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Post Scripts

The old saying, "April showers bring May flowers", was (and is) certainly true for many years, in many places. Yet, in western Oregon, it may be more accurate to say "April showers bring--May showers...." The idea behind such a saying is one of predictability, and continuity, even if it's "more or less" than accurate (especially in a drought year like last year was).

The same can be said of many claims within the history of the church, too. For several weeks now, following Easter Sunday, we have been saying "Alleluia! He is Risen!" "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Being able to say such things about Jesus relies on what was first proclaimed about him, and for thousands of years believers all around the world have echoed that claim. There is a predictability, a continuity with saying such things. Good!

With Jesus' resurrection (and remembering his Ascension, May 5) we certainly are talking about matters more important than weather reports, whether showers occur in April or May or whenever. We are announcing a claim about a truth concerning God and you and me and all creation. Not much room for "more or less accurate", right? Take a moment and let that "sink in" to your heart. The Apostle Paul said that if Christ weren't raised from the dead, we would of all people be most to be pitied.

Yet believers are to have the courage to announce Jesus' continuing presence, especially when it's not easy to do so. The way we observe time in the church, for example, makes it easier for us to worshipfully announce the resurrection during the season of Sundays after Easter. Great! We do that very well. Now into the "rest of the year" we are to become what many have called "Easter People": those whose lives show a day-to-day announcement that Jesus lives and makes a difference in who I am, who we are...

A statement attributed to St. Francis may help here: "Preach the Gospel; if necessary, use words." Whether he actually said that is up for grabs, but it certainly is in continuity with, and predictably accurate about, the kind of thing he would say. Within our lives --right now-- we have the opportunity to live the Easter claim about the Risen, Ascended Lord Jesus. The ongoing gift of the Holy Spirit brings about the power and compassion of God in our lives in ways we couldn't imagine on our own. Let that "sink in," too.

May we, my fellow "Easter People," continue to find ways of being living, breathing, vital expressions of the Risen Lord Jesus. Ask yourself: what would that look like in my life? In our lives together at SLC? Please ask me about that, too, if you like, and let's be open to some rich and powerful answers that will come our way.

Peace. Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"The Holy Spirit is as much agitator as advocate, as much provocateur as comforter."

—Rev. David Lose, Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia

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Dorothy Carlson & Jordi Siffler

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Meet & Greet Dorothy Carlson

By Erik Post—So, there's not ever enough room for great detail in these "meet and greet" articles, and the same goes for Dorothy. Yes, in her 88 years, she has been a lifelong Lutheran, involved at SLC since 1952, and active in many ways of church life after being "recruited" by Pastor Odegard. Teaching Sunday school, choir participation, and quilting are important parts of her church "list". She has been a part of council and women's organizations, a trusted confidant and source of wisdom for years. We know those things about Dorothy, and it is a blessing that goes in many good directions. Yet did you also know these things about her:

*as a young woman (she admits to being a "tomboy") she played on a women's softball team (a Fargo/Moorehead team apparently sponsored by—gasp!—Hamm's beer...almost scandalous for Lutheran/Norwegian piety). The team played in the national championship tournament but was ousted by a another team. She continues to be interested in U of O women's softball—and is a big Duck fan of most of their sports.

*her mother was quite a seamstress, made clothes for her and sister Norene, and was a very good cook, too, but didn't let the girls much into the kitchen. Nonetheless Dorothy gained proficiency in her favorite cuisine: Scandanavian (surprise!), including lutefisk, pickled herring and pickled pigs feet; I can attest to her proficiency especially with lefse...At home she chopped wood for the stove and furnace; she speaks highly of her father who was continually busy making improvements in their home, especially on Bailey Hill Road, noting how he even made a basement there "one wheel-barrel load at a time".

*Dorothy and husband George traveled through many parts of Oregon, United States, and much of the world: most European countries, Russia, China, Japan (for some years) and other parts of Asia, New Zealand, and Australia. She visited both Norwegian and Swedish relatives, too.

* Favorite book: Heidi; favorite book of the Bible: Ruth; favorite movie: The Sound of Music (favorite Lutheran Easter hymn, "Lift High the Cross", but you knew that). Best present ever: a bicycle that she shared with Norene. She always had dogs at home growing up (no "indoor" ones, they always stayed outside).

Sunday, April 24, she was recognized by the congregation for her close connection and participation in the quilting ministry of SLC. Her leadership in this effort is remarkable, and she modestly claims she has always been more of a "utilitarian quilter than an artistic one". Yet there is a genuine, often whimsical, and simple quality of beauty in those quilts coming through clearly in one of the "warmest" Sundays of the year, thanks to the care of the Tuesday morning "Quiltville" quilters and our honored and well-respected church member, Dorothy Carlson.

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

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Baltimore, MD 21230

The Ascension of Jesus Christ

Edited by Pastor Erik Post—The Ascension of Jesus Christ (celebrated May 5) into heaven is recorded in Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:36-53, Acts 1:6-12, and 1 Timothy 3:16. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus called his 11 apostles together on the Mount of Olives, outside Jerusalem...Then Jesus was taken up, and a cloud hid him from their sight. As the disciples were watching him ascend, two angels dressed in white robes stood beside them and asked why they were looking into the sky. The angels said:

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11, NIV)

At that, the disciples walked back to Jerusalem to the upstairs room where they had been staying and held a prayer meeting. Points of Interest from the Ascension of Jesus Bible Story:

- In the Bible, a cloud is often the expression of God's power and glory, as in the book of Exodus, when a pillar of cloud guided the Jews in the desert.
- Earlier, Jesus had told the disciples that after he ascended, the Holy Spirit would come down upon them with power. At Pentecost, they received the Holy Spirit like tongues of fire. Today, every born-again believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who gives wisdom and power to live the Christian life.
- The command of Jesus to his followers was to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. The gospel first spread to the Jews, the Samaritans, then to the Gentiles. Christians have a responsibility to spread the good news about Jesus to all who have not heard.
- The ascension of Jesus is one of the accepted doctrines of Christianity. The Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and Athanasian Creed all confess that Christ ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father.

About.com was the source. Check the website for more information.

Giving Opportunities

By Michelle Guillory—Last month was Volunteer appreciation week and Secretaries (Administrative Professional's) Day...call a duck a duck, I'm a Secretary, thank you very much. Anyhoo...It got me thinking about another giving opportunity...Giving thanks.

One year, for Lent, I was challenged to give up complaining and to take on giving thanks...trust me, it's not as easy as it sounds. I had gotten into the habit of complaining about everything and didn't even notice how negative I sounded. This was tricky...just HOW do you honestly give thanks for having to pick up yet another pile of dog poo that is on your lawn and not gifted by your own dogs? (BTW, you can tell based on size and I was thankful there was only the one pile that day.) Or how do you honestly give thanks for your spouse leaving you a car with no gas and no warning that you had an extra stop the next morning? (I pointed out to him that he was making it difficult for me to continue my challenge and that I would appreciate warning in advance...and I was thankful that I had a car, money enough to get gas when I needed it, and that there was no line that morning at the gas station.)

I could go on, but I think you get the idea. It was hard to be honest that Lent and follow through on the challenge I had accepted, there were many times I wanted to cheat...but I stuck to it to see what would happen. It was an enlightening Lent. Now, don't get me wrong, I wasn't always successful and I really had to get creative sometimes, but I think I came out of it a better person for having tried. I still complain (ask Erik!), but I have a tendency now to think of something positive in most situations (it doesn't always work.) I would like to challenge you (not just for 40 days) to try and give thanks more often...when you have a complaint, look for something to be thankful for instead and see what happens. Come on, I dare you! Give Thanks.



Pentecost History

Edited by Pastor Erik Post—Shavuot - Feast of Weeks, Hebrew Origins:

Pentecost or Shavuot has many names in the Bible (the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, and the Latter Firstfruits). Celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover (this year, it's May 15), Shavuot is traditionally a joyous time of giving thanks and presenting offerings for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest in Israel.

The name "Feast of Weeks" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16, to count seven full weeks (or 49 days) beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord as a lasting ordinance.

Shavuot was originally a festival for expressing thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of the harvest. And because it occurred at the conclusion of the Passover, it acquired the name "Latter Firstfruits." The celebration is also tied to the giving of the Ten Commandments and thus bears the name *Matin Torah* or "giving of the Law." Jews believe that it was exactly at this time that God gave the Torah to the people through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Throughout Jewish history, it has been customary to engage in all-night study of the Torah on the first evening of Shavuot. Children were encouraged to memorize Scripture and rewarded with treats. The book of Ruth was traditionally read during Shavuot. Today, however, many of the customs have been left behind and their significance lost. The public holiday has become more of a culinary festival of dairy dishes. Traditional Jews still light candles and recite blessings, adorn their homes and synagogues with greenery, eat dairy foods, study the Torah, read the book of Ruth and attend Shavuot services.

Festival of Pentecost, Christian Origins:

In Acts 1, just before the resurrected Jesus is taken up into heaven, he tells the disciples about the Father's promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which will soon be given to them in the form of a powerful baptism. He tells them to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which will empower them to go out into the world and be his witnesses.

A few days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the disciples are all together when the sound of a mighty wind comes down from heaven, with tongues of fire resting on them. In Acts 2, we read that "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." The crowds observed this event and heard them speaking in different languages. They were amazed and thought the disciples were drunk on wine. Then Peter got up and preached the Good News of the kingdom and 3000 people accepted the message of Christ! That same day they were baptized and added to the family of God.

The book of Acts continues to record the miraculous outpouring of the Holy Spirit that began on Pentecost... -- About.com was the source. Check the website for more information.

Camp Lutherwood Now Hiring:

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

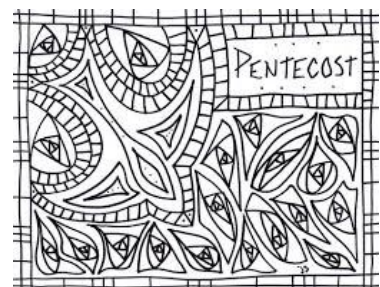
Camp Lutherwood Events:

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 **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:
Open

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

The council met on April 17th. Pastor Erik started with a prayer. Minutes were not read as our secretary, Rita Grimes, was not there. Susan Squire took minutes for this meeting.

The Vice President position is open. Bill Maack will still be the Budget Committee chair. At this time we are looking for a new Vice President. Contact the church office if you are willing to serve as Vice President. This position requires one meeting per month and a few hours here and there.

The Financial Secretary, Liz Hurley, reported that Ruth Scmunk and Sandra McCall have stepped up as new Sunday counters. Thank you to both of them. We still need one more regular counter and a couple of substitutes. Thank you to Dean McAllister for all his years of service.

The Treasurer, Gail Rogers, reported that because of you, our wonderful members, who are giving to our church we are up to date on everything and she is having no sleepless nights. Keep up the good work!

Pastor reported Easter Sunday was well attended and his thanks for all who attended the Lent and Holy Week services. He will be meeting with the Trust committee to go over our new Leave a Legacy fund. He is working on our new wedding policy for the church. He will be bringing it for council approval at a future meeting.

The Property/Maintenance chair, Ray Miller, was not in attendance. Pastor reported for them and noted that they are looking to replace the windows in the hallway. They have selected John from McKenzie/Taylor Construction for this project. They also plan to fix the light outside in the parking lot and get a motion light in the front of the church.

Social Concerns/Outreach, Susan Squire reported that April 23, 2016, will be a free community pancake breakfast. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Worship (a.k.a., the Pastor) reported that he will ask volunteers to help pick hymns. If you are interested contact the church office.

The Hospitality chair, Alicia Fisher, reported that they are planning a soup supper once a month starting in September. They have asked for a total what is in their fund, as they want to do different projects around the church.

The President stated that there will be a catered luncheon honoring Pastor Erik on his 30th Ordination Anniversary. This will be held Sunday, November 20, after the 10:00 am service.

No old business was discussed.

New business discussed included sending out a thank you card to Robin Fisher for his work at church. Also brought up was the idea of turning the unused room near the church office into a chapel. More discussion on that will happen later.

Have a great May.

Linda Loomis
President
541-746-0869



Desperately Seeking...

- 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.
- **Sunday Counters**—if you can count, contact the church office. We still need one person who is willing to count one Sunday each month and two people who are willing to be substitutes.

Definition of the Trinity

By Mary Fairchild, About.com (October 05, 2015).

The word "Trinity" comes from the Latin noun "trinitas" meaning "three are one." It was first introduced by Tertullian at the end of the 2nd century but received wide acceptance in the 4th and 5th centuries. The Trinity expresses the belief that God is one being made up of three distinct persons who exist in co-equal essence and co-eternal communion as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The doctrine or concept of the Trinity is central to most Christian denominations and faith groups, although not all.

All through the Bible, God is presented as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is not three gods, but three persons in the one and only God.

Tyndale Bible Dictionary states: "The Scriptures present the Father as the source of creation, the giver of life, and God of all the universe. The Son is depicted as the image of the invisible God, the exact representation of his being and nature, and the Messiah-Redeemer. The Spirit is God in action, God reaching people—influencing them, regenerating them, infilling them, and guiding them. All three are a tri-unity, inhabiting one another and working together to accomplish the divine design in the universe."

Here are some key verses expressing the concept of the Trinity:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...(Matthew 28:19, ESV)

[Jesus said,] "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me." (John 15:26, ESV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV)

The nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can be seen clearly at these two major events in the Gospels:

The Baptism of Jesus - Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized. As Jesus rose up out of the water, heaven opened, and the Spirit of God, like a dove, descended upon him. Witnesses to the baptism heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." The Father clearly announced Jesus' identity, and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, empowering him to begin his ministry.

The Transfiguration of Jesus - Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain to pray, but the three disciples fell asleep. When they awoke, they were astonished to see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah. Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun, and his clothing dazzled. Then a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." At the time, the disciples did not fully understand the event, but today readers of the Bible can clearly see God the Father directly and powerfully linked to Jesus in this account.



Trinity Sunday is celebrated May 22 this year.

Busy April

April was one crazy, glorious, eventful month. And that's with Easter happening in March! Here is some of what happened around SLC during the month of April:

- **Quilt Explosion**—Our newest group of quilters, the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters, displayed a variety of quilts that they give away.
- **Pancake Breakfast**— Every so often, we have a free breakfast for the community and April 23 was our latest venture and it was successful and tasty. Check back from time to time as our Calendar will list the next event.
- **LWR Quilt Sunday**—Our LWR Quilters have been faithfully making quilts to send around the world through Lutheran World Relief for decades. Twice a year (spring and fall) they display the quilts for blessings before a shipment.

Anyone is welcome to join any of these events (and more). Participation comes in a variety of ways ranging from prayer and companionship, to paying for supplies, to tying quilts, to sewing, cutting, ironing, there's picking out material, etc. That's mostly just the quilting! For the free pancake breakfast and a lot of our other events, we have signup sheets to guide you in participation, although just showing up is good too.



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			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 6 Synod Assembly	2	3 <i>NO Tai Chi</i>	4	5	6	7
8 Easter 7 Mothers' Day	9 1:00 SLCW @ Miriam Jones'	10	11	12	13	14
15 Pentecost 11:05 Council	16	17	18	19 1:30 Fringe Benefits @ Ricksons'	20	21
22 Trinity Sunday	23	24	25	26 7:00 MCCB—Location TBA	27	28
29 Pentecost 2	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 1:15 Wise Guys @ Hole in the Wall BBQ				

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—

- **Baptism—May 1**, Pastor Erik will be baptizing **Makenna Rose Lamb**, daughter of Erik and Melissa Lamb, granddaughter of Erika Lamb.
- **Tai Chi**—There will be **NO** Tai Chi on **May 03**, and **June 07**. Other than these dates, all is as normal.
- **Monday Night Bible Study**—Continues the study on Revelation.
- **Women's Circle**—The SLCW next meets at Miriam Jones' home on **May 9**, beginning at 1:00 pm.
- **Camp Lutherwood Spring Work Days—May 14, and June 4**. Go join other volunteers to help the Lutherwood Staff get ready for the summer camping season.
- **Jonathan Rundman in Concert**—Saturday, **May 14**, 7 pm at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Eugene. Jonathan is a singer/songwriter who was the youth director there in the early-mid 90's. They anticipate an inspiring performance that they would like to share with the community. This will be a free event with a freewill offering to be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul First Place program. Folks could also bring food donations to go to Food for Lane County and FISH. All are welcome to attend.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Next meets **May 19** at the Ricksons'.
- **The Wise Guys** are back...scheduled for Tuesday, **May 31** over at the Hole in the Wall BBQ joint at 1:15 pm
- **The MCCB's** meeting on **May 26** at 7 pm. Speak to Pastor Erik about the location.
- **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).
- **Book Group**—The next selection is Stories From the Game of Life (2000) or My Seasons, A Literary Celebration (2007) by Bob Welch. These are essentially the same book, just different editions, feel free to read either. The date is **May 25**, (Wed) at 11:30, over at Ta Ra Rin on Mohawk. Darlene Wood is your contact for this group. All are welcome.
- **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.

Leave a Legacy

During the past couple of years, a number of our members have expressed the desire to have a way to "keep the doors open" for Springfield Lutheran Church. By that, they mean a way to contribute to an endowment, or fund, that is not limited to benevolence (like our fine Trust Fund), but can be readily accessed for use in ministry needs as varied as building maintenance or repair, staff support, and music ministry (to name a few requests that have been named).

Good news: in meetings last year, and at our recent annual meeting, our church council has explored the possibility of making such a giving opportunity available: a "Leave a Legacy Fund." Simply put, individuals may choose to give now (or leave bequest from their estate) to help with this endeavor. Rest assured, this is NOT a replacement for the current Trust Fund, but rather a parallel option to help continue ministry objectives into the future. A recent example: a few years ago we needed a new roof, and could have accessed from a "Legacy" Fund, rather than the awkward use of the Trust Fund (as we did use) to help pay for the project. Note: the money borrowed from the Trust Fund was entirely repaid in a quick manner.

What matters here is that an alternative fund, designated to help with ongoing needs and objectives, openly and carefully administered by council, can help steer Springfield Lutheran into the future without having to (a) access the Trust Fund, or (b) solely depend upon donations to get things done, be they potentially large projects (e.g., facility care) or ongoing ministry necessities. This is "pro-active" thinking! We already have some "seed" funds available to get things going. More information will be available about how we all can help "Leave a Legacy" of assured ministry, touching people's lives from Springfield Lutheran, for God's grace and glory.

The Narthex Table

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

- 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.
- Shopping List—Another one? This one's different. It's for the Wildfire Fighters and it's small things that we are hoping to gather to provide them as thank-yous for their service to our great state of Oregon and that they keep us and our homes safe.
- 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.
- 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.

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. Thank you.

Contact Us

If you need the church, the Pastor, the Secretary, prayer, comfort, or guidance; please contact us at:

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