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NEWSLETTER



March, 2020

Mission Statement: *"As Christians living in God's grace we seek to demonstrate our faith in Christ by caring, listening, and responding to the needs of the whole person, serving each other and those beyond our Lutheran community."*



PASTORAL MESSAGE

"We must go inside the belly of the whale for a while. Then and only then will we be spit upon a new shore and understand our call." Richard Rohr – Everything Belongs
As I write this message it is the eve of Ash Wednesday and people are busy preparing pancakes and sausage for the always fantastic meal on Shrove Tuesday. People are quite focused on the richness of fatty foods with the prospect of "giving something up" for the next forty days.

I am going to tell you something: I have a terrible time giving things up for lent. The prospect of removing from my life something that I enjoy, well, I have a strong feeling I cannot go forty days without that item.

When I consider all aspects of my life there is one thing I can give for Lent. Time. Time for contemplative prayer and time with God. It sounds good doesn't it. It is one of the hardest things to do.

Think about it. How busy are we? Do we even have any free time to give to God in prayer? How do we pray? Do we pray for 3 minutes or thirty minutes a day? How do we know God will hear us? So many questions.

Surely, we can find a little time for God. Even if it is just a couple of words. God hears all our prayers. Even the silent ones.

In this world we are so concerned about how and what we accomplish. God doesn't expect anything from us but a response to his love. Ultimately be still. Enjoy the quiet. Enjoy the Spirit in your lives and rejoice.

Lent is that time where we reflect on our wrongdoings. Do not feel guilty but rather seek to heal your relationship with God. Ask to experience God's grace.

Richard Rohr suggests that like Jonah we must sit in the belly of the whale for a while. We begin our "belly of the whale" experience beginning on Good Friday and move to Easter Day three days later when Jesus will rise again.

Enter the dark spaces willingly. For through darkness there is light. Light is transforming. In light we find our loving resurrected Jesus.

Pastor Scott

Church Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 11 9, 6:30 pm

Present: Al, Marlys, Janice, Brenda, Milan, Charmaine, Johanna

Regrets: Scott, Sylvia, Elizabeth, Robin

Quick check-in and sharing of something personal to help Charmaine get to know us.

Opening Devotion: Al led with a prayer.

The minutes of January 8 Council meeting:

Motion to accept: Milan Seconded: Janice accepted

The minutes of February 2 Annual Congregational meeting:

Consensus that council members would read and give feedback to Johanna electronically. Will also share with council members who have stepped down, so they can give feedback.

Correspondence:

Mail and Other -not at this time

Electronic Updates- Facebook continues to be updated regularly.

-Places4Students (Johanna)- ad for vacant room is running

-Kijiji (Marlys) – several responses to ad for vacant room

Reports

Pastors Report -highlights

1. No bible studies in March because of Midweek service.
2. Rev. Carla Blakely from CLWR will be with us in worship March 8
3. GTA East Leadership team meeting March 9 Pickering
4. Maundy Thursday service 700 pm (April 9); Good Friday (April 10)
5. May 9 David Maginley Event in Pickering, poster on door
6. Bishop Pryse coming June 7 for 65th anniversary celebrations -will be a local event held here at the church

Parish Support (Al and Milan to share this)

-Andy and George will continue to figure out what is going on with the thermostat and furnace

-Milan is in the process of checking into converting to LED lights in the basement

Treasurers Report (Brenda)

Book Balance at January 31, 2020 is \$87,268.85

Charity return forms and GST rebate forms are presently being completed

Outreach (Milan)

- as reported in the Annual meeting booklet

Messy Church (Sylvia)

Messy Church was Mon Feb 3rd. About 15 people attended (7 kids). Theme was loving and serving - good time had by all.

Next Messy Church is Mon March 2nd at 5:30.

Kid's Club (Marlys)

-Jan 31 PA Day – 4 children attended

-March Break Kid's club coming up – theme for the year to be determined

Health and Wellness (Robin)

-as reported in the Annual meeting booklet

Social Activities (Robin)

-reminders to sign up for coffee time could be announced from the pulpit and in the bulletin (remember the supplies are here in the kitchen)

Stewardship and Fun-raising (Sylvia)

-Robin and Sylvia meeting to chat about upcoming events on Thursday February 13.

Mutual Ministries (Sylvia)

Sylvia met with Scott on February 3rd. After Easter we will start planning process for his review.

Martin Luther House (Johanna, Al, Marlys)

-process of looking for another tenant has begun

Old Business

-brochures for pews in process

-music to be discussed by George and Milan

-perhaps there could be more variety in Sunday services

New Business

-Easter breakfast- men are still going to pre and cook – perhaps there could be some entertainment between services -need to advertise in the paper – paint eggs? -

community Easter Egg Hunt: - Milan will organize egg decorating for the day before Easter (Sat. April 11) -should we consider a blessing of the animals service?

-Discussion about 'what does council want to set for a focus' -brainstorming followed – coffee time could be easier to do? -variety of music at service -better use of church facility by more groups – music school? -get information out that we have facilities that could be used – outreach -keep doing what we are doing plus more or different? -should investigate other outreach opportunities like community information meetings/sessions re: life in Peterborough -knock on doors, takes a lot of time and effort but lets people know we are here -tax clinic? Consider it for next spring

Next meeting: Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the church.



March 11-15 Break – 9:15 am – 11:30 am.

Hygiene and germs and hand washing using material from Health Unit. We are also going to twin our toilet with a toilet in Zambia or Borneo or Kenya or somewhere where people have no toilet. This is a \$100 donation. Check out Toilettwinning.org. We will be making no bake cookies to sell indoor at the Pet Valu and the Pharmacy. AND, the very last day, we are going to have a Pancake Party. We hope that we could have say ten people from the congregation come visit us and we will serve them pancakes with chocolate chips and bananas or something.... a pancake party. We will sing our Wishy-Washy song from Washing Hands Day. So please come out and enjoy the March Break Kid's Klub they are doing incredible things and they need our participation.



Rev. Carla Blakely from Canadian Lutheran World Relief will be joining us for worship on Sunday March 8.



Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Soup & Sandwich Gathering

5:30 pm-7 pm Beginning Wednesday March 4thth, we will begin our journey through Lent. Wednesday nights we will gather for soup and sandwich at 5:30 pm, worship begins at 6:15pm.



The Greater Toronto Area East is presenting David Maginley 4-time cancer survivor, chaplain, pastor and author of Beyond Surviving will be presenting a day long workshop on Near Death Experiences. It is on May 9 1pm-4pm at Peace Lutheran Church Pickering. As seats are limited reservations can be made by purchasing a ticket for \$5. A free will offering will be collected the day of the event.



Saturday March 28 1 pm at the church. Mug painting, crafts & pizza.



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Confirmation Classes starting in May!

Do you have children or grandchildren or know of others who might be interested in affirming their faith? We will be starting a two-year program with two retreats a year. The first May 22-23. Speak to Pastor Scott for more info.



Slice & Dice

There will be no Slice & Dice on Tuesday March 17. Will resume on Tuesday March 24.



No Bible Studies in March



CLUB - 8:30 am Saturday March 14 - see you there for Breakfast!



SATURDAY MAY 2nd RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Rummage/Bake/Plant Sale at Christ Lutheran. We need volunteers to help coordinate this major event. Start saving up items to donate, plants and bake items. All Bake items are to be in on Friday May 1st 10 am till 7 pm. All bake items are priced equally. Please see Al Butson or a Council representative if you need help getting items to church

LOVE GROW SERVE



NEW CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Al Butson is our Chairperson. Our other council members are Johanna Coombs, Milan Ichniovsky, Connie Baker, Janice LeClair, Elizabeth Ichniovsky, Marlys Kerkman, Sylvia Shea, and Robin Butson.



Health and Wellness Team

Please be advised that by calling **211** you can readily be connected to local health, social, government, community services and much more. And with the **"Flu Season"** now in full swing, we strongly encourage everyone to continue to practice good hand hygiene at all times.

Also, we are tentatively planning to host a workshop on an update of the Peterborough Hospice. Do stay tuned for the specific date and time for this presentation.



COFFEE HOUR

We are always in need of hosts for our after-church coffee hour. Coffee and juice are provided. We even have muffins & loaves in the freezer. All you have to do is make sure the coffee is on and supervise the clean-up. Sign-up sheet is posted on vestibule door.



Monday March 2nd and April 7 - 5:30 pm-7 pm

Monday March 2 at 5:30 - theme is Falling and Breaking.

Theme for April 6 Messy church is Biggest Miracle Ever



PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday April 5th, we will begin our worship in the church basement with the traditional procession with palms. If you find difficulty in the stairs please go as usual into church and await the procession there.



EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to do your part again. Plan to join us on Easter Sunday April 12th after the Early Service (or before you attend the Second Service.) This is a great family event, and your voluntary donation. The men of the church will be donating their time and energy in creating this tasty breakfast, so if you wish to volunteer please talk to Al Butson



EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday April 9 – 7 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Friday April 10 – 4 pm

Easter Services - Sunrise Sunday Communion Service – April 13th – 7:30 am

Breakfast – 8:30 am

Holy Communion service – 10:00 am

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>
March 1	Iris	Al & Aimie	Iris Gravel
March 8	Al	Al & Robin	Al Butson
March 15	Iris	Al & Robin	Iris Gravel
March 22	Marlys	Al & Robin	Marlys
March 29		Charmaine & Marlys	
April 6 Palm Sunday	Al Butson	Al & Robin	Al Butson

Altar Care for March – Hilikka Laitila Altar Care for April – Rosi Kerber

Counters for March - Andy Laitila & Al Butson

Counters for April – TBA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>MARCH 2020</h1>						
1 Lent 1 10 am Holy Communion Coffee time after worship	2 Messy Church 5:30-7 pm	3 Slice & Dice noon	4 Lenten dinner & worship 5:30pm	5 Art group 9am – 3pm	6	7
8 Lent 2 Special Coffee time after worship with Rev. Carla Blakely	9	10 Slice & Dice Noon Congregational Council mtg 6:30 pm	11 Lenten dinner & worship 5:30 pm	12 Art group 9am – 3pm	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
15 Lent 3 10 am Holy Communion Coffee time after worship	16 March Break Kid's Club 9:15 am – 11:30 am	17 No Slice & Dice March Break Kid's Club 9:15 am – 11:30 am	18 March Break Kid's Club 9:15 am – 11:30 am Lenten dinner & worship 5:30 pm	19 March Break Kid's Club 9:15 am – 11:30 am No art group	20 March Break Kid's Club 9:15 am – 11:30 am	21
22 Lent 4 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time after worship	23	24 Slice & Dice noon	25 Lenten dinner & worship 5:30pm	26 Art group 9am – 3pm	27	28
29 Lent 5 10 am Holy Communion Coffee time after worship	30	31 Slice & Dice noon	April 1 Lenten dinner & worship 5:30 pm	April 2 Art group 9am – 3pm	April 3	April 5