

# THE CHRONICLES

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February 2019

“Can’t Buy Me Love” (Beatles) jwf

## **BUYING AND SELLING LOVE**

Commercially, love (Romantic) is to be celebrated in February. BUY THINGS to prove that you love me.

Commercially, love (family) is to be celebrated full force in May (Mother’s Day), and sort of in June --- (Father’s day). Buy things to show that you love me.

Commercially, love (sibling or friendship) is to be celebrated on birthdays, BUY THINGS to prove your love for me.

Commercially, love (self-sacrificing) is to be celebrated at Christmas and Easter, go into debt and BUY THINGS to prove your ‘self-sacrificing’ love. (Santa Claus and Easter Bunny, not “God’s birth in a manger” or “God’s death and resurrection.” Going into financial debt to prove love, rather than gratefulness for love received.

## **LOVING AT LCR**

In loving one another as family, as friends, as sisters and brothers we do a good job, and we don’t need to buy anything to prove it. Money can’t buy Love.

Sometimes we love self-sacrificingly. It can’t be bought, and it buys us nothing. The self-sacrificing love of God has paid the price for us, but not for money or commerce – Can’t buy God’s Love.

Self-sacrificing love is a love to be received as a free gift (purchased on the cross) and to be shared as an equally free gift (neither bought, earned, nor deserved). Can’t buy others with your love.

## **ST VALENTINE**

St. Valentine – well there were several, and not one of them was connected to romantic love. Two St. Valentines did lose their heads to love. They had their heads chopped off for teaching about God’s love. Any romantic notion connected to Valentine originated with the secular writing of the Englishman William Chaucer. Somehow his reference grew into the multimillion dollar business we have now. (I am told that nobody actually reads these articles, so if you did read it – don’t tell anyone else, just say the name of Chaucer to me the next time you see me, or text it. Then we will see if people read this or not).



February Birthdays



8 Vincent Gordin  
 15 Nicolas Merkord  
 23 Benjamin Raska  
 24 Lynn Burtschell  
 29 Pat Ehrhart



Events:

Thurs. Jan. 31 – SpineCrackers Meets @ Mima’s at 5:30

Wed. Feb. 13 – Fig Tree Packing - Presby Church at 10:00

Sun. Feb. 17 – Council Meeting at 11:15

Sun. Feb. 24 – Adult Ed and Discussion at 9:15

Sun. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Congregation Meeting after Worship and Potluck

February Anniversaries



15 Lynn & Ben Raska

26 Delayne & Chris Leonard  
 – 10 Year Anniversary!

LCR Financial Report

December 2018 and Year-To-Date Totals

*These figures are subject to revision.*

GENERAL FUND

BUILDING FUND

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Dec.	\$7,189	\$7,500	95.9%	\$1,170	\$1,450	80.7%
YTD	\$83,101	\$68,435	121%	\$11,325	\$17,400	65.1%

February Worship Helpers  
Assistant Ministers

3 Doris King  
10 Shirley Schliessmann  
17 Chris Weaver  
24 Autry Burns

Eucharistic Ministers

10 Doris King  
24 Lynn Raska

Acolytes

3 Claire Valentine  
10 Abigail Burttschell  
17 Benjamin Raska  
24 Aiden Boger

Readers

3 Chris Weaver  
10 Tamela Jarvais-Flores  
17 Autry Burns  
24 Mary Rodgers

Ushers

3 Josie/Jason Valentine  
10 David Johnson  
17 Al Strobel  
24 Brandon Merkord/Don Isler

Altar Guild

3 Pat Ehrhart  
10 Shirley Schliessmann  
17 Dianne Kilpatrick  
24 Ann Fox

Greeters

3 Joan Mohr  
10 Arturo Flores  
17 Al Strobel  
24 Lynn Raska

Counters

3 Jason Valentine  
10 Shirley Schliessmann  
17 Don Isler  
24 Brandon Merkord

Bulletin Folders

3 Pat Ehrhart  
10 Shirley Schliessmann  
17 Mary Rodgers  
24 Paula Johnson

**WELCA (Women of the ELCA) SW TX SYNOD  
UPDATE  
Calendar for 2019**

March 1 - World day of prayer

March 2 - Capital North/Capital South conference event,  
Immanuel Lutheran Pflugerville, TX **(Registration forms  
are on the information table in the narthex.)**

April 24 - Ingathering for LWR TX Lutheran, Seguin

May 31-June 2 - Synod Assembly Corpus Christi, TX

August 23-25 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwestern TX Convention at  
Courtyard Marriott -Pflugerville Tx.

WELCA Purpose - As a community of women created in  
the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to  
grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our  
callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing  
and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

WELCA message to women of the ELCA for 2019-"Be  
bold"



FROM JEANETTE NELSON:

Dear Members of LCR,

Immense thanks to the congregation for  
the Christmas gift and the donation to the  
Crohn's and Colitis foundation in  
memory of my granddaughter.

2018 has been a difficult year for our family. We have lost 3  
family members to cancer, and a dear friend who is on our  
church prayer list continues to struggle with cancer.

In spite of these losses, my faith remains strong. I do not  
know what God had in mind while putting our families  
through these trials. What I have witnessed, however, is 4  
very strong people accepting their fate with few if any  
complaints. That in itself gives me strength. You, the  
members of LCR, also give me strength, support, and  
encouragement. God has blessed me with many talents and  
in return, it is my joy to provide my musical gifts with you.

Jeanette

"Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."- Martin Luther.



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Don't forget to bring your Crisis Bread  
Basket food donations to church with  
you that morning!



Lois and Benjamin Practicing for the Souper Bowl



## GRATEFUL HEARTS

Dear Friends from the Wimberley Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the great gifts that you so kindly have given us. You're ever so generous.

Christmas day after Citlalli's nap, the three of us went to the living room, and as soon as she spotted the tree full of shining presents, her little face turned into a big smile and she started jumping. She couldn't believe so many presents.

I Can't tell you which present she liked the most because she truly loved all of them. She helped Grandma and I open presents as well. It was fun and a true joy. I Can't put into words all that it means what you have done for us.

We don't know all of you. We personally know just a few of you, yet you have shown us your sympathy, kindness and love, and we really appreciate it and we are grateful for all.

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, filled with love and laughter and the blessings that only God can give us.

Thank you again and thank you forever for making our Christmas magical!

Sincerely, Xochi Rodriguez and Family



## New Year, New Flooring . . . and a Great New Look!

On Jan 16-18, 2019, Ray Martinez and crew from Quality Flooring replaced the old carpet in the narthex, fellowship hall and portion of the hallway to the side entrance with vinyl plank flooring. Warranty is 20 year commercial. The loose, rippled carpeting in front of the altar in the sanctuary was also flattened and re-adhered.

(Photos by Don Isler, Buildings & Bills Committee)



### *And Most Importantly:*

*Thank you to **Dorothy Tasian** for painting more doors inside and outside the church building.*

*Thank you to **Don & Enid Isler** for dedicating time to starting, continuing, and completing the massive flooring project.*

*Thank you to **Dianne Kilpatrick** for dealing with the contractors regarding improvements to the property.*

*Thank you to **Shirley Schliessmann** for being the Office and Go-To person while Maureen's been out having fun.*

*Thank you to **Joan Mohr, Dorothy & Gerry Tasian, and The Sunday School kids** for providing Fellowship snacks in January.*



Joyce & John Bradshaw  
Michael Thurman  
Estelle Hill  
Al and Jan Erlandson  
Marvin Bowen  
Beverly Pugsley  
Rob Schultz  
Gini Bouzzard  
Keith Lauderdale  
Kern Tilley  
Joanne Bachle  
Brad Simpson and Family  
Chandler Brown  
Carol Carson  
Fred Ferreira  
Debbie Johnson  
Kenslee Conner

*For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace.*

*Isaiah 53:12a*