

faith

Worship, News & Notes

March 14, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

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Today's Readers 8:30 – Linda Brown 11:00 – Jim Scrivo

Psalm for the Day – Psalm 107:1-9

Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 107:1-9

A ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C for his steadfast love endures forever!

A ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C whom he has redeemed from trouble

A³and gathered in from the lands,
C from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
A⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
C finding no way to a city to dwell in;
A⁵hungry and thirsty,
C their soul fainted within them.
A⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
C and he delivered them from their distress.
A⁷He led them by a straight way
C till they reached a city to dwell in.
A⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C for his wondrous works to the children of men!
A⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
C and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Holy Gospel: John 3:14–21**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sermon

The offerings are collected at the entryway table as you come in.

Our giving to God is to be sacrificial.

“And now, brothers, we want you to know
about the grace that God has given
the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial,
their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty
welled up in rich generosity” (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

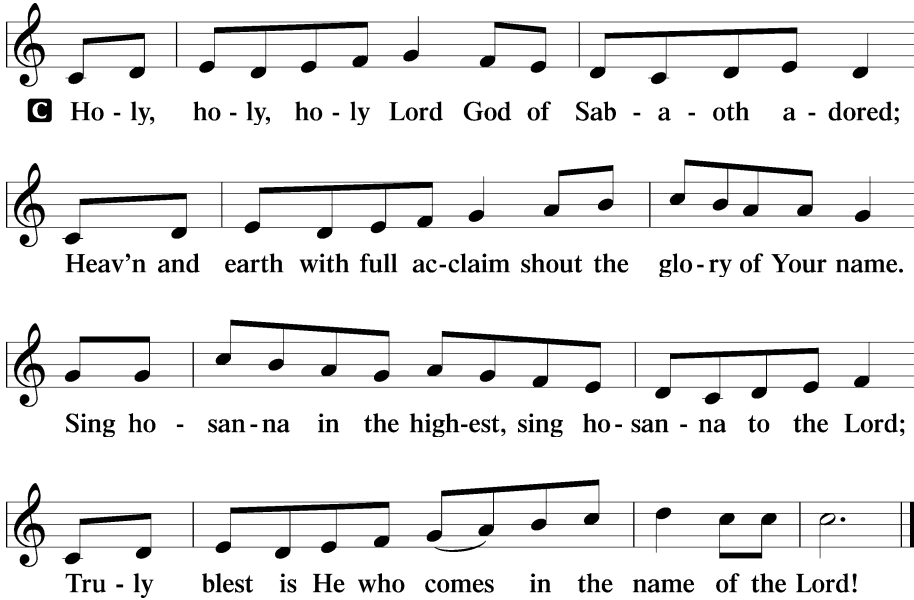
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

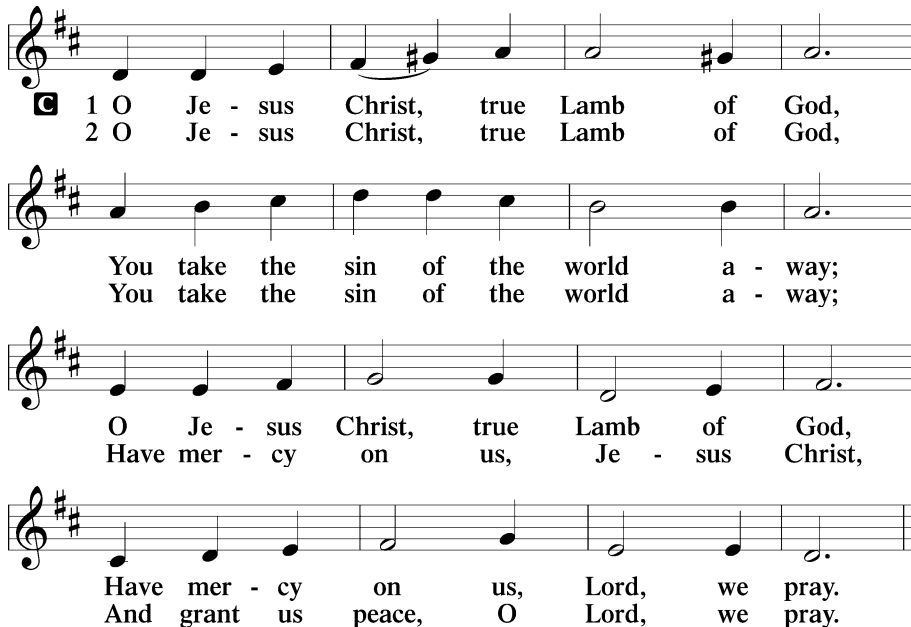
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

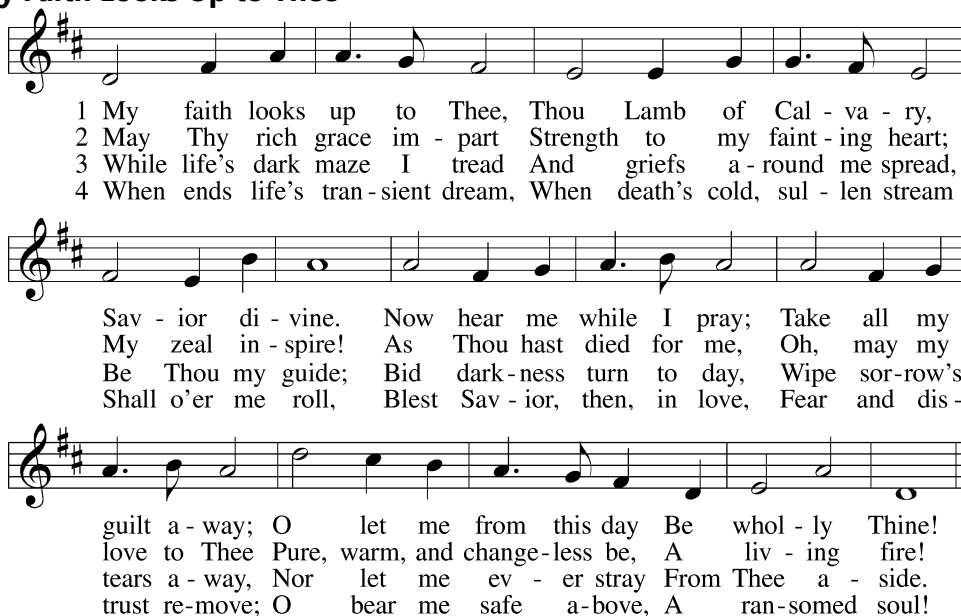


C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream
Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -
guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran-somed soul!

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
 2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
 bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery cloud-y pil-lar
 fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
 Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
 Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
 bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to
 more;
 shield;
 Thee;
 I
 Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev-er give to Thee.

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Please Join Us as we continue our midweek services each Wednesday during Lent: **March 17 & 24** at 5:30pm for dinner followed by our service at 7:00pm. Our theme this year is **"Return to the Lord"**.



Holy Week Schedule

Please plan to join us for Holy Week at Faith Lutheran Church.

Service times are:

March 28 – Palm Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00 am

April 1 - Maundy Thursday with Communion – 7:00 pm

April 2 - Good Friday – 1:00 & 7:00 pm

April 4 - Easter Sunday – 7:00 & 11:00 am

During these Covid days, we are asking that you reserve your Easter breakfast time **no later than Palm Sunday, March 28**. Space will be limited for your safety. Please choose one of the following times and email the church office (office@faithhighland.com) or call the office (248-887-5550) with your choice and how many in your family group will be attending.

8:00 – 9:20 am

OR

9:40 – 11:00 am

Thank you for your help in making our Easter Breakfast as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Birthdays

15 Shelley Kirchner 17 Tom Buckthorpe
16 Ben Dewey 17 Michelle Dewey
16 Leah Nicholas



Anniversary

Ed & Tammy Egan 3-17-2007



Communion Instruction will once again be offered at Faith beginning **TODAY, March 14th** at 1:00pm. This 3 week series is for **anyone** 4th grade and older who desires to be instructed in receiving the Lord's Supper. A parent is asked to attend with children. This is a great opportunity to learn the confession and biblical teaching of our church regarding Holy Communion. Contact Pastor Moyer with any questions or to sign up.

West Oakland Transportation Authority <http://www.notaride.org/>

WOTA, is looking for drivers right now. We start at \$14 for paid training. Usually after 90 days there is a \$1 raise. We have FT and PT positions available. Drivers will need to obtain a chauffer's license (this is very easy). The applicant must pass a drug test and background check. This is a great job for someone who is retired but wants to keep active. If interested, please contact:

Amy Grzymkowski
Human Resources & Marketing Manager
WOTA
248 730-8180

Church Week at Rural King – Christian values are at the center of our community. In that spirit, Rural King is honored to host Church Week. How to support your favorite Christian organization:

1. During Church Week, you can choose a registered Christian organization to receive your donation and begin uploading your valid Rural King receipts.
2. All receipts must be uploaded to www.ruralking.com/churchweek
3. Rural King will donate 10% of each valid Rural King receipt's total after sales tax to the registered Christian organization you have selected.
4. All donations will be given to your chosen Christian organization.



Stephen Ministry - What happens during a visit with my Stephen Minister? Before you begin your regular visits with your Stephen Minister, the central need is identified based on the stressful challenges with which you are suffering – things like surgery or hospitalization, divorce, grief due to a loss, aging, terminal illness, relocation, retirement or loneliness. Your meetings will allow you to express how you are feeling about these challenges and how you are dealing with your feelings. When you are down and having a bad day, conversation will become harsh, emotional. Crying and anger are often involved. So is hugging, sharing bible verses or hymns and prayer. You will share with your care giver things you wouldn't or couldn't say to anyone else. One thing you can be sure of – everything that is discussed, 100% will be held in strict confidence. No one will know what you and your Care Giver discuss. As you prayerfully consider arranging for a Stephen Minister for yourself or a loved one, pray also for our Stephen Ministers at Faith and our Stephen Ministry Program. If you sense the Lord leading you in the direction of becoming a trained Stephen Minister, reach out to Pastor Moyer or Guy York to discuss our Stephen Ministry program. We would like to share with you the bountiful joys that are yours when you have the opportunity to serve God by caring for others through this mission.



Newsletter Deadline – The next Newsletter Deadline is **next Sunday, March 21st**. Thank you for getting your information to me by this date.
– Linda ☺

We appreciate your patience as we all adapt to these new circumstances.

For the latest updates with regards to Faith Lutheran Church visit

<http://www.faithhighland.com/covid-19>

ON-LINE RESOURCES—Over the past few months we've been sharing online resources in the bulletin for you to use with your household while sheltering at home. Those resources remain available at **<http://www.faithhighland.com/athome>**

For livestreaming and recorded services visit

<https://www.faithhighland.com/home-worship> or subscribe to **[Faith's YouTube channel](#)**

During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.
Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday	Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study	9:45am
	Elder's Meeting	12:00pm
	FLY	12:15PM
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
Wednesday	Dinner	5:30pm
	Lenten Midweek Service	7:00pm
	Voter's Meeting	8:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:15pm



Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell, Vince Rhodes, Mike Genson, John Dickson & Virginia McDonnell.

As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, Stephanie Edmonds, John Koke, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Mike Kramb, Erik Currado (nephew of Guy & Diane York – in need of liver transplant), John Allmacher (family member of Brown's – needs heart valve replacement), Karen DeLuca (sister of Linda Brown – heart issues), Aleen (step-mother of Shannon Shaw – cancer), **Stephanie & Jackie.**

	<u>Thru Jan.</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$22,426.00	\$22,123.00	\$44,549.00
Expenses	\$21,886.11	\$18,164.96	\$40,051.07
Surplus/Deficit (-)	\$ 539.89	\$ 3,958.04	\$ 4,497.93
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$23,021.00	\$23,021.00	\$46,042.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 1,340.00)

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