

FAITH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

PASTOR PEGGY'S PAGE

Most of you know that Faith lost two members to death in the last couple of months. Joe Neely died just after Christmas and Eva Woodall died on February 15

th. A memorial service for Joe was held at Faith on February 17th and a memorial service for Eva is scheduled for March 12th. It is also the church season of Lent. Holy Week and Easter will be here shortly.

For me there is something poignant about experiencing death during this sacred time. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with words reminding us of our mortality (“remember you are dust and to dust you shall return”). And the Gospel readings for the season of Lent consistently point towards Christ’s crucifixion. Some think of Lent as a gloomy time with its focus on death as well as sin.

But Lent has another quality. In recent years the church has regained the period of Lent as a time to remember that we are baptized children of God, beloved by God and inheritors of God’s promises including the promise of life eternal with God. These promises are assured to us through Christ who even though he died, was raised from death and through whom we also have the promise of resurrection. It is this promise that we will celebrate at Easter.

There is a movement in the seasons of Lent and Easter, first into death, but then into life. It is the same movement we experience in baptism. The tradition of the church connects baptism with the idea of being drowned. The idea was not just that sin was drowned but rather that one’s old life was drowned so that we are reborn to a new life, a life centered in and with God. In this new life, death no longer holds power over us.

So Lent is not a gloomy time, nor are funerals times of only sorrow. They are times filled with hope and promise. For us, death is never the final word for in the words of the apostle, Paul, “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1st Corinthians 15:54), the victory of resurrection.



PRESIDENTS’S POINT OF VIEW

BABY BLANKETS
SMORGASBORD
SHELTER DINNERS
PRAYER CHAIN
LECTOR
WHITE BREAKFAST
EVANGELISM
ORGANIZER
LENTEN SOUP DINNERS
BBQ’S

MISSION STATEMENT
PRESIDENT
WITNESS

What does all this have to do with my point of view for the month of March? These are just a few of the positions and responsibilities held by Eva Woodall! On the 15th of February Eva passed away. She had recently moved into a care facility in Santa Clara and was enjoying her new found friends. Sadly, she slipped and fell while going to dinner and was taken to the hospital. While in the hospital she had another surgery and passed away.

The introductory list above demonstrates her devotion to God and our church. If there was something to be done, Eva was usually at the forefront volunteering her time and talent. She will be missed more than we can recognize at present, I am sure as we move along her loss will be more and more evident.

We can be confident in the knowledge that her faith will be recognized and rewarded as she embarks on her continued voyage in heaven. Thanks Eva for sharing your joy, love and devotion with us for so many years, your love of life and God will be missed.

PROPERTY REPORT FOR 2017

- Cleaned up and put a carpet in Room 15 for use with smaller groups
- Replace Exit light going out to Bell area
- Termite repair in school room and school office
- Repaired two broken locks
- Roof repaired by room 17, 6 and the Nursery
- Replaced gutters by room 6
- Lights on top of office (outside) replaced bulb
- Cleaned up storage room in Ross Hall

for smaller group use.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
and Sunday nights.

NEW STARTING TIME FOR CHURCH IS 9:30

Birthday's for March

Elli Gerhardt	9
Leslie Grundy	9
Jody Sorensen	10
Gwennie Balcomb	17
Gerda Judas	18
Carol Lippi	18
Max Werner	19

Anniversary for March

Stefan & Beth Myslicki	19
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Hans Koehler	22
Robert Balcomb Sr.	31

THANK YOU

Thank you Alec Langga for filling in for Ian at our Service on Sunday. It was very nice to have you.

Thank you to all who have signed up for Flowers, Lector, and Refreshments.

We would like to encourage you to sign up for Flowers in Honor, Memory or just celebrations of a loved one or just to help brighten up the front of the sanctuary on Sundays. The arrangements are \$50.00, a generous discount from Hahn at Gaeta's flowers in Los Gatos, for what she provides for us. She does not charge for vases so please return them to the church when the flowers are gone. Please donate whatever you feel you can to help with the expense. Please sign up at "the book" in the Narthex.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eva Woodall

March 12th 10:00

Reception to follow in Ross Hall

Eva Woodall was born in Hungary. Her parents were pharmacists and she had one sister and many extended family members. When their joyful life was interrupted by WWII, her family fled communism and landed in San Francisco in 1951. Eva graduated from George Washington High School and then graduated from San Jose State University and pursued a lengthy career as a Laboratory Technologist. Eva raised 3 children and enjoyed many years of serving in her children's elementary school Home and School club organizing many fundraising events. Eva discovered her roots in the Christian faith at Community Lutheran Church and served their many years as well as attending Bible Study Fellowship. She later attended Faith Lutheran Church in Los Gatos and served there nearly 30 years. Eva dearly loved her six grandchildren, cooking, crocheting, and studying the Bible. She had many friends and other interests and overcame many medical conditions. She had a deep and sincere faith and was not afraid to share her joy and hope in Jesus Christ with everyone she met. She is dearly missed by her friends and family, but her example of servitude, love, and vitality will be with us the rest of our lives.

Eva made sure we had food for every occasion.

I will never forget when Eva said “God’s calling me to throw you a baby shower”. What a blessing Eva was to our church. *Nazanine Bain*

Mimi Shilov	Mario Chissesi
Dottie Chissesi	Marie Hughes
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Beth Myslicki	Eunice Phillips
Don Wixon	Vicki Wheeler (Neighbor)
Doris Wacker	Jeff (Church Gardener)
Nathan Crall	Carlotta Wixon-Welker
Deana Hernandez' friend and her family	
Jeanne MacAskill	Les Grundy
Eva Woodall family	Bob Balcomb

We are sensitive to both the need of friends and relatives to seek healing prayer for others and to the need we all feel to have others care and pray for us. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please feel free to place a request in the offering basket or call the church office.

The March Social Concern of the Month is our traditional one
for March and the Lenten season

The traditional Lenten disciplines include alms giving. The giving of alms is an act of charity toward those less fortunate. In the Apostolic age, Christians were taught that giving alms was an expression of love which was first expressed by God to them in that Jesus sacrificed himself as an act of love for the salvation of believers.

The mission of Food for the Poor is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food For The Poor and include a direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer.

Food for the Poor concentrates its efforts serving the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere including a huge presence in Haiti as well as in 16 other countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. By providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities, we are giving the poor a chance at a better future, and showing them God's love.

Easter Schedule

**Palm Sunday-White
Breakfast**

March 25, 2018 9:30 AM

Good Friday

March 30, 2018 1:00 PM

**Easter Sunday- Easter Egg
Hunt**

April 1, 2018 9:30

Monthly Financials

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Totals for February 2018

Offering Total: \$4715.00 Social Concern of the Month: \$352.00

Pastor Peggy White

Office Schedule-by appointment

In case of a need (24/7)

Office 408 356 5055

If there are items you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact the church office

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Peggy White, Pastor

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Bob Balcomb, President

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Skip McAskill – Secretary

Stefan Myslicki – Treasurer

Council Members

Linda Perez

Deana Hernandez

Bob Zeiher

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