

# THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

MAY 2020

## *Pastor's Reflection*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This Easter season continues almost through the whole month of May. We are praising the risen Lord and continuing to wish we could be together to do it. The last Sunday of the month is Pentecost, the start of the next season in the church year.

We are missing being in worship for the Easter season, Endowment Sunday, Baccaulareate Sunday, Mother's Day, and a Brush Arbor service this month. That's a lot of things to miss (and, for some, reschedule). Depending on the progression of Covid-19, we may be able to come back to worship in person sooner rather than later, but we know now that our big celebrations will have to hold off until we are ready to gather in large groups. It looks like our first Sundays together will be full of caution and distance. They will still be joyful.

As this strange season keeps on going, my mind is starting to turn to what it will be like when we start coming back together in person. It's also turning to wonder what lessons we might be learning in the middle of all this.

For example, I'm learning that these online meetings are a challenge for some people, but also allow us to reach out to others. Our book study had someone join this week who has never been to Wittenberg before. Coffee and conversation had a new Wittenberg face in the mix. It is not, by far, the same as gathering in person, but it has its own possibilities and promises. Our council has been meeting by phone call in these times. Again, I miss the richness of in-person conversation, but we have been able to have the conversations we need to have to keep leading Wittenberg well. Maybe that is a way for groups to have quick, focused conversations in between meetings or in place of in-person meetings when scheduling is tough.

I know that some people are feeling distant from any worship, while others are worshipping with friends and family across the country. What are you learning about yourselves? About God's church? About what works in digital worship?

As we're working this whole thing through, it's starting to settle in that the "new normal" might be a long time in coming. It might look different from the "old normal." That's scary. Whatever we liked or disliked about how things were, we knew them. It's also an opportunity. We have the chance to change things that needed to change anyway. We have the chance to reach out in new ways, seeing what God is doing where we didn't think to check before. We have the chance to love our neighbors and care for one another, like we have always done, but in a different way.

As Christ is resurrected, bringing new life and possibilities, we know that God's church will be renewed through and after this season. God is not done with us yet. Let's prepare now for what is to come, so that we can be excited about what God has done, is doing, and will do in and through Wittenberg.

Peace,

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, May 1: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 2: Volunteers Needed

Friday, May 8: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, May 9: Volunteers Needed

Friday, May 15: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 16: Marti Burns & Debbie Reynolds

Friday, May 22: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, May 23: Volunteers Needed

Friday, May 29: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 30: Volunteers Needed

## Serving In Worship

### This Month:

#### ALTAR GUILD:

Hazel Cooper, Debbie Sawyer, Robin Taylor

#### USHERS:

Jarrold Frick, William Barnes

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:

Canceled for May

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

Canceled for May

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Canceled for May

#### NURSERY:

Canceled for May

No OSJ during May

#### TELLERS:

17..... Gerrie Gresham, Gregg Long  
 24..... Todd Long, Billy Rauton  
 31..... Rebecca Reed, Tom Sawyer

#### BBW:

Canceled for May

#### ALTAR FLOWERS:

3..... By: Crissie Kirby  
 10..... By: Keith Wiley  
 17..... By: L.A. & Rebecca Dasher  
 24..... By: Ernestine Sharpe  
 31..... By: Patricia Tiffner

*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.*

## A Note from the President - May Newsletter

On April 28th, Congregation Council met via a phone conference to discuss our operating plans during this pandemic. While we are hopeful and anxious to worship together on campus soon, we realize that this would be putting many at risk. After much discussion, Council has voted to keep our campus closed for the next two weeks, but we will continue our livestream worship operations and essential outreach ministries (Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen). Council will reconvene on Tuesday, May 12th via phone conference to re-evaluate and assess our operating plans. Council has begun to consider ideas and plans for phasing in on-campus worship whenever the time arrives so that we may feel safe when we are able to gather together again. We appreciate your support and feedback during this time. Please feel free to contact any Council member if you have questions or concerns.

Despite our campus closure, below is a highlight of some positive activity during the month of April:

- New landscaping around our Sanctuary
- Lighting for our cemetery fence is being planned
- A blessing box is being constructed to provide emergency food and supplies on campus
- Our YouTube channel has reached an all-time high for subscribers and views for our livestream worship
- Endowment Fund grants awarded - see announcement in this newsletter
- Council continues to work on an enhanced Child and Youth Safety program
- 2 qualified candidates for our Director of Youth Ministry position are ready for interview when we can gather together again on campus
- Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen volunteers continue to make our vital outreach ministries possible!
- Additional opportunities for devotion and faith-building have been added via Zoom meetings!

We have a lot to be thankful for. We are thankful for the blessing to be able to worship God together (remotely) and still have the ability to serve others during this difficult time. Thank you for all you do!

Grace, mercy, and peace,

Brian Shealy

**Wittenberg Youth Events**

Saturday, May 2—Yard Sale-**cancelled**

Sunday, May 17—Graduate Recognition-**TBD**

Saturday, May 23—Soup Kitchen

**YOUTH**

## 2020 Endowment Grant Award Recipients

The Endowment Committee of Wittenberg Lutheran Church is proud to announce the 2020 Endowment Grant Award recipients. This year, the board received eleven grant applications totaling \$21,950 in requested funds. Although all applications were worthy causes, a total of \$4,200 was available for disbursement as per our bylaws. Below are the grant award recipients as recommended by the Endowment Board and approved by Council:

Name	Brief Description	Amount Re- quested	Amount to Grant
<a href="#">B-L Summer Literacy Program</a>	Because I Can Summer Reading Program	\$2,700	\$2,200
<a href="#">NovusWay Ministries</a>	2020 Camper Outreach Scholarship Support	2,500	1,000
<a href="#">SCLRC - Camp Kinard</a>	All are Welcome to Swim! (handicap swim lift)	2,000	1,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>

Based on our Endowment and Wittenberg mission statement, recent survey results showing the need for developmental programs targeting youth, and the needs of our community, the committee felt that these three grant applications represented our strongest priorities.

It is the desire of the Endowment Board to recognize and celebrate the award recipients. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Endowment Sunday originally planned for May 3rd has been postponed to an undetermined date. We look forward to the opportunity to invite our award recipients to Wittenberg to celebrate and recognize their good work.

Sincerely,

The Endowment Committee Board

Pastor Emily Edenfield, Gerrie Gresham, Charlie Long, Barbie Rodgers, Brent Shealy, and Brian Shealy



<b>Offering Report</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Regular Offering	\$ 19,994	\$ 66,325
Food Pantry Offering	4,479	11,836
<b>Total Offering to Budgeted Operations</b>	<b>\$ 24,473</b>	<b>\$ 78,161</b>

Vision 20 + 20 Offering	1,400	4,699
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 4,590	\$ 15,766

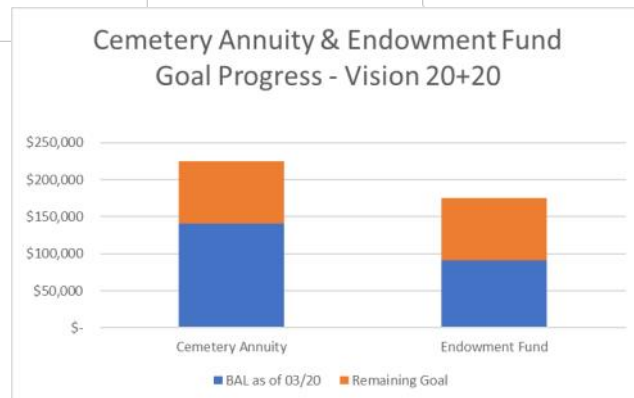
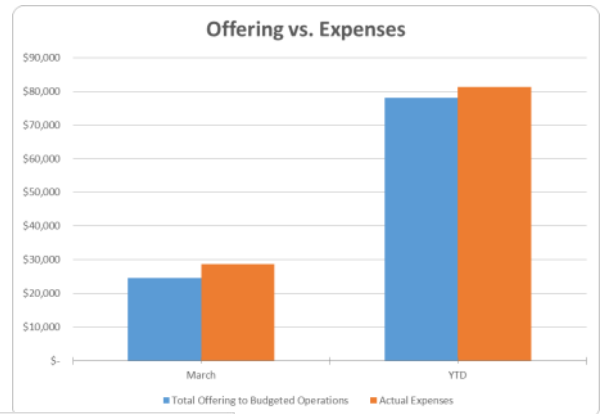
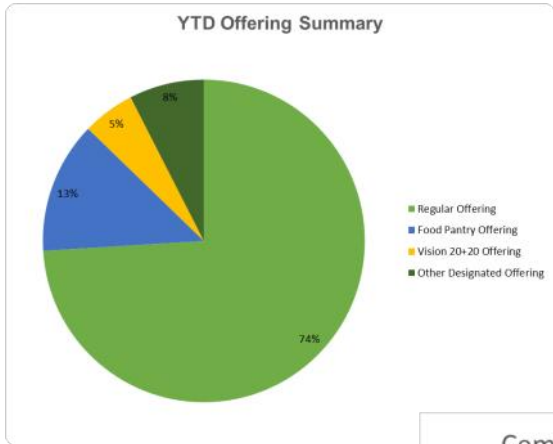
<b>Expense Report</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 32,395	\$ 84,227
Actual Expenses	28,582	81,262
<b>Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 3,813</b>	<b>\$ 2,965</b>

<b>Food Pantry Report</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Expenses	\$ 2,435	\$ 7,652
Balance	\$ 5,272	

<b>Soup Kitchen Report</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Balance	\$ 3,086	

<b>Fund Report</b>	<b>BAL as of 03/20</b>	<b>BAL Last YTD</b>	<b>Vision 20+20 Goal</b>
Cemetery Annuity	\$ 140,789	\$ 123,463	\$ 225,000
Endowment Fund	91,598	86,751	175,000
Vision 20+20 Fund	132,039	93,562	

<b>Preschool Report</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Offerings	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Income	6,399	30,925
Expenses	11,547	31,533
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ (5,148)</b>	<b>\$ (608)</b>



# Parish Events & Announcements:

**Worship Opportunity Reminder:** There are many ways to access worship:

-Live Stream on our YouTube Channel @WittenbergAV – Subscribe to our YouTube channel, access YouTube videos on our website wittenberglesville.org, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

-Call the conference line at 11 am for a live worship listening experience – 803-680-6857.

-Request a recorded copy of the worship service via DVD disc from the church office. A limited number of portable DVD players are available on loan if needed.

Remember to follow along with the Sunday bulletin. Hard copies are provided on the church porch and at the Commons area entrance prior to Sunday. A digital copy is emailed out by the church office or click the bulletin link found in the YouTube video details as well as on the church website.

**Soup Kitchen:** The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **MAY 23**, 10:30am - 12n. **Volunteers should contact Jennifer Spradley by email at [jlspradley1972@gmail.com](mailto:jlspradley1972@gmail.com) to talk about a time slot in order to make sure we have enough space to prepare food safely.**

**Noisy Offering:** No noisy offering in May. Those who wish to donate to the food pantry can do so through the website or by check or cash, marking it to let the counters know that it is meant for the food pantry.

**Coffee & Conversation:** Coffee and Conversation takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join on their computer or smartphone at the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85807901118>. People who prefer to use regular phones can dial 301-715-8592 and log in with Meeting ID: 858 0790 1118. No experience is required. Bring your Bibles!

**Dorcas Quilters:** No meeting in May.

**Lunchtime Book Study:** The Tuesday Book Group remains online and ready for new members! We'll discuss Dr. Brene Brown's book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/902268882> on your computer or call in at 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 902 268 882.

**Taco Theology:** Bring your own tacos (or whatever) and Pastor Emily will bring some theology at 7pm on Tuesdays. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81715495930>. If you'd prefer to call in, dial 301-715-8592 and log in with Meeting ID: 817 1549 5930. Everyone is welcome!

**Morning Ensemble and Chancel Choir Practice:** canceled for May

**Lutheran Men:** canceled for May

**First Sunday Lunch:** canceled for May

**Attention Graduates!:** We're looking forward to recognizing our 2020 graduates! If you are graduating this year, whether it's from high school or college, please email the church office with your name, your accomplishments, and your plans for the future.

**Circle Information:** canceled for May

**How to Join a Zoom Meeting:** Not sure how to join a Zoom meeting? This video shows how: <https://youtu.be/hlkCmbvAHQQ>. Any phone can dial in the numbers and then use the meeting ID to connect to our group. You don't need any special equipment, just a phone with long distance. A computer or phone with a camera is nice, but not necessary.

# WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMI-



<b>Marvin Epting</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>Helen Dasher</b>	<b>5/20</b>
<b>Zane Price</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>Riley Walker</b>	<b>5/20</b>
<b>Courtney Shealy</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>Robin Watts</b>	<b>5/20</b>
<b>Emily Barnes</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>Michael Kramer</b>	<b>5/21</b>
<b>Smith Kirby</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>Lily Price</b>	<b>5/24</b>
<b>Allison Rawls</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>Perry Barnes</b>	<b>5/25</b>
<b>Ellee Quarles</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>Kim Ruff</b>	<b>5/25</b>
<b>Laura Rikard</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>Rachel Burns</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<b>Kate Shealy</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>Jennie Mazon</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<b>Jade Amodio</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>Davis Taylor</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<b>Rob McEwen, Jr.</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>Caycee Shealy</b>	<b>5/27</b>
<b>Letha Long</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>Edgar Hoover, Jr.</b>	<b>5/28</b>
<b>Samantha Trotter</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>Carolyn Price</b>	<b>5/28</b>
<b>Leanna Frick</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>Emily Halsey</b>	<b>5/30</b>
<b>Graham Watson</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Payton Quarles</b>	<b>5/30</b>
<b>Rhonda Bedenbaugh</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>Sue Ruff</b>	<b>5/30</b>
<b>Tristen Brown</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>Susan Shealy</b>	<b>5/31</b>



<b>Shane &amp; Elizabeth Mull</b>	<b>5/2</b>
<b>Todd &amp; Cher Davis</b>	<b>5/4</b>
<b>Theo &amp; Liz Walker</b>	<b>5/14</b>
<b>Jon &amp; Julie Rogers</b>	<b>5/16</b>
<b>Dean &amp; Barbie Rodgers</b>	<b>5/19</b>
<b>Jason &amp; Kim Feaster</b>	<b>5/19</b>
<b>Tom &amp; Debbie Sawyer</b>	<b>5/23</b>
<b>Morgan &amp; Debbie Reynolds</b>	<b>5/24</b>

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Tissy Price	Gerald & Letha Long
Billy Long	Lynne Rauton
John & Merlyn Watkins	Freida Banks
Sybil Ergle	Eva Watson
Sandy Spradley	Madison Grace Maroney
John Banks	Mona Henderson
Larry Lorick	Wills Swygert
Jim Young	
Mike Sherman	

## LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Teddy Kneece (*brother of Brenda Howard*)  
 Brad Cary (*brother of Ross Cary*)  
 The Mayo Family (*friends of Marti Burns*)  
 Heyward Bouknight (*father of Tripp Bouknight*)  
 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*)  
 Walter Chandler (*friend of Hazel Cooper*)  
 The Yager family (*friends of the Rauton family*)  
 Betty Ann Webb (*cousin of Lynne Rauton*)  
 Stan Nichols (*son of Ann & Charles*)  
 Shealy McCormack (*WLPP student*)  
 Bill Amick (*family of Barbie Rodgers*)  
 Tayler Grace Kinard (*cousin of KD*)  
 Reece Spradley (*niece of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Ronda Miller (*friend of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Dean & Selena Player & family (*relatives of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Lisa Williams (*friend of Crissie Kirby*)  
 Chad, Marci, Mason & Drew Arant (*friends of Samantha Trotter*)  
 Daphyne Ridgell (*friend of Brent Shealy*)  
 Beverly Smith (*sister of Jerry Price*)  
 Kenny & Edie Boozer (*friends of Donice Frick*)  
 Alice Martinez (*friend of Donice Frick*)  
 Missy Lewis (*friend of Brenda Howard*)  
 Christy Dawkins (*friend of Donice Frick*)  
 J.C. Poole (*friend of Jo Wells*)  
 Helen Winstead (*mother of Sonya Cary*)  
 Helen & Wilbur Humphries (*parents of Steven Humphries*)  
 Rachel Crowder (*mother-in-law of Mike Nichols*)  
 Jerry Prim (*brother-in-law of Susie Hendrix*)  
 Elaine Gantt (*friend of Margaret Caughman*)  
 Bill Eubanks (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 Carole Hair (*relative of Sonya Cary*)  
 Harvey Sauls (*friend of Robin Taylor*)  
 Keith Berry (*friend of Brenda Howard*)  
 Sally Kinard (*cousin of KD*)  
 Judy Padgett (*aunt of Cricket Leaphart*)

## ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers  
 Logan Gibson  
 Zack Wallace  
 Karl Smith  
 Ross Shealy

## WE REMEMBER:

Eddie Dority (*father of Gregory Dority*)  
 Margaret Shuman (*mother of Sally Sherman*)  
 Bob Isenhower (*friend of Pastor Emily Edenfield*)  
 John Parler (*father of Robin Taylor*)  
 Harold Frick (*brother-in-law of Lavonia Frick*)  
 Doris Antley  
 Mary Shealy  
 Cheryl Vansant (*friend of Brent Shealy*)  
 John & Amelia Pappas (*grandparents of William Barnes*)  
 Sue Nichols  
 Bobby Oswald (*brother of Lavonia Frick*)  
 Wayne Suber (*cousin of Sue Nichols*)



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**You're invited to join the Quest for the King's Armor with Wittenberg Lutheran Church for Knights of North Castle VBS-July 12-16! For more information about our Vacation Bible School, or to register or volunteer, call Kayce Shealy at (803) 307-0194, email [kayceshealy@gmail.com](mailto:kayceshealy@gmail.com), or go to [2020.cokesburyvbs.com/wittenberglc](http://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/wittenberglc).**



## Approved Council Conference Call Minutes, March 31, 2020:

Members Present: Brian Shealy, Rebecca Reed, Chris Taylor, Ricky Frick, Patricia Tiffner, Matt Shealy, Tom Sawyer, Billy Rauton, Gerrie Gresham, Emily Barnes, Todd Long, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Connie Kramer

Members Absent: Gregg Long, Brent Shealy

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Wittenberg CoronaVirus Operating Plans - April 2020

Motion from the Executive Committee to cancel all church activities from April 1- 30 excluding Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, and Livestream Worship Services. 2<sup>nd</sup> from Tom, motion carries.

Upcoming Services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter) – Pastor emailed proposed alternate service plans for these services. Still working out details. Plan to coordinate with Pastor Lisa from Faith for Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Staff Salaries - month of April – plan to continue regular salary payments to Pastor Emily, Becky, Rachel and Randy.

### III. Youth Director Salary Transfer to Youth Checking

Motion from the Executive Committee to discontinue the current transfer of the budgeted Youth Director's salary to the Youth Group effective 4/1/20. 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gerrie. Motion carries.

### IV. Other Updates

Preschool – Preschool to remain closed through the end of April, following the schedule of Lexington School District 3. As per the motion passed by Council via email on March 27, 2020 the church will assist with salary payments while the preschool is closed. Motion reads: "Executive Committee is seeking Council's approval to supplement up to 50% of the Preschool's 2.5 pay periods in April, or \$6,572 total."

Youth Director Applications – Deadline for applications was 3/14/20. Brian/Pastor will communicate to applicants that we are planning to meet with them once we can coordinate a time to conference call each applicant. Application Committee is scheduled to meet via conference call on April 14 to discuss further.

Endowment Grants – Application deadline is 3/31/20. Currently there are 11 applicants. Endowment committee will meet next week to discuss and come up with award recommendations to present at next scheduled council meeting on April 19. Endowment Sunday and First Sunday lunch scheduled for May 3 will be rescheduled.

It was discussed that it may be helpful to remind members of the option to give offering online during the time we are not having "in-person" services, as many people may not be aware of this option. This will be put into the next newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. after motion from Ricky, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Chris and closing prayer from Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Reed, Council Secretary



# Approved Council Minutes, April 19, 2020:

Members Present: Brian Shealy, Rebecca Reed, Emily Barnes, Tom Sawyer, Ricky Frick, Billy Rauton, Matt Shealy, Todd Long, Chris Taylor, Patricia Tiffner, Gerrie Gresham, Gregg Long, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Brent Shealy, Connie Kramer.  
Members Absent: none.

Meeting called to order at 7.02 p.m.  
Devotion by Gregg Long – showing mercy, acting out our faith  
Prayer Concerns  
Prior meeting minutes March 9 and March 31 (previously approved by email).

**Pastor's Report:** Email provided at meeting. Includes activities from 3/9/20-4/19/20. Approved after motion from Ricky, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Chris.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking balance \$25,561.58, of which \$11,810.65 is restricted (food pantry, soup kitchen, reserve for copier lease and March Lent offerings). \$30,000 has been transferred from Vision 20/20 checking account into a savings CD. We have completed the second payroll supplement for preschool staff. \$670.43 collected during Lent to be sent to Abundancia Appeal. Report approved after motion from Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gerrie.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** approved after motion from Ricky, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Rebecca. Thank you to Connie for fulfilling teller duties during social distancing.

## President's Report:

Facility Use Request (none at time of meeting)

Update on Youth Director Search – We have received applications from 2 qualified applicants. Committee met via conference call to discuss applicants and interview process. Both applicants have been contacted and updated, will plan to conduct in-person interviews when able.

Youth Security Policy – “Protection & Prevention/Confidentiality” sections discussed. Brian will email proposed changes to council for review. Plan to discuss “Supervision Procedures and Behavioral Guidelines” sections next month.

Blessing Box – Tom motions to pursue the building and stocking of a Blessing Box on Wittenberg property, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Patricia. Motion carries. Details to be worked out between Social Ministry and Property committees, and any other volunteers.

## Committee Reports:

**AV&T:** YouTube views have increased significantly recently.

**Cemetery:** Gregg hopes to get wiring for cemetery lighting installed in the next few weeks.

**Christian Education:** no report.

**Endowment:** 11 grant applications were reviewed by the committee. Committee motions to recommend granting \$2200 to the B-L Summer Literacy Program, \$1000 to Novus Way Camper Scholarship Support, and \$1000 to Camp Kinard for Swim Lessons. Motion carries after 2<sup>nd</sup> from Rebecca.

**Evangelism/Christian Care:** continuing to send cards and keep in touch with members.

**Mutual Ministry:** no report.

**Parish Life:** no report.

**Preschool:** Committee will meet soon to discuss reopening/summer plans.

**Property:** Billy will communicate with R&R Landscape to determine timetable to install updated landscape planting around sanctuary. Work day was held on 3/28, gutters were cleaned, whiteboards were hung. Parsonage gutters still need cleaning.

**Social Ministry:** Food pantry served 250 families in March, soup kitchen served around 120 plates.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Committee working with Preschool Committee to research any Small Business Assistance that may be available.

**Strategic Planning:** no report.

**Worship & Music:** no report.

**Youth:** Chicken dinner in March was a huge success, all youth activities for April and the NYC summer trip have been cancelled, seniors will be recognized in May, anticipated start date for a new Youth Director is August/September, 2020, youth met tonight via Zoom, Cher hopes to plan an alternate trip for the youth this summer.

**Other New Business** - none

**Old Business** – none

**Next meetings** - Council Conference Call meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss next COVID-19 operating plans, next regularly scheduled council meeting will be Sunday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer, after motion from Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Patricia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Reed, Council Secretary

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## Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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The preschool has remained closed the month of April but that doesn't mean we aren't still in contact with our students! Our teachers have been having "Zoom" chats twice a week with their classes and posting videos of book readings. We've made phone calls keeping our parents and care givers up to date on the preschool and making sure they are alright. Pastor has posted videos online and the library has also contributed to story time. It has certainly been different than what we are used to but it sure is nice to see those little faces and to hear what they are up to. We understand the struggle our parents are having and believe me...they are like us; they can't wait for things to get back to normal. In my conversations with our parents I also have heard positive comments on how they have loved this time with their child, or how nice it is to not have to rush to get supper on the table. Several even commented that it was nice to get a break from afternoon sports. Being confined has been tough but hearing these comments certainly makes you appreciate the time these families are getting to spend together. I remember hearing a story set in the future of a mother and her child. She asked if he remembered the time when they couldn't go shopping, food was low, and they had to stay home to stay away from the virus. He responded that he didn't remember that, but he remembered when they all sat at the table eating, he remembered reading books and planting a garden. He remembered playing outside till dark.

When life hands you lemons, are you making lemonade? Are you taking advantage of this time to make memories that will last a lifetime? I will be the first to tell you, I want to stay home when I want to be home, not because I have to. I miss those little people running up to me for a hug or to tell me something special that happened to them. But we must stay safe, we've had to adapt the best we can during this time. We'll be back. Things will get back to normal. Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your mask when you go out, use your hand sanitizer.

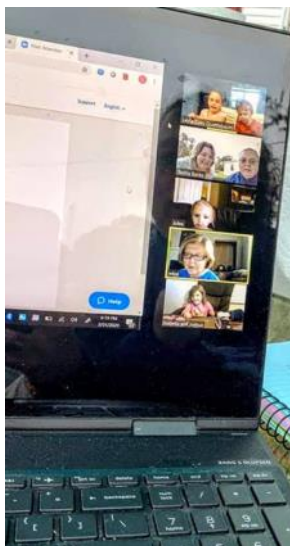
I want to send a big thank you for the support of our preschool board and the church council. I cannot wait till we can open those doors again and hear the sweet sound of laughter through our hallway!

Peace be with you,

Cricket Leaphart


### Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."



# May 2020

## WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship— <u>streamed</u>	27 <u>11:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation— via Zoom <u>7:30 PM</u> Lutheran Men— <u>canceled</u>	28 <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>12:00 PM</u> <u>Lunchtime Book</u> <u>Study via Zoom</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology— via Zoom	29 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice— <u>canceled</u>	30	1 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	2 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open
3 <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship— <u>streamed</u>	4 <u>11:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation— via Zoom	5 <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>12:00 PM</u> <u>Lunchtime Book</u> <u>Study via Zoom</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology—via Zoom	6 <u>11:30 AM</u> Morn- ing Circle— <u>canceled</u> <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice— <u>canceled</u>	7	8 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	9 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open
10 <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship— <u>streamed</u>	11 <u>11:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation— via Zoom <u>6:30 PM</u> Circle IV— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Circle L— <u>canceled</u>	12 <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>12:00 PM</u> <u>Lunchtime Book</u> <u>Study via Zoom</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology—via Zoom	13 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice— <u>canceled</u>	14 <u>5:30 PM</u> Girl Scouts— <u>canceled</u>	15 <u>LCY Convention</u> — <u>canceled</u> <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	16 <u>LCY Convention</u> — <u>canceled</u> <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open
17 <u>LCY Convention</u> — <u>canceled</u> <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship/ Noisy Offering— <u>TBD</u> <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship/ Noisy Offering— <u>TBD</u>	18 <u>11:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation— via Zoom	19 <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>12:00 PM</u> <u>Lunchtime Book</u> <u>Study via Zoom</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology—via Zoom	20 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice— <u>canceled</u>	21 <u>7:00 PM</u> Mutual Ministry— <u>canceled</u>	22 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	23 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open <u>10:30 AM</u> Soup Kitchen 
24 <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship— <u>TBD</u> <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship— <u>TBD</u> <u>3:00 PM</u> Evangelism/ Christian Care— <u>canceled</u>	25 <u>11:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation— via Zoom <u>7:30 PM</u> Lutheran Men— <u>canceled</u>	26 <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>12:00 PM</u> <u>Lunchtime Book</u> <u>Study via Zoom</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology—via Zoom	27 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice— <u>canceled</u>	28	29 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	30 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open
31 <u>8:30 AM</u> Worship— <u>TBD</u> <u>11:00 AM</u> Worship— <u>TBD</u>	1 <u>TBD</u> <u>Common Service</u> <u>Book Month</u> <u>9:00 AM</u> Coffee & Conversation	2 <u>TBD</u> <u>8:45AM</u> Preschool Chapel— <u>canceled</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> Taco Theology	3 <u>TBD</u> <u>11:30 AM</u> Morn- ing Circle <u>6:30 PM</u> Morning Ensemble Practice <u>7:30 PM</u> Choir Practice	4	5 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open	6 <u>9:00 AM</u> Food Pantry Open <u>10:00 AM</u> KICS Hooray for Summer Water Party— <u>TBD</u>

Please check our calendar on the WLC website <http://www.wittenberglesville.org/> for the latest information.

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## Join Us For Worship!

Service will be streamed at the  
WittenbergAV channel on Youtube and the  
Wittenberg Leesville Facebook page on  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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