

# THE CHRONICLES

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I am delighted to say that it is so good to be here! Here in Wimberley. The first two weeks of overcast rainy weather reminds me that rain is important to this area because of the ongoing draught. The sunny days remind me of my readiness to be done with the snow and cold of Minnesota. I am even more delighted to say it is good to be here at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. I am excited for our journey together. Thank you for your warm welcome, for the Pounding and a special word of thanks to the Call Committee, Transition Team and all those who have been a part of the process in honestly looking at where we have been as a church and how we move forward.

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. We will gather for worship on February 18 for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion and begin exploring our theme for this year of *The Parables of Lent*. If you want to do some planning and reflecting ahead of our Wednesday evening worship we will be focusing on these parables:

Ash Wednesday – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14

February 25 – The Sower and the Seed Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

March 4 – The Hidden Treasure Matthew 13:44-46

March 11 – The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

March 18 – The Workers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

March 25 – The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32

Lent is an important time in the church year of hearing and living into our connection to the whole story of faith. The forty days of Lent connect us to the **forty days** Noah and his family spent in the Ark with all those animals. It's but a small amount of time compared to the **forty years** that the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness. It also connects us to the **forty days** Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

I invite you to spend an extra **forty minutes** in worship each week during Lent. We worship on Wednesdays to help give focus and be more intentional in our life of faith. This reminds me of a brief video that I watched as I 'was earning points' as part of my health insurance wellness program. The video pointed out the many, many benefits of thirty minutes of exercise each day and how that leaves another 231/2 hours to do everything else. If you are looking at the big picture, thirty minutes is very do-able.

The forty days of Lent and forty extra minutes of worship are very do-able for us as it strengthens faith, builds community and gives voice to our life as God's people. This fits well with the invitation and/or challenge to give up something for Lent or take on a new task. Which ever is challenging and life-giving is a great place to begin. To be honest I'm glad the call is not to hang out in an Ark with a bunch of animals or a call to wander in the wilderness. Our call is to faithfully journey with Jesus to the cross and resurrection.

In Christ,  
Pastor Becky

# Council Corner

## **COUNCIL News at a Glance**

Our first Council meeting of the year was held January 13 and we welcomed Pastor Becky Sogge as the newest member of Council.

We also tearfully said good-bye to Dirk Dierking and Ron Weir, who have served their terms on Council and will be stepping down from their roles as Vice President and Member at Large.

We welcome Doris King, who is our new Member at Large and "T" Temoney who will step up to serve as our new VP.

Council members discussed a number of topics – too many to list here, but we have a number of items in the planning stages, and focused on the Annual meeting and upcoming activities.

President – Blaine Nelson  
Vice President – T Temoney  
Secretary – Colleen Kaye  
Treasurer – Mary Rodgers  
Members at Large – Billie Navarro,  
Autry Burns, and Doris King  
Pastor – Rebecca Sogge

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Yearly reminders....Thanks galore...**

## **Ash Wednesday**

**We will worship at 7:30 PM.**

## **Happy Valentine's Day**

**Remember your loved ones: candy, flowers, or even a zipline ride!!**

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

February starts our LWR project. We need soap, soap and more soap, as soap is a luxury for cleanliness and is a necessity in reducing disease and infection. Any kind of soap is accepted but the regular bar soap is preferred. Other kits to prepare are Personal Care, School, Baby Care, and Fabric. There is a new category this year of Fleece Tied Blankets. This is a project that's perfect for those that aren't too sure of their quilt making abilities but would like to contribute a handmade item. There are instructions for this as well as all the other kits on the table in the narthex. Take them with you when you are shopping. Our quilt making also continues. If you have any old sheets or cotton fabric you wish to donate, please bring them to the church office for Colleen Kaye anytime.



## Prayer List

We continue to pray for all who are ill and recovering and receiving treatments or testing and for Evelyn Suggs, Marla Mills, Ken Ditty, Eric Strobel (Al's son), Al Strobel, Roger Wolfgram (Joan Mohr's brother), Kerry Johnson (friend of Beverly Ladzinski), Mitch Hill, Estelle Hill, Pete Foegelle (President of Blanco Lutheran Church Council), Beverly Ladzinski, Jon Miller (Jo Anne's son), Debi Moore (Sister-in-law of Patti Gibson), Bob Karpola, Leslie Navarro, Joe Anderson, Cindy Mooty (friend of Lois Hickman), Lena Raska (Ben's Mom), Grace Lesak, (Ben's cousin), Jim Holley, (Danny Hickman's Uncle) and all care givers that devote their time to care for those they love. Please be in prayer for our family and friends who are serving our country either stateside or overseas. Pray daily for peace in our world and for all who suffer the consequences of war. We continue to pray for those who are hungry and for those who serve them. Please be in prayer for the Lord to replenish the earth as God sees fit. We also lift in prayer the families that are struggling with separation and divorce.

# Thank You

### **WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!**

Thanks to all who helped welcome Pastor Becky with a good "pounding" and potluck lunch. There were boxes of items for her to take home and help her set up her home.

Thanks to Harlan Mettenbrink (leader), Pastor Becky, Frank Bauer and Blaine Nelson for their work on our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up effort.

Thanks to Shirley Schliessmann, Pastor Becky and Blaine Nelson for their help at the Day Laborer's Breakfast.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Becky was installed as our new pastor. Many people helped to make this day a success. So thanks go to Linda Snyder and Blaine Nelson as they worked on preparing the special bulletin. Robert Navarro (preacher), Shirley Schliessmann, Bella Raska, Billie Navarro, Blaine Nelson, Ron & Gayle Weir, Jo Anne Miller and Autry Burns as all served as worship participants. Thanks for the musical leadership of William Gear and Jason Euresti. Thanks also to Lori Temoney and her team who provided refreshments after the service with beautifully decorated tables.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**

On Saturday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Prayer Shawl committee will meet at Doris King's home at 1 p.m. Call Colleen Kaye at 847-5121 if you have any questions. All are welcome as we meet to knit and crochet prayer shawls for family and friends. This ministry team also supports CTMC Hospice in San Marcos by supplying them with half of the prayer shawls that are created.

## **MEXICAN TRAIN**

This is a domino game and is great fun. Join the group as they play each month on the third Thursday. In February we will play on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Doris King is our hostess for the day. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Shirley Schliessmann.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Linda and Scott Snyder welcomed a new grandson: Gunnar Drake Dollens. Gunnar was born January 20 and weighed in at 8' 2 oz. and is 19.5 inches long! Linda is visiting her daughter Ciri and her family to lend a helping hand.



## **HAND & FOOT**

It's a card game similar to Canasta and fun to play. In February we will be playing on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you'd like to come and join us please do so. To be on the email reminder list, contact Colleen at 847-5121.

## **FLOWER CHART**

The new flower chart is up for 2015. What a great way to remember family and friends with a gift of flowers for the altar. Look for the chart in the narthex.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

There is a basket on the welcome table where you can bring those little box tops for education found on many food items. All of these will go to the Wimberley Schools. So check your containers for these box tops before putting them in the trash.

## **FLU SEASON**

A container of hand sanitizer is at the back of the sanctuary on the usher's bookcase, available for all to use.

## **CHURCH EMAIL LIST**

If you do not currently receive the newsletter by email and would like to – just send your request to the office. Also, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter please send that request as well. The email address is [office@welcometnewlife.org](mailto:office@welcometnewlife.org).

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Just a reminder that there are books, games, DVD's, CD's, and puzzles all available for checkout in the library. Just mark your name next to the item you are checking out (except puzzles) and mark it returned when you bring it back. If you have any questions just ask Colleen Kaye.

**PRINT CARTRIDGE AND CELL PHONE RECYCLE - GO GREEN!**

Remember to save your print cartridges and recycle them at church. Place the used cartridge in a plastic bag and put it in the box displayed by the sanctuary. The church receives monies from this free-to-us program. Laser/toner cartridges are NOT recycled with this program. We're also participating in the cell phone recycle program as well. Just the cell phone is required – no accessories. The box for cell phones is right next to the cartridge box.

**AUTOMATED DONATIONS – SIMPLY GIVING**

There is a program in place here at LCR where your offering can be deducted from your checking account each month automatically. It is called Simply Giving. For more information or to sign up please talk to JoAnne Miller, our financial secretary.

**PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES:** Contact Paula Johnson to add names to the prayer chain.

**MARK THE DATE:**

**March 7 - Quilting Sew-in**

**March 8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward**

**March 29 – Palm Sunday**



					<i>Happy Anniversary</i>
02-08	Vincent Gordin	02-23	Benjamin Raska, Jr.	02-15	Ben & Lynn Raska
02-10	Melinda Ellisor	02-24	Alan Mahood	02-26	Chris & Delayne Leonard
02-15	Nicolas Merkord	02-24	Lynn Burttschell		
02-18	Victoria Hollinger	02-28	Harlan Mettenbrink		
			<b>CONGRATULATIONS !</b>	<b>Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...</b>	

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>
Readers	10:30	Natalie Merkord	Dianne Kilpatrick	Vincent Gordin	Angie Rose
Worship Assistant	10:30	Colleen Kaye	Doris King	Lois Hickman	Shirley Schliessmann
Acolytes	10:30	Vincent Gordin	Benjamin Raska	Abigail Burttschell	Claire Valentine
Ushers	10:30	Travis & Colten Kilpatrick	Raskas	S. Snyder/A. Burns	B. Merkord/D. Isler
Hospitality	10:30	Tamela Flores	Joan Mohr	Beverly Ladzinski	Enid Isler
Altar Guild	10:30	Dianne Kilpatrick	Dianne Kilpatrick	Colleen Kaye	Doris King
Counters		Brandon Merkord	S. Schliessmann/J. Miller	Colleen Kaye	Mettenbrink/Valentine
Flowers					<b>LENT</b>

**NOTE TO READERS:** The **Scripture readings** for the week you serve **will be in your box** at the beginning of the month. **We encourage you to take them home and read through them prior to your Sunday to share your gift** with the congregation.

**Pronunciation Guides are available** – one under the Lecturn (where you read) and the other in the Church office. Feel free to take and use them whenever needed.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** If you can't be present on the Sunday you are signed up to serve, please remember to **find your own replacement!!** This is vital to making sure all leadership roles are filled each week. Thanks! 😊

### Schedule for bulletin folders

- February 4 – Blaine Nelson
- February 11 – Shirley Schliessmann
- February 18 – Paula Johnson
- February 25 – Colleen Kaye