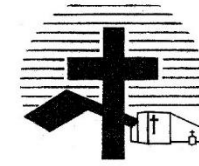


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- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

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MARCH 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - March 6, 2019

Noon and 7:00 PM with

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

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March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3 and April 10th
Lenten worship 7:00 PM (supper at 6:00 PM)

Palm Sunday worship 9:30 - April 14th

Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 PM - April 18

Good Friday worship 7:00 PM April 19

Easter worship 9:30 am - April 21st

8:00-9:15 AM pastries, breakfast breads, fruit, coffee, and juice will be available. Please feel free to bring your favorite breakfast goodie to share throughout that timeframe.

(Please note that coffee and refreshments will not be served following our 9:30 worship to allow our folks to join the rest of their family and friends to celebrate Easter Sunday.)

OUR WINTER GUESTS ARE SPECIAL!

On Sunday, March 17, at 11:00 AM, we will honor our Winter Guests with a "St. Patrick's Day Themed" pot luck. Here's an opportunity for ALL of us to share our tastiest "Irish food" – whether it be a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert – the choice is yours! We have a sign up sheet on the kiosk. Please let us know if you can attend.

Following our meal, we will have entertainment. Esther Wood will be calling each of our Winter Guests with a personal invitation. So, if you don't hear from her, we must not have your number. You might want to "beat Esther to it" by giving her a call at 578-0026 to let her know that you plan to attend.

According to my notes, the following guests have worshipped with us this past winter: Helmut & Lois Boehl, Kathleen Dahlstrand, Norm & Alice Davis, Pastor Paul & Marilyn Dumke, Dave & Pat Fisher, Al & Marilyn Freedy, Gary & Meradean Gifford, Hank & Dolly Hallstrom, Roger & Mary Heineck, Lowell & Carol Holum, Glenna Knepper, Lillian Kusy, Norma Rhoades, Gene & Carol Schinzer, Lester & Freida Stehr, David & Dorothy Taylor, Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit, Gene & Sharon Wall and Fred Young.. Please let me know if I have missed anyone!

Pastor's Page

Sight and Insight

In February I had two cataract surgeries, each separated by two weeks. As I approached the first of those appointments I thought: The ophthalmologist and I have similar callings. He helps people with their sight; I have the privilege of helping people with insight.

The ophthalmologist did not come to my home, knock on the door and tell me that I need cataract surgery. When I made my initial appointment, he did not say immediately, "You need cataract surgery." I had the responsibility to describe to the doctor the symptoms that drove me to his office. Only then, after further testing, did he tell me, and describe to me, the nature of my need. He gave the diagnosis and the appropriate treatment for my condition – cataract surgery. It was up to me to take it or leave it. I accepted. My sight which had become rather blurred, especially when working on a computer, had become quite blurred. It is now cured.

My thinking continued: How strange it is that a congregation of Believers calls a pastor to provide spiritual guidance and insight for the corporate body, and for individual members within the body, but almost no one makes an appointment with the pastor to share the spiritual symptoms which may point to a spiritual disease, and asks the pastor to assist in gaining insight into what may lead to a diagnosis and consequent treatment. A pastor may "read" a congregation or an individual, but that guess is only as good as a physician who looks at a patient and makes a tentative diagnosis. Years of experience for both physician and pastor may assist in making correct initial diagnoses, but just as an ophthalmologist cannot remove the cataract until the patient reaches the point of self-understanding, and asks for the treatment, neither can a pastor provide appropriate insight until either congregation or individual recognizes the need for assistance with insight.

More could be said on this issue, but this is long enough for you to have something to chew on.

Pastor Neal Snider

SERVING OUR LORD DURING WORSHIP IN MARCH 9:30 am

ACOLYTES

- 3 Leo Gracia
- 6th **Ash Wednesday 7 pm Service** Leo Gracia
- 10 Yasmine Murrietta
- 17 Jasmine Gracia
- 24 Yaniva Murrietta
- 31 Leo Gracia

ASSISTING MINISTER

- 3 Leann Mitts
- 6th **Ash Wednesday Noon** Leann Mitts **7:00 pm** Kenny White
- 10 Melody Hensley
- 17 Melody Hensley
- 24 Stu Weidenschilling
- 31 Carol Radler

COFFEE HOSTS

- 3 Ruth Senkbeil
- 10 Ches Gandy
- 17 Dick & Jean Meyer
- 24 Norm & Alice Davis
- 31 Kenny & Diane White

LECTORS

- 3 Renee Riegert
- 6th **Ash Wednesday Noon** Glenna Knepper **7 PM** Kenny White
- 10 Dick Meyer
- 17 Dianna Chavez
- 24 Marilyn McGarry
- 31 Stu Weidenschilling

USHERS

- 3 Sheila & Dylan Cecena, Sandy Mathis-Arment, Joanie Contreras,
- 6th **Ash Wednesday Noon** Glenna Knepper, Norm Davis
7 PM Diane White, Melody Hensley, Joanie Contreras
- 10 Renee Riegert, Sheila & Dylan Cecena, Joanie Contreras,
- 17 Leann Mitts, Norm & Alice Davis, Cheryl Barychuk
- 31 Jim & Kathy Blake, Norm & Alice Davis,

When we pray for one another it makes a difference. Include in God's care:

Remember in your prayers this week...

Billie	Rosann Baldwin	Lois Bradshaw	Larry Broadhead	Todd Brown
Donna Bruner	Patty Combs	Jo Conover	Amalia Duarte	Emma Everingham
Marilyn Fabian	Shirley Gunion	Larry Havenga	Skip Keiflen	Weston Koch
Jeri McCubbin	Rowan Norton	Larry Ruder	Maxine Schaller	Erin Schmidt
Bonnie Shelton	Jim & Sandy Skinner	Royce Tollman	Wanda Valdez	Jackie Wilco
Sarah Williams				

Continued prayers for...

Lynn Alms	Dean Anderson	Paulette Archuleta	Paul Bean	Arlie Boatwright
George Corti	Carolyn Dodson	Sam Dodson	Ryan Easter	Ron Geuder
Don Genung	Lamonte Hatch	Miguel Hernandez	Don Hunt	Dave Jaugbluth
Russell Kasper	David Kern	Mark Kern	Tom Land	Mary Mack
Pat Millyard	Dan Moore	Ray Necochea	Fred Nichols	John Palermo
Caden Sanders	Paula Skinner	Nick Trimmer	Carrie Turpin	Gary V.
Sarah Wigcher	Don Wood	Esther Wood		

Our Shutins: Lois Bradshaw Betty Layton Dean Anderson

Our members in Military

Rey Alvarez Anjelica Corral Devon Hardesty Connor Hensley William Hohmann Melissa McAdams Kenneth Marstall
Stephen Marstall Alan Schmidt Tyler Smith, USA

If you would like someone added to our list, please make a note on your communion card or contact Ruth in the office.

Prayer shawl ministry

Our Prayer Shawl group continues to make and hand out prayer shawls. If you or anyone you know is in need of a shawl, please contact Melody Hensley. Recently Dana Scholer took a prayer shawl to a friend who suffered a stroke and is in a nursing home. The son of this lady called Dana to thank her for the shawl and tell her how much his mom appreciates it and keeps it on the end of her bed when she is not using it. We also had a thank you note from Skip Keiflen for the prayer shawl given to him during his illness. He continues to use it and says it keeps him warm.

Special Thanks

.....to Mark Herr for providing the beautiful piano and organ music each Sunday. We are blessed to have Mark and grateful for the special music he arranges each week. And thank you to Alice Davis, Renee Riegert, Chuck Glen, Carol Radler and Gay Kline for cantoring and sharing their beautiful voices during worship. And to all who share special music. We enjoy and appreciate all of you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE (and Church Council news)

- At our Annual Meeting of January 27th, the following members were elected to serve: Joanie Contreras, Stu Weidenschilling and Melody Hensley on Church Council; Gay Kline and Sandy Mathis-Arment with the Financial Review Committee; Paul Bean and Guillermo Andrade–Endowment Fund Committee; Carol Radler– Nominating Committee; Renee Riegert and Dana Scholer to attend the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in June.
- We ended 2019 with an overage of \$2267.61. However, the reason for this was because of Pastor Jim Dew’s new call and transfer to Texas on Sept 2nd. As a result of the obligation to pay his salary with two moths of guest pastors and then two months of interim Pastor Neal’s salary, we came out ahead at the close of 2018 and under budget by \$29480.00.
- Thank you to those continuing to serve in 2019 Dianna Chavez, Valerie Cook, Dick Meyer, (Church Council);, Norm Davis (Endowment); Sandra Kornelle, Carol Radler (Financial Review); Don Genung (Nominating). We are grateful for those so willing to serve.
- At our Council Meeting of February 21st , Arlen Holmes was again appointed as Financial Secretary (a position he has held for over 50 years! – Thank you, Arlen!); we’re grateful that Ruth Senkbeil is continuing as Treasurer. Dick Meyer will continue as President, Vice President is Todd Scholer and Council Secretary is Melody Hensley.

HOW CAN I HELP AT SANTA CRUZ

WELL YOU CAN. I invite you at sign up to read lessons, be an assistant to the Pastor, read lessons, make coffee and serve as a coffee host(ess), bring in goodies to share with coffee, be on the Altar Guild to take care of our altar, greet worshippers on Sunday and hand out books and bulletins and help usher. There are many committees you can be on such as Food Bank ministry, Parish Life, crafts, Bible Study etc. Please sign up on the Sheets on the Kiosk. We do two months in advance and we really can use your help. And a big thank you to those who already serve. You are appreciated.