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

THE WEEKLY WORD

MARCH 23-24, 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.

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!

OUTREACH ON STEROIDS!!

The Outreach Team is asking you to GIVE IT UP for Lent this year! After conversations with St. Vincent de Paul's Ministry, the team has learned of three items in constant demand by their clients—Merrill's neediest and sometimes homeless: pillows, men's socks and men's and women's underwear. So, for a quick trip to Wal-Mart and a small cost to you, you could help meet all three needs. Here's the plan:

1. PILLOW FIGHT! A friendly competition will be held, church Left-Side Sitters vs. Right-Side Sitters. Which side will bring in the most pillows to the overflow area? What a cush-y competition!

2. Donations to the UNDERBEAR-UNDER-THE-STAIR-UNDERWEAR COLLECTION may be placed under the south staircase, near UnderBear, the project mascot. (Briefs are requested for men and women; all sizes are needed.)

3. DROP THE SOCKS—tube socks of any adult size—in the giant stocking in the narthex. Our Sunday and Wednesday School kids will be contributing socks, too. Can we fill the giant sock seven times during the seven weeks of Lent?? Give us a Y! Give us an E!! Give us an S!!! Go-o-o-o-o-o-o, Our Saviour's!

4. If shopping isn't your thing but you'd like to contribute, the Fish Bowl will be out for monetary gifts.

Thank you for donating whatever you can!

WE ARE THE CHAMPTIONS!

Huge congratulations to Our Saviour's dart ball team, who took first place Sunday, March 10 at the Church League Dart Ball Tournament. Members of our team are: Dave Anderson, Brad Barton, John Baumann, Mike Hornischer, Bryce, Rory

and Mike Jirovec, Ken Kloth and Dave Viesselmann. When you see one of them, be sure to shake his hand! The tournament marked the end of their 2018-2019 season. If you're interested in joining the championship team for next season, just talk to Mike Jirovec. They'd love to have you.

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 and return by April 7, 2019

CHURCHES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

There will be a panel presentation on "Pilgrimage to Peace" on Israel & Palestine on Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 PM at the Holy Cross Clare Center (1600 O'Day Street). All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY STATS

Last Week's Attendance was 97
(NOT including mid-week Worship)

Last Week's Offering
General: \$5,184.00
Benevolence: \$336.00
Designated: \$25.00

Last Weeks Scrip
Sales: \$1,985.00
Profits: \$85.63

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dana & Her Soon Expected Son, 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 the members of Our Saviour's

BAPTISM

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, we rejoice in the baptism of Ellie Marie Kay Stockowitz, daughter Dyllin Stockowitz & Makyla Prentice. Sponsors for Ellie are Kensey Prentice & Jamie Slott. May the Lord help them as they help Ellie grow in faith.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 24, 2019

9:00 AM—Worship (HC)

10:00 AM—Coffee Hour

10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:45 AM—First Presbyterian
Worship

Monday, March 25, 2019

6:30PM—AA Meeting

7:00 PM—Dartball

7:15 PM—Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:00 PM Youth & Family

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

7:00 AM—LMM @ Hardees

11:00 AM—**Worship (HC)**

3:30 PM—FROGs

4:00 PM—Wednesday Education

5:15 PM—Family Style Meal

6:30 PM—Worship (HC)

7:00 PM FOCUS

7:00 PM Curiosity Team

Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:30 AM—Mission Sewing

10:00 AM—Hymn Choosers

Friday, March 29, 2019

10 AM—Bible Study

Saturday, March 30, 2019

9:00 AM—AA Meeting

4:30 PM—Worship (HC)