

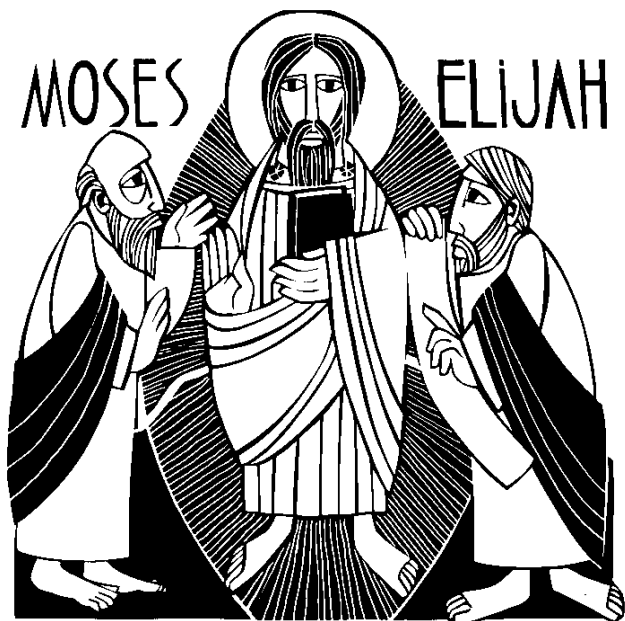
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Rejoicing in the Word + Sent in the Spirit



TRANSFIGURATION

9:00 AM Worship

Sunday, February 19

*Bringing the Season after Epiphany to a close:
As Jesus was declared God's beloved son at baptism,
so Jesus is again declared God's beloved son
at the Mount of Transfiguration.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

Sunday, February 22

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!

Youth Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 5

Kids Club, Bouncy Balls: Sunday, February 12

Youth Movie Night: Friday, February 17

San Francisco Zoo (Youth & Family): February 26

(See page 3 for details)

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Fat ~~Tuesday~~ Sunday! Pancake Supper

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 19

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FROM THE PASTOR

Once again I find myself thinking a season ahead. Our plans for Lent have to be decided so they can be included in this month's newsletter since the season begins before the end of February.

Lent is a wonderful season. As Ramadan guides the Muslim community to their celebration of the revelation of the Koran, so Lent guides us towards our celebration of the revelation of God in the cross and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

But we are not there, yet. Though my attention these last days has all been on Lent, once I finish this article I am back to these Sundays after Epiphany. God is revealed here, too, in this Jesus who summons us to follow and serve the reign of God not mammon nor Caesar nor any other such claim upon our hope and allegiance. God is revealed in this act of silencing a demon and freeing the man so possessed. God is revealed in the clash between the people of Nazareth wanting to possess Jesus as a private miracle worker and the mission of God to bring grace to all. God is revealed in the healing of a man with a dreaded disease. And God is revealed in the transfiguration of Jesus as he is in prayer on the mountain, guided by Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets.

It is important that we recognize this. These are not just familiar old stories. The heart of the universe is revealed here. The claim of the transcendence on our lives is made here. God is talking. God encounters us. The Eternal addresses us. The Author of All, who touched off the "big bang" that swept the cosmos into existence, stands before us. This is not the realm of pious platitudes; this is the realm of truth with a capital T, life with a capital L.

We need this foundation so that when we get to Lent we will understand. So that when we get to Maundy Thursday we will quiver that this is the one who kneels at our feet with a basin and towel. So that when we get to Good Friday we will quake with the knowledge that this is the one who endures the lash and the spittle and the nails. So that we will fall down and worship when we find the empty tomb.

Jesus summons Peter and Andrew, James and John, not because he needs a few men to help him get

started, but because he summons us all. He summons us to stand before the eternal and get washed in radical grace - then to join the mission of bearing that grace to a rebel world. He summons us to stand in selfless love, and then let that love leak out to those around us.

I say 'leak' rather than 'flood' because we are pretty frail emissaries of the divine, but at the very least we should be 'leaking' grace into the world. It's kind of the opposite of children tracking muddy footprints into the house. Imagine that we are tramping clean footprints into a muddy world.

When we understand this, when we comprehend that the eternal stands before us, when we experience the eternal wash over us in a flood of grace, when we see that we are now sent to track clean footprints in a muddy world - that's when we start using words like 'Holy' and 'Sacred' and truly understand what they mean.

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Pastor Bonde

NEWS AND EVENTS

*Please see pages 4 and 9
for pictures of our recent events!*

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Mardi Gras Pancake Supper will be on **Sunday, February 19th**, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your family and your friends for an evening of good food, lively music, costumes, and revelry before we move into the Lenten season. Special activities for kids -- of all ages! You won't want to miss this! See the colorful insert for details (on the back of the calendar).

YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT WAS ENJOYED

Kate Burdekin and three of our middle school youth spent the weekend at Mt. Cross, our local Lutheran camp for the JAM (Jesus and Me) Confirmation camp. The key verse for the weekend was John 15:1-8

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.*

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit...."

The dynamic speaker led us in discussions and activities about how to bear fruit and stay close to the Vine. Beyond the speaker sessions and Bible study times, our youth participated in challenge course activities, a hike, and all sorts of fun camp games. It was pouring rain and the power was out throughout camp on Sunday morning, but the weekend was still filled with banana slugs, great food, new friends, and a deeper relationship with Jesus.

SHOEBOXES ARRIVE IN PERU, PHILIPPINES, AND NEPAL

In November, the Sunday School children participated in a donation program, "Operation Christmas Child" where they filled 16 shoe boxes with items for less fortunate children around the world. These boxes also contained a letter written by the child who put the box together entitled "Dear Friend in Christ," and literature about Jesus. In December we received word that the boxes had been delivered to the impoverished children in Peru, the Philippines, and Nepal. Again, we thank all of you who donated items or contributed money for the shipping of the boxes. Operation Christmas Child is an impactful program, and we look forward to participating in upcoming years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SPRING-CLEANING!

In preparation for Easter, the Property & Grounds committee is organizing a Spring Work Day to take care of a few projects around the church. Please consider volunteering on **Saturday, March 10th** to help us with a few repairs and cleaning projects. A sign-up sheet is posted in the entryway. The Fellowship Committee will serve lunch for all volunteers. Thanks for your consideration.

Yolanda Faile, Property & Grounds Chair

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

Our local teams didn't make the Super Bowl, but we can still get together to watch it! All middle school and high school youth are invited to Kate Burdekin's apartment to watch the game. Come on over around 3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 5th** and

stay until the game is over. For those that aren't as crazy about football, there will be puzzles and board games. Dinner will be served, but please bring a snack or drink to share! Keep watch for more details!

KIDS CLUB: BOUNCY BALLS!

Calling all 2nd through 6th graders! Kids Club is meeting again on **Sunday, February 12th** at 11:00 a.m. or as soon as the fellowship hall clears out after coffee hour. The theme for this month is bouncy balls! In addition to making our own bouncy balls, we will play a few games with balls and maybe even have a ball themed lunch! It will be a ball! You must RSVP to Kate Burdekin to attend.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Time for Youth Movie Night again! We'll meet in Luther Hall for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 17th** and then move down to the youth room. This month we'll be watching the second Harry Potter movie, *The Chamber of Secrets*. Grab a friend and come for dinner and a movie!

YOUTH & FAMILY: SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

Let's go to the zoo! We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:15 p.m. on **Sunday, February 26th** and carpool up to the San Francisco Zoo. Sure, it's a bit of a drive, but the San Francisco Zoo has all sorts of animals to see and activities for people of all ages. The cost is \$9.00 for kids and \$15.00 for adults. It's bound to be a great trip, so save the date!

February Activities

YOUTH EVENTS

A schedule is available in the Sanctuary's entryway with each month's youth and family activities.

Sunday, February 5th at 3:30 PM: Middle School & High School Youth Super Bowl Party at Kate's apartment

Sunday, February 12th at 11:00 AM: Kids Club, Bouncy Balls!

Sunday, February 17th at 6:30 PM: Middle School & High School Youth movie night

Sunday, February 26th at 12:15 PM: Trip to the San Francisco Zoo (Youth & Family Event)

YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT AT MT. CROSS



**Youth Director Kate Burdekin,
Nicole Parsons, Celeste Fenton & Erika Gutekunst**



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..."

(John 15:5)



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

"Lord God, you led our ancient people through the wilderness, and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we will walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come."

--Prayer for the first Sunday in Lent, Lutheran Book of Worship

40 = 3 = 50

These numbers mark the central celebration of the Christian year:

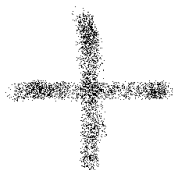
- Forty Days of Lent in which to prepare ourselves for the
- Three Days of the cross and resurrection which usher us into the great
- Fifty Days of Easter from Easter morning to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

We start our spiritual spring-cleaning on Ash Wednesday and journey through the days of Lent, deepening and renewing our faith. For three days we gather to tell the life-changing and world-changing story of those fateful days from Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet and the Last Supper, through his betrayal and arrest, torture and crucifixion, into the dawn of Easter morning when the angel declared "He is not here. He is risen." For fifty days we celebrate the resurrection until we remember again the fire and wind of God's Holy Spirit that sends us out to herald God's reign of grace and life.

At the center stands the Easter Vigil, where we travel through the waters from slavery into freedom, from darkness into light, from death into life.

Here, in the rhythm of these services, in their powerful images, in the powerful story, we renew our identity as a peculiar people of God, sent to carry his Word of Grace and Life to the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Remember that you are dust
And to dust you shall return

February 22

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

Remember to bring your palms from last Palm Sunday to be burned and used in the anointing with ashes.

The Ash Wednesday service is a powerful and important beginning to the Lenten season. It reminds us of our mortality: we are not gods, but God's creatures. It is an occasion for repentance, leaving behind whatever has been and turning towards God. It points us through Lent towards the cross where Christ Jesus carried our sins and sorrow. And it embodies our hope: Jesus knew our death that we might know his life.

LENT 2012: THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS

Since Lent is also a time in the church when candidates are prepared for baptism (at the Easter Vigil) and taught the basic elements of Christian faith, it is appropriate for us in worship to go back to the basics of our faith.

Each year we select a part of Luther's Small Catechism as the focus for our Lenten observance. This year our focus will be on a "wandering" section of the catechism: the Office of the Keys.

Confession and Forgiveness is discussed under Baptism in the Small Catechism and under Holy Communion in the Large Catechism. It links to both of these, since confession and forgiveness is the daily dying and rising with Christ begun in baptism, but it is also the essential preparation for coming to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.

In the effort to find a simple, clear answer to what was a sacrament (the Medieval Church listed seven) Luther argued a sacrament had the clear command of Christ and a visible element. So Baptism has the clear command: "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit," and the visible element of water. Communion has the command "Do this to remember me" and the bread and wine. Luther recognized the sacramental character of Confession and Forgiveness, it has the clear command of Christ, "As the Father has sent me, I send you...If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven..." (John 20:21-23), but it lacks a visible element. Still the speaking of the word of forgiveness is the central act of the church, embodied in everything it does.

Confession and Forgiveness receives the title “the Office of the Keys” because of Jesus’ word to his followers “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The themes for the Sundays in Lent will be:

February 26

Sin and Sins: What does it Matter?

March 4

Dying and Rising with Christ: The Spiritual Journey

March 11

“By What Authority?”

Can Anyone Really Speak for God?

March 18

Self Examination

March 25

It’s Not Enough to Feel Sorry: Contrition and Faith

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES OF LENT

As a season of spiritual renewal, Lent invites us to deepen or re-engage in those disciplines of worship, prayer, scripture reading and care for others that help to shape our lives in Christ.

WEDNESDAYS

Lent has three core elements: worship, catechesis (teaching) and the care of the poor. All of these come together on Wednesday evenings as we gather for a simple soup supper (with the cost of what we would spend on a normal meal donated to those in need), reflect together on the teaching theme for the season, and spend time in worship.

This year, instead of going to the sanctuary to sing evening prayer, we will stay around the dinner table and discuss the theme of the week and then serve one another in a simple sharing of Holy Communion. We encourage you to join us in this deeply traditional and meaningful aspect of our Lenten Journey.

Wednesday Evening

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

**6:45 p.m. Conversation on the theme
and a simple Communion**

February 29th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

This year we are giving special attention so that our Wednesdays will be welcoming for young people.

Among other things, they will be working on a project during supper in service of those in need.

WORSHIP

Friday Morning

11:00 a.m. Communion

Worship is a fundamental element of our Lenten observance. In addition to Sunday worship and the opportunity on Wednesday Evenings, we will have a brief communion service this year on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. We will take up the same theme as Wednesdays. This is an opportunity especially for those who cannot attend on Wednesdays, or do not wish to drive in the evenings, or who like a somewhat more traditional worship experience.

PRAYER & FASTING

Another traditional element of our Lenten observance is the Lenten Fast. The giving up of sweets is what gave rise to Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) when families used up their butter and sugar before the beginning of Lent.

Whether it’s giving up sweets or choosing some other discipline, such self-denial is a discipline of prayer. As your stomach growls, it calls you to be mindful of those who are hungry or in need, and invites you into prayer for them. It is also customary to donate what you would have spent on whatever you give up to those who have need of bread.

SHARING

Lent is above all a time to remember those in need. We eat soup or give up sweets to live simply so that the money saved can be shared with those who hunger.

Food Offering: during Lent this year we invite you to bring to worship gifts of food for Pueblo de Dios. Our intention is for the young people to gather these gifts each week as they come forward for the children’s message.

The quarter folders are a simple little daily reminder to set aside something extra during this season for those in need. One of the ideas of a Lenten Fast is to keep us mindful of others, donating what we would have spent on ourselves to others. The quarter folders and Wednesday supper offering will go to Lutheran World Relief & Community Services Agency.

Special gifts can also be made to any number of valuable charities and relief agencies:

- Lutheran World Relief;
- The World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA (our church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America);
- Work together as a family to buy a goat or rabbits through Heifer International.

There are also opportunities for special offerings through the congregation this season:

The Ash Wednesday Envelope is dedicated to the general fund.

The Maundy Thursday envelope is dedicated to Lutheran World Relief & Community Services Agency.

The Lent envelope in your regular giving sustains the valuable ministry of this congregation.

The quarter folders and the **offerings at the soup supper** are dedicated to Lutheran World Relief & Community Services Agency.

SERVICE

Another kind of spiritual discipline is service. Some opportunities for service are coordinated through the congregation: gathering offerings for FISH, volunteering at Sunny View, etc. Others come to us through our daily lives: helping an elderly neighbor, tending a friend or family member, volunteering with Hospice - there are opportunities everywhere.

STUDY

The spiritual discipline of study is an important part of the season. There are a variety of opportunities to consider, joining a Bible study, making a commitment to a daily devotion, reading a book on Christian Faith and Life.

Among the opportunities through the congregation this season are:

Men's Breakfast Bible Study (three Wednesdays at 8:00, one Saturday at 9:00 a.m. each month).

Brown Bag Bible Study meets at 11:30 for lunch and noon for the study.

Daily Devotion: One possibility for study in Lent is to use the daily devotional that leads us through the Gospel of Mark during the season.

And before it all begins, remember to come and celebrate...

Mardi Gras!!!

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 19

(See page 2 & the insert for details.)

WORSHIP

AUDIO TAPE MINISTRY TO SHUT-INS

In recent years, we have provided audio tape cassettes and CD's of the Sunday Worship Services to Shut-ins and other members unable to attend church due to illness or hospitalization. Because the request for audio tapes has diminished, we will only provide CD's in the future unless tapes are specifically requested. The display rack on the bookcase in the back of the church will display CD's only. Couriers will continue to visit and deliver the CD's to our shut-ins. Anyone interested in serving as couriers for this ministry, please contact Elaine or Dean Hanson.

VOLUNTEER TO BRING COMMUNION BREAD

One of the many ways to participate in the worship service is to provide the bread for Holy Communion. If you are interested, Kris Stanfield coordinates this ministry's schedule for us.

COME TO PRAYER INTERCESSORS

Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library to gather in prayer.

We pray every Monday for Sunday's requests,
Come and be a part for what God shows us is best,
We take turns in prayer as we sit in a circle,
If we don't pray - - we miss the miracle!

STUDY

LUTHERAN VISION

Please join us Friday, February 3rd, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 4th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss the unique spiritual vision at the heart of the Lutheran tradition, a distinctive way of understanding the Christian faith and life. If you have ever wondered what exactly a Lutheran is, we invite you to come for this special class that will discuss the Lutheran Vision and the way it affects

the way we read the Bible, do worship, and think about the ministry of our daily lives. (Those who are wondering about joining the congregation are especially invited, but all are welcome.) If you have questions or would like more information please speak with Pastor Bonde or Pastor Berkland.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Sunday morning Video/DVD class which usually meets on the third Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. has been discontinued. This class met before the Women's Bible Study lunch. Since the change in the morning Sunday School schedule, the women now meet at 11:00 a.m. for Bible study, followed by their lunch at 12:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend the study/luncheon.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday we meet for Brown Bag Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Coffee and cookies or fruit will be provided. We are currently studying the book of Revelation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday mornings, the Men's Breakfast continues its tradition of food, fellowship and learning. All men are welcome to come by and enjoy the company. Join us at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, or 9:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Currently, the book of Revelation is being studied.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCH

The Women's Bible Study and Lunch meets the third Sunday each month at 11:00 a.m. We will have the Bible study first with our meal following. All women are invited. The Bible Study is led by a member of the group.

Women's Bible Study and Lunch will next meet on Sunday, February 19th.

SERVICE & SOCIAL CONCERNS

EXTRA ORANGES?

Do you have extra oranges (or any other fruit or garden produce)? Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills

would be very appreciative of receiving any of your extra fruits or vegetables for their food bank. CSA provides food for the homeless and needy five days a week, with special emphasis on Senior Citizen's nutrition. Your extras will help someone in need. It may be possible to arrange for volunteers to come to your home to pick the fruit. For further information, call Shar Thorson (650-941-5927) or CSA (650-964-4630).

Shar Thorson, Liaison, CSA

CSA'S FEBRUARY CHEFS WHO CARE DINNER

A "Chefs Who Care" Dinner will be hosted by *Ristorante Don Giovanni* (235 Castro Street, Mountain View), Wednesday through Friday, February 15th, 16th, and 17th, with seatings between 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Fifty percent of ticket proceeds go to benefit Community Services Agency's Food & Nutrition Center. Tickets are \$24.00 by November 11th (children age 12 and under are \$12.00) and can be purchased on their website, at the door, or by phone (650-961-3584). To review the menu, visit www.csacares.org/cwc.

SUPPORT NETWORK

The Support Network is a nonprofit community outreach program that helps women and families suffering from domestic violence.

The Support Network is always in need of donations, such as: clothes for women and children, toys, Gift Cards (Target, Safeway, Walgreens, CVS, Lucky's, Walmart, Gas Cards, Phone Cards), bedding, and always diapers. All items should be new or in good condition.

Donations should be left at the designated area in the entryway to the Sanctuary, labeled "Support Network". For details please contact Kay Reed.

SUNNYVALE FISH

FISH needs your donations! Donate clothing for children and adults, towels, bedding, blankets and canned food, which are picked up every Tuesday morning. Donations can be left in the wooden box in the entryway of our Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS DAY & EPIPHANY SUNDAY



NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ST. OLAF BAND COMES TO THE BAY AREA

The band from St. Olaf College is touring California! They will be performing at Saratoga High School on **Thursday, February 2nd**, at 7:30 p.m. (20300 Herman Avenue, Saratoga) and at Gunn High School on **Friday, February 3rd**, at 7:30 p.m. (780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto). Performances are \$10.00 for adults and seniors, with \$2.00 off per ticket for groups of 10 or more. Complimentary tickets are available for students. More information can be found on their website (stolaftickets.com), or by calling 1-800-363-5487.

HANDBELL RINGERS INVITED

Our handbell choir, the Rejoicing Ringers, is seeking additional ringers to expand and upgrade our choir. Additional ringers are needed to make full use of our three octaves of bells; because of fewer ringers, we are able only to ring two octaves of bells.

We invite anyone interested in learning to ring bells, or if you just want to "give it a try to see what ringing is like", please let us know. You do not need to know how to read music; if you do, you will be steps ahead. We'll offer a "beginning to ring" introductory class at your convenience.

If you have rung bells in the past and could ring again, even for a limited time, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Wil Mandac or Elaine Hanson.

MINISTRIES FOR WHICH WE NEED GOD TO RAISE UP VOLUNTEERS

If you are considering a volunteer opportunity, please contact Natalie in the church office or speak with one of our Pastors. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Usher Schedule Coordinator: Prepare a quarterly usher schedule and provide it to the office. The schedule will include Sunday Worship and special Worship Services (ie: Christmas Eve, Holy Week...)

Memorial Service Coordinator: A liaison between the church and the family which includes: being present prior to the service for flower deliveries and coordinating a reception (if requested).

Sunday Lock-up Duty: Be responsible for locking the building after Worship on a rotational basis.

Leaders to serve on Council

DONATE SUNDAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday, the floral arrangement behind the altar is donated by one of the members of our community. Following the service, they take the arrangement home to enjoy throughout the week!

Choose a memorable week, or a Sunday for which you are grateful. A donation of \$30.00 can be written to Los Altos Lutheran Church with the indication that donation is for *altar flowers*. You may place the donation in the offering plate on Sunday.

Flowers for February 2012:

February 5 - Arloa Kelsen

February 12 - Del & Marlene Beumer

February 19 - Kay Reed

February 26 - *Volunteer Needed*

Please remember to take the arrangement home with you following the service.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A GREETING CARD?

Each month greeting cards are sent to the homebound, recovering, lonely, sick, and people simply who could use some cheer! We are in need of names of people to send greeting cards to. Cards let others know we are thinking about them regardless of their situation. See Natalie in the church office or Stu Wobber for details.

MARY-ALICE QUILTERS GROUP

The Mary-Alice Quilters Group meets in Luther Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Upon completion, quilts are donated to the San Jose Family Shelter.

WITH OUR MINISTRY

FINANCE UPDATE: TREASURER'S REPORT

Net Income from Operations: December 2011	
YTD Results @ 11/30/11	(\$29,872)
Reclassification of Expenses	(\$1,300)
Income in December	+31,076
Expenses in December	- 32,199
YTD Results @ 12/31/11	(\$32,295)

Steve Smiley, Treasurer

COUNCIL ACTIONS

At its meeting on January 18, 2012 the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Opened with a Bible reading and prayer.
- Approved the minutes from the December Council meetings.
- Reviewed past and future activities:
 - Music For The Holidays
 - Christmas Festival
 - Worship Services
- Received reports and discussed the ministries of the committees.
 - Decided to have a Mardi Gras function on Sunday, February 19th to benefit the summer programs.
 - Authorized the construction of a new Communion Table, Ambo and Credence Tables to allow the old Altar to be placed under the cross. These items can be used outside when we have outside worship services.
- Received a report from the Pastor
- Received the financial report for December.
- Received a report from the Property Committee
 - Set March 10th as a work day

- Approved contract to repair a portion of the parking lot that does not drain.
- Received a report from the Nominating Committee
- Elected Jim Wenks as Chair of the Evangelism Committee.
- Received a report from the Sanctuary Remodel Committee

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For those who are ill, recuperating or in special need: Bob Reed; Ken Altera; Kerstin Jansson; Kathryn Carlton, sister of Laurie Kurgas, and husband Jeff Carlton; Kristine Taylor; Martha Crick; Bruce Malerick; Mabel Chesnut, Louise Onnen, Norah Houseman, Don Bremer
- For those serving in the military and their families, especially: Seth Wright; Chad Garton, Jon Yager, Austin Kawabata; Jacob and Jeremy Bauer
- For our bishop, Mark Holmerud, and our presiding bishop, Mark Hanson
- The continued growth of the congregation in our faith and life.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAY WORSHIP	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	Ash Wednesday FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 26
Assisting Minister:	Gloria Germo	Yolanda Faile	Carl Gutekunst	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Candace Smith
Ushers:	Erik Berkland & Jim Wenks	Ted & Shar Thorson	Waltraud Kelley & Marilyn McCammon	Gloria Germo & Marilyn McCammon	Steve & Kathleen Smiley
Greeters:	Rob & Eileen Robinson	Cathy Long & Alex Long	Tom & Lori Parsons	Steve & Kathleen Smiley	Ralph & Marion Bridge
Lector:	Yolanda Faile	Jim Wenks	Diane Berkland	Marilyn McCammon	Erika Gutekunst
Acolyte(s):	Lauren Selover	Patrick Selover	Reed Showecker	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Jarrett Winter
Offering of Bread:	Ann Crane	Kay Reed	Kerstin Jansson	N/A	Janett Ford
Coffee Hosts:	Tom & Lori Parsons	Chuck & Sandi Wilkening	Ken & Joyce Altera	N/A	Del & Marlene Beumer
Lock up:	Paul Corwin	<i>Contact Yolanda Faile to volunteer</i>	<i>Contact Yolanda Faile to volunteer</i>	<i>Contact Yolanda Faile to volunteer</i>	<i>Contact Yolanda Faile to volunteer</i>

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