

FAITH at WORK

April 2020

Note from Gordy Gamet:

March 20, 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and learning to deal with a situation we are all learning day by day to deal with.

During this time of not being able to gather I am asking as the Chair of Stewardship that if you normally put your donation in the offering plate weekly if you could please mail it to the church weekly until we start meeting again. Nancy is still going into the office and getting the mail and doing work, so your envelopes will be taken care of quickly.

The address is:
930 Queen Ave SW,
Albany, OR 97321

I hope everyone is able to stay safe and healthy, if you are able please check on one another via phone. This can give you both a chance to communicate and hopefully enjoy a little laughter at such a stressful time.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in several weeks. If you have any questions you can reach out to me 541-971-9944.

Take care, be safe.

Sincerely yours,

Gordy



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Sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to thank you for all the warm messages. I have received emails, phone calls and facebook messages of people checking in on me and other sisters and brothers in our church family. Members of our congregation have found interesting ways to pass the time, from Jim and Peggy Preston's yard work with neighbors (while keeping physically separated) and Nathan's new game that he has shared online. I'm sure many of the rest of you are also using this time to slow down and pay attention to the cadence of God's creation.

This is going to be an odd Lent. We entered into it together but we will not be celebrating Holy Week or Easter together. We will be, in our own homes, reading the story of God's conquering death.

I invite you to take this time to read through the gospels about Jesus' passion. While we are in the year of Matthew's gospel, this could be a good time to hear from John (who we have had the past few weeks), or one of the others, to be reminded how God confronts the powers of sin and death. As we worry about our world, as we struggle against this illness, we are reminded that through all, Christ is with us, conquering death itself.

Our hope is not in this world, not in this creation, but in the all powerful God of the living and the dead. He is with us in this time. That is enough.

A few notes:

The council voted (via email) to extend the closure at least through April 28th (following the current guidelines for schools). We will let you know (via mail, email and phone calls) as soon as the church will be gathering again – but until the situation slows down regarding COVID 19, please wash your hands, stay safe and practice social distancing.

Along those lines, here are some helpful links for information:

The Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Oregon Health Authority Covid 19: <http://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

3) The church council moved me to ¾ time for March and ½ time going forward. They did this recognizing that this is a different time. They are trying to be good stewards and to take care of your trust. Also just as a note, giving had been up for the first three months – so hopefully when we gather again this will be a temporary measure.

**Peace in Christ,
Pastor Mark**



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Greetings everyone,

Hope this finds you all well. We are trying very hard to keep you all informed and connected to each other. I have received the new Christ in Our Home editions for April-June. If you would like one, please let me know. I will put them on a chair right outside the office door if you want to stop by and get one, or I can mail it to you.

Also, if you need someone to go out shopping for groceries, please let us know. We have a few folks that have offered to help out. We are all in this together, so please don't hesitate to call if you need assistance. Currently, I am in the office Mon. Wed and Fri. 8AM-12PM.



Things to do while your stuck at home!

- ⇒ Read a good book!
- ⇒ Act like a kid, build a fort and have an indoor picnic.
- ⇒ Cook a fancy meal and bring out the good dishes.
- ⇒ Play a board or card game.
- ⇒ Catch up on your favorite TV shows and movies.
- ⇒ Get creative: Make homemade cards, write a poem or story, sketch a picture.
- ⇒ Discover new music - then get up and dance!
- ⇒ Set up a home spa and pamper yourself.
- ⇒ Learn a new skill or language.
- ⇒ Call, or email a friend. Stay connected with your loved ones and church community.
- ⇒ Use the opportunity to clean out a closet or the garage (amazing what you can find)
- ⇒ Bake some homemade cinnamon rolls or scones and have a tea party.
- ⇒ When the sun shines, go outside for a walk or work in the garden.

These are just a few things you can do. Just be safe, wash your hands often and avoid personal contact with other people. This is a challenging time for all of us and we need to stay in contact with each other. It's really easy to watch the news and be overcome with fear and depression. God gives comfort to us each day with his words, the beautiful flowers and weather, birds and friendships. Take some time each day to look for the good, read his word and reach out to your friends and family. We are all in this together.

May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.

READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

Isa. 50: 4-9
Ps. 31: 9-16
Phil. 2: 5-11
Matt. 26:14-27:66



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.

Exod 12: 1-14
Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19
1 Cor. 11:23-26
John 13: 1-17, 31-35



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.

Isa. 52:13-53:12
Ps. 22
Heb. 10:16-5
John 18:1—19:42



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.

Rom. 6:3-11
John 20:1-18



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Acts 10:34-43
Ps. 118: 1-2, 14-24
Col. 3: 1-4
Matt. 28:1-10



An Easter Prayer

God give us eyes to see
The beauty of the spring
And to behold Your majesty
In every living thing

And may we see in lacy leaves
And every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
With gentleness and power.

And may this Easter grandeur
That Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
Lying dormant in our hearts,

And give us ears to hear, dear God,
The Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
Than man's often empty words

Telling harried human beings
Who are lost in dark despair-
Be like us and do not worry
For God has you in his care

Author: Helen Steiner Rice

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*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



Undesignated income received: \$7,066.22
Undesignated income budgeted: \$8,416.67
Total expenses: \$11,237.75
Total Net income: (196.26)

Annual Rummage Sale (Date TBD)

Already! Yes, it's time to start thinking about donations for this year's sale. Your generous contributions to last year's sale made cash donations possible to the following local organizations: Albany Habitat for Humanity, Albany Helping Hands, FISH, Salvation Army, Volunteer Caregivers, ABC House, St Mary's Soup Kitchen and Luther House. Thank you!

The first step is for all of us to look around our homes and start thinking about contributions for this year's sale. Everything is a possibility from small household items to large ones. Things we cannot accept: weapons, large TV consoles or boxy monitors, nothing with alcohol content. Donations should be clean and in working condition. Something we do need: clothes hangers. Please include a few with your donation. Last: please do not bring donations to the church until the week prior to the sale. We will let you know when we are ready.

Looking forward to another successful sale as a result of everyone's participation by donating items or time.

Vicky Heintzman

FISH and Helping Hands Request Assistance



With the influx of people out of work FISH needs food donations. Helping Hands had to cancel all of their fundraisers which go to support the homeless in our community and are in desperate need for funding. Covid-19 is impacting the homeless in your community. The homeless have a higher risk of illness, and many are over the age of 60! Your emergency gift is needed to help reach those most in need in our community. Please help where you are able!

Greetings from Camp!



We hope all is well with you and the congregations you serve A brief update on Camp Lutherwood Oregon in the midst of the COVID-10 (coronavirus) situation. No guests will be at camp until March 30th. At that time, we will reevaluate for April groups. Since the news and requirements change almost hourly, we will monitor and respond as required. At this time, summer programs are moving forward as scheduled. We will keep you posted as soon as we know more. Prayers for you and your community in the days ahead.

New Dining Hall & Kitchen Opening April 2020!

Camp Lutherwood is proud to announce that the first of three buildings in phase one of our building site plan will be completed soon. The dining hall and kitchen will allow guest groups to return to camp including Outdoor School, guest groups and summer campers. Watch for more details on future buildings soon and follow us on Facebook for photos of the building's progress.

Please contact the office (541) 998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org with any questions.

God eases our transitions.

March 20, 2020

Shedd & Kris Waskosky

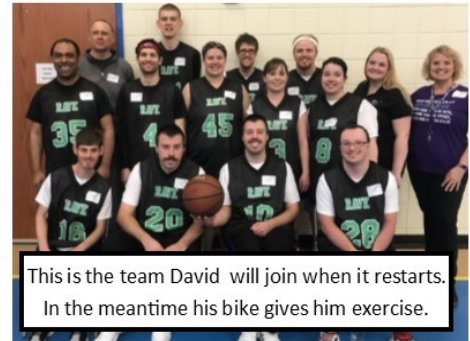
As the church newcomer was signing up for a Wednesday evening course, Kris noticed from the other side of the table that her name was Wendy. It turns out she is Coach Wendy who leads a Special Olympics basketball team which had its first practice of the season that night. David connected with her right away and decided to attend the practice. He enjoyed meeting the other athletes and was welcomed by dolled-up Kelly who said, "You're cute!"

A few days later David came upstairs from his room smiling from ear-to-ear and told Shedd, "I just had [a phone] interview for a camp job. I handled [it] myself." Meanwhile a staff person from the same camp contacted Kris to ask clarifying questions. He just called back yesterday. David is being offered a kitchen job, with staff week to begin Friday, June 5!

God has answered our prayers to help David be more amenable to transitions. After 13 months living in Savage he hadn't been interested in joining any of the Special Olympics teams, but God prompted Coach Wendy to go to the very place we were worshipping. Even though he had enjoyed his South Dakota summer camp job in 2018, he had been hesitant to apply to any camp where he hasn't been involved before, but God prompted the MN camp to pursue him.

Shedd transitioned easily into six weeks of M-F radiation therapy starting Monday, March 9. Our recruitment meetings had taken place in Florida March 2-6. We returned to Minnesota feeling connected to the team, refreshed, and well-oriented to our new roles. The main side effect of radiation is tiredness and of hormone therapy is hot flashes.

Please pray that David (and we) will not be discouraged by sudden new transitions: cancellations of church activities, bowling and basketball activities, etc. due to COVID-19. All of us can get comfortable in our ruts. As you know, transitions are often harder when they're sudden.



This is the team David will join when it restarts.
In the meantime his bike gives him exercise.

PLEASE PRAY: that the six-day Bible translation overview courses for potential recruits which have had to be postponed can be rescheduled at a time which works for the venues and participants; that we can record the linguistic presentations we had planned to make in a classroom in order to post them on-line; that Shedd's treatments will eradicate his prostate cancer (Kris' December mammogram was clear.); and that the Lord will give us wisdom for priorities and decisions.

CONCERNING OUR JUNE TRIP TO ECUADOR, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DEBATING:

- Do we cancel our plane tickets now, assuming that the COVID-19 restrictions will still be in place in Ecuador by the end of May when our trip is scheduled to begin? It looks likely.
- If we reschedule, what dates will work best? July, when college campuses are quiet and we don't need to visit? Or December, when students are preparing for finals and occupied with Christmas activities? (Both have disadvantages — chilly weather and less availability of WiFi in July; more dirt inside our apartment if we wait until December to occupy it.)

An Ecuadorian friend is in the United States right now. He received a five-year multiple entry visa to the U.S. and wanted to visit a seminary and get immersed in English. He will be with us from April 16-25 ... longer if flights to Ecuador are cancelled due to COVID-19!

"To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 25)

Relying on the Lord each day!

Shedd and Kris

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Psalm 116 for Maundy Thursday

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.

⁹I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted";

¹¹I said in my consternation,
"Everyone is a liar."

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Psalmodies for Good Friday



Psalmody 22:1-11

1. Lord, why have you forsaken me,
And why are you so far away
From my complaint and my distress
Poured out before you night and day?

2. Yet you are Holy, and the songs
Of praise of Israel are your throne;
When our forefathers called on you,
You have saved them, rescued all
your own.

3. But I am mocked and put to scorn,
All those who see me laugh and say,
“you trust in God, so let us see
The help of him to whom you pray.”

4. Yet you, O lord, have been my God
And only hope since I was born;
Trouble is near me, none can help;
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.

Psalmody 22:22-30

1. O praise the Lord, you that fear him,
O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;
All you who are of Jacob's line
Give glory always to the Lord.

2. The Lord does not despise the poor,
But when they cry, he hears their plea;
I will praise God and make my vows,
I will perform them publicly.

3. The poor shall eat and have their fill;
Those who seek God shall give him
praise; All nations shall turn to the
Lord and bow before his throne al-
ways.

4. Kingship belongs to God the Lord,
He rules the nations from his throne;
All those who sleep within the earth
Bow down to worship him alone.

5. My soul shall live for him, my heirs
Shall serve the Lord at his command,
To people yet unborn make known
The saving deeds of his right hand.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

This beloved Christian hymn by Samuel Medley is from the 18th century. "My Redeemer Lives" is an affirmation and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The lyrics of this hymn rejoice in the life of Jesus and the salvation He gives to mankind. The second stanza of this hymn describes Jesus' life after earth saying, "He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save, He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high." Praise the eternal salvation in Jesus by singing this beautiful hymn!

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3 He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.**

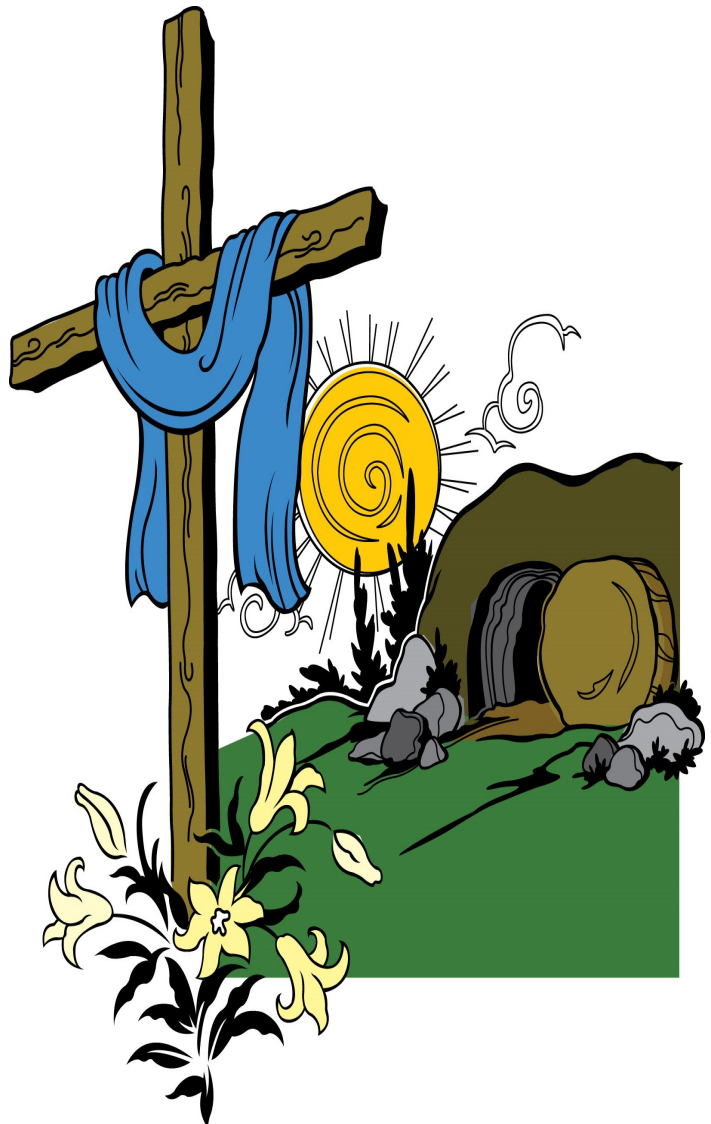
**4 He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He live to hear my soul's complaint.**

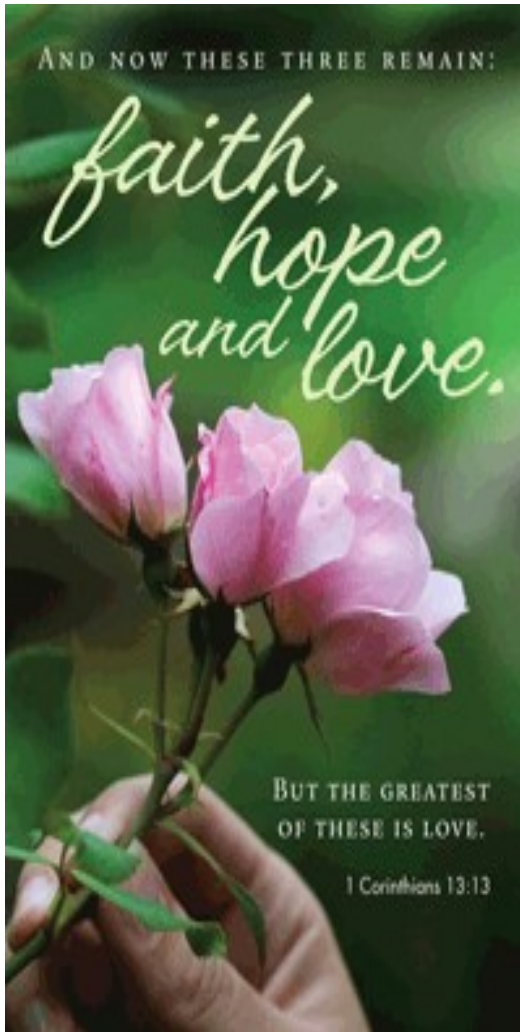
**5 He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**





God's Promise

God has not promised
 Skies always blue,
 Flower strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God has not promised,
 Sun without rain
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.

But God has promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing Sympathy,
 Undying love!

- *Mandi Wilding*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE NEEDING STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING:

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 Brenda Carroll
 Sandy Hina
 Robert Jon
 Daniel Sullivan
 Linda Gail Voet
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 Brandon Crawford
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 Noah Holman
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PLEASE REMEMBER
 THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER

**REMEMBER OUR
 HOMEBOUND:**

Lou C, Bonnie K, Rita E,
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**OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS
 TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE
 LOSS OF LOVED ONES**



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