

LIVING THE WORD

United Methodist Church of the Cross

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Church office hours

Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 4:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Traditional Worship—8:30 AM
Contemporary Worship—11:00 AM

Come join us for lunch and stay for a fun time of fellowship at the Pie Auction

SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2017



Ladies Spring Banquet

Tuesday, May 9 6:30pm

Musical Quartet

Adults: \$5.00

Child: \$2.00

For Reservation call:

Karen Cooksey at 493-8494 or

Judy Plankenhorn at 823-7954



"A New Day Dawning"

Doubtless the Spirit is always at work. Doubtless the Lord is always speaking to those "with ears," as Jesus would say. But somehow the Spirit seems a little more active, somehow my ears seem a little more receptive, somehow I seem to hear a wee bit better in the first part of the day. On those days when I am sharp enough to remember what truly is best for me I make a wise investment by taking the time to sit and listen. Rarely, in so-doing, am I ever disappointed. This investment of my most precious commodity (time) always pays handsome dividends.

This morning was no exception. As I took a moment to sit and be still the Eternal Spirit visited in the form of Matt Redman's "10,000 Reasons" opening verse and second refrain, which say:

"The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul, worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before

Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name."

In hearing these words I am reminded of the Easter message—the message of Light and Life overcoming death and darkness; of faith and hope overcoming sin and separation.

This message of the Resurrection of Christ, while always significant, life-altering-and-life-affirming, is even more-so now as this community begins a new chapter in its life with the departure this month of our gifted and well-loved worship director, Dru Davis.

What we need to be mindful of is the way Dru showed COC how to do just what Redman speaks of; how to bless the Lord with it's very soul. Dru's season has shown COC how much it is capable of; has demonstrated the depth of the praise and worship potential within COC's DNA.

Matt Redman's words remind us that there *is* a new day dawning a day when we need to remain focused on singing God's songs. That whatever may pass, and whatever lies before us the vital thing is that we be found singing God's songs when the evening comes.

In this time of transition, rest assured that church leadership has a handle on things. We have begun identifying our short-term and long-term goals and are realizing that just as Redman sings in another part of this song, there are "ten thousand reasons for our hearts to sing"!

As this new day dawns we are confident that both, now and "when the evening comes," we are going to be found singing and worshiping God's Holy Name like never before! In this time of transition let's all make this song's slightly modified refrain our communal prayer:

"Bless the Lord oh our souls
Oh our souls
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh our souls
We'll worship Your Holy name."

In the Name of Our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus!

Pastor Loren



Save the Date for 2017!**June 12th -16th****9:00AM– Noon****Let's Try Something New**

This year the Children's Ministry Team has decided to try something new. Instead of doing a traditional VBS. We are planning a **Mega Sports Camp**. The hope is to reach some kids that love Sports, but haven't been exposed to the love of the Ultimate Coach, God.

If you are interested in helping by being a Coach, Cheer leader, water boy/girl, run a concessions stand or be a Fan. Please Contact Marti for more information.

July 9-15th**Milwaukee, Wisconsin Youth Mission Trip!!!****Facility Needs Assessment**

A Facility Assessment Team has identified some facility maintenance and improvement needs for our church. Phase 1 for \$100,000 has been approved by the Administrative Board. Additional phases will be determined with a long-term plan laid out before the end of the year. Upon raising the funds, Phase 1 will be completed in 2017. Pledge cards have been mailed; additional cards are available in the Welcome Center.

Items included in Phase 1 are:

FACILITIES PROJECTS**PHASE 1**

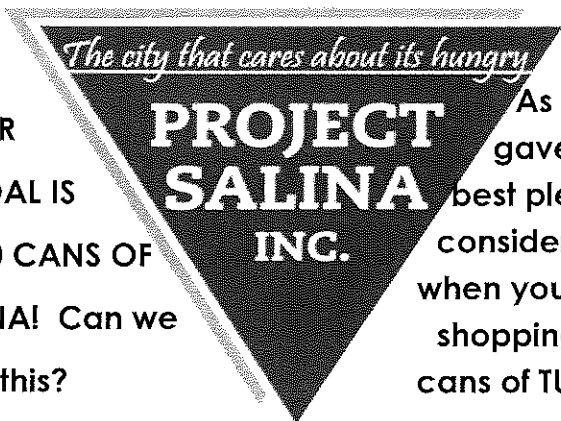
Project	Cost
(E = Estimate; Q = Quote Received; C = Project Completed)	
Water Fountain Replacement (C)	\$ 1,100
Kitchen Faucet (C)	150
Replace Gym Doors (C)	3,250
Architect Proposal-Phase 1- Site Plans (C)	2,000
Sound System (Q)	31,000
Architect Proposal-Phase 2-Priority Phase (Q)	8,000
Intercom Phones to Classrooms (Phones = \$600(Q) + Wiring =\$1000 (E))	1,600
Signage-South (Q)	25,000
Sound System – Hearing Impaired Feature (Q)	9,000
Server Replacement (Q)	5,400
Software Replacement (E)	5,000
Separate Parsonage Water Line (Q)	4,500
Total Projects	96,000
Contingency	4,000
PHASE 1 TOTAL	\$ 100,000

For additional information, meetings will be held between worship services on April 30 and May 7 or on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm.

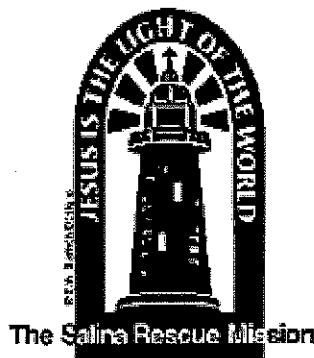
Project Salina

We are collecting TUNA.

OUR GOAL IS 550 CANS OF TUNA! Can we do this?



As God gave HIS best please consider this when you are shopping for cans of TUNA.



Steve & Bonnie Kmetz's Open House Retirement Farewell

Salina Rescue Mission
1716 Summers Rd, Salina
Friday, May 12th
1pm - 4pm

The Salina Rescue Mission would like to invite the community to stop by to wish Steve & Bonnie Kmetz a "Happy Retirement" on **Friday, May 12 from 1pm - 4pm.**

Steve began working at the Mission as the Executive Director on November 8, 1994. They have seen many changes in the past 22 1/2 years.

Please share a memory and wish them well as we celebrate their retirement!

We look forward to seeing you!



Red Cross Blood Drive


May 2, 2017

On May 2 will be our next Blood Drive. Everyday, the Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 pints of blood for patients. In March, we provided potentially life saving 15 units of blood. Your donation can help ensure blood is readily available for patient emergencies. Those who donate at this drive will have a chance to win one of three, \$1,000 shopping sprees at GiftCertificates.com. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Pat Mills are 785-819-4454, pmills2222@cox.net with questions.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS - Financial Summary

March 31, 2017

	2017			2016
	March	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prior YTD
Income				
Giving	\$ 20,818	\$ 75,784	\$ 80,000	\$ 75,217
Angel Academy Income	12,765	43,950	46,225	37,701
Other Income (Expense)	705	2,328	2,150	2,585
Total Income	34,288	122,062	128,375	115,503
Expenditures				
Ministerial & Staff	16,953	52,367	56,560	52,226
Operating & Education	2,069	5,427	7,486	4,021
Buildings & Grounds	6,117	15,188	14,200	15,378
Conference Missions & Ministry	2,078	7,933	8,375	3,677
Angel Academy Expense	12,765	43,950	51,000	37,702
Unbudgeted Expenses	-	-	63	-
Total Expenditures	39,982	124,865	137,684	113,004
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures & Transfers	\$ (5,694)	\$ (2,803)	\$ (9,309)	\$ 2,499
Unpaid Bills		<u>\$ -</u>		
Cash & Investments Balances:				
General Fund		\$ 25,799		
Restricted/Designated Funds		\$ 177,382		
Memorial Funds		\$ 8,444		
Trustee Building Fund		\$ 28,403		
Total Cash & Investments		<u>\$ 240,028</u>		



Grateful Grillin' Fires Back Up

Ready for the warm weather? Grateful Grillin' is back for the summer, beginning May 3. On the First and Third Wednesday through July, we will fire up the grill at 5:30 in our Shelter House. Bring your own entrée to grill to your own specifications, table service, and a side dish to share!

Drinks will be provided. Enjoy some midweek Fellowship around the grill!

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Family of Pamela Swindler

Lee Rutz

Johnny

Family of Annetta Lamb Schaub

Heather Gilbert

Kay Charles

Ila Siemers

Pam Hudson

Friends & Family of Zella Kane

Gene Wilson

Hunter Burns

Montana

For all who are mourning the loss of
someone they loved

Students & Teachers to finish the
school year strong

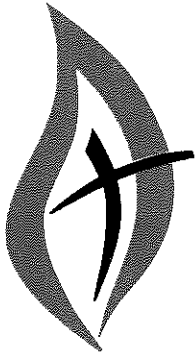


PRAYER VIGIL

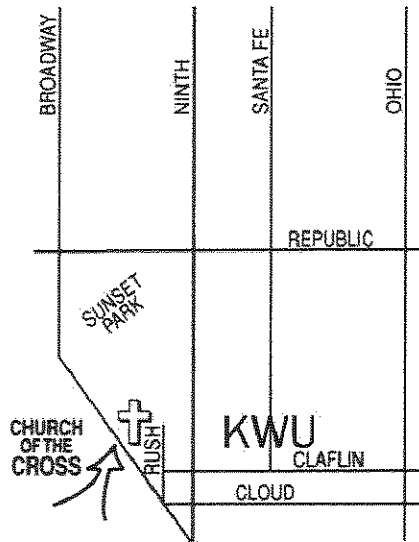
Friday, May 12 @ 5pm
Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 5pm

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

MAY 2017



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