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Dear Friends,

For those of you who follow such matters you may remember that last month in this space the lessons for the services in February were listed. Both the gospel lessons for Matthew and the second readings from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians followed a sequential pattern that finished with a verse from a chapter and then, on the following Sunday, picked up right after the last one left off. That's not going to happen in March.

The gospel lessons for March 2 and for March 9 are both from Matthew but they come very different places in the Gospel and are relating different events. On March 2 we will listen to Matthew's account of Jesus' transfiguration on the mount while on March 9 we have Matthew's account of Jesus' temptation after he was baptized by John the Baptist. The last three weeks in March we will be reading various lessons from the Gospel of John. Not much sequencing there and none at all to found in the other lessons. Instead, the intent of the lessons will be to help us become engaged in the Lenten season.

The readings from John will not begin with Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. The engagement with the Lenten season is not just about the Passion. Jesus' passion was not so much about an event as it was, and continues to be, about a mission. The several lessons we will have from John introduce to us the different kinds of people for which Jesus came. Perhaps during this Lenten season, as we listen to these stories, we might learn to recognize that as Christians, "little Christs", we too have come to love. And to serve.

Peace and blessings to you,



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School is progressing through the year with the Lenten season and Easter coming soon. The children have been learning new songs and lessons weekly and are looking forward to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning. This will be held in the garden between services during the Youth Group Easter Breakfast, (weather permitting). We hope to have all the kids participate in this fun time.

If you have any children in your neighborhoods without a church home, we would love them to come to Sunday School at St. Paul's. I even have some special flyers that I made if you need one to give someone who is interested. We have been distributing them around town to businesses with bulletin boards.

I am also going to need additional helpers this coming Fall as some of my teachers will be retiring after several years of service to our Sunday School. If you are interested in helping, please don't hesitate to ask me. You will have a great time! It's guaranteed! Blessings,

Renee Woslum

Sunday School Superintendent

PLEASE NOTE

The Retirement Party Committee coordinating Pastor Stan's retirement party will be meeting on March 22nd at 11:00 a. m. at the church.

Those serving on the committee are:

Cheryl and Wayne Kinder

Dorit and Otto Sandmeier

Joan Schultz

Kristine Sandmeier

Betty Thoreson

Judy and Dick Lowther

Any questions, please call Judy Lowther, 882-5683.

WELCA NEWS

WELCA had a busy February with the planning and activity that went into the Chili Cook-Off. We appreciate the support and help that everyone put into the event. There are too many to thank individually but we appreciated the people that helped set-up and decorate, obtained and donated Raffle prizes, made some terrific chili, Caroll and her group who entertained us, those who helped clean up and just make the event a fun, social gathering. I do want to mention Dick Lowther who was our Emcee for the evening. Dick is a terrific addition to any program as he has charm, wit and a great speaking voice. Thanks Dick!

In March, we will be hosting a St. Patrick's Baked Potato Bash. We will be providing baked potatoes and ask that those who come bring their favorite toppings. This will be a fun filled night. This event is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Watch for sign-up sheets that will be posted. We hope to see many of you there!

It's not too early to be thinking about WELCA's Annual Rummage Sale. This year, the sale will be held on Saturday April 26 from 8:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. So start thinking of us when you clean out your closets this spring and let us have your items to make this another Super WELCA event! More information to follow soon as we will need lots of volunteers too!

Renee Woslum & Gloria Randle

B i r t h d a y s

March

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| 2-Richard Lowther | 15-Kristin Holland |
| 3-Kim Neiman | 15-Frida Sivertsen |
| 4-Dennis Yeskie | 21-Matthew Hamilton |
| 5-Michelle Stevens | 21-Monique Hautekeet |
| 6-Sarah Jevne | 22-Ken Elverum |
| 6-Lin Nary | 24-Marilyn Maruca |
| 7-Fred Steinle | 24-Jeanne Russell |
| 9-Nicholas Gesick | 25-Emily Helsley |
| 12-William Cullen | 30-Katie Anderson |
| 12-Jazmin Grant | 31-Ken Beaton |
| 12-Herb Schmalenbach | 31-John Fischer |
| 14-Susie Anderson | 31-Don Kovisto |
| 15-Ellen Harrell | |

President's Corner Greetings Everyone!



Well, Spring is just around the corner and so is the time change. Remember to spring forward on the 9th of March or you might be late to hear and share the good news of Sunday's gospel lesson.

The next few months are going to be very busy. The budget for 2014/2015 is being worked on for an informational presentation to the congregation. The congregation will be notified per the Bylaws. We are also looking to fill three council seats that will become vacant the end of June. This will be for a three-year term.

Finally, just to let you know, the Synod has responded to our letter regarding the retirement of Pastor Stan and has indicated they will be in contact with us sometime in the next few months.

God Bless You All --- Bill



Financial Secretary's Report

(January 1, 2014 thru January 31, 2014)

Anticipated Budget expenditures for the month (5 Sundays) is \$20,170.

Income received for the month was \$16,323.

Actual Expenses for the month were \$16,084.

YTD Budget (26 weeks) is \$104,883

YTD Income received \$129,331.79

YTD Actual Expenses were \$110,507

YTD Income exceeded Expenses by 7.2%.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kinder, Co-Financial Secretary

Please take a look at the Financial Secretary's Chart posted on the wall near the church office.

HEALTH NEWS CORNER

STEP INTO Spring--Easter Shoe Program

Goal: provide financial support to pay for shoes for over 450 "children in transition" those children in need within the Carson City School District. The financial segment of the drive will be from February 1 until April 1, 2014. Every dollar counts; please place cash in the special envelopes that are on the counter in the narthex or make your check payable to "Carson City School District-SIS"

You may also donate new shoes, socks, or shoe laces. Please leave them in the basket in the front lobby. Volunteer shoppers are also needed in the first two weeks in April. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Health/Wellness bulletin board. Questions? Please contact: Betty Razor at 841-2208 or 560-3350. Thanks & God Bless!

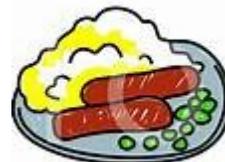
Food For Thought

Provides food for malnourished children in the community. Please place items in the baskets at church. Suggested donations are:

Individual serving, SIZES 2.05 oz.- 7 oz., shelf stable

- Easy Mac/cheese cups
- Beef Ravioli cans/cups
- Spaghetti-O's cans/cups
- Beefaroni cans/cups
- Spaghetti & meatballs cans/cups
- Fruit or vegetable cups
- Cheese/peanut butter crackers-Granola bars
- Individual cereal cups/boxes
- Ziplock bags/gallon size

L.E.E. GROUP



St. Paul's LEE Group will meet in Friendship Hall on Thursday, March 6, at 11:30 am for a potluck luncheon and program. Doug & Pat Thunder will provide the main dish of corn beef, cabbage, carrots & boiled potatoes. EVERYONE is invited ... those attending are asked to provide side dishes of veggies (*including more potatoes and/or entrees*), salads, breads, desserts, etc. Our guest speaker will be Ken Beaton who will discuss his new book, *The Bulldog Brigade*. Please join us for a St. Patty's Day celebration ... (*wearing "green" is optional!*)



Communion Assistants March

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| Mar 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Roger Moellendorf |
| Mar 9 | 8:00 a.m. | Gloria Randle |
| Mar 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Richard Lowther |
| Mar 23 | 8:00 a.m. | Renee Woslum |
| Mar 30 | 8:00 a.m. | Bill Massie |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Linda Wilson |



Youth Group Activities

By Traci Angel

Youth group meetings are held the first and third Sundays of each month. The meetings are held at the church from 5:00pm-6:45pm. On February 2nd we were going to have a special youth group meeting with all youth ages 5th grade and up. I had to change the date to March 2 due to some unforeseen family illnesses. We are inviting ALL youth grades 5th-12th to go bowling with us on MARCH 2! The meeting will take place right after 2nd service and we will be back to the church

for pickups at 3:00pm! We will have lunch, a few team building games, and then bowling!!!

Coming up....EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The youth group will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday! We will be serving from 9:00am until 10:30am! We hope that you will bring your appetites for the BEST Pancakes around!! We look forward to serving you on Easter Sunday! If you should have any questions please give Traci a call at 721-5495.

Readers for March

Mar 2 Susan Misner
 Mar 9 Linda Wilson
 Mar 16 Vicki Hamilton
 Mar 23 Richard Lowther
 Mar 30 Deanna Kojder



Family and Community Outreach

Lenten Soup Suppers and Communion Services

Wednesday evenings,
 March 12, 19, and 26;
 April 2 and 9.

These potluck soup suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall, followed by Communion Service in the sanctuary at 7:00. The suppers are true potlucks; we dine upon whatever is prepared or procured by those attending. Please bring soup, salad, crackers/bread or dessert to share. And please invite your friends and family to join us. These events are hosted by the Family and Community Outreach team, assisted by many helping hands, for which the team is truly grateful!

Counters Mar/Apr

Mar 2 8:00 a.m. Don Kovisto
 Carol Arneson
 10:30 a.m. No volunteers
 Mar 9 8:00 a.m. Don Kovisto
 Carol Arneson
 10:30 a.m. No volunteers
 Mar 16 8:00 a.m. Don Kovisto
 Carol Arneson
 10:30 a.m. No volunteers
 Mar 23 8:00 a.m. Don Kovisto
 Carol Arneson
 10:30 a.m. No volunteers
 Mar 30 8:00 a.m. Don Kovisto
 Carol Arneson
 10:30 a.m. No volunteers



Greeters for March

Mar 2 Helen Rutter
 Mar. 9 Susan Misner
 Mar 16 Marilyn Brandvold
 Mar 23 Evelyn Evans
 Mar 30 Judy Webster



Carson High School-Senior projects

Carson High is looking for volunteers for the annual Senior Projects review board. Each year the seniors at Carson High School research a topic, complete a related activity, and present their project to the panel. The panel consists of teachers and community members.



The presentations or “boards” will be held on Monday May 12th. The school is extending an invitation to be a panel member. Additionally, there is a short training session involved before the presentations. If you are interested and want more detail, a copy of the letter and RSVP form with contact information is on the bulletin board.

Some things you may wish to practice during Lent and Easter and...maybe even after!

- Faith and confidence in God’s love for you
- Appreciation of others and their unique gifts
- Honest and open communication
- Gratitude and generosity
- Optimism
- Counting your blessings
- Encouraging words
- Kindness and consideration
- Open-mindedness and open-heartedness
- Listening with understanding and empathy
- Acceptance of our differences
- Joyfulness
- Dance steps
- Asking “How can I help?”
- Saying, “I love you.”
- Saying, “Thank you” and “Thank You!”