

Christ
is
Risen!

ANCHOR NEWS

Springfield Lutheran Church, ELCA, Newsletter

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Post Scripts

By Pastor Erik Post—"He is Risen!" is a phrase we will say now for some six+ weeks; actually, during the "Great Fifty Days" of Easter. The practice of the Church, for some centuries in the past, was to use this time between Easter and Pentecost to incorporate the newly baptized members into the life of the congregation. Sponsors and prayers and rites all worked together to help bring people into fully active discipleship.

Some of our brothers and sisters around the world still mark their time together in this way; the recovery of the "Catechumenate"—what this process of adult instruction and entry into the Christian faith is called—has gained some traction here in America, even among some ELCA churches I am aware of. (Ask me about it).

How times have changed! Many people (even within the Church) will acknowledge they never heard of any "days" of Easter, let alone fifty of them. Easter is one Sunday, right? It's followed often by the deadline for filing taxes. The next celebration may be May Day, or Cinco de Mayo, or Mother's Day (let's not forget or Sittende Mai, Norwegian Independence Day) or finally Memorial Day...

I'm not going to whine or scold people about the lack of observance of our Easter season of Sundays. It has gotten simply left out of our spiritual and/or cultural cycle of doing things, for a variety of reasons. Just to practice Lent and Holy Week as we just did, including Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil, is a huge leap for many.

Be at peace. What I will do: pray about and personally encourage these fine Springtime days after Easter to have SLC people commit/re-commit their hearts, talents, treasures, and activities to the life of our Springfield congregation. Between now and Pentecost Sunday, May 15, decide to bring yourself and someone else weekly to learn firsthand about the life-changing message of what we proclaim when we say "He is Risen!" Let's dare to ask and answer what it means to have our lives changed by the Risen Lord, so that we humbly "walk the walk" and not simply settle for "talking the talk" of the Resurrection.

I kind of like that, unsettling as it is. My life and yours, and our world, certainly need that Resurrection claim brought out with courage and energy as the Spirit leads us. Here? Yes? Now? Absolutely! By me and by you, together in Christ ...

"He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!"

Quote of the Month—

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about."

—N.T. Wright, [Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church](#)

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Dick Allely

Meet & Greet Dick Allely

By Michelle Guillory—So, I'd imagine that most of you know Dick, or at least know who he is. For those of you who haven't met him, you can likely find him up a ladder or mowing the church lawn or fixing the toilet or changing the lightbulbs or...get the picture? Dick is just about the handiest guy you can know...and he's nice as well! Here's the "Twenty Questions":

He's 87 and doesn't act it, I'd have guessed he was in his 60's, but that'll teach me! He was married in 1949 and widowed in 2008 after nearly 60 years of marriage. He's got three grown kids (two sons and a daughter). He farmed in Iowa until moving to Oregon in 1960. He then worked for Weyerhaeuser for more than 30 years, mostly on maintenance (more proof that he's handy!) He retired in October of 1990.

He was raised Methodist and has been Lutheran since 1954. He's been a member here at SLC since 1960. He's not planning on going anywhere anytime soon...y'all haven't kicked him out yet and it seems to work for him. He's been part of the Property Committee here at SLC since the dawn of time and if it needs fixing, he knows how...but an apprentice wouldn't go amiss. I'm guessing coffee over tea.

As for pets, he's got none now, but he used to have dogs and cats on the farm. He says he's got to do his own barking now. His favorite present was his first dog when he was a kid...it was a rat terrier named Buster. He's got several favorite charities, it's often hard to choose just one of anything!

As for cooking, he admits that he should have watched his wife more often as he only cooks to survive...she was a wonderful cook. He has too many favorite foods to mention. Coffee over tea.

He likes to travel. His destination list includes: Europe twice, ten different countries there. Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, five Caribbean countries on a cruise, Nova Scotia on a eastern seaboard cruise, Hawaii several times, extensive travel in Alaska and the Aleutian chain (have family in AK), considerable travel in the US and was in Cuba in 1948, before Castro took power.

When asked about hobbies, (yes, you guessed it) "tinkering with mechanical stuff" was first off the top of his list. Knitting even got a mention (he said, "Not that you could notice.") He's not much of a reader, but hunting and fishing gets him going. He hunted deer, loved to hunt ducks geese, did a lot of ocean salmon and bottom fishing as well as crabbing. Also did a lot of surf fishing. Now he's am content to fish for smallmouth bass in the Umpqua River.

SLC Quilting Schedule:

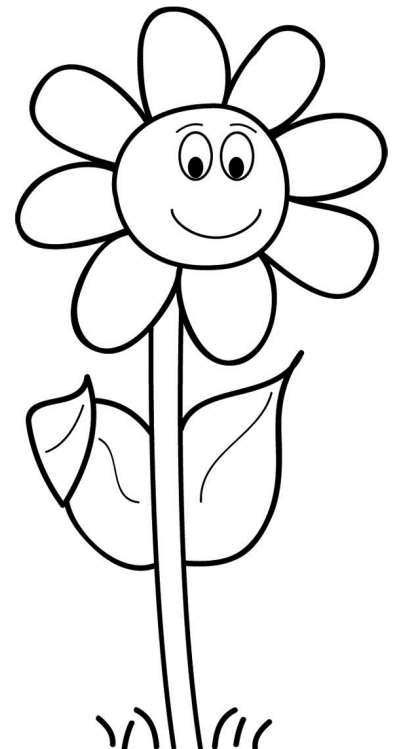
We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

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.

The SLSS meets Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. On the odd weeks (1st and 3rd) we will be meeting to learn a new pattern. On the even weeks (2nd and 4th) we will practicing what we learned the previous week. The last week, well, read the article on the next page!

Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

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



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

Volunteer Appreciation

By Michelle Guillory—A HUGE Thank You to those who work around the church. I am only here in the middle of the week, so I'll miss a few of you and I apologize up front. April 10-16 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and this article is our big THANK YOU for all your efforts! Things I've noticed in the past year:

Altar Guild: Pam Meier, Linda Heikkila, Sarah Heacock, and Donna Gieseke—**Sunday Assistants:** Kevin Heikkila, Ken Eilers, Alicia Fisher, and Rita Grimes—**Readers:** Ingrid Moosbrugger, Liz Hurley, Linda Heikkila, Jody Taylor, Linda Mueller, Sue Miller, Dick Rickson—**Hospitality:** Alicia Fisher, Linda Mueller, and Mary Post(remember, I'm not here most Sundays)—**Yardwork:** Richard Kirsch, Dick Allely, Ray Miller, Kevin Heikkila, Robin Fisher—**Changing Lightbulbs:** Dick Allely—**Cleaning:** Karen Klabo, Sarah Heacock, Pastor Erik, Me...the yardwork folks—**Parament Changing:** Susan Squire & Pastor Erik—**Seasonal Decorations:** Hospitality Committee—**Prayer Chain:** SLCW and Sharon Taylor—**Phone Tree Calling:** Linda Loomis and Jeanne Lovaasen—**Small Group Leadership:** Darlene Woods (Book Club), Dick Rickson (Fringe Benefits), Michelle Marroquin (SLSS Quilters), Kevin Heikkila (formerly Worship Committee), Susan Squire (Outreach Events), Ken Eilers (Assistants' Schedule), Dorothy Carlson (SLCW & Quilters & LWR projects), Linda Loomis (Council), Alicia Fisher (Hospitality)—**Trust Committee:** Anita Carter, Hartley Troftgruben, and Ken Eilers—**Office Help:** Susan Squire, Pam Meier, Darlene Woods, Dee Eilers, Dorothy Carlson, Donna Gieseke, Ingrid Moosbrugger, Ruth Schmunk, and Linda Loomis—**Parking Lot Renewal:** Pat & Sheryl Meador and McKenzie-Willamette Hospital—**Church Council:** Linda Loomis, Bill Maack, Rita Grimes, Gail Rogers, Liz Hurley, Susan Squire, Alicia Fisher, and Ray Miller.

Once again, to everyone who helps around here, **THANK YOU!**



Giving Opportunities

By Michelle Guillory—I'm considering making this a series...there's a ton of ways to give, a ton of things to give, and always someone willing to receive. I think having other authors contribute to this series might give a more varied set of options for us all...Come, write with me! To start us off, here's a few ideas:

1. Service—What can you do? Volunteer to help the little old lady cross the street or reach a can of tomatoes on the top shelf of the grocery store. There's a million ways to volunteer and a million agencies that would like your assistance...Meals on Wheels, Eugene Mission to name two...our very own quilters are already volunteering for LWR and Foster Kids and Catholic Community Services...what else can we DO?
2. Possessions/Financial—What can we give? At my house we have a rule: if something new comes in, something old goes out. We have enough "stuff" and we don't need more. However, a lot of our "stuff" is still good, so we give it away. Habitat for Humanity in Junction City has a garage sale each fall and spring, there's St. Vincent de Paul who takes just about anything, there's the ARC, WomenSpace, the Salvation Army, NextStep Recycling, and food banks, lots of food banks...we don't throw it out unless it is unusable or unrecyclable...someone, somewhere could use it.
3. Recipients—look to your right or your left...or, if you're alone, the next person you see could use some gift you have. It doesn't matter if it's just a smile and a nod of acknowledgement. It doesn't have to be a big thing to you...it could be easy as reaching the top shelf (I'm tall, I "give" this gift a lot). As for agencies, I've listed enough to get us started. You'll never have to look far to find someone in need.



By Michelle Guillory—Guess what! It's that time again: the garden needs attention, the baseboards need attention, the oil needs changed, the floors need mopped...oh, wait, wrong list...sorry, that was mine...Here's the Springfield Lutheran List:

- Garden Beds—It's spring and all the shops have flowers galore! What about herbs, we could throw some fragrant rosemary out there or sage or oregano...sorry, my garden again...all garden beds need attention...
- Lawns—If we get a team of folks (any gender can push a lawnmower or use a rake!), then it won't seem like such an inconvenience when you only have to mow once or twice instead of every week.
- Kitchen—We'll need a team for this. We need to spring clean...deep clean...take everything out of it's drawer/cupboard and wash everything and vacuum everywhere. We also need to take inventory to see what works and doesn't and if we need to replace anything. Contact the Church Office if you're interested in joining the fun.
- Maintenance Crew...someone younger needs to step up and learn from Dick Allely and Ray Miller, they need an apprentice or three. A team would be wonderful. Many hands = light work...or something like that.
- Furniture—We just got rid of a lot of old dusty furniture that people didn't find comfortable and Sarah vacuumed the pews, so we need a few people to work with Alicia Fisher towards replacing "SOME" of the furniture and we are not just taking old worn pieces that sag and your grandma can't get out of. We need a team to approach this topic and if you have something that may work, please contact Alicia first...please, Do Not bring furniture to the church until it's been approved. Thank You.

First Cleaning—A HUGE Thank You to Sarah Heacock for the inside of the Sanctuary and Narthex and all the big closets and cupboards and unused rooms with Pastor Erik and to Dick Allely for mowing our lawns. The rest of the spring cleaning still needs to happen, but Susan, Erik and Dick got us started.

Bark Mulch—A HUGE Thank You to Robin Fisher for the bright, shiny bark mulch that he spread around the flower beds...and the power washing of the exterior walkways...a lot of work! Thank You!

Habitat for Humanity News

Please join the Escalante family, their house sponsors, local dignitaries, Habitat volunteers and supporters to celebrate the groundbreaking of their home. The ceremony will be on **Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm** at 4962 Royal Avenue in Eugene. Please share widely, and bring a friend!

PARKING: There is NO parking available on the build site. Free street parking is available on nearby Throne Drive.

This home is built in loving memory of Mr. Lee Fischer.

Camp Lutherwood Now Hiring:

They are currently looking for an Guest Services/Hosts, a Food Service Manager/Head Cook, a Nurse/Medic, and Male Counselors.

For detailed job descriptions, and to download an application, visit lutherwoodoregon.org/summer-staff or call us at 541.998.6444 today!

Camp Lutherwood Events:

The **Spring work days** out at Camp Lutherwood have been posted. Go on out and spend a lovely day in the country. The dates are **April 23, May 14, and June 4**. This is a great opportunity to help the camp get ready for summer campers.

The **All Staff Reunion** will be held **July 2**. If you've worked at Camp as a counselor, cook, or whatever, let Caitlin know that you're interested in joining old friends to celebrate decades of Lutherwood fun! She can be reached at caitlin@lutherwoodoregon.org.

The **Women's Retreat** will be held **July 29-31** this year. Come and join women from around the state for a weekend of reflection, relaxation, and fun in the outdoors. Registration is \$100 per camper with all meals provided.

Contact the camp for more information. The web site is www.lutherwoodoregon.org and their phone is 541.998.6444.

Your Council Members for 2016:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President/
Stewardship:
Bill Maack

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Open

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



President's Corner

On March 18-19 our council met at Camp Lutherwood for our regular monthly meeting/Council Retreat. We needed to get together and talk about what we would like to see accomplished this year. Some of the council could not be there. The ones that were able to attend, had a good time, good food, except sleeping conditions were not the best.

Thanks to people for helping out with the financial situation. Council would really like to thank everyone for stepping up and helping us deal with inflation. Keep up the good work!

In regards to music and worship – Pastor Erik will try to involve people rather than filling the council position. We will go to one service again this summer; someone suggested having summer worship at 9:30 instead of 10:00 – Pastor will bring it up at next council meeting.

Hospitality—Linda Mueller has joined the group. Ingrid is good with helping clean up. The committee is ordering three sets of tablecloths. They would like to do a once a month dinner during year outside of Lent on Wednesday nights before service.

We also introduced ourselves a "Season of Listening" activity where we will, as a congregation, have one-to-one conversations as a way of getting to know who we are as members of this congregation.

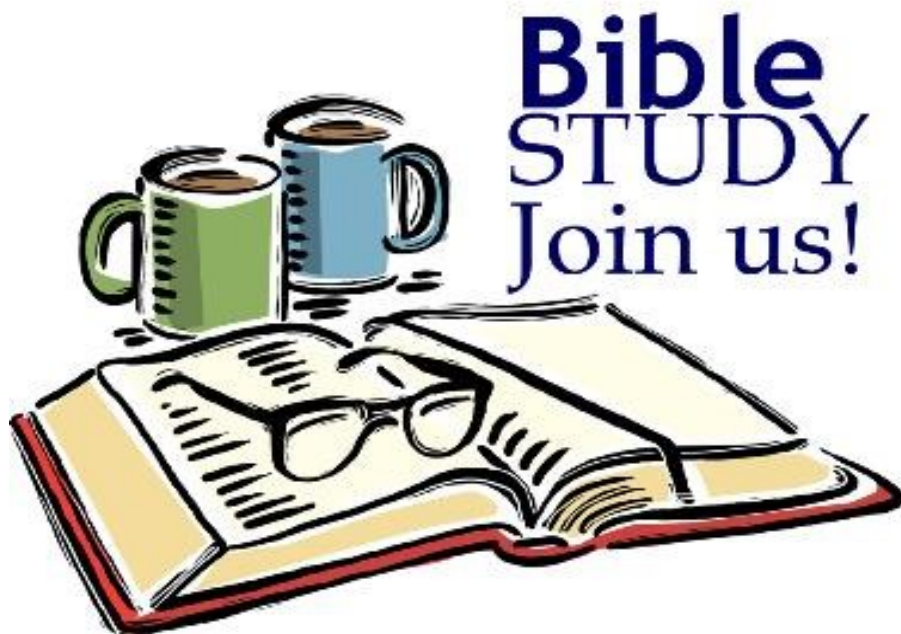
Both Pastor Erik and Rita Grimes, council secretary, were previously introduced to this process. The goal is to have 8-12 people trained to go to current members, newcomers, and willing inquirers/visitors and have a friendly conversation together for about 20 to 40 minutes, at a mutually agreed time and place.

The goals of this activity are simply to have a better understanding about who we are, what our hopes are for our life together at Springfield, where we came from to be here, and so on. It is NOT a recruitment tool to fill council positions or a "gripe session"; so be at peace. Often we don't have time on Sundays (or even at coffee between services) to get to know one another properly. This process helps us in that regard, even a little bit!

We hope to have these conversations take place in the fall; training with members interested in learning this easy, friendly interview technique be prepared as interviewers will occur in the months to come. Look forward to more news about this as the year progresses!

Linda Loomis
President
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Save the Date: God's Work. Our Hands.

We recently got word that the 2016 "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday will be held September 11. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday activities offer an opportunity for us to explore, together, one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Last year our Emerald Cluster of ELCA churches gathered together to host a free community breakfast, give free knit hats, school backpacks, quilts, food pantry collection drives, wild fire Fire Fighters' wish lists, and more. If you'd like to get involved in planning for 2016, contact Linda Loomis or the Church Office.

Monday Night Bible Study

By Pastor Erik—In the weeks of Sundays after Easter many of our lessons are from the Revelation/Apocalypse according to St. John. So what is Revelation about, and how does a Lutheran approach to this fascinating last book in the New Testament give us valuable clues to what it may mean? Starting Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m., come join our merry group study! We will be using as a guide Eric D. Baretto's book about Revelation; here is a "teaser" for you:

"Revelation is a rich book of the Bible to study. God is profoundly concerned with the plight of the world, and faithful even amid the ordeals, tribulations, and plagues of the present and future. God is also exalted in the highest heavens, and brings about a renewed creation. In the end, the promise that Jesus will return is reason for hope, anticipation, and expectation."

This eight-session course explores selected passages from Revelation.

Sessions include:

1. Revealing Revelation (Revelation 1:1-20)
2. Life and Faith in Pergamum and Laodicea (Revelation 2:12-17, 3:14-22)
3. Visions of God and the Lamb (Revelation 4:1-6a, 5:1-10)
4. Destruction and Protection (Revelation 6:15-7:17)
5. The Great "Battle"(Revelation 12:1-17)
6. The Fall of a Great and Powerful Empire (Revelation 18:1-24)
7. Our New Home is Here But Not Here (Revelation 21:1-8)
8. Jesus Is Coming, Soon (Revelation 22:8-21)

Of course, we will also use additional resources available to us, so come with expectation and your own insights. Find answers to enlighten yourself and others, biblical approaches for this book and others like it. Together we will grow in faith and understanding about Revelation!



Easter Communion

Pure fasted faces draw unto
this feast:

God comes all sweetness to
your Lenten lips.

You striped in secret with
breath-taking whips,

Those crooked rough-scored
chequers may be pieced

To crosses meant for Jesu's;
you whom the East

With draught of thin and pur-
suant cold so nips

Breathe Easter now; you
serged fellowships,

You vigil-keepers with low
flames decreased,

God shall o'er-brim the
measures you have spent

With oil of gladness, for
sackcloth and frieze

And the ever-fretting shirt of
punishment

Give myrrhy-threaded golden
folds of ease.

Your scarce-sheathed bones
are weary of being bent:

Lo, God shall strengthen all
the feeble knees.

Gerard Manley Hopkins
(1844–1889)



Operation Christ- mas Child News

Thanks to your generosity,
Samaritan's Purse delivered
to **over 11 million** boys and
girls in **109 countries** this
year. Great job everyone on
our shoebox gift drive!

Shhh...

Many of us may have heard (or said) these phrases: "Silence in the studio!" - "The dinner table is a place for eating, not talking!" - "Children should be seen, not heard!" As such, the idea behind silence can be one of command, or threat, with some sense of consequence--usually unpleasant--implicitly obvious or understandable with some further explanation.

And, on the one hand, we do live in a world of noise, and sometimes we get a "sensory overload" of a continual bombardment of sound(s). On the other hand, a lot of folks have the TV or radio or earplugs on to, paradoxically, replace the ongoing assault of sound with some noise of their own choosing. So in some way or another, sound "rules the roost", as it were; in fact, as I have mentioned before, where I live a rooster or two rule the early morning quiet, quite without my permission! I have gotten used to the occasional train passing by, though, and hardly notice it coming by not 100+ yards away.

The value of silence in the church can be seen as one alternative to either the awful commands to keep quiet, or the onslaught of sound that is both of our choosing, and what goes on around us where we have no choice in the matter. It is always fascinating to me to see how silence at worship is received, and practiced. For example, during Lent (and Advent) we purposely practice silence as a part of our Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness. So how much time do we spend in quiet reflection about our broken nature, our sins and shortcomings to offer to God for the absolution from God's grace, the word of Forgiveness that I gladly announce to you at worship? Some folks, happily, asked for MORE time of silence this past season of Lent because you told me you were "*just getting started*" with the silence during Confession. I say GREAT! The evening mid-week services during Lent (and now) highlight the use of silence at worship, both before and during the time we are worshipping. Some recent studies indicate that we 21st century citizens have an attention span of about eight(!) seconds. Actively paying attention to a task has been whittled away to eight seconds--practicing silence at worship, then, also puts us into a "zone" of self-examination, and that feels uncomfortable, at the least. Because what do we "do" with that interior "noise"? Our Lord Jesus tried to practice and model a way of silence to enhance his connection/relationship with the Father. Often it didn't quite work out that way as he wanted, but he persisted anyway. Monastic communities throughout the centuries have become adept at silence, too. Martin Luther is said to have practiced prayer, which included silence, for TWO HOURS as necessity *before he even started his "regular" daily activities*.

So here's a word for silence: PLEASE practice silence when asked to do so at worship, not because we *have* to, but because we *get* to offer a valuable alternative to the clammering commotion of our world, both in our interior minds and hearts and from the exterior busy-ness surrounding us. If you see someone at worship in silence, for their sake and yours, leave them be. Sit quietly near them if you like; refrain from bustling with coats and bags and whatever, or even trying to say "hello". It can wait. Instead, why not be quiet yourself, or listen to our beautiful preludes and offertories given by the musicians. If you have something to say, consider keeping it to yourself until a later time. Certainly, be gregarious before worship, and by all means at the sharing of the peace—I'm not asking for a return to grumpiness at church, by any stretch! But let's show some careful attention to the value of silence, and let the quiet be respectful of the place we are at—God's "house"—and those who come for something of an oasis, if you will, from the way-too-noisy lives we lead.—quietly yours, Pastor Erik

Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed	8-12 Noon LCC - Gym	8-12 Noon LCC - Gym	8-12 Noon LCC - Gym	8-12 Noon LCC - Gym	12:30 AA
9:30 am Fellowship	8-12 Noon LCC - Gym	9:00 LWR Quilting	9:00 SLSS Quilting	9:30 HS Cooking	12 noon AA	
10:00 am Worship with Communion	12 noon AA	9:00 Tai Chi	9:30 HS Cooking	12 noon AA	12:30 Nar-Anon	
	6:30 pm Bible Study	12 noon AA	12 noon AA			
		5:30 NA	12:30 Nar Anon			
			2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga			
			3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga			
			5:30 AA			
			6:45 Mid-Wk Worship			

APRIL 2016

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3 Easter 2 Quilt Explosion!	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Easter 3	11 1:00 SLCW @ Lovdokkens'	12	13	14	15	16
17 Easter 4 11:05 Council	18	19	20	21 1:30 Fringe Benefits @ Ricksons'	22	23 9-11 Pancake Break- fast
24 Easter 5 Quilt Sunday	25	26 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall BBQ	27	28 7:00 MCCB—Location TBA	29 Synod Assembly	30 Synod Assembly

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—

- **Quilt Explosion!**—Sunday, **April 3**. Come check out the work of the SLC Sewing Sisters. The Sanctuary looks like Michelle Marroquin's sewing room! There are pictures on the website. Great Job Girls!!!
- **Monday Night Bible Study**—It begins again **April 4** at 6:30 pm. The study will be on the book of Revelation.
- **Eugene Mission Work Day**—Saturday, **April 9**, from 9-1.
- **Women's Circle**—The SLCW next meets at the Lovdokkens' home on **April 11**, beginning at 1:30 pm. Contact Miriam Jones with questions.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Next meets **April 21** at the Ricksons'.
- **Pancake Breakfast**—The next Free Community Breakfast will be held Saturday, **April 23**, from 9-11 am. Sign up sheets will be on the Narthex Table. Susan Squire is the main contact for this event.
- **The Wise Guys** are back...scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 over at the Hole in the Wall BBQ joint at 1:15 pm
- **The MCCB's** meeting on April 28 at 7 pm. Speak to Pastor Erik about the location.
- **LWR Quilt Sunday**—Sunday, **April 24**, you'll find the quilts that our LWR Quilters have made. After church, in the East Wing, they will be boxed and readied for shipping. This event is the semi-annual collection of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief.
- **LWR In-Gathering**—Our local collection will take place on Saturday, **April 30**, at Emmaus. We need to pay for shipping of the items; so, even if you can't sew, you can pray, or you can make a financial contribution to the SLCW and they will take care of this for this event.
- **Yoga**—any senior who is capable of freely getting up from and down to the floor is welcome to attend this free class. A yoga mat is required for safety and stability. Bring a water bottle and a small blanket. The class is scheduled in the gym at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays (prior to the 3:30 chair class).
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.
- **Book Group**—For the current book, we have The Quilter's Apprentice by Jennifer Chiaverini. The date is Thursday, **April 7**, and the meeting place will be Torero's in Thurston at 11:30 am. Contact Darlene Wood for details. She can be reached at darlenewood1.dw@gmail.com.

Desperately Seeking...

- **One lay male representative** to attend Synod Assembly at the Valley River Inn in Eugene (near the Valley River Mall) on **April 29** (starting at noon-ish), **April 30** (all day), and a morning session on Sunday, **May 1**. Meals will be provided. As it's local, there's no need to travel far or to stay at the hotel. This has already been paid for by the church, so there is no out of pocket expenses for you and you can deduct your mileage on your taxes if you do that sort of thing. You just need to let Pastor or Michelle G. know you are interested. Thank you.
- A **Librarian**...even if you aren't one by trade, we do need someone to take care of our "vast" library...this could even be a team of two or three. Please contact the church office.
- **Altar Guild Request for Help**—The Altar Guild would appreciate some assistance from the 8:30 congregation on Sunday mornings. This would involve setting up for communion before the service. Please contact Donna Gieseke for more information.
- **Wanted: Sunday Counters**—if you can count, contact Linda Loomis. What is needed is two people who are willing to count one Sunday each month and two people who are willing to be substitutes.

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For April, we've cleaned the Lent supplies away. A new month, a new season, Here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- Annual Giving Statements—Those that can't be mailed can now be found on the table in the Narthex along with any old items that should have been picked up by you previously. *Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it...not necessarily another giving statement, but something that needed to be passed on to you.*
- Grocery List—What? Well, it's a list of items that are good for Food Pantries. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Take one if you feel you need ideas.
- 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.
- A flyer about Easter—If you'd like more information, feel free to grab one and take it with you.
- Signup Sheets—For the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 23.
- 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.

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