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“Now while they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

-Matthew 26:26-28

FROM THE PASTOR

In light of our current Bible Study on the Divine Liturgy (The Mass), I thought I would share this little blurb I composed years ago. If you are wondering about history of our worship practice and why we do what we do in the Mass and what does it all mean, please consider joining us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and get your questions answered.

Pax Christi,

Pastor Parent

To Kneel or Not to Kneel, That is the Question?

In his letter to the Philippians Saint Paul writes: "... at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth..." (Philippians 2:10). In the Book of Revelation every time the

saints and angels come before our Lord in worship, they lie prostrate (the Greek word used here clearly means to lie face down) before Him. Thus, we too, humbly bow and kneel with joy before our Lord at various times during the Divine Service. Most especially, we do this during the prayers, confession of our sins, and as we receive the Lord's Body and Blood in His Holy Supper. While this is a laudable custom, it is by no means mandatory, for we do not make a law of such things. If, then, such things make one uncomfortable, or one is not physically capable of kneeling or even standing for long periods of time, please feel free to remain seated in your pew or to stand when you approach the altar during Communion.



Sunday's Readings (Lectionary)

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Mar. 3	Exodus 8:16-24	Ephesians 5:1-9	Luke 11:14-28
Mar. 10	Exodus 16:2-21	Galatians 4:21-31	John 6:1-15
Mar. 17	Genesis 22:1-14	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 8:46-59
Mar. 24	Zechariah 9:9-12	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:1-27:66
Mar. 31	Job 19:23-27	1 Corinthians 5:6-8	Mark 16:1-8
Apr 7	Ezekial 37:1-14	1 John 5:4-10	John 20:19-31

Lenten Services

Mid Week Services

Wednesday, Mar 6th—20th

6:00 pm Soup and Sandwich

7:00 pm Service

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, Mar. 29, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), Mar. 30, 7 p.m.

(Tre Ore on Friday, TBD)

Private Confession

Every Sunday

8:00-8:45 a.m.

Or

By Appointment

Please see Pastor Parent.

The Sights and Sounds of Holy Week

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by Jocelyn Benson

Hands grasp palm branches and voices soar with hosannas. Holy Week is here. A mere 40 days ago, on Ash Wednesday, children looked with wide eyes as their pastor smeared ash on foreheads and declared, “Remember, oh man, thou art but dust and to dust thou shalt return.”

Now, as Holy Week begins, their hands grasp the very palms that will next year comprise the ash that reminds them they are dust. How fitting that our palm waving and cries of “Save us, now!” (“Hosanna!”) connect us back to our remembrance that we are dust! As our hosannas fade, we hear the Passion according to St. Matthew. How quickly the tone of our journey has changed!

Holy Week continues on Monday. While nothing changes with the paraments, the lectionary leads us forward. Monday of Holy Week we read of our Lord’s anointing in the

Gospel according to St. John. Tuesday of Holy Week we read the Passion according to St. Mark. Wednesday of Holy Week we read the Passion according to St. Luke. *The Lutheran Study Bible* provides a great illustration on pp. 1690-1691 that can aid in the reading and hearing of these accounts. In family or congregational settings, the readings can be made even more powerful by putting the words of the crowds into the mouths of the people. How jarring it is to speak the “hosannas” with the Palm Sunday crowds and shortly thereafter shout “crucify Him” with the Good Friday throng.

The words of Scripture lead us through Holy Week. Yet these words are not heard only in our readings. The Holy Week section of our hymnal gives us richness second only to Scripture. Saints have sung “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” “Upon the Cross Extended,” “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” and “The Royal Banners Forward Go” since as early as the sixth century. What a glorious heritage of hymnody we have to escort us on our Holy Week journey!

Maundy Thursday brings us back to the Gospel according to St. John.

We hear the account of Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Many of our congregations grace the altar with white paraments and bring back the greater Gloria in celebration of the institution of the Lord's Supper. After celebrating the Lord's Supper, we sit and watch as the altar is stripped. In some congregations, the cantor or choir chants Psalm 22 during the stripping of the altar. We hear at the beginning of this psalm, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and as the psalm continues, we feel a literal forsakenness as the altar and chancel become bare before our eyes. The silence at the end of the service is almost deafening.



The silence of Maundy Thursday continues on Good Friday. We may see black paraments on the altar on this day.

In the Chief Service, the Passion according to St. John carries us forward in our Holy Week journey, often broken up and interspersed with verses from the beautiful hymn, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." In the Reproaches, we

hear the words of our Lord against His people and we, His people, respond with a cry for mercy. "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy," breaks through our cries for mercy, its repetition providing young and old alike a melody that gives shape to our pleas for mercy.

The Tenebrae service on Good Friday also begins in silence. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word meaning "darkness." As the service progresses, so also does the darkness. Throughout the service, the lights are dimmed, seven candles may be extinguished one by one and congregants may leave in almost complete darkness. Sometimes, as the last candle is extinguished and darkness floods the nave, a loud noise, called the *strepitus*, is heard. Even when it is expected, it is a jarring noise, followed again by silence.

The darkness and silence overwhelm the senses. A longing for light and alleluias draws God's people, in eager anticipation, to the Vigil of Easter. The congregants may gather around a fire outside the church. Armed with candles, they are keeping watch, waiting for

the Resurrection of Our Lord. Even though we know how the story ends, the sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) keeps the longing fresh and real each and every year. Taking away the Gloria, the alleluias, and even the light, stirs in us a yearning that is almost unbearable. Yet the Vigil of Easter, this most ancient of services, girds us for the last hours of our Holy Week Journey. The candles, the readings, the baptismal remembrance and the prayers lead us ever onward until we can finally say those most longed-for words, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

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FROM THE DEACONESS

Cracked Plates

The women's Book Club is currently discussing Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* about a young black woman, Janie, searching for her identity in a 1920's South Florida community. Her grandmother who raised her, wants to know she will be taken care of when she passes and plans for Janie to marry to ease her old mind. She pleads with her, "Put me down easy, Janie, Ah'm a cracked plate."

Honestly, we are all cracked

plates. We bear cracks, nicks, and chipped edges, sharp sides and pieces barely hanging on. At times, we feel we may not be able to endure it; the cracks give way, and we fall apart under the circumstances. We try our own glue but for all our own efforts and mending, it will not hold. This is the life of all who walk the earth; all have been born under the curse of Adam that gave the first blow, the first crack. We struggle, we suffer, we hurt. Who can bear it?

There is One who can. There is One who bears the unbearable. On

His back He takes all our cracks, nicks, and dings, our broken pieces and sharp edges, the pieces dig and cut and His blood flows. The weight of it is great but not greater than He who took it.

During this Lenten time and especially during Holy Week, let us remember our Baptism where He took our brokenness, cracks, and jagged edges and mended them in His death with His blood, that balm of healing. We died with Him, now we live with Him. The damage will continue to come in this earthly life, but so does Christ at the altar in His true Body and Blood and in His Word.

“For to this you were called because Christ also suffered for you,

leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps: He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth. When they heaped abuse on Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats, but entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His stripes you are healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:21-25

Pax Christi, Dcs. Heather

2 Tim 2:11-13

Romans 5:12-14

Matt 11:28-30

John 16:32-33

Romans 6

FROM LWML

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

February mites donations totaled \$14.47

Mite box Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. You may bring the mite box any Sunday. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it payable to Our Savior LWML. Mite donations are sent to the Gulf States Dis-

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trict LWML to fund mission grants and district expenses and national mission grants.

As the Bible reminds us, even small offerings can make an enormous impact. The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of “mites” — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Combined, these mites amount to millions of dollars for funding mission grants and providing ongoing support for various Lutheran Women in Mission programs.

The old cookbooks are for sale for \$5.00. Funds will be used to pay for convention delegate, Quarterly magazine and district travel fund.

<http://www.lwml.org>

<http://www.lwmlgulfstates.org>

Early Bird Registration is open till March 15 for the Gulf States 2024 District Convention, April 26-27, 2024, Prattville, AL. The registration form and hotel information is in the Glad Tidings Winter and Spring issues. Copies are available in the Narthex and I can send a copy electronically to anyone who wants one.

I attended the Gulf States District

LWML Zone President's meeting on February 8 (via Zoom) and the District Board meeting in Montgomery, AL on February 10.

March 16 is the Emerald Coast Zone Board Meeting at Jehovah Lutheran Church, Pensacola.

Jehovah Lutheran Church, Pensacola will host the 2024 Emerald Coast Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LWML Gulf States District 40th Biennial Convention, April 26-27, 2024, Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Prattville, AL, “Return to Your Rest” Psalm 116:7

Emerald Coast Zone Fall Rally, Saturday, September 21, 2024, Jehovah Lutheran Church, Pensacola, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

LWML 41st Biennial LWML Convention, June 26-29, 2025, Omaha, NE, “Growing in God’s Grace” 2 Peter 3:18

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Urda

LWML President



FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IS IT TOO LATE?

Oh, no! I missed it! Has this thought entered your mind after forgetting an appointment, letting someone's birthday pass by unacknowledged, or watching an opportunity slip by? It can be an uncomfortable feeling.

March 3 will mark the third week of our Adult Bible Study on the Liturgy, and you may be thinking: I missed it! Is it too late to join in? The answer: It is not too late! You are welcome any time.

So far, we have taken a look at The Preparation (Confession and Absolution), The Invocation, and Making the Sign of the Holy Cross. Over the next few weeks, we'll learn more about The Service of the Word and The Service of the Sacrament. Make plans to join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. You don't want to miss it!

Cindy Parent, Board of Education

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AT OSEL

Serve on a Board - See Alex Franco, Pres.

Sign up for Flowers—See sign up list in the Parish Hall

Sign up for Refreshments—See sign up list in Parish Hall

Serve on the Altar Guild—See Dcs. Heather Bien

Ongoing Projects on Campus—See Brian Hull, Trustee

Serve as an Usher—See Julie Blaylock

Sunday School—9:00 a.m. Sunday, Parish Hall

Coffee with Pastor and Women's Study—9:00 a.m. Thursday

Easter Lilies



\$10 each



Sale ending March 24th

See Linda Urda for details

FROM THE BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

Happy March everyone! Spring is coming and with it the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection! I have three things I would like to share this month.

First of all, we are still accepting recipes for the church cookbook! I will take any and all recipes. I would love it if they were typed, but if you don't have the time, feel free to send a picture and I can type it up for you! These recipes will be compiled into one cookbook that will be able to be purchased.

Second, we are having a Pi Day Potluck! (This is what happens when you put a mathematician in charge of the social aspects of the congregation.) There will be simply pie on the menu, but not necessarily the type of pie you are thinking about.

We will have savory pies, like shepherd's pie or chicken pot pie for the main course. We can also have "egg pies" or quiches and others like that for side dishes. And for dessert, we will have the pie that you are all thinking about! The potluck will be on the 17th of March, and the sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall!

Third and final, the Prayer Shawl Ministry is morphing into more of a Comfort Blanket Ministry. Prayer shawls can and will still be made, but we will also be making things like lap quilts or tie knot blankets and other things along that vein. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out, feel free to talk to me!

That's all I have for this month, until next time!

Clare

Getting Around OSEL

Flower sign up—Sign up poster in the Fellowship Hall

Refreshments sign up - Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

Directories—See Trish Hull

Members' mailboxes—In the Narthex

LWML mite boxes—On the back counter shelf in the Nave

Subscribe to the Lutheran Witness magazine—See Trish Hull

Websites:

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod—www.LCMS.org

Southern District—www.southeranlcms.org

COFFEE WITH PASTOR



Coffee with Pastor
begins with
Matins at 9:00 a.m.

followed by time with Pastor to get to know him
and for him to get to know his flock!

Reminder!

If you are the last to leave the
premises, please check all
doors to assure they are closed
securely and locked.
Thank you!

Men's Group

March 19th

7:00 pm

Pastor Parent's house.



Wednesday Mid-Week Suppers

The sign-up sheet for soup and sandwiches
is in the Fellowship Hall

You may bring both the soup and the sand-
wiches or pair up with someone and each
take one.



Yard Sale

Saturday, April
6th

8:00-Noon



Donations may be dropped off
at the indicated area in the
Sunday School room.

No clothing items, please.

See Dcs. Bien for details

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the study of Proverbs

Women's Book Club

Thursday, April 18, 11:30 am

See Jennifer Currid for details



Birthdays:

Rich Urda	3/9
Dianne Shaheen	3/22
Emily Bien	3/31

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council's Report to the Congregation

For 2023

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! This report documents what the Lord has done in His work with, through, and for His little flock in Crestview in 2023, as a matter of record and not as a matter of merit on our part. First and foremost, He has forgiven us by grace through faith in His Son, our Lord, and continually sustains us through the Holy Spirit by feeding us through His Word and Sacraments! All other events here in 2023 cannot be compared to this single Gift.

The Office of the Pastor. This was Father Parent's fourth year as the Lord's under-shepherd at Our Savior and in June, we celebrated his 20th anniversary as an ordained pastor! He faithfully transported Christ's forgiveness to us at every opportunity, received two new members via transfers, and performed one baptism.

The Office of the Diaconess. Diaconess Bien's Sunday School efforts resulted in the confirmation of four of the congregation's children this year! She also led the Altar Guild in reverently preparing and deconstructing the altar and cleaning the vessels every Sunday as well as organizing the "Sale for the Sem" yard sale.

The Board of Elders. In 2023, Ethan Grimes joined the ranks of the Board of Elders and assisted the pastor in Sunday Masses by serving as deacon, sub-deacon, and acolyte.

The Board of Evangelism. In 2023, there were three inquiries through the congregation's web site from individuals who were moving to Crestview. One attended the services and was received into membership via a transfer from her previous LCMS congregation.

The Board of Finance & Treasury. Through the saints of our congregation, the Lord richly blessed OSELG in so many ways throughout 2023 – including financially. Our monthly and annual operations budgets were more than fully funded; annual contributions exceeded our income projection by more than \$20,000. This enabled us pay all of our expenses on time, add almost \$17,000 to our savings, and fund the purchase of new chairs for the Fellowship Hall, all while absorbing a 36% increase in premiums for property insurance. There were also many generous donations for special programs, including over \$3,100 which OSELG will send to the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne to support their Co-Op Market for the seminary students and their families. For 2024, our Voters approved a budget of \$118,000 which includes a compensation increase for our pastor that continues to move us closer to compliance with the compensation guidelines of the LCMS Southern District. The 2024 budget also attempts to capture every type of expense which we incur, of which many heretofore have been covered by individual members making non-cash donations of supplies and equipment.

The Board of Social Ministry. Sadly, the congregation was forced to close Grace Café because we didn't have enough volunteers to operate it. We likewise closed the Grace Café designated fund and transferred the few remaining dollars to the general fund.

The Board of Trustees. 2023 was a year of routine maintenance, progress on long-term projects, dealing with a few unexpected malfunctions of equipment, and planning for 2024. The remainder of the firewood (from tree-felling in the south side of our property) was donated to individuals in the community and the remaining brush and stumps were removed to the dump. We purchased and installed the address numerals on the North Avenue side of the Fellowship Hall. The loose faucet on one of the kitchen sinks was braced and tightened. And the old, breaking folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall were replaced and disposed of. At the end of the year, the Trustees removed the final oak tree which could threaten the sanctuary if it fell. For 2024, the Trustees plan to remove more trees from the south property to improve the health and appearance of the remaining trees, and to again donate the harvested wood to the community. The Trustees also plan to build closets in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex of the Sanctuary, contract for improvement to the HVAC air returns in the Fellowship Hall to reduce costs and labor associated with replacing the air filters, and install grab bars in the bathrooms of the Fellowship Hall. If time and manpower are available, we hope to paint the Fellowship Hall interior and porch posts.

The Board of Christian Life. In 2022, this board was focused on improving the church's landscaping, all of which was flourishing in 2023 due to the continual and diligent care of those who watered, trimmed, and weeded. Also in 2023, we focused on service to our OSELC family. We partnered with the Care Group headed by Dcs Bien by sending cards, making phone calls, providing meals, and visiting those in the hospital or rehab centers. We also provided transportation to members who can no longer drive. Regrettably, this board does not have a chairperson for the 2024-2026 term.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Led by Linda Urda, the congregation collected monthly mites to support district and national mission grants. Total mites collected for 2023 were \$181.77 We held meetings in February, March and December. In March we made Easter cards and collected snacks and drink mixes for the residents and staff at Crestview Manor. The Emerald Coast Zone Christian Growth Workshop was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pensacola. The Zone Fall Rally was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Shalimar. We elected Leslie Maher, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gulf Breeze as Vice President and Flo Hofman, Secretary/Treasurer, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Shalimar. A huge thank you goes out to the congregation for the outpouring of donations for our Gifts from the Heart for Emerald Coast Fisher House. Linda served as delegate for the LWML Convention held in June and voted to approve the 2023-2025 LWML Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 and for 8 of 45 proposed mission grants; 31 of the 45 were adopted and 4 have already been paid in full. Jeannie Harrison and Linda Urda attended the Gulf States District LWML Retreat in Cullman, AL in October. Linda attended Gulf States District Board meetings and presided over Emerald Coast Zone Board meetings throughout the year and attended the LWML tea party at First Lutheran Church, Florida.

Office of the President. In 2023, the Southern District's Constitutional Review Committee approved the OSELK Constitution and By-Laws change that we had submitted in May 2021. The next constitutional amendment will likely be centered on the reception of members, particularly those via transfers from sister LCMS congregations.

Pax Christi!

Ray Parent ,Pastor	Alex Franco, President/Evangelism	Brad Bien, Vice President
Heather Bien, Deaconess	Dr. Jennifer Currid, Secretary	Brian Hull, Treasurer/Trustees
Mahlon Haunschild, Financial Secretary	Alan Widener, Board of Elders	
Clare Jones, Board of Social Ministry	Linda Urda, LWML Representative	
Julie Blaylock, Board of Security	Cindy Parent, Board of Education	

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church



Voter's Assembly Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2024



1. Attendance – Ss sign-in sheet.
2. Meeting was called to order at 12:21 and opened in prayer by Pastor Parent.
3. The previous Voters' Assembly Meeting minutes were read and approved (Brad/Deb).
4. Reports:
 - a) Pastor's Report (Fr Parent) – Becky William's funeral was Thursday, February 15th. Pastor encouraged us that if we can attend one of our church family's funeral to please do so. It is important that we gather as a family at the death of one of our brothers and sisters. Jeannie Arveson is living at Shoal Creek Rehab/Nursing center if you want to visit her. Mrs. Ochs will be released from Shoal Creek on Monday, Feb. 19th. The adult Bible study on liturgy began two weeks ago. Please update prayer request list with Trish . On April 14, we will have a guest pastor while Pastor attends the Wild Weasel reunion. On June 2-15 the pastor and his family will be traveling to Maine for the celebration of their daughter Rachel's marriage.
 - b) Deaconess Report (Dcs Bien) – Sale for the Sem (yard sale) will be held on Saturday, April 6. You may leave your donated items in the Sunday School room. Please, no clothes or shoes. The proceeds will go to the seminary to use where needed.
 - c) Financial Report (Mahlon) – See attached.
 - d) Treasurer (Brian) – See treasure's report from last council meeting minutes posted outside the kitchen wall. If you see a church need that would need funding, please notify Brian. Thank you for your faithful giving.
 - e) Board of Security (Julie) – No recent security issues to report.

f) LWML (Linda) - See LWMC board in the Fellowship Hall for recent events. Julie will represent our church at the district convention.

g) Board of Elders (Alan) – No report.

h) Board of Trustees (Brian) – Thank you for all who have been attending work days and who come on their own to take care of tasks. Please notify Brian if you see a maintenance need. He will put it on the list.

i) Board of Education (Cindy) -The youth have been making hymnal markers and grab & go bags for the pantry guests. The youth are attending the Divine Liturgy and Theology class on Sunday mornings.

j) Board of Social Ministry (Clare) – Please email her your recipes, sign up to provide the soup & sandwiches for Wednesday night during Lent, and donate yarn for the prayer shawl project.

k) Board of Evangelism (Alex) - 38 people visited our website. Of those, 80% were new visitors.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) New storage building (remains tabled)

b) Church street signs (pending Board of Trustees priorities) . We are checking on the legality of posting signs along the roads.

6. New Business:

a) Purchase Lutheran Service Builder software (\$475 1st year, \$240 subsequent years)- A motion was made to purchase this software (Rich/Deb). The motion passed. A discussion of the current ordo format was held with further discussion in the future.

b) Purchase of Byrna self-defense system (\$380) – Alex showed the Byrna and its ammunition to the congregation emphasizing that is a non-lethal but very effective in stopping an intruder. A motion was made to purchase this self-defense system (Rich/Dianne). The motion passed.

c) Purchase new paraments – The altar guild will provide the council with a list of needed paraments and their costs. Currently we lack a set of rose and a set of gold paraments.

d) Change in council meeting dates (2nd Wednesdays except during Lent and Advent) -See list of dates in the Fellowship Hall minutes area.

e) Fifth Sunday feasts have been replaced with pot luck dinner on Voters' Assembly Sundays.

f) Annual report to the congregation will be published in the next newsletter.

7. A motion to adjourn was made at 1:30 (Brad/Bruce).

8. Pastor led us in the traditional Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Currid, Secretary

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Council Meeting Minutes (In-Person)



February 13, 2024

President – Alex Franco

Vice-President- Brad Bien



1. Attendance – Father Parent, Alex Franco, Brad Bien, Mahlon Haunschild, Alan Widner, Clare Jones, Linda Urda, Julie Blaylock, Cindy Parent, Jennifer Currid.
2. Opening Prayer at 6:30 by Pastor Parent.
3. The previous council minutes were approved (Brad/Julie).
4. Reports:
 - a) Pastor's Report (Fr Parent) - Pastor reviewed the features of the Bryna self-defense system. The purchase of this system will be discussed at the Feb. 18th Voters' Assembly. Becky Williams passed away early Monday, Feb. 12th. Pastor visited with her on Saturday, Feb. 10, administering the Lord's Supper and commendation of the dying. Her funeral is Thursday, Feb. 15th at 11:00. Pastor is leading the adults and youth in a study of the Divine Liturgy and the Theology of Worship. Pastor requests that the church purchase the Lutheran Service Builder software of a cost of \$475 for the first year, \$240 for subsequent years. Pastor related how thankful he is to have Deaconess Bien to work with him.
 - b) Deaconess Report (Dcs Bien) – See attached. Linda Urda is going to order the latest copy of the altar guild guidelines.
 - c) Financial Report (Mahlon) - See attached.
 - d) Treasurer Report (Brian) – See attached. It is time to pay (\$200) for our partnership commitment for Mission support. This is already a budgeted line item.
 - e) Board of Security (Julie) – No recent security issues to discuss. Julie will bring her Bryna self-defense system to the Voters' Assembly.
 - f) LWML (Linda) – See attached.
 - g) Board of Education (Cindy) - The youth created hymnal bookmarks are in progress. They have also been making grab and go bags for food pantry guests who do not have a way to cook their food.
 - h) Board of Elders (Alan) – Nothing new to report.

i) Board of Trustees (Brian) – Recent completed projects have included: filled in the hole by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, made shelves for the bookcase cabinet, added street address numbers to the outside walls of the Fellowship Hall, and installed safety bars in the women's restroom in the Fellowship Hall.

j) Board of Social Ministry (Clare) – See attached. Clare shared the prayer shawl she is in the process of crocheting, the new members' welcome bag, and sample cookbook pages.

k) Board of Evangelism (Alex) – The OSELC web site continues to be visited.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Church Street Signs (pending BoT priorities)

b) New Storage Building (remains tabled)

c) Annual Report to the Congregation was signed and filed with the December minutes.

d) Mahlon reported that Live Oak internet will not be available in our area until sometime in the distant future.

6. New Business: A motion was made (Julie/Clare) that the monthly council meetings be held on the second Wednesday of each month except during Lent and Advent. Jennifer will revise the schedule for Alex's review. Brad said to ignore any upcoming emails from him until he had the new version of Microsoft Teams installed.

7. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 (Brad/Mahlon).

8. Pastor closed in the meeting with Compline.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Currid

Secretary

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Board of Trustees: Brian Hull

Board of Youth: Gervase Anthony

Board of Education: Cindy Parent

Board of Evangelism: Alex Franco

Board of Social Ministry: Clare Jones

Board of Security: Julie Blaylock

LWML: Linda Urda

Library: Jennifer Currid

Usher Director: Julie Blaylock

Altar Guild Head: Dcs. Bien

Organist and Kantor: Brian Hull

Office Administrator: Trish Hull

Newsletter Editor: Dcs. Bien

Pastor Raymond Parent · Deaconess Heather Bien