—Our boxes must be delivered to St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton by Saturday, **May 6** at noon. Our current collection efforts for LWR include Quilts, Baby Care Kits, and Personal Care Kits (think Baskets of Promise). All items are shipped around the world (including here in America) to places in crisis.
- * **International Women's Day—March 8**—On this day, members of the ELCA celebrate by supporting and lifting up the international Women Leaders initiative—one of 10 priorities part of *The Campaign for the ELCA*. If you're curious, check out the ELCA website (elca.org)
- * **Oregon Synod Assembly—May 5-6**—The theme this year is *Build on a Rock 500: Rooted, Reforming, Resilient*. The question this year is "What does it mean to be the Church of the Reformation in the 21st century?" Kenny Eilers and Rita Grimes have agreed to be our representatives at Assembly this year. Thank you to Kenny and Rita.
- * **God's Work. Our Hands**—This year, the date is Sunday, September 10, however as we tend to things on Saturday, the day you'll want to save in your calendar is **September 9**. Past ideas have included our Free Community Breakfast, working with other churches in our Cluster to aid in their Food Pantries and whatnot. It would be great to get more involvement all around the cluster, see what you can think up and get back to Linda Loomis or Pastor Erik.
- * **Handcrafts**—I like to knit, tat, crochet, sew, doodle, etc...but finding a group to do all that is hard...most are for knitting or _____...but what if I don't want to knit this week? Well, I found a solution! **United Lutheran in Eugene** (at 21st and Washington) has a **Handcraft Group**...I'm sure, that so long as you cleaned up after yourself, you could even whittle! The group runs **Wednesday evenings at 5:30** and United has a supper on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, although Pastor Erik would probably like you back here for Midweek Worship.
- * **Lenten Devotionals**—This year we are pleased to share with you two devotionals for the Lenten season. From the ELCA, we have the annual flip-calendar for "40 Days of Giving". From Luther Seminary, we have "Oh, Love, How Deep". Both are available on the Narthex Table or on the counter in the Church Office. Feel free to take one or the other or both.
- * **SLCW and Camp Lutherwood's Women's Retreat**—This year, our SLCW is wanting to go to the Women's Retreat together...as in more than one person...speaking as someone who's gone to previous retreats, it was a nice time and I got to visit and fellowship with other women throughout Oregon...I got to see friends I hadn't seen in ages. So, I imagine the details would be helpful...July 28-30 and \$100. Registration isn't available yet, so check back, but it is done online at lutherwoodoregon.org or by calling 541.998.6444.

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:*

*Often have your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.*

*Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.*

*Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross anew;
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.*

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-1498; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-1896, alt. Source LBW hymn 93.

Lenten Prayers

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart, that the barriers dividing us may crumble, hunger be sated, and thirst be slaked; and that, with hope in your promise, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of power and might, in the face of the temptations of the world, your strong word feeds us, upholds us, and frees us to worship only you. Nourish us with your strong word every day, so that being filled and inspired, we will work to share your abundance with all the world. Amen.

God of light and life, you meet us in the darkness of our worries and fears, providing hope for this life and the next. Send the wind of your Holy Spirit to blow through us. Lift the Son over the cares and concerns of our days. Empower us to live each day for the sake of the world God loves. Amen.

God of abundance, you provide living water in holy baptism that we might have the fullness of your grace and mercy. Grant that we, your church, might provide clean, safe water for all living in need—for families, livestock and crops—that none may hunger or thirst. Amen.

*Taken from the 2017 ELCA
World Hunger Lenten calendar
40 Days of Giving.*

Lent & Holy Week Schedule:

Ash Wednesday (March 01)

12:00 noon Worship with Imposition of Ashes

7:00 pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes

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### Lenten Services on Wednesdays (March 08 – April 05)

5:45 pm Soup Supper

6:45 pm Midweek Worship

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 09) 8:30 and 10:00 am
with Fellowship at 9:30 am

NO Midweek Wednesday Service

Maundy Thursday (April 13) 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 14) 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil (April 15) 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 16) 8:30 and 11:00 am
with Breakfast from 9:30-10:30 am

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*Please note that there will be NO Monday night Bible study throughout Lent. It will return after Easter. Thank you.*

# Every Week

| Sun                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                       | Tue                                        | Wed                                                                                                                          | Thu                           | Fri                          | Sat      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 8:30 am Worship with Communion<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10:00 am Worship with Communion | Office Closed<br>9:00 SLSS Quilting<br>12 noon AA<br>~~~~~<br>NO Bible Study through Lent | 9:00 LWR Quilting<br>12 noon AA<br>5:30 NA | 9:30 HS Cooking<br>12 noon AA<br>12:30 Nar Anon<br>2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga<br>3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga<br>5:30 AA<br>6:45 Midwk Worship | 9:30 HS Cooking<br>12 noon AA | 12 noon AA<br>12:30 Nar-Anon | 12:30 AA |

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| Sun                                       | Mon                       | Tue                | Wed                                                              | Thu                        | Fri                | Sat                |
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|                                           |                           |                    | 1<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>12:00 & 7:00 Worship & Imposition of Ashes | 2                          | 3                  | 4                  |
| 5<br>Lent 1                               | 6                         | 7                  | 8<br>5:45 Soup Supper<br>6:45 Lenten Service                     | 9                          | 10                 | 11                 |
| 12<br>Lent 2                              | 13<br>1:00 Women's Circle | 14                 | 15<br>5:45 Soup Supper<br>6:45 Lenten Service                    | 16<br>1:30 Fringe Benefits | 17                 | 18                 |
| 19<br>Lent 3<br>Council after 2nd service | 20<br>SPRING BREAK        | 21<br>SPRING BREAK | 22<br>5:45 Soup Supper<br>6:45 Lenten Service<br>SPRING BREAK    | 23<br>SPRING BREAK         | 24<br>SPRING BREAK | 25<br>SPRING BREAK |
| 26<br>Lent 4                              | 27                        | 28                 | 29<br>5:45 Soup Supper<br>6:45 Lenten Service                    | 30                         | 31                 |                    |

## Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



## Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **Lent & Easter Dates**—Ash Wednesday is **March 01**, Palm Sunday is **April 09**, Maundy Thursday is **April 13**, Good Friday is **April 14**, Easter Vigil is **April 15**, Easter Sunday is **April 16**, Michelle's Birthday is **April 17**...Details of the Holy Week and Easter schedule will appear in the April newsletter and on the website closer to those dates.
- **Women's Circle**—The standing date is the second Monday of each month (**March 13**) at 1:00 pm. The location will rotate throughout the group. Miriam Jones is your contact. Check the Sunday bulletins and future newsletters for more information.
- **Book Group**—The next book to be reading is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The book discussion meeting is **April 17** at 11:30 am. The location is still TBD, but check your Sunday Bulletins and the April Newsletter for more information. Darlene Wood is your contact.
- **Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Worship**—Supper begins at 5:45 pm and worship at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays. There is a signup sheet on the Narthex Table to bring soup, bread, and beverages. If you're bringing dinner, please plan to be here at 5:30 pm to set up. Thank you.
- **Council**—Meets next after the second service on Sunday, **March 19**. Please plan to be in attendance.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm over at the Ricksons' home. Next up is **March 16**.
- **ThriventChoice Dollar Deadline**—**March 31**. If you are a Thrivent member, please go to their website and select the recipients of your ThriventChoice Dollars. Thank you.
- **SLCW Brunch and Baby Shower for LWR**—On **April 1**, beginning at 10:00 am, the SLCW will be gathering for brunch and the packaging of all the baby items that have been collected for the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief to send to crisis areas around the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed baby care items.
- **Camp Lutherwood Work Days**—See the back page for details, but the dates for your calendar are **April 29, May 20, and June 03**.
- **Camp Lutherwood Women's Retreat**—**July 28-30** and registration is \$100. See "More Bits & Pieces..." on page 8 for details.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board near the Church Office for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

# Camp Lutherwood

By Michelle Guillory—**The 2017 Spring Work Days out at Lutherwood are April, 29, May 20, and June 03.** The staff at Lutherwood could really use the help of volunteers to get the site ready for campers. The Work Days begin at 9:00 am and go until 3:00 pm or so. Lunch is included. Please bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Please be sure to RSVP to their office by calling [541-998-6444](tel:541-998-6444) or emailing them at [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) although, if you show up ready to work, they won't complain.

# The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For March, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **The Annual Giving Statements**—Most have been mailed, but there are a few left. Please go through the alpha-tabs and see if someone you know has left one...they may not know. Thank you.
- **Lenten Devotionals**—On page 8, there is more information about the two options available. Feel free to take one or both.
- **Tithe Envelope Boxes**—They're here. They cost the church \$4.54 per box, including shipping. There's a handful left, so feel free to remind your neighbor to collect theirs. If you don't see your name and want one, let Michelle G. know in the office. Thanks.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide printed copies for folks who do not have internet access. If you do have access to the internet, please feel free to peruse, but leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- **Perambulator (aka antique stroller)**—This is a collection point for the LWR Baby Care Kits. The Brass Tub is available to drop in either your baby items or your Baskets of Promise items. Thank you for helping us help others.
- **Sign Up Sheets**—Currently there is a sign up sheet for the **Lenten Soup Supper** providers of soup, bread, and beverages. Please sign up and be here early on Wednesdays during Lent...supper begins at 5:45 pm followed by worship at 6:45 pm.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

*Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.*

## Contact Us

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