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So, here we are again, it's time to write a front page. What should I write about? What would you want to hear about? I remember one person, who when I asked them about something I had written in the front page, said they didn't know what I was talking about. I said really, what did you think about my front-page article? She said, I don't read the front page. Well that sure does make it hard to be inspired. I know, I know, that is just one person, right? I have decided I want to further explain what I was talking about in my year end report.

In my year-end report I talked about relationship. I feel we need stronger relationship with each other as members of a church. I think that relationships are the key to a strong church. Developing relationship helps with attendance, finances, and the spiritual health of a congregation. Stronger relationships will also help with the general mood of the parish.

This year, I would like for us to establish groups to help us get to know one another. Wendy will be writing up a sign-up sheet for you to put your name and phone number on, if you would like to participate. We will then put you into a group of six people to a group. Your group is tasked to meet and get to know each other. Maybe meet to have coffee or gather with each other for dinner or out for appetizers. You might even want to go for desserts. You get the gist. Learn about each other and hang out together for a while. Then after about four months, we will change the groups and you will have time to get to know another group of people. As we spend time with each other, we can learn about and maybe talk about things we can do to better equip the church for ministry.

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Lets develop friendships and learn more about each other and we then see each other as a necessary part of the whole congregation. We establish connections to help each other with our gifts and we have fun when we establish these relationships. Church is more fun to go to and we become less alone in the world. We live! We don't come to church just out of duty, we come to see our friends. We get support when things are rough in our life as well as people to share our blessings.

We feel more connected and we start to learn what someone needs. We can feel less afraid to support or pray with someone. We can struggle with our faith together, not feeling alone, but able to go to Bible Study together. Even share devotional materials and ah-ha moments. One thing that strengthens our spiritual health is to share testimonials. What a wonderful thing to hear of someone's struggles and blessings. We start to pray together and share scriptures with each other. Maybe we even read the Bible together. God is in the relationship. Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.

Relationships help us to feel more secure within the church and where it is heading. If we know the person, we are more understanding. We trust where he or she is going with a project. We are more willing to help them to succeed by helping them with our time, talents, and resources. Knowing that we are better equipped as a church to actually do ministry with care, understanding, and love. Wouldn't it be great if we all had some connection with every ministry we have at Good Hope Lutheran Church?

I am excited to try this program! Wendy will let you know the details like sign up sheets and what group you will be in and who is in that group with you. Then she will let you know when the groups change. I am sure this will be fun and we will benefit from these new connections or relationships. Please sign up and please have fun with this program.

Pastor Ralph

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office open 9am-2pm Confirmation camp	2 Worship 5:00pm Confirmation camp
Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	4 Office open 9am-2pm	5	6 Office open 9am-2pm Imposition of ashes 11am-1pm Bible study 6pm Ash Wednesday worship 7pm	7	8 Office open 9am-2pm	9 Worship 5:00pm Pasta Bake dinner 4-7pm
10 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	Office open 9am-2pm	12 Stewardship meeting 7pm	Office open 9am-2pm Discipleship training 5:30pm Bible study 6pm Lent worship 7pm	14	Office open 9am-2pm	16 Worship 5:00 pm
Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	18 Office open 9am-2pm	19 Council Meeting 7pm	20 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm Lent worship 7pm	21	22 Office open 9am-2pm	Worship 5:00pm
24 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	25 Office open 9am-2pm	26	27 Office open 9am-2pm Bible study 6pm Lent concert 7pm	28	29	30
31 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am						

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
March 3rd	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3: 12—4:2 Luke 9: 28-43a	Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.
March 6	Ash Wednesday	purple	Isaiah58: 1-12 Psalm 51: 1-17 2 Corinthians 5: 20b—6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.
March 10th	First Sunday In Lent	purple	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13	These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.
March 17th	Second Sunday In Lent	purple	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17—4: 1 Luke 13: 31-35	Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."
March 24th	Third Sunday In Lent	purple	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Psalm 63: 1-8 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9	The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!
March 31st	Fourth Sunday In Lent	purple	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	March 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord	March 10 First Sunday in Lent	March 17 Second Sunday in Lent	March 24 Third Sunday in Lent	March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Altar Guild	Art & Barb Gray	Donna Haller	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Lauren Coss Barry Pitzer	Stephen Coss Grace Pavkovich	Lauren Coss Kara Haskin	Stephen Coss Ashlyn Elford	Lauren Coss Nick Haines
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Penny Felger Sarah Deiger	Peggy Manchester Andy Tesyk	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk
Lector 8:00 10:30	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Stephen Coss Loetta Haller	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Jean Sauerwein
Liturgy	Loetta Haller	Andy Tesyk	N/A	Kathy Kramer	Pam Nock
Ushers 10:30 am	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Kathy Kramer	Jean Sauerwein	Andy Tesyk	Stephanie Razo	Sandy Kuntz
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Sarah Deiger Ruth McMurray
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle will once again bake cookies for the Rescue Mission. We set the date for the cookie collection for March 24th.

Our next meeting will be March 12th and we will be visiting friends.

Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

We will have no meetings in January or February 2019. The next meeting will be March 13, weather permitting.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The stewardship team met on February 12th. Our next project is to help with the Camp Frederick wish list. If you are able to donate any of the items, or if you want to donate money to help purchase bigger items, please let the office know. The wish list is on page 11. Thank you everyone who donated pet supplies or candy! Our next meeting will be March 12th at 7pm.

DINNER TEAM

The lunch with Teen Challenge was amazing! Thank you to all volunteers. Thank you to all who donated desserts. Thank you dinner team for all of your hard work. The guys went home with lots of turkey, ham, and desserts. They were very grateful for our hospitality.

The next dinner is March 9th. All-you-can-eat pasta bake with salad for only \$10.00. Meal includes a beverage and dessert. Join us for great food and fun fellowship!

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THE REACHOUT

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation:

March 3

Jack Crouse Nancy Crouse Diane D'Amico Michael D'Amico

March 10

Sharon Davis
Sarah Deiger
Tara Detchon
Debbie Dulovich

March 17

Joe Dulovich Pastor Ralph Edwards Rebekah Edwards Wendy Edwards

March 24

Ashlyn Elford Cadence Elford Grant Elford Katie Elford

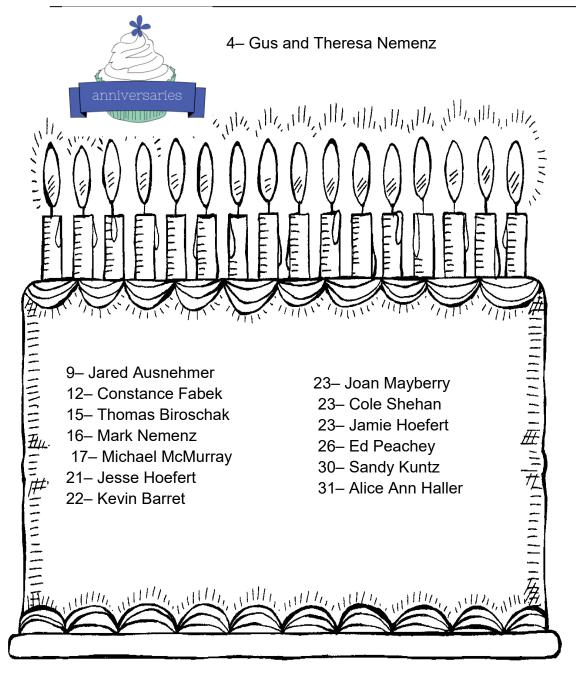
March 31

Michael Elford Bart Felger Baylee Felger Penny Felger

Joe Kreidler	Leah Martin	Gerald Hostetter	Christopher
Jennifer Ostapiak	Pete Wellman	Nora Sabella	Sandy Lutz
Catherine Bivianno	Jack Schneider	Sarah Corey	Sandra Nagy
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey	Kerry Gumbs	Lillian Fabry
Chris and Julia Karis	Jimmy Waldele	Carol Coleman	Dave Hospodar
Dale Sheely	Joan Mayberry	Andy Tesyk	Linda Gray
Joan Grant	Rick Waldele	George Anderson	
Jack Crouse	Walter Kyser	Carol Coleman	

Serving in the Military:

Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry, Jodie Brimmer



MEETING MINUTES

Council meeting minutes for February 19, 2019

The meeting was opened with prayer from Greg.

present: Sarah, Greg, Stephanie, Kelly, Jeff H., Peggy, Kelsie, Wendy

excused: Pastor Ralph, Andy, Jeff W.

The financial reports, team reports, Pastor's report and January meeting minutes, were all emailed to council ahead of the meeting. All reports were accepted.

Treasurer:

Kelly reports that the Realm accounting program is up and running.

Secretary and Youth Report:

Prepared for Creed Camp for confirmation class

Attended council and stewardship meetings

Cleaned up and organized office

Handled incoming calls and answering machine messages

Cleaned up email and handled correspondence

Helped with 3 c's phone calls

Updated our website weekly- sermons and calendar

Distributed mail

Prepared 8 regular bulletins

Prepared 1 baptism bulletin and ordered plaque

Prepared and distributed the January Reachout

Prepared 4 Sunday school lessons and made valentines

Updated Red book

Updated Onrealm

Changed outdoor sign

Ordered office supplies

Prepared packet for council meeting

Prepared and sent annual reports for Synod

Prepared annual report for congregational meeting

Attended worship at Teen Challenge

Attended the Chili dinner

Stewardship:

To start out the new year, we collected pet supplies and candy for Teen Challenge. We are advertising and asking for donations to Camp Frederick's wish list in March.

Pastor's report -February- 2019

Area of Focus Last Month

I had 16 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

2 Visit to the Hospital- Marilyn Wire, Jack Crouse

We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 14 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.

Jan 6 Epiphany

Jan 6 Taking down the Greens

Jan 9 Discipleship Training begins

Jan 10, I do Adult and Teen Challenge worship Anyone can go with me!!

Jan 12 Chili and Cornbread Dinner

Jan 17 John Burns Funeral

Jan 18 Elise Stevenson Funeral

Jan 21-24 Professional Leaders Retreat Wendy and I

Jan 28-29 Clergy continuing Ed Opioid Epidemic WV; Beaver Police is paying

Old Business:

a. bell tower- Greg will have a direction for the bell tower grounding for the March meeting.

b. social media- Stephanie and Sarah will present a permissions form for the March meeting. Sarah will call Camp Frederick for a template.

New Business:

- a. audit team- Jeff is coordinating schedules with the team to have the audit finished this month.
- b. financial secretary- Peggy is writing new instructions for Chrema, and she will have a meeting with the counting teams to go over them.
- c. council seat- Sarah asks council to fill one seat to replace Joe by the March meeting.
- d. events- Greg asks council to brainstorm events for Good Hope to host.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

- ***February 10 congregational meeting: Loetta motions that the annual report for 2018 be accepted as presented. Nancy seconds. Motion carries.
- *** We need to replace 1 council member as soon as possible. If you would like to be on council, please contact the office at 330-549-2406. ***
- ***The audit team has completed the 2018 financial audit. They report that the financial records are being kept perfectly.***

Treasurer's Report Ending January 31, 2018

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$10,082.51	\$10,082.51	\$183,417.49
Expense	\$17,099.70	\$17,099.70	\$175,955.58
Total	(\$7,017.19)	(\$7,017.19)	\$7,461.91

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00

Current Balance = **\$30,633.00**

Thank you for your donations!

* Mark Your Calendar *

March 1&2:Confirmation class to Camp Frederick (communion) This camp is for any children who want to learn about and be able to receive communion.

March 5: Mount Olivet United Church of Christ is hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage dinner to benefit the Community Day Camp. The meal cost is by donation.

March 6: Imposition of Ashes from 11am-1pm. Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm.

March 9: Our Pasta Bake Dinner is from 4-7pm. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex if you wish to set up, serve, or bring a dessert. Tickets are available for pre-sale. Please ask Wendy for them.

March 13, 20, 27: Lenten worship at 7pm.

March 24: Hannah Circle is collecting cookies for the Rescue Mission. Please bring your cookies to the Narthex on that day. Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

March 27: Lent concert at 7pm by Sue, Rachel, and Christine.

April 3, 10: Lenten worship at 7pm.

April 6: Camp Frederick dinner dance: It's a sock Hop on April 6at 6pm. Invitations are available in the Narthex.

April 13: Soup and sandwich dinner

April 16: Blessing of oils and renewal of vows

April 18: Maundy Thursday worship at 7pm.

April 19: Good Friday worship at 7pm.

April 20: Vigil of Easter worship at 5pm.

April 21: Resurrection of our Lord at 8am & 10:30am.

Special Interest

Directory: Peggy Manchester is heading up the new directory team. Please let her know if you want to be part of the team. Photos will be taken in May.

Easter prelude: Please let Sue know by March 10th if you are interested in performing. The prelude will start at 6:30 pm.

Our annual rummage sale is May 18th. Cleaning out garages or basements this Spring? Please donate your items to the rummage sale. Contact John Chuey at 330-549-3527 to pick up your donations.

My outreach project for the Discipleship class is to provide transportation to people who needed rides to a doctor's appointment, or to the grocery store, and so on. I need 3 or 4 volunteers to create a team to help with transportation when I am unable to provide rides. I am hoping that wonderful people at Good Hope, who are so generous and helpful, would be more than willing to provide for people who cannot get out. Anyone who wants to be part of my mission team please call the church office at 330 549-2406.

Thank you and God bless,

Andy Tesyk

Camp Frederick

The stewardship team is asking you to prayerfully consider supporting Camp Frederick. There are many ways to help: Thrivent Choice, Amazon, donating supplies or money!

AMAZON SMILE -FREE MONEY FOR CAMP FREDERICK

If you use Amazon to order items you have the opportunity to receive 0.5% of your total purchase donated to Camp Frederick. The first time you sign on to Amazonsmile.com you'll be asked to pick a charitable organization from their list. Camp Frederick is on that list. From then on you shop as you normally would, save items to the cart, etc. When you are ready to make your purchases sign onto Amazonsmile.com and all your items are there, it's really the same site.

Take a look and you'll see how easy it can be.

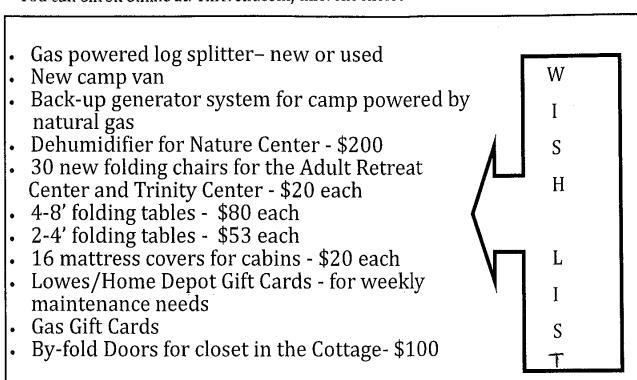
Directions for Enrolling in Thrivent Choice Program

If you are already a Thrivent member then the Thrivent Choice Program

is simple and an easy way to contribute to Camp Frederick.

You can enroll by phone at: 800 847 4836.

You can enroll online at: Thrivent.com/thrivent choice.

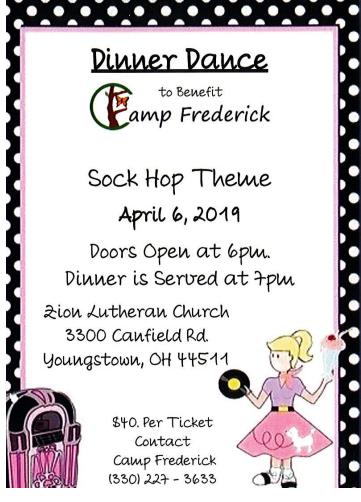


PASTA BAKE DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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