

THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

March 2019

Pastor's Reflection

"Christ, our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast," says 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a. Many churches use this line of Scripture as an invitation to the meal of Holy Communion. This year, it invites us into the Holy Season of Lent.

Lent is the forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter, starting with Ash Wednesday on March 6. This is a time when the church sets its focus on growing closer to God, as we get ready to remember again Jesus' great suffering, death, and resurrection for our sake. One way we do this at Wittenberg is with weekly worship services on Wednesday evenings.

This year, we have the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus by sharing meals with him. Our Lenten theme will be "What's for Dinner?" Each week, we'll share one story about a meal with Jesus and one story about a meal from the Old Testament. We'll also be chanting the beautiful Evening Prayer service out of the Lutheran Book of Worship (the green hymnal). The choir is learning the service ahead of time to guide us through. Worship is at 7 each week, with dinner available in the Fellowship Hall at 6. Thanks to the Service Groups for these weekly feasts!

On Sundays, we'll feast around the altar as we celebrate Holy Communion at both services each week. God will be present to us in the Sacrament as well as in the Word. We'll be using the kneelers during this holy season. People are welcome to kneel or to stand to receive Christ's body and blood.

Have a child who's ready to come to God's table for this first time? We'll be having a First Communion Class on Saturday, March 30. During this class for parents and children, we'll dig into God's word, study the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and paint our own chalices to use on that special day. Anyone with questions or who wants to sign up can talk with Pastor Emily.

Some Lents, we fast. This Lent, we feast!

Pastor Emily

ELCA VISION:

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.

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Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

Friday, March 1: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, March 2: Brenda Grant & Volunteer Needed

Friday, March 8: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, March 9: Marti Burns, Doris Antley

Friday, March 15: Michael Kramer & Volunteer Needed

Saturday, March 16: Harriet Householder & Brenda Grant

Friday, March 22: Charles & Ann Nichols

Saturday, March 23: Volunteers Needed

Friday, March 29: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, March 30: Volunteers Needed

Serving In Worship This Month:

GREETERS:

Ann Nichols, Patricia Tiffner

ALTAR GUILD:

Marti Burns, Wendy Epting, Sue Ruff

USHERS:

Ira Ruff, Tony Meetze

LAY READER:

Brian Shealy

WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Brian Shealy

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:

Mary Ann Shealy

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

3 Margaret Caughman
 10..... Rhonda & Dawn Bedenbaugh
 17..... Chancie Frick
 24..... Marti Burns
 31..... Breakfast, No Nursery

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

3 Toshia & Freida Banks
 10..... Betsy Dority, Kayce Shealy
 17..... Debra & Grant McDonald
 24..... Toshia & Freida Banks
 31..... Samantha & Justin Trotter

NURSERY:

3 Marti Burns
 10..... Rhonda & Dawn Bedenbaugh
 17..... Betsy Dority, Kayce Shealy
 24..... Samantha & Justin Trotter
 31..... Barbie Rodgers

ACOLYTE:

3 Kate Shealy
 6 (Wed.) Sarah Reed
 10..... Wyatt Hendrix
 13..... (Wed.) Marissa Spradley
 17..... Tripp Smith
 20..... (Wed.) Matthew Reed
 24..... Zane Price
 27..... (Wed.) Emily Davis
 31..... Smith Kirby

ALMSBEARER:

3 Patrick Swygert
 10..... Jase Long
 17..... Mady Smith
 24..... Lilly Price
 31..... Pierce Kirby

CRUCIFER:

3 James Banks
 10..... Brett Spradley
 17..... Brayden Patrick
 24..... Grace Hendrix
 31..... Sarah Hendrix

TELLERS:

3 Gregg Long, Ann Nichols
 10 Billy Rauton, Brian Shealy
 17..... Tom Sawyer, Rebecca Reed
 24..... Chip Spradley, Chris Taylor
 31..... Emily Barnes, Cher Davis

BBW:

3 Robert & Wendy Epting
 10..... Elwanda Lorick
 17..... The Fricks
 24..... Debbie Sawyer
 31..... Last Sunday Breakfast

ALTAR FLOWERS:

3 By: Ervin & Annette Caughman
 10..... By: Jo Wells
 17..... By: Libby Garrett
 24..... By: Jackie, Todd, Chancie, & Skyler Frick
 31..... By: Debbie & Will Black

If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.

Upcoming Activities

YOUTH

From Nevin Rodgers, Youth Leader

Ph: 803-604-6256.... Email: Nevinrodgers803@gmail.com

March 5th: The youth will be in charge of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. We will meet at the church at 4:30 to get everything set up and start cooking the food. Tickets are \$5 and supper will be served starting at 6pm.

March 15th: The youth will be going to Winter Jam. It is a large Christian music festival at the Colonial Life Arena. We will be leaving the church at 5pm. Everyone going will need \$15 to pay at the door. The concert lasts way past midnight, so the youth will call their parents when we leave to head home.

March 23rd: The youth will help with the soup kitchen between 9:30 – 12:00am. This is a great way for the youth to give back to their community.

March 29th: The youth will be having a Lock in! We will be meeting at the Church at 7pm and staying up all night at the Church. There will be a letter sent out soon with all of the details.

ELCY Events

Spring into Action @ Coastal Retreat Center, 3/15-17 (\$95 per person)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcyspring>

Club 345 @ Mt. Horeb, Chapin, 3/30 — Adult Group Available (\$15 per person)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcyclub345>

Middle School Retreat @ Camp Kinard, 4/26-28 — Adult Group Available (\$95 per person)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcymswr>

LCY Convention @ Newberry College, 5/17-19 — Adult Groups Available (YES, this is in MAY!)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcyconvention>

Please let Nevin Rodgers know if you are interested in attending any of these events

If there are any Questions, feel free to contact me anytime at:

(803) 604-6256 Cell

Nevinrodgers803@gmail.com



Remember to get your tickets for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.! Tickets are only \$5!

We will have Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. We will then meet Wednesdays for dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Lenten Evening Vespers at 7:00 p.m on March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 & 10.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding a Lenten Lunch series at 12:00 noon at Faith-Full Café. All are invited to attend.

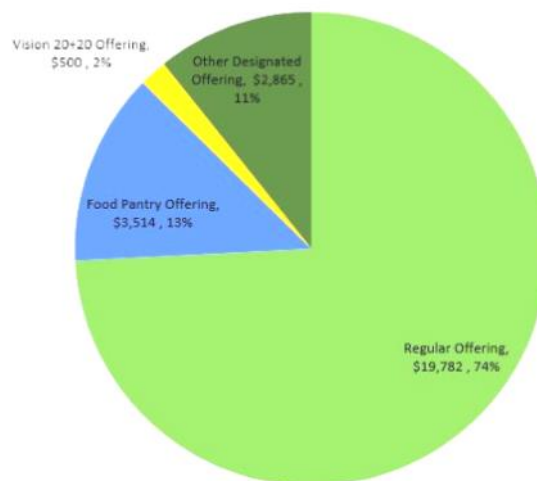


FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**Monthly Witness Reporting
as of 1/31/2019**

Offering Report		January
Regular Offering	\$	19,782
Food Pantry Offering		3,514
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$	23,296
Vision 20 + 20 Offering		500
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$	5,431
Expense Report		January
Budgeted Expenses	\$	25,120
Actual Expenses		24,838
Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)	\$	282
Food Pantry Report		January
Expenses	\$	3,585
Balance	\$	5,412
Soup Kitchen Report		
Balance	\$	2,749
Preschool Report		January
Offerings	\$	3,000
Operating Income		12,996
Expenses		8,410
Net	\$	7,586

YTD Offering Summary



Parish Events & Announcements:

SOUP KITCHEN: The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **MARCH 23**, 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

NOISY OFFERING: Thank you all who donated to our Noisy Offering! Last month we collected \$120.74! Our next Noisy Offering will take place on **MARCH 17**. Please remember to bring your change (or dollars) that day. All money donated will go to the food pantry.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Adult Bible study group meets on Monday mornings at 9am in the fellowship hall.

DORCAS QUILTERS: Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

LUNCHTIME BOOK STUDY: We'll meet at 1pm on Tuesday, March 12 and 26 at Panera on 378 in Lexington, to read *Of Mess and Moxie* by Jen Hatmaker. Bring your own book, grab a cup of coffee or some lunch, and join us for a chance to grow in faith together in the middle of the day.

TACO THEOLOGY: Taco Theology will not meet during Lent. Taco Theology will resume on April 23.

PRAISE BAND AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE: Beginning on March 6, the Praise Band will practice at 6:00 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will practice after 7:00 Worship Service (approx. 7:45) on Wednesdays. This schedule will continue throughout Lent.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Flower Calendar for 2019 is located in the Narthex. We still have several sponsors needed for 2019. The cost will still be \$52 this year. Remember to state who you would like to honor or remember when you sign up on the flower calendar.

CIRCLE INFORMATION: Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Angelo's. The leader is Hazel Cooper. Circle IV will meet on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The leader is Susan Shealy and the hostess is Connie Kramer. Circle L will meet on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doris Antley. The leader is Sue Ruff and the hostess is Doris Antley.

LUTHERAN MEN: The Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

ONE YEAR TO LIVE MEN'S RETREAT: Pamphlets will be available for the One Year to Live Men's Retreat in the Narthex. The retreat will take place on March 15-17, 2019 at Tracy's Camp in Pinewood, SC. Registration cost is \$150.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We are collecting empty medicine bottles at the Food Pantry for Matthew 25 Ministries. For more information on this ministry, you may visit their website: <https://m25m.org/> or contact Mona Henderson.

ENDOWMENT GRANT FUNDING: The Wittenberg Endowment Fund board is pleased to announce up to \$3,200 in grant funding available. Grant funding is available to any individual or organization which can show that granted funds will be used to further the mission of the Church at-large. Applications will be due in the church office no later than March 31st, 2019. For more information, application forms and policies can be downloaded on the church website, wittenbergleesville.org, under "Policies and Forms" or may be obtained from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Endowment Fund board of directors, Ashley Bouknight, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Gerrie Gresham, Charlie Long, Billy Rauton, Brent Shealy, or Brian Shealy.

"DEAR JON" DONATIONS: Circle L is coordinating an effort to support and ease Sgt. Jonathan Rogers deployment to Afghanistan. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute items he has requested to make his service and sacrifice of time away from his family a little more bearable. A "Dear Jon" box wrapped in an American Flag is placed in the Narthex and the Commons Area to accept items anyone would like to contribute to this effort. "Dear Jon" kits will also be available which include a Priority Mail Box, Priority Label with APO address, and Note Card if anyone would like to take a box and fill it. The Postage for the box is approximately \$19.00 for a Large, \$13.65 for a Medium and \$7.20 for a Small. Circle L will also be accepting donations for postage and items if anyone would like to offer assistance with that cost. Our goal is to send at least 2 boxes a month until he has leave of duty in July. If anyone would like to send him a card of support his address is:

Sgt. Jonathan Rogers

TAACS-S G-Company, TF Golden Dragons

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Request of items:

Any type of snack chips (Pringles are the easiest to ship in the Large PM box),

Beef Jerky, Honey Buns, Oatmeal Cream Pies, Snack Crackers such as Lance Nip Chee or Peanut Butter, Snickers Candy Bars, Hot Hands

SUPPER CLUB: Would you like to get to know your Wittenberg Congregation Members a little better? The Parish Life Committee is kicking off this 2019 calendar year with the formation of Supper Clubs—a great way to get to know one another in fellowship and friendship over a delicious meal. The Supper Clubs will be small groups of 6 to 10. They will meet once a month rotating among the member's homes or a restaurant of the host of the month's choosing. The individual members of the group will be responsible to choose the host for each month, the day and time to meet. The groups will also be responsible to structure how the meal is put together, such as host prepare for all members, covered dish, or meet at a restaurant. Families with children and friends of Wittenberg are welcome to join in. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall until March 6th. Those who wish to participate can also send an email to Lynne Rauton @ lrauton@gmail.com to sign up. The kick off for this fun fellowship will take place in the middle of March.

A Note from the President



March Newsletter

Thank you to all who participated and helped with All-Committee night on February 10th. Thanks to your efforts, the evening was a huge success! We discussed our committee responsibilities and goals, planned for the year ahead, and discussed how each committee could assist with Council's goals.

One of these goals is to create a facility master plan of the church campus. On February 4th, the Property Task Force committee met with architect Craig Otto to begin this process. According to the recent Vision 20+20 survey, our Preschool, Food Pantry, and Youth need additional space. The basement, church grounds and parking, education wing, and music ministry have been identified by our members in the survey as some of the areas that need space improvements. This is an exciting opportunity for our church as we grow our ministry and share the love of Christ in our community! Just think...prior to 2009, the Wittenberg Food Pantry, Preschool, nor Soup Kitchen even existed. Ironically, these ministries that were enabled by our facility expansion are the very ministries that have outgrown our existing space! In the process, over 15,000 emergency food boxes provided food to families that were hungry. Nearly 200 families had a safe, Christian environment to take preschool and afterschool students for care and learning while they were at work. Thousands of hot meals were given to the hungry and home-bound. Imagine the possibilities of an improved Preschool and Food Pantry facility. It would also free up existing space for our youth, classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, music ministry and more! During this planning process, please pray for and help our Council and Property Task Force by providing them with support and information to help us make sound decisions for our church. We need the input of all our members and committees to ensure the success of a facilities master plan.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,

Brian Shealy



Frustration, anger – but also hope for Allendale schools

Nearly 100 people gathered in Allendale to share their hopes and concerns about the future of Allendale County schools.

At the "Listening Post" event – hosted Feb. 11 by the Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops' Public Education Initiative – parents, educators and local residents told bishops and other church leaders about their frustration, anger and disappointment at the state of their school system.

Almost person-for-person, however, they also delivered a message of hope, confidence in the future and support for local schools, teachers, administrators and – most of all – for the children themselves.

The Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops is a special ecumenical relationship among churches led by bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal-Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United Methodist churches.

The bishops collectively have been advocating for public education since April 2014, when they issued a joint pastoral letter pledging "our commitment to support the full flourishing of public education in South Carolina." They expressed concern after the state Supreme Court in November 2017 dismissed a landmark school equity lawsuit, filed in 1993 to force the General Assembly to improve educational opportunities in the state's poorest public schools.

From an article by Dan O'Mara, at scsynod.com

The first ELCA Young Adult Discernment Retreat met in November 2018. There were more than 50 participants and hundreds more on the wait list. The theme was, "Why Me, Why Now, Why This: Listening to God in a Noisy World." Young Adults gathered around the story of Mordecai and Esther and reflected on what God is calling them to do in the world. They were anointed for service before returning home.

Read more at: <https://blogs.elca.org/youngadults/56/>



Global Lutheranism



LWF member church works with partners offering alternatives to migration

(LWI) - While controversy continues to surround the planned building of a wall along the southern border of the United States, the [Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras](http://www.elca.org) (ICLH) is working hard to support young people who are considering the option of escaping from increasingly high levels of poverty and violence in their country.

Over the past year, thousands of Central American asylum seekers have set out on foot, travelling north through Mexico towards the heavily guarded border with the United States. These journeys in search of jobs and better living conditions are fraught with dangers, from gangs of smugglers and people traffickers to police and paramilitaries who arrest and deport many of the forced migrants back to their home countries.

Statistics show that around 80 percent of these asylum seekers are Hondurans. They are fleeing from a combination of factors including extreme poverty, high youth unemployment, family breakdown, the violence of gangs, drug traffickers and prostitution networks, as well as widespread corruption that drives political instability.

Pastor President Rev Rolando Antonio Ortiz heads the ICLH. He notes that most participants in the so called migrant 'caravans' are young people, in particular young mothers travelling with their small children. "Every month that goes by", he says, "violence against women in Honduras increases and has already reached alarming rates". Even more worryingly, he says 90 percent of all femicides go unpunished and women also suffer from high levels of discrimination.

Rev. Rolando Ortiz explains that this year the ICLH, with the support of 'Misión un Mundo' (Mission One World), is pioneering a project to respond to the challenges facing young people, offering them alternatives to emigration. The project includes workshops and training in skills that can enable people to earn an income and provide for themselves and their families.

The ICLH is working together with the ELCA as well as ecumenical partners, such as the Latter Day Saints (LDS-FLM) in Tegucigalpa and the Mennonite Church (CASM) to coordinate these activities.

Read the full article at <https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/honduran-church-models-inclusion-and-opportunities-young-women>

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Angela Leaphart	3/2	Allie Rhyne	3/14
Sara Reed	3/2	Ginger Furtick	3/14
Betsy Shealy	3/2	Mabry Mull	3/15
Wyatt Summers	3/3	Gregory Dority	3/16
Sarah Creech	3/5	Elena Price	3/18
Larry Dasher	3/5	Sherri Shealy	3/19
Suzie Schaum	3/7	Liz Walker	3/20
Bucky Johnson	3/8	Jaycob Banks	3/22
George Barnes	3/9	Jayden Banks	3/22
Hannah Creech	3/11	Tissy Price	3/24
Nixie Miller	3/11	Jerry Price	3/28
Theo Walker	3/11	Dennis Bedenbaugh	3/29
Margaret Caughman	3/12	Arthur Howard	3/29
Ann Nichols	3/13	Jennifer McInnis	3/30
Rachel Creech	3/14	Michael Patrick	3/31



Ervin & Annette Caughman	3/4
Gregg & Jan Long	3/8
Bill & Ginger Caughman	3/23

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Shealy	Sue Ruff
Tissy Price	Linda Almgren
F.H. Hendrix III	Donice Frick
Billy Long	Benjy Watson
John & Merlyn Watkins	Mary Cook
Sue Nichols	Anne Shealy
Sybil Ergle	Doris Antley
Jackie Frick	Gerald & Letha Long
Von Bickley	Lynne Rauton
Sandy Spradley	Suzie Schaum
Jim Shealy	Susan Shealy
Todd Davis	
Brent Shealy	

LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

John Ramlow (*Connie Kramer's Brother*)
 Teddy Kneece (*Brenda Howard's brother*)
 Brad & Susan Cary (*brother of Ross & Fowler Cary*)
 The Mayo Family (*friends of Marti Burns*)
 Heyward Bouknight (*father of Tripp Bouknight*)
 Scarlet Kasperbauer (*friend of Flora-Ann Kaiser*)
 Kathy & Keiley Webb (*family of Toshia Banks*)
 Lynwood Hyler (*friend of Robbin Swygert*)
 Chris Gunter (*cousin to Robbin Swygert*)
 Karen Ferry (*aunt of Lynne Rauton*)
 The Anderson and Salley Families (*friends of William and Emily Barnes*)
 Liz Florom (*friend of Margaret Caughman*)
 Bob Isenhower (*friend of Pastor Emily Edenfield*)
 Margaret Shuman (*mother of Sally Sherman*)
 Richard Wall (*grandson of Lavonia Frick*)
 Walter Chandler (*friend of Hazel Cooper*)
 Stephanie Lewis (*friend of Sue Nichols*)
 Mike Nichols (*son of Sue Nichols*)
 Jeff Long
 Oaklyn, Wrenley, Dakota & Kelsey Hall (*friends of Barbie & Dean Rodgers*)
 The Yager family (*friends of the Rauton family*)
 Betty Ann Webb (*cousin of Lynne Rauton*)
 Victoria Morris (*sister of Mike Sherman*)
 Pastor David Edenfield & family
 Liza Antley (*relative of Doris Antley*)

ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers

WE REMEMBER:

Fowler Cary
 Malcolm Robinson (*friends of Barbie and Dean Rodgers*)
 Libby Garrett
 Ed Hoover
 Nelle Rinehart
 Elaine Beckham Shealy
 Bob Householder
 Kitty McLeod (*grandmother of Kayce Shealy*)
 Buddy Hall (*friend of Barbie Rodgers and Brenda Howard*)
 Jan Parrish (*mother of Chancie Frick*)
 Myrell Epting

If you have additions or corrections, please email the church office.



PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Brent Shealy - Treasurer, 803-532-5963, bshealy@sc.rr.com
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Ricky Frick - Parish Life Chair, 803-206-5824, barryraces24@gmail.com

Strategic Planning Committee Announcement - March Newsletter



Please join us at breakfast on Sunday, March 31st for a brief introduction to the revised Vision 20+20 Strategic Plan. Based on the results of the recent survey, the Strategic Planning Committee and Congregation Council have improved the strategic plan to meet the needs of our members and community. We look forward to sharing more detail during breakfast and in the April newsletter.

To see the results of the Vision 20+20 survey, [click here](#) or visit http://wittenbergleesville.org/upcoming_events.

Changes/Additions to the 2019 Membership Directory:

1) Barnes, Perry & Jaime*
Jack Henning*, Sawyer
120 Shermans Lne.
Richmond, KY 40475
803-240-1670
perry_barnes19@mymail.eku.edu

2) Wendy Epting's phone number: 532-8750

3) Heather Gresham's email: hgresham@lexington1.net

4) Tony Meetze's email: Wmeetze1@yahoo.com

5) Shanna Watson's phone number: 422-3575

6) Under Service Group IV, Margaret Caughman's phone number: 422-0669

Approved Council Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2019:

Church Council Minutes Wittenberg Lutheran Church February 10, 2019

Members: Emily Barnes, Cher Davis, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Ricky Frick, Jay Hendrix, Connie Kramer (Financial Secretary), Gregg Long, Ann Nichols, Billy Rauton, Tom Sawyer, Chip Spradley, Chris Taylor and Brian Shealy. Excused: Rebecca Reed, Brent Shealy (Treasurer).

Call to Order: President Brian called the meeting adding facility use requests to the agenda under President's Report. Cher Davis led devotions.

Prayer Concerns: Todd Davis, Gerald and Letha Long, Brent Shealy and Susan Shealy.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were previously approved by e-mail.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's written report was reviewed and approved upon motion by Ann with second by Ricky.

Treasurer's Report: President Brian reported for Brent that we continue to be blessed financially and financial reports will be sent by e-mail.

Financial Secretary's Report: Connie called for questions concerning her report which was previously e-mailed noting her report showed memorials broken down by funds. She thanked all for their faithful teller attendance. Financial Secretary's Report was approved upon motion by Jay with second by Billy.

President's Report:

Facility use request by Girl Scout Troop 1951 for a sleep over on April 26/27, 2019 was approved upon motion by Chip with second by Ricky.

Gresham family's request to use the Fellowship Hall for a birthday party on February 24, 2019 was approved upon motion by Chip with second by Ricky.

President Brian asked Committees to include on their agendas: goals, potential members, future meeting dates, and how their Committee might contribute to Council's 2019 Goals. He asked that all Committees e-mail results of their meeting.

President Brian proposed that our Lenten offerings this year be sent to the "Love One Another Campaign" through Lutheran Services of the Carolinas. The Campaign's goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to improve the lives of young people transitioning out of foster care, newly arriving refugees and individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The proposal was approved upon motion by Jay with second by Chip.

Upon motion by Gregg with second by Billy, St. Stephens Lutheran Church's request for \$300 in support of "Luther: The Rock Opera" to be performed by the group Lost and Found on Thursday, February 28, 2019 was approved. The twenty- four song opera is about the Reformation. No admission will be charged.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: No report

Christian Ed: No report

Endowment: No report

Evangelism and AVT: No report

Mutual Ministry: No report

Preschool: Chip reported that Layce will no longer be Preschool Director after the birth of her child. Appropriate plans for her replacement are being made.

Property: Jay advised that Fellowship Hall floors had been cleaned and waxed. HVAC repairs have been done at the Parsonage.

Social Ministry: No report

Strategic Planning: No report

Stewardship & Finance/Endowment: No report

Worship & Music: During Lent we will have Communion every Sunday using kneelers.

Youth: Cher gave a brief update on Youth/KICS. Youth's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was approved upon motion by Chip with second by Ricky.

New Business: Lutheran Men would like to sponsor a luncheon on Sunday April 7, 2019 with net proceeds split between the institutions and agencies of the Synod: SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, Lutheran Homes of SC, NovusWay Ministries, Newberry College, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and Lutheran Services Carolinas. Lutheran Men's request was granted upon motion by Chip with second by Ann.

Old Business: Expect discussion using e-mail of Goals and Covenants of Council discussed at Camp Kinard Retreat.

Upon motion by Ann with second by Billy the meeting was closed by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Tom Sawyer for

Rebecca Reed

Council Secretary

Action/Follow-Up List: Letter to Jeff, Continue with Prayer Requests, Love One Another, St. Stephens invoice, Kitchen Committee.

WLPP

Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

The month of friendship and love has come and gone quickly. The students at WLPP have learned about manners and friendship this month. We were also reminded of who loves us like no one else, Jesus! We celebrated Valentine's day with a tea party to practice our manners. Our parents brought in lots of finger foods for the children to nibble on during the tea party. We made two different types of "hot" tea for the children to try. They did a great job displaying their manners they learned over the week. Mrs. Becky came down and played some Disney tunes for us on the piano which helped make the day extra special. Check out our Facebook page for all the pictures from that day.

We also had career week in February. We had a cosmetologist, artist, dental hygienist, and food pantry volunteer come and share with the students. The students really enjoyed learning about the different careers and the hands-on opportunities.

In closing, I would like to share with you that I am expecting a little girl in May. I have decided that when she is born, I will not be returning to my position here at the preschool. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the families of our preschool and our community, and build connections with so many members of the church. I will miss all the smiles and hugs from the children, as well as the opportunity to help grow God's kingdom through my position as the director of the preschool. I know that as we pray for the next director to be put into place, our God has prepared and appointed the next person to continue His work here. Please continue to pray with us as we make the transition to a new director.






God Bless,

Lacye McLees
Preschool Director



March 2019

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - 8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 8:30 AM Early Service/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:10 AM Last Sunday Breakfast/20+20 Presentation 11:00 AM 11:00 Service 12:00 PM Gresham Birthday Party 6:00 PM Youth Group	25 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 7:30 PM Lutheran Men	26 1:00 PM Lunchtime Book Study 7:00 PM Taco Theology	27 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 7:00 PM Lost and Found: Luther Rock Opera at St. Stephen's	1 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
3 8:30 AM Early Service/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:40 AM BBW 11:00 AM 11:00 Service/Communion	4 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation	5 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday/ Burning of the Palms 7:00 PM Taco Theology Canceled  SHROVE TUESDAY	6  Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 11:30 AM Morning Circle 6:00 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Executive Committee	8 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
10 8:30 AM Early Service/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:40 AM BBW 11:00 AM 11:00 Service 5:00 PM Stewardship & Finance 6:00 PM Preschool 7:00 PM Council	11 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 6:30 PM Circle IV 7:00 PM Circle L	12 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Lunchtime Book Study 7:00 PM Taco Theology Canceled	13 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir Practice	14 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting	15 One Year to Live Men's Retreat 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 5:00 PM Youth to Winter Jam, Columbia, SC	16 One Year to Live Men's Retreat 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
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- Service of Word & Sacrament - 8:30am
 - Sunday School Assembly - 9:30am
 - Sunday School - 9:40am
 - BW (*Breakfast Before Worship*) - 10:40am
 - Worship - 11:00am

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