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OUR MISSION IS TO LOVE,
SERVE & STRENGTHEN ALL
PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS!

THE WEEKLY WORD

MARCH 9-10, 2019

SPRING EVENT

The Women of the ELCA Spring Event - Knowing the God of our past and the God of our future - will take place Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (709 Weston Avenue, Wausau, WI), from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. Guest Speaker for this event is Susan Perry, author of "From Beneath the Tarp," a true story of one woman's journey through the realities of domestic violence.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out a reservation form, located on the table outside the lounge, ASAP.

CONNECTIONS

A large chunk of what the (relatively new) Promotions Committee's goals are is to create connections between church members and the community at large. One way we would like to do this is by connecting with new parents. How can you help? First, if you know of a congregation member (even an inactive member) who has a baby, please let the church office know. Second, we are looking for people to "adopt" the baby and their family. This person will send out a monthly newsletter (these will be provided to the sender) and any

little note of encouragement or friendship they would like to add. If this is a ministry you are called to help us with, please contact the church office.



GOT SOME SPARE CHANGE?

Check your pockets and couch cushions! From now until the end of March, WELCA will be collecting change to give as an offering to the ARISE campaign. So drop your pennies, silver dollars, or anything in between into their collection containers, located on the Scrip Table and on the stand in the Narthex. Thanks!

EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to order a lily (\$15 or \$30), mums (\$17), hydrangeas (\$30), or a bulb garden (\$27) to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter? Would you like to make a special memorial donation instead? Pick up a form off of the Usher's table by April 7, 2019

FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Are you 55 or older and looking for something to do with your time? Stop by the T.B. Scott Library Boardroom from 10-2 on Friday, March 15, 2019 to learn about the Foster Grandparents program. Current volunteers will be on hand to share their rewarding experiences with you.

LENT MEALS

Last year we had other congregation members join the confirmation and Wednesday school youth and families for a meal before worship us and it was good to have a cross-generational group gathered together to eat and visit. We'd like to do this again this Lent but need some help preparing food. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the narthex with a menu for each week. For example, we'll have soup one week and ask for 4 people to make a batch of soup each, then have others to sign up to bring bread. If we don't get enough people to sign up then we'll eat when we get home after worship. Let's give it a try and see how it works.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

This year we will once again have morning and evening worship on Wednesdays during Lent at 11 AM and 6:30 PM. On these Wednesdays the morning service will be liturgy and prayers that Pr. Pat puts together. We will use Holden Evening Prayer for the evening service.

The theme for our mid-week services is "Open My Life Lord." In preparation you may reflect on this blessing, as found in the Augsburg Fortress resource [Sundays and Seasons](#):

Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life + bless you now and forever. Amen.

CONFERENCE MEETING

The Wisconsin River Valley Conference meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, February 23 has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 due to the weather.

THRIVENT PRESENTATION

Kelly O'Day, our Thrivent representative, is going to do a presentation on retirement and estate planning after worship on Saturday, March 17. You are welcome to invite any friends or family members who are interested in these topics. Kelly is also happy to answer any questions you have about Thrivent and the financial services they offer. You do not have to be a member of Thrivent to attend this presentation.

WEEKLY STATS**Last Week's**

Attendance was 198 (including mid-week Worship)

Last Week's Offering

General: \$6,721.50

Benevolence: \$229.50

Designated: \$0.00

Last Weeks Scrip

Sales: \$1,695.00

Profits: \$70.03

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Zomcheck, Brian Haines, Travis,

Earleen Fox, Ward Nelson, Jerry

Wick, Adia Hull, Leslie Fischer,

Makenzi Keeling, Jacob Pesola, Sean

Templin, Janet Beyer, Christopher

Navarro, Bob & Helen, Kurt, Carol

Pester, Jessica, Barb, Kathy Gruett,

Liam Bauman, Anne Germain, Tasha

Jaeger

FLOWERS

The flowers this week were given by Kent & Tammy Latzig in honor of their Anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Sunday, March 9, 2019**

9:00 AM—Worship (HC)

10:00 AM—Coffee Hour

10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:45 AM—First Presbyterian
Worship

Monday, March 10, 2019

1:00 PM—Esther Circle

6:30 PM—AA Meeting

7:00 PM—Dartball

7:15 PM—Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, March 11 2019

1:00 PM—M&M Group

Wednesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 AM—LMM @ Hardees

11:00 AM—**Worship (HC)**

3:30 PM—FROGs

4:00 PM—Wednesday Night Ed

5:15 PM—Family Style Meal

6:30 PM—Worship (HC)

7:00 PM FOCUS

Thursday, March 13, 2019

8:30 AM—Mission Sewing

1:00 PM—Ruth Circle

Friday, March 14, 2019

8:30 AM—Staff Meeting

10 AM—Bible Study

Saturday, March 15, 2019

9:00 AM—AA Meeting

4:30 PM—Worship (HC)

5:30 PM—Thrivent Presentation

**FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2019**

INCOME \$20,857.00

EXPENSES \$24,987.59

NET -\$4,130.59

**TOTAL FOR JANUARY-
FEBRUARY 2019**

INCOME \$44,519.21

TRANSFERS \$0.00

EXPENSES \$52,052.56

NET -\$7,533.35

THRIVENT CHOICE**DOLLARS**

Deadline for designating 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31. Our Saviour's is grateful for the Choice Dollars we receive from Thrivent members. If you have any kind of insurance or annuity through Thrivent and don't know about Choice Dollars, talk to Pastor Pat.

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

Year-to-date through February 28, 2019 your contributions and our Other Receipts totaled \$44,519 vs \$44,514 last year-to-date,(up \$5). The way the calendar fell this year we only had eight weeks of deposits in 2019 vs. nine weeks in the first two months of 2018. It would make the numbers look a little better if we were comparing apples to apples.

Our total Expense was \$52,052, resulting in a slippage of \$7,533 YTD. Because we had a little over \$10,000 in our checking account at the end of 2018, we were able to pay expenses without using any of the parsonage money and without using any of our other funds. It is not unusual for the first several months of the year to be financially challenging.

The checking account balance is \$2,050.

Your continued offerings and for those willing and able to share more of their gifts, will enable us to cover our ministry, benevolence and other operating expenses.

Thank you for your support of our ministry.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

