



All Church Christmas Bazaar

December 5th and 6th from 10am to 3pm

Setup will be on Thurs Dec 4th at 9am. We appreciate everyone's donations to our sale - cookies, candies, pies, special breads and homemade jams are all good sellers. Craft items would be appreciated too. We also have a very popular "recycled" Christmas item table. If you have anything Christmas that you are not using, bring them to church the morning of December 4 when we are setting up for the sale or any November Monday morning, Happy Hands meets every Monday 9-11 in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions call IlaMae 386-1562.

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Dear Friends,

We are approaching one full year of life under our Joint Covenant of Union, approved November 17, 2013, and effective January 1, 2014. As the covenant proclaims, "We are one congregation, a tribute to the faith and vision of the two congregations." This is something to celebrate. I want you to know that other United Methodists and Lutherans throughout the area are certainly celebrating it. Every time I go to a larger-church function, I hear from fellow pastors and higher-ups about how excited they are about our partnership. We have a tremendous amount of support from our denominational partners.

While we celebrate our union, we also have to deal with a fair amount of confusion. As we join together, our polity (church structure) is new for all of us; it is neither the typical Lutheran polity nor the typical United Methodist polity, but a blending together of the two. And so, because "we've never done it this way before," we will need to keep going back to the document and educating ourselves about how our church governance is supposed to work. We really are doing all this for the first time, so it's bound to be a bit confusing. Our Joint Covenant of Union can always be found on the church website (<http://bit.ly/jointcovenant>), but I'm going to take a few moments to explain some of the key items that will be important in the next few months.

The main administrative meeting of our congregation is an Annual Meeting that will be in January. Lutherans in the congregation will be familiar with this format. Methodists may be used to a Charge Conference in the fall at which similar types of business are usually taken up. At the request of our UM District Superintendent, we did have a Charge Conference this year, in order to turn in the forms required by the UMC, but in keeping with our Joint Covenant of Union, *no action was taken by the Charge Conference*. Everything requiring congregational action, like election of church leadership, will be handled at the Annual Meeting in January.

The Annual Meeting requires the attendance of at least 20% of the church membership for a quorum, so plan to be there. It will be moderated by the Chair of the Board of Directors, currently DebbyChenoweth, and an invitation will be made to the District Superintendent of the Columbia District(UMC) and the Bishop of the Oregon Synod (ELCA) or their representatives. The congregation will be invited both in person in worship on at least two Sundays and via print media.

The Annual Meeting deals with a number of different business items, and among the most asked about are elections to church leadership, acceptance of a church budget, and acceptance of the pastor's salary package. Here's how each of these will work.

The Nominating and Leadership Committee is responsible for proposing a slate of qualified persons for all elected positions in church leadership. It is made up of Cindy Murahashi, Jim Anderson, and me. They have already begun their work, prayerfully considering who has the gifts and graces needed in these key positions and discerning who it is that God is calling into leadership. After prayer, consideration, and dialogue, the Nominating and Leadership Committee will present a slate of nominees to the Annual Meeting. This year, they will present nominations for three positions on the Board of Directors, two positions on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), and representatives to the Synod Assembly (ELCA) and Annual Conference (UMC). Additional nominations for these positions can also be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will then elect persons to each of the open positions. This nomination process will likely seem familiar to United Methodists but may seem a bit new to Lutherans.

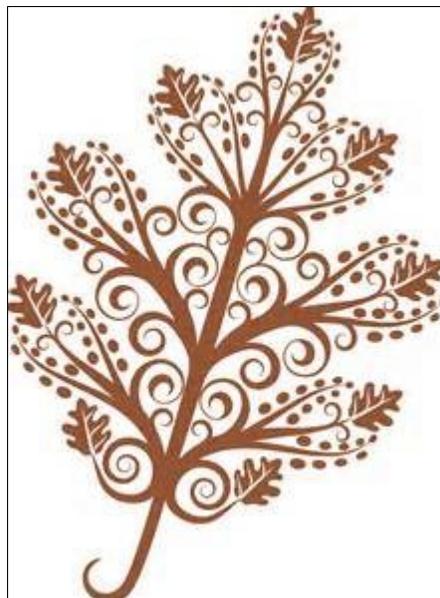
The Finance Committee is responsible for preparing a proposed budget. They are working prayerfully to create a budget that is responsible and true to God's call. If you have budget requests, you can speak with Shelley Oates, Jean Sheppard, Muriel Ishizaka, Jennifer Fowler, or Debby Chenoweth. Once completed, they will submit this proposed budget to the Board of Directors, where it will be discussed, prayed over, amended if necessary, and approved. According to our Covenant of Union, approval of the budget is the job of the Board of Directors and is not voted on at the Annual Meeting. An approved budget will be presented to the Annual Meeting as an item of information.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is responsible for preparing a salary package proposal for the pastor to be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors. Since I'm a United Methodist clergy person with a UM pension and UM health benefits, they will be using the UM forms and formulas to calculate the various elements of my salary package. The SPRC Chair, Martha Hoskins, has this work on the agenda for the SPRC's November meeting. The SPRC will submit a salary package recommendation to the Board of Directors, where it can be discussed, prayed over, amended if necessary, and approved. As with other budgetary issues, the pastor's salary is set by the Board of Directors, not by the Annual Meeting. An approved salary package will be presented to the Annual Meeting as an item of information.

I hope this helps to remind us all of the process by which we have agreed to handle these administrative tasks. It is important that we approach these matters with the utmost care and consideration, not because they are ends in themselves, but because they are part of our means of answering God's call for us. God's mission is what is really important.

Your servant in Christ,

+Pastor David



Faith In Action

The agenda at our October meeting was planning ahead for upcoming events involving our committee, .

November 30 is our designated giving /5th Sunday giving to support local outreach. Managed by the Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, the Hood River Voucher program helps people who need emergency vouchers for shelter, fuel throughout the year. During the week, the program is staffed by volunteers at St. Marks Church during the day, and by the Hood River Police nights and weekends, serving people on both sides of our common River. **Monetary gifts and volunteer time are both needed. See the committee for further details on volunteer time.**

Our participation in the Happy Hands Holiday Bazaar will involve alternative gifting through Lutheran World Relief. You will have the opportunity to surprise your loved one with the gift of a rabbit, chick, goat or pig, which in turn will be presented to a family in another part of our world to help them achieve sustainability. Personally, I have received several such gifts from children and grandchildren, thrilled to not have to dust it!! Additional sustainable gifts will be available.

The ongoing effort to recycle non-curbide recyclables is continuing to go well. We need to provide easy access to storage other than the nursery, and are planning to construct a self contained storage shed at the end of the sidewalk near the Blue Spruce. Thank you for continuing to participate in keeping extras out of the landfill. Please remember to wash and place in recycling items used for coffee hour, as well. Large 'clam shell' containers fill our garbage cans quickly, and CAN be recycled. For more information, please see the corner table in the narthex or ask one of the committee members.

Food on the Fourth participation is going well. Some of our tan bags are showing wear, and we will also use the green bags for collection [formerly used for the Green Light project/ORLC]. Please feel free to take either bag home to fill for our next event **November 23**.

For more information or participation in this group, come to our next meeting Nov. 10 at the church-10:30am. Questions-see one of us!

Let's work together to continue our stewardship of time, talent, money and care of our earth by recycling!

Sharon, Debby, Gigi, Linda, Pat P or Vicki

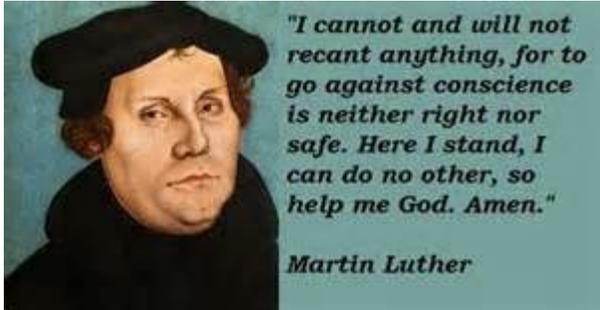
Bell Choir performing during a Sunday service





Judith Ann puts up her message

Sunday 26 October 2014, Reformation Sunday



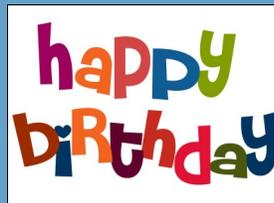
Here are some of the theses that were posted during the Reformation Day service:

- “Plays nicely with others” should be on the report cards of all churches and religions.
- To love and serve one another.
- The church should be an example of a lifestyle that cares about others, reaches out, and teaches about the responsibilities of receiving grace.
- Love for neighbor means love for every neighbor.
- Get going, break free, and welcome change!
- Help all people. God’s Love is for all.
- What happens inside this building is not as important as what happens outside of it.
- I propose that music in church uplift—I propose also that said music move the body, mind, and spirit.
- That the church should reach beyond its walls to embrace other persons who have difficulty understanding God’s Word and not hide behind closed doors or ancient rites that may have lost their ongoing meaning.
- The church should reveal God’s universal truth so that all can be aware and embrace it, without confusion of inconsistencies, obscurities, and contradictions, and especially the myths that are so difficult for most of us to accept.
- Total equality among people and churches. No Separation.
- Don’t apologize for the faith; indeed, proclaim it with conviction in the secular world! “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Triune God.”
- Worldwide Love to ALL people.
- Understanding of one another’s needs.
- That we be happy in Christ this coming new year.
- Role of the church in election process—recommend local, state, and national?
- The church is influenced by the culture in which it is located. We are drawn by the grace of our Lord to study and know and act out the grace of God by denouncing: racism, classism, sexism, ageism.
- The church should encourage works of charity and kindness to help the needy, the poor, the elderly, and those who are struggling to survive.

Worship Assignments

Nov	2	9	16	23 One Service 10am Christ The King	30 Advent begins
Lector	Della Henderson	Debby Chenoweth	Tom Hart	_____	Jill McBee
Greeter/Usher	Doug Swanson Vicki Wartalski	Debby Chenoweth Vicki Wartalski	Sharon & George Pantely	IlaMae & Dave Schneeberg	Jill & Rick McBee
Coffee Hour	Lutheran Men	SPRC/Council	Faith In Action Quilt Group	Women's Spirituality	Youth Group
Altar Care	Betty Shalhope Vicki Wartalski		Betty Shalhope Vicki Wartalski		
Flowers			Fowler Family		Debby Chenoweth

Scott Fitch, Colin Gerald Pat Moore	5
Muriel Ishazaka	6
Gwen Richards	7
Myrin Bentz	10
Sean Crompton	11
Grant Anderson	14
William Hindahl	15
Roy Pettit, Gigi Siekkinen	18
Piper Sibley	19
Bill Davis, Jim Edwards	20
Tom Hart	23
Jim Oates	25
Bob White	26
Pat Crompton	30



Fred & Marlene Lahti	2
Rocky & Kathy Rice	20
David & Robin Hindahl	22
Bruce & Patty Ludwig	26

Office Hours - Closed Fridays

Rev. David King Mon to Thurs 9-Noon

Jennifer Fowler M 9:30-2 T 8:30-11:30 W 8:30-2 Th 8:30-2

Linda Boris Tues 10-1

November 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 8am Adult Study 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration</p>	<p>3 9am Happy Hands 4:30 FISH meets</p>	<p>4 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 6:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>5 9am WELCA Quilting</p>	<p>6 11am GEM meets 4:30 Cele ServPrac 6pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9am Women's Spiritual Group @ church office</p>
<p>9 8am Adult Study 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Childrens Sun Schl 11:30 Get to Know 1:30 Card Class 6:30 Conf yth grp</p>	<p>10 9am Happy Hands 10am Faith In Action</p>	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 6:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 4:30pm Celebration Serv Prac 6pm Choir Practice 7pm Financial Comm. meets</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 16 8am  MEN'S BREAKFAST Charburger</p>
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<p>23 Food on the 4th 8am Adult Study 10am Service 11am Fellowship 11:30 SPRC meets</p>	<p>24 9am Happy Hands</p>	<p>25 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 2-4 WELCA Bible study 6:15 Bell Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Designated Giving Day 9am Traditional 10am Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Childrens Sun Schl 6:30 Conf yth grp</p>			<p>Communion for 9am service is the 1st and 3rd Sunday</p>	<p>Communion for 10:30 service is the 1st Sunday</p>		



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: **December Newsletter submissions** :
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