

Beware of Wrong Impressions



by Bill Fredericks

Back when David Jorstad was senior Pastor at Clairemont I told him a story I had heard. David liked the story and one Sunday morning he interrupted his sermon and asked me to stand up and tell it to the congregation.

The story went something like this: One Sunday morning the Pastor of a small church dressed himself in ragged clothes, wrapped up in a blanket and laid in a pew. When parishioners arrived they saw who they thought was a homeless person who had somehow gotten into the Church overnight. When the ushers tried to evict him he revealed himself to the congregation and proceeded to conduct the service. His point, of course, was to teach his congregation the danger of jumping to wrong conclusions based on a person's appearance.

Even Jesus was subject to such a “wrong

impression.” We read in the Gospel of John, 143” The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

These stories are timely as we to are often faced with a similar dilemma. We drive down the street and see a person at a traffic light asking for change. We leave a restaurant with a “To Go” box and see someone who is obviously hungry. Someone enters our church dressed in shabby clothes, pours a cup

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SERVING THOSE IN NEED

By Deacon Margy

Part of being a community church is realizing that folks around us tend to see us a center of help and hope, even if they are not officially a part of us.

One of the ways that plays out, is that when folks are in need of basic necessities (food, gas, diapers, housing, etc) without any resources, they often approach one of our pastors for assistance. While we can't provide long term services, we can often help them bridge the need while helping them connect with other support.

In order to be able to help folks who come to us, we have a "pastors' discretionary fund". This allows our pastors to provide, confidentially, a meal or two, a tank of gas, a motel for the night... well, you get the idea. We are working on



developing practice and policy on how to do this in the safest and most effective way.

And that's where you come in. This fund is supported by your gifts, that come directly to the church earmarked for the pastors' discretionary fund, (NOT the individual pastors). It will be available for our pastors to use to provide the short term support described. And the more gifts we receive, the more help we can provide.

If you'd like to help, simply send your gift to the church office, clearly marked, Pastors' Discretionary Fund, and that gift will go directly to the fund.

Gifts of God for the People of God!

Thanks!



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of coffee, sits in a corner and eats a donut.

What is our reaction? Do we offer a dollar? Do we give-up our extra food? Do we welcome the stranger and offer friendship? What do we know about these people besides what their appearance tells us?

God often uses the lowly and unexpected to share His majesty with the world:

- the baby Moses in a reed basket;
- the shepherd boy, David who stood

up to a bully;

- the young Mary who accepted the angel's proclamation;
- the Pharisee, Saul who prided himself as a persecutor of the early church;
- The priest, Luther who spoke out against the errors of the church;
- and Jesus himself.

So, the next time we are faced with such a situation, we need to be mindful and not jump to a WRONG IMPRESSION.

Winter/Spring 2024: “Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith”

By the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith
**April 2024 – Food: Daily Bread for the
Health of the World**

Most of us hunt, harvest and forage in grocery store aisles. We’ve forgotten the ways our food first comes to us— from fields, flocks, forests and farms. Considering our relationship with creation and our faithful stewardship of the earth means paying attention to the ways we eat. In this final session, we’ll see how stories of food in scripture offer us ways of faithful eating that are responsible, celebratory and delicious. Locust and wild honey, anyone?

ALL are invited to attend either of the Gather Bible study meetings:

WELCA Combined Treasury Report for Jan/Feb 2024: starting balance on Jan. 1st was \$1823.19; income was \$125.00; expenses were \$169.68; and ending balance was \$1778.51. (There are three designated funds: Convention \$250, Piece & Sew \$248.04 and Mission Quilts \$797.88 that total \$1295.92 and leaves available cash of \$482.59). If you have any questions, please contact Janet Wood.



Patience Bible Study: Monday, April 8 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4. Bible Study leader is Karen Creusere; Hostess is Kathy Reed.

Ruth Bible Study: Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Bible Study leader is Anna Bailey.

Pacifica Synodical Women’s Spring Event – Saturday, April 13, 2024

Theme: Above all, clothe yourselves in love which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Col 3:14). Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Banning.

Wanted: Old eyeglasses for the Lions Optometric Vision Clinic (LOVC)

The women continue to collect eyeglasses so please do some spring cleaning and check for prescription eyeglasses, readers and/or prescription and regular sunglasses. There is a basket in the narthex by the Welca bulletin board and a bin in the office. Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, contact Janet at: janmich6@aol.com or 858-334-8017.



Church Business

December, January, February



Financial Report 2023-24								
Income					Expenses			
	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget
Dec 2023	\$69,145	\$45,550	\$453,617	\$507,000	\$42,649	\$44,143	\$462,544	\$513,869
Jan 2024	\$49,359	\$35,253	\$49,359	\$35,253	\$34,307	\$41,061	\$34,307	\$41,061
Feb 2024	\$32,247	\$47,203	\$81,606	\$82,456	\$44,007	\$41,063	\$78,314	\$82,124
February net income -\$11,760					2024 YTD Net income \$3,293			

Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday every month.

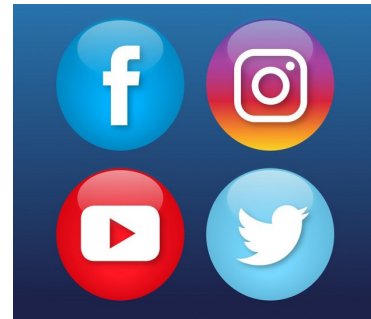
Where: Narthex

Time: 1:00 PM

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

All are welcome.

April 12th at 1:00 P.M.



Reminders:

- Offering and Raise the Roof envelopes, plus blue Prayer request/visitor slips are located in every pew in the church.
- We have a sign-up sheet for those of you who can pick up Emilie and take her home on Sunday. The sheet is located on a table in the Narthex. Emilie appreciates your help.

MAY
CLARION DEADLINE
Monday, April 22 @ 4 PM
wgstothers2@gmail.com

Are we volunteering or serving?

By Janet Wood

“Don’t wait for people to sign up!” I admonish our congregation committee chairs as we hope and plan for participants in Lenten worship, soup suppers and service projects. “Don’t wait for volunteers! We aren’t a volunteer organization; we’re a collection of people who’ve been called to serve!”

This appeared in the March 2020 issue of Gather Magazine; which is used by Lutheran women in their bible studies. It was written by Rev. Dr. Christa Von Zychlin, who is an ELCA pastor at St. Luke Lutheran in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CLC Volunteer Schedule - April 2024

Lay Readers

- 4/7 Karen Creusere
- 4/14 Lynn Ten Eyck
- 4/21 Susan Gjerset
- 4/28 Gary Lange



Communion Assistants

- 4/7 Peggy Ritchie, Holly Boyle, Pam Allen
- 4/14 Gary Lange, , Harriet Morris,
- 4/21 Carol Nichols, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange
- 4/28 Harriet Carmona, Rita Leatherman, Lewis TenHulzen

Welcome Team

- 4/7 Pam Allen, Curtis Cline, Sandra Logan
- 4/14 Emilie Lauchmen, Renee Shepherd, Harriet Carmona
- 4/21 Holly Boyle, Karen Creusere, Rita Leatherman
- 4/28 Janet Wood, Gary Lange, Emilie Lauchmen

- Esperancita Cordova 4/1
- Gavin Boisvert 4/2
- Jorge Enriquez 4/3
- Abril Morales 4/3
- Kynley Flax 4/4
- Victor Groesbeck 4/6
- Ivan Mendoza 4/8
- Evelyn Salvog 4/10
- Verana Conn 4/12
- Rodolfo Valentan 4/13
- Carol Nichols 4/14
- Ken Huang 4/15
- Donna Sauer 4/17
- Marlon Valentan 4/17
- John Procsal 4/19
- Laura Wilfong 4/20
- Kathleen Follmer 4/20
- Ashley Henderson 4/20
- Barbra Coolong 4/22
- Robert Constantine 4/23
- Katy Neal 4/24
- Maryland Mayer 4/25
- Rachel Thomas 4/25
- Bev Covey 4/25
- Rowena Beckmyer 4/26
- Francisco Plascencia 4/27
- Jack Volkmann 4/28
- Camila Kilpatrick 4/28
- Sibyl Miller 4/29
- Carol Leavengood 4/30

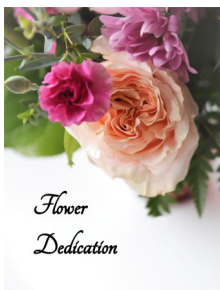
- 4/7
- 4/14 Peggy Ritchie , Holly Boyle
- 4/21
- 4/28 LeRoy Bannach



Harriet Carmona
&
Sandra Logan

Media Team

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<p>Monday's Choir Cherubs 4:15pm 5:00pm Glee choir 6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>1 Office Closed 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>3 4:00pm Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>4 8:00am Sandwich Min. 1:00pm AA Meeting 4:00pm Southern care group</p>	<p>5 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>6 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 12-3pm 100th birthday celebration for Esperancita Cordova</p>
<p>7 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Aprils Birthday cake will be served. 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30pm rise and shine</p>	<p>8 1:00pm AA 12:30pm Patience bible study 4:00pm Gospel Study, 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Evangelism team 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Executive Team 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:15pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>10 12-2:30pm Southern Care group 6:00pm soup & Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 8:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am Ruth's bible study 1:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>13 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells Rehearsal</p>
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