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Post Scripts

"Easter Changes Everything." At least, so says the sign in front of a church close to where we live. Actually, we say the same thing during Easter season when we Proclaim "Alleluia! He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!"

I wonder at times, just like you may wonder, too, how accurate that really is. For example, a recurrent Monday night Bible Study question comes up something like this: "why is there so much suffering/pain/ugliness in the world?" Underneath that genuine kind of questioning lies either an affirmation or negation of the sign in front of that church. In other words, the claim, "Easter Changes Everything" (and our "He is Risen!" shouts on Sunday mornings) is challenged: if Easter has made changes, why don't we see it more easily? My answer: it lies in how we are seeing, perceiving.

Even the closest of Our Lord's disciples had a rough time with this resurrection claim. In John 21, we read about a fishing incident with Peter and friends. They end up being greeted and hosted by Jesus on the shoreline after they finally nab some fish. They come ashore for a meal. I get a big kick out of what Jesus, The Resurrected Son of God, says to them:

"Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (John 21:12-14)

Yet even at the end of Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus provides them the "Great Commission", it is recorded that some reluctance about Jesus was still apparent:

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. (Matthew 28:16-17)

I have become more convinced than ever of the "Easter Changes Everything" claim to being true because of scripture passages like those mentioned above. So I counter and challenge people—especially to believers that I have served as pastor—to "flip" the questions they ask. I'm no "Pollyanna" or clueless optimist, but as a person of faith I "gird up my loins"(!), and I say something like this: "Jesus has been raised, so there actually is *so much more good, grace, and love in the world than evil and ugliness all things awful. Sit and pray with that...*"

Sit and pray with that. Jesus empowered his wondering disciples with something life/world-changing to do after his somewhat "sketchy" appearances on the beach, on the mountaintop, at his Ascension. It seems to me that over the centuries, for 2,000+ years, *Easter has changed everything, and still does so, flying in the face of all things to the contrary.* Don't we claim it to be so at worship, at the graveside, at the baptism font, at the Lord's Table, in caring for people near and far in Jesus' name? If not, aren't we, of all people, "most to be pitied?" (1 Corinthians 15:9)

Sit and pray with that. Like the first disciples, we too continue to have work to do. More about that next month. Easter continues to change everything, starting with you and me.

Peace. Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters."

Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006)

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Mike Roessler

Meet & Greet Mike Roessler

By Michelle Guillory—Sooo, I boobooed...We have new members joining and I thought of interviewing them in a series...but I mixed up my Mikes...there are 3! In my defense, while they look nothing alike, they do sound alike on the phone...I promise not to mix them up again. So, this month I interviewed Mike Roessler, a long-time visitor who feels very welcome here.

Mike is 62. He's currently not married. He has 4 kids and 5 grandkids. He was born Lutheran and has been his whole life. He's been a regular here for the past couple of years and enjoys the "reverency" of the Midweek Worship services. He also attends on Sundays and for meetings during the week. His favorite charities are homeless and drug abuse causes.

He's been in the music business for years and does investment real estate brokering on the side...or is it the other way around? While commercial real estate is his specialty, he loves music and the outdoors.

So, music...he plays guitar, bass guitar, and sings. He's been in various bands and even been on the Tonight Show...twice! It was in 1973 with Joey Bishop. He was signed to a Hollywood contract by Seymour Hiller & Associates. He really enjoyed his time with the Happy Days Band...they opened for Curtis Salgado, Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts, and the Kingsmen to name a few. Locally he's played at the Eugene Celebration and Roseburg's Graffiti Nights.

But there's more to him than music...even though he's not got any pets at the moment he's a dog person and likes the noisy ones...no, not yappers...he likes hounds (Walker, Fox, or Beagles)! He loves the outdoors camping, hiking, fishing, hunting...fishing was mentioned almost as much as music was during the interview. He's been to Hawaii and Mexico and prefers the more reliable climate of Mexico...and the better fishing.

He's a good cook (makes a mean chili). He's not into baking, but real meals...meat & potatoes kind of cooking. He prefers American, French, and Mexican food genres and will likely never turn down a homemade cheesecake if you were to gift him one.

As for other favorites, Moses is his favorite Bible story; Dancing With Wolves is his favorite movie; the Oregon Ducks are his favorite team...and coffee!

Welcome Mike!

SLC Quilting Schedule:

The Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS) meet 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.

New Logo

By Michelle Guillory—We have been using the tag line "Anchoring You In Christ" for a while now. People seem to like it and it ties in with our theme of the E-Anchor and AnchorNews. Well, I decided that it's about time we address the issue of not having a logo to go on our letterhead and I know a gal who runs a graphic design company and knew I'd get a phenomenal deal on any work I sent her way.

We can't trademark either the tag line or the logo, as I didn't invent either of them from scratch, but we can use them all we like! The results of which have been plastered everywhere in this edition of the newsletter. You'll find it on the front page and on the back...but here, just for you:



Anchoring You In Christ.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

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Curious About Meditation?

By Michelle Guillory—I picked a random topic for this article. I don't know much about meditation...formally. I do yoga and "meditate" during prayer or on the cross or while walking labyrinths, but other than that, not much...so I went to Wikipedia for nearly all of what follows. I took out the footnote marks and the links and some extra information not needed for my article, otherwise all that's green is straight from their site. Go to Wikipedia, should you desire to further research this topic, there is a whole lot of information not covered here.

"**Meditation** is a practice where an individual trains the mind or induces a mode of consciousness, either to realize some benefit or for the mind to simply acknowledge its content without becoming identified with that content, or as an end in itself.

The term *meditation* refers to a broad variety of practices that includes techniques designed to promote relaxation, build internal energy or life force (qi, ki, prana, etc.) and develop compassion, love, patience, generosity, and forgiveness..."

"The word *meditation* carries different meanings in different contexts. Meditation has been practiced since antiquity as a component of numerous religious traditions and beliefs. Meditation often involves an internal effort to self-regulate the mind in some way. Meditation is often used to clear the mind and ease many health concerns, such as high blood pressure, depression, and anxiety..."

"...The term "meditation" can refer to the state itself, as well as to practices or techniques employed to cultivate the state. Meditation may also involve repeating a mantra and closing the eyes. The mantra is chosen based on its suitability to the individual meditator. Meditation has a calming effect and directs awareness inward until pure awareness is achieved, described as "being awake inside without being aware of anything except awareness itself."..."

"The history of meditation is intimately bound up with the religious context within which it was practiced. Some authors have even suggested the hypothesis that the emergence of the capacity for focused attention, an element of many methods of meditation, may have contributed to the latest phases of human biological evolution. Some of the earliest references to meditation are found in the Hindu Vedas of Nepal and India..."

"...Christian meditation is a term for a form of prayer in which a structured attempt is made to get in touch with and deliberately reflect upon the revelations of God. The word meditation comes from the Latin word *meditari*, which means to concentrate. Christian meditation is the process of deliberately focusing on specific thoughts (e.g. a biblical scene involving Jesus and the Virgin Mary) and reflecting on their meaning in the context of the love of God.

Christian meditation contrasts with Eastern forms of meditation as radically as the portrayal of God the Father in the Bible contrasts with depictions of Krishna or Brahman in Indian teachings. Unlike Eastern meditations, most styles of Christian meditations do not rely on the repeated use of mantras, and yet are also intended to stimulate thought and deepen meaning. Christian meditation aims to heighten the personal relationship based on the love of God that marks Christian communion..."

One of my two favorite uses of meditation in modern times is in the 2016 movie *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Chirrut, the blind monk, repeatedly chants the mantra, "I am one with the force. The force is with me." This seems to help calm him and to provide him focus as he walks through blaster fire towards his goal...I won't tell you more, spoilers, you know!

My other favorite practice of meditation is the use of silence before worship and during the Confession & Forgiveness and Prayers of the People portions of our Sunday (and Wednesdays, when applicable) worship services. True silence is hard to find, but what I can get allows me to focus my brain toward God and not on my list of 47 other things that need to be done today; besides, I have fellowship hour for visiting.

Anyway, that's enough of today's random topic. I would be interested to hear your ideas for meditation in your lives...I might find a new one I like!

Giving Opportunities

By Michelle Guillory—This month we are not going to resource a book for our stewardship talk. We received a gift from the daughter of Pastor Sterling Simonson who worked with us during the 1940's and I think we should enjoy it instead...perhaps it's time to enjoy something we were given.

Our gift comes from Alice Simonson LaBarre. Her parents have passed and she was going through old photographs that brought back memories and she considered us as a recipient for those photos as we celebrate our 70th anniversary. She has fond memories of her time here in Springfield as a small child. Thank you, Alice!

Included are some of the photos you will be able to find in the Fellowship Hall as we add to our display...and if you can help us put names to faces, that would be great!



Before the groundbreaking we used to meet in the VFW for Sunday Worship. The ground breaking photos were taken by HJ Phillips of Eugene and someone named Howard...I don't know who to credit the others.



Picnic Supper: Pray, Eat, Share

St. Vincent DePaul has an opportunity for you to participate in helping the First Place Family Center.

May 18, 2017

St. Paul Parish Hall

5:30-8:00 pm

The Picnic Supper is a fun, informal way to give back to your community. The dinner and concert raise funds for First Place Family Center, which provides crucial assistance and support to families who are in transition due to homelessness, job loss, health issues, or other critical problems.

This is an "indoor picnic" where table hosts provide dinner for their guests and entertain while learning more about First Place Family Center and how St. Vincent DePaul works in the community to help children and families.

It does not cost to attend or host a table, however, you are responsible for supplying the meal for your guests. There will be a time in the evening when the table host will pass out envelopes and information and ask for pledges and donations from their guests.

It's easy to host a table. Bring some friends and a table cloth and maybe some decorations for the "best decorated table" contest...dinner, beverages, and dessert would be good, too.

For more information, call Paula Berry at 541.743.7144. There is also a flier on the bulletin board in the main hall of the church.

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

In April, thanks to Easter being the normal council meeting date, the Executive Board of your council met to attend to the business of the church.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Finances—Council appreciates everyone giving their tithes, however we are finding that we still are behind. After considering other ideas for remedying this, it was concluded that we need the equivalent of 50 givers giving an extra \$5 per week (just over \$1,000 per month total). We are asking that each member of the congregation, if you able to do so, increase their amount by five dollars...if you can't give \$5, that's okay, give what you can...if you can give more, that's okay too, we won't say no. We've done this before with great success and we greatly appreciate everyone who contributes, whether by financial means or in service.

Property—We discussed the fencing for around the church. We will be getting another bid. Council will then make a decision after all bids are in and reviewed.

Worship—Hymns are picked out for the Easter season.

Publicity—We are recreating all of our information pamphlets for the pews. They will be tri-fold brochures with our new logo and tagline on it. They will be in color. There will be a general information brochure and a financial giving brochure. The general brochure includes our contact information, our welcome statement, and our standard weekly schedule. The financial brochure will explain where your money goes when you give in certain ways...this includes the general account, memorial gifts, the Trust Fund, and the Legacy Account.

New Item—It was brought up that when new members join, they should have a sponsor, someone they can go to and get to know. It will be discussed at next meeting.

Linda Loomis
President
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Food for Thought—

"Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair."

~ Martin Luther

More Photos...*continues from page 4.*



SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Heads Up! The first Sunday in June begins the summer schedule. As of June 4, there will be only one service on Sundays (10:00 am). There will also be NO Monday Bible Study or Midweek Worship for the duration of the summer. The normal schedule resumes after Labor Day.

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## Book Group

The next book to be reading is Living Courageously by Joyce Meyers. The book discussion meeting is **June 5** at 11:30 am. The location is still to be determined. Check your Sunday bulletins and next month's Anchor News for more details. Darlene Wood is your contact.

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Recital Jorge Briceño González

Jorge will be having a Doctoral Chamber Recital with collaboration of other talented musicians. The works performed will be by Brahms, Frühling, and Poulenc. The concert will be Monday, June 5, at 7:00 pm over at Beall Hall at the University of Oregon. This event is free.

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## Reunion

Former youth pastor, Brian Classen will be in town this summer. A reunion potluck will be held at the Jones home on 08/19 and a church barbecue will be held on 08/20. More details will be coming as we get closer to the event. It will be a great couple of days.

## 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 & Chilis

### Canned or Dried Beans

### Baked Beans

### Canned Nuts

### Vegetables

### Canned Vegetables & Tomato 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 & Oatmeal

- Bread & Muffin Mixes

- Pancake Mix

- Granola Bars & Graham Crackers

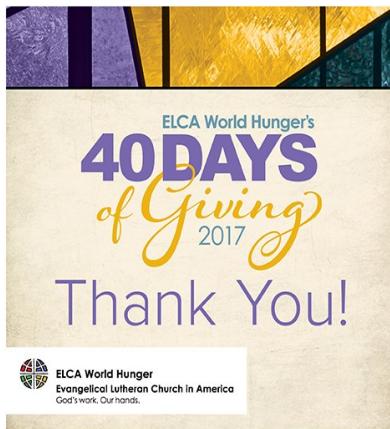
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## Bits & Pieces...

By Michelle Guillory—As there are always “bits & pieces” scattered about our lives like Post-It Notes, here’s a few more...and a few updated items...

- \* **Food Collection Drives**—Please remember that we are collecting food for two locations...Food for Lane County and the St. Henry’s Catholic Church Pantry in Dexter. Also, we cannot give foods that are in previously opened packages (or simply without packaging) or items with expired “best by” or “sell by” dates. And lastly, please remember that we are often times giving to poor people without can openers, so if it’s an affordable option, please give easy open cans with “pull tabs” or “pop tops”. For all you do, thank you.
- \* **LWR InGathering—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.
- \* **Oregon Synod Assembly—May 5-7**—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. Linda Mueller has agreed to preach here that Sunday, so Pastor Erik doesn’t have to rush back. Thank you to Kenny, Rita, and Linda.
- \* **SLCW and Camp Lutherwood’s Women’s Retreat**—This year, our SLCW is wanting to go to the Women’s Retreat together. As promised, here are the updated details: **July 28-30** and \$100 and all meals are included. Registration is now available online at [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org) or by calling 541.998.6444. The speaker is Rev. Lucille Antoinette Mills. She will lead us in games, nature walks (as you are able), Bible study, worship, and contemplative conversations. It sounds like a good time.
- \* **A BIG Thank You**—I don’t know if it ever got said...I just found a buried post it note to remind me to do just this: Thank you to Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones for painting the Brides Room. It looks fantastic!
- \* **Reformation Anniversary Information**—An interesting website to tour is the ELCA’s website that was created just for Reformation information. Go to [www.elca500.org](http://www.elca500.org) to find out tons of neat things...including: upcoming events, stories, resources, history, what the ELCA is doing to celebrate, what other congregations in the ELCA are doing to celebrate. And it gets updated, so there’s more than there was the last time I checked!



## ELCA World Hunger

By Michelle Guillory—Last month, I wrote an article on the ELCA Good Gifts donation that we collected over the various months we weren't giving to other causes...we did good things with little bits. Here's another look at what we do with our Wednesday evening offerings.

During Lent, we took part in the ELCA World Hunger appeal "40 Days of Giving" and for every Wednesday throughout Lent, we saved the money given to be sent to this cause.

At Synod Assembly, there will be a quilt show and silent auction where the proceeds are given to the ELCA World Hunger appeal. SLC will be contributing a quilt to this auction (same as every year!)

The monies that we give (and the work that went into those quilts), benefit the programs of ELCA World Hunger towards bringing sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty to those in need around the globe.

According to ELCA World Hunger, in Senegal, on the west coast of Africa, many find themselves among the 10.7% of the world's population living on less than \$2 per day. Through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Senegal Lutheran Development Services has effected several life-changing ministries in the country's rural areas, including:

- health huts that provide primary health care and HIV and AIDS support services to approximately 25,000 people;
- community-run microloan programs that have brought together 2,000 women in small savings-and-lending groups; and
- income-generating activities such as Fedannde Jolof, an animal husbandry center that enables year-round milk production.

Together we make good things happen. That list was only Senegal. ELCA World Hunger is more than just Senegal. According to the ELCA World Hunger, they cover everything "from Alaska to Alabama, from Chile to China, your gifts are hard at work helping our neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your generous giving makes it possible for ELCA World Hunger to be present throughout the United States and throughout the world." In 2016, they supported: 349 projects in 46 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, 62 countries, including the United States.

Check out their website at [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger) for more information.

## LWR Collection Drives

By Michelle Guillory—Every spring, we gather items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Combined, this project is called Baskets of Promise and each week during Lent, we bring one item. For 2017, we collected:

- 69 bars of soap
- 30 nail clippers
- 140 combs
- 21 towels
- 52 toothbrushes

We collect these Personal Care Kits to reach out to families in need around the world, typically in areas of crisis or conflict.

Each kit contains simple items, but to families coping with war, poverty and disaster, these items mean the opportunity to stay healthy and build (or re-build) better futures.

In addition to Personal Care Kits, the SLCW has collected items for Baby Care Kits and they regularly make Mission Quilts that are given all around the world.

LWR has a variety of ways we can join together to help those in need in addition to the World Hunger issues. Some of these ideas are:

- Mission Quilts
- Personal Care Kits
- Baby Care Kits
- School Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Soap
- Fleece Tied Blankets
- EcoPalms (for Palm Sunday)
- LWR Farmers' Market Coffee
- LWR Gifts

For more information, refer to their website: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org).

## *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

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## **Food for Thought—**

*"I must still read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly."*

~ Martin Luther in his preface to the Large Catechism

# Every Week

| Sun                             | Mon                | Tue               | Wed                 | Thu             | Fri            | Sat              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 8:30 am Worship with Communion  | Office Closed      | 9:00 LWR Quilting | 9:30 HS Cooking     | 9:30 HS Cooking | 12 noon AA     | 10:00 Women's AA |
| 9:30 am Fellowship              | 9:00 SLSS Quilting | 12 noon AA        | 12 noon AA          | 12 noon AA      | 12:30 Nar-Anon | 12:00 noon AA    |
| 10:00 am Worship with Communion | 12 noon AA         | 5:30 NA           | 12:30 Nar Anon      |                 |                |                  |
|                                 | 6:30 Bible Study   |                   | 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga   |                 |                |                  |
|                                 | 6:30 Al-Anon       |                   | 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga |                 |                |                  |
|                                 |                    |                   | 5:30 AA             |                 |                |                  |
|                                 |                    |                   | 6:45 Midwk Worship  |                 |                |                  |

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| Sun                             | Mon                                             | Tue                  | Wed          | Thu                                       | Fri                                                                    | Sat                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | 1                                               | 2                    | 3<br>No Yoga | 4                                         | 5<br>Church Office Closed<br>Synod Assembly in Portland through Sunday | 6<br>Synod Assembly                                                          |
| 7<br>Easter 4<br>Synod Assembly | 8<br>1:00 Women's Circle<br>@ Linda Litts' home | 9                    | 10           | 11                                        | 12                                                                     | 13                                                                           |
| 14<br>Easter 5                  | 15                                              | 16                   | 17           | 18<br>1:30 Fringe Benefits<br>@ Ricksons' | 19                                                                     | 20<br>Camp Lutherwood<br>Work Day 9-3<br>Heacock Family Party in Parish Hall |
| 21<br>Easter 6                  | 22                                              | 23                   | 24           | 25                                        | 26                                                                     | 27                                                                           |
| 28<br>Easter 7                  | 29<br>MEMORIAL DAY                              | 30<br>1:15 Wise Guys | 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—

- **Synod Assembly**—May 5-7, in Portland. See page 7 for details.
- **Women's Circle**—The standing date is the second Monday of each month (**May 8**) at 1:00 pm. The location for May is Linda Litts' home.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm over at the Ricksons' home. Next up is **May 18**.
- **Camp Lutherwood Work Days**—See the back page for details, but the dates for your calendar are **May 20 and June 03**.
- **Council**—The next meeting is set for **May 21**, after the second service.
- **Wise Guys**—Meets Tuesday, **May 30**, at 1:15 pm at the Hole in the Wall BBQ Joint.
- **SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE—Heads Up!** The first Sunday in June begins the summer schedule. For details see page 6.
- **Book Group**—The next book discussion meeting is **June 5** at 11:30 am. See page 6 for more details.
- **Recital—Jorge Briceño González**—The concert will be Monday, **June 5**, at 7:00 pm. See page 6 for details.
- **Women's Retreat**—Camp Lutherwood—**July 28-30**. See page 7 for details.
- **Reunion**—see page 6 for details, but Pastor **Brian Classen** will be here **August 19 & 20**.
- **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 remaining 2017 Spring Work Days out at Lutherwood are 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.

# Synod Assembly

By Michelle Guillory—May 5-7, Pastor Erik, Rita Grimes, and Kenny Eilers will be our voting representatives to the whole Assembly of the Oregon Synod as they attend to their annual business. Linda Mueller will preach here that Sunday.

They will bring a report back to us from the Assembly and so look for it here next month. In the meantime, please pray for the event that God's work may be done.

## Contact Us

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# The Narthex Table

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

- **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.
- 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.*

