



The JEWELS

MARCH 2018

A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesday 4:00 PM
March 7, 14, 21

Maunder Thursday

March 29
4:00 PM

Good Friday

March 30
4:00 & 7:00 PM

Easter Celebrations

March 31 & April 1
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Easter Sunrise – 6:00 AM
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday Fellowship

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Easter morning—

- Following the 6 AM Sunrise service for coffee and pastries,

Or

- Between the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services for a continental breakfast

Everyone is welcome!!!
(free-will offering)

Safety and Security *by Pastor Phill, Senior Pastor*

March is said to “come in like a lion, out like a lamb.” The weather this year has been so easy there has been no hint of a lion – but the month will go out like a lamb, the very Lamb of God, sacrificed for us all on the penultimate day of March, risen again on the first day of April. The blood that flowed from that Lamb covered us all, as the angel said to John, those in white robes have washed them in the blood of the Lamb. In this month we continue to walk together through Lent, remembering our fallenness against the perfection of the Lamb. What a gift He is to all of us!

At the regular Church Council meeting in February the Council asked the Safety and Security Committee – did you know we have formed one? – to look into some specific measures regarding security at our parish; Mr. Joel Block who chairs that committee will report to the church at the April Voters’ Assembly. Some of the specific requests Council asked to be reviewed:

- An emergency phone, a land line, at the sound booth – not a bad idea; at the 10:30 service last week we had to call 911 for one of our members; would be handy to have a phone closer, and manned, than the office;
- Security cameras monitoring the Narthex;
- Engaging an off-duty MCSO officer to roam the campus during services;
- Training Ushers, Elders, and others to simply “be aware” of comings and goings of folks we don’t know;
- Reminding people of just where the fire exits are – in case.

Other suggestions have been and are being considered. The Committee, for example, has interviewed retired law enforcement looking for suggestions, and met with active law enforcement from the local substation, assessing the reality of some of the threats made so famous recently. Their opinion, and mine, and likely yours, is that we are pretty isolated, not likely a place for disaster from the outside. And yet, we need to have the conversation, and implement reasonable security measures.

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Annual Health Fair Set *by Carol Stefcik, Parish Nurse*

Yes, it’s time for our 4th annual Health Fair! It will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 9 from 9:00 AM to Noon. In addition to all of the great information available from our exhibitors, free food, and raffle prizes, we will again have two great speakers. The presentations will be held in the Chapel and include Dr. Kendrick Johnson from ARK Family Health; and Brian Brown who has 20 years’ experience in dementia research and education. You won’t want to miss either of these speakers! So plan on making a morning of it and bring your neighbors and friends!



From Your President

The last week of March 2018 brings us to what we know as Holy Week. We as Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ (the suffering and enduring).

Palm Sunday represents the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm branches were laid across Jesus' path and the people waved them in the air.

Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday reminds us of the Last Supper of Christ. At this meal Jesus instituted the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Christ said to His disciples, "I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, so you also should love one another," God gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Let us be reminded during this Holy Week of the Passion of Christ and God's gift to us through the death and the rising of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Praise and thanks be to God.

Good Friday we commemorate the suffering (passion) of Jesus and His death on the cross. Christ takes on the sins of the world to save believers from sin and death.

Easter Sunday, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in heaven by receiving Jesus our Savior. John 3:16 ... For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

May the Lord's peace be with you.

Jay Nelson

Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

Here's where we stood at the end of January:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Receipts	\$ 76,077	\$ 74,529
Expenses	\$ 66,667	\$ 72,745

Your Mission Board at Work by Gene Axelson, Board Chairman

We were able to provide a \$1,000 grant to Missionaries Martin & Marie Dicke serving in Papau, New Guinea in response to their recent newsletter requesting support and prayers.

Last year we established scholarships at both Concordia Universities in Seward, NE and at Irvine, CA for students in a church worker program. We were able to fund these \$5,000 scholarships each again this year. The recipients who received these funds last year were very grateful for our help in furthering their

education to become church workers after graduation.

We received information from Trinity/Hope they were able to add eight new Christian schools to their program of providing hot lunch meals to students in Haiti. Over 4,100,000 meals were served during 2017 to more than 22,000 students. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was shared on a regular basis to every child attending the schools they feed, allowing them to grow in their faith.

COL Safety and Security Committee by Joel Block, chairman

We held our second Safety and Security Committee meeting on February 6. During that meeting we had a presentation by a retired FBI agent who discussed risk assessment. He talked about addressing all risk, not only risk from someone trying to cause harm, but also from concerns like fire, theft, medical emergency, and other types of safety and security risk. We need to be careful not to spend all our efforts on risk with very little chance of happening, and neglecting the other risk that may affect us. We plan to meet again later in February to continue addressing the need for safety and security at Crown of Life.

If anyone has questions or suggestions regarding the "Safety and Security" of our congregation please contact me at 720-837-6692.

Easter Flowers by Florella Denzin

It is time to sign up for Easter lilies and mums to enhance our Altar! The cost is \$12 each. Sign-up sheets are located in the flower book on the podium near the Parish Hall. Please PRINT your name and the number of plants wanted on the designated sheet. The LAST DAY to sign up is March 11. Plants may be taken home following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, or you may pick them up the following week during office hours.

Payment may be made using a Designated Offering Envelope found in your offering envelope box. Please mark the envelope as Easter Flowers.

We wish you all a sincere Lenten and exhilarating Easter season!

Book Club News by Judy Brodzeller

The next book club will meet on Monday, March 12 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. All are invited to join us for a lively discussion on our monthly selection. Bring a friend who likes to read. They do not have to be a member of our church.

2018 BOOK LIST

March 12 *Chasing Fireflies* by Charles Martin
 April 9 *The Address* by Fiona Davis

Summer Break

September 10 *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain



Stephen Ministry Update *by Ken Grover, Publicity Coordinator*

A Stephen Minister is... A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting; a congregation member with gifts for care giving who was carefully selected to serve in this role; a caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages; someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need; a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care. Lola and Tom Leshney, Darlene and Wiley McAfee, and John Obradovich will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, March 18 at the 10:30 AM service.

This is The Caregiver's Compass for Stephen Ministers:



The Caregiver's Compass is a common element in every training module. A compass points to true North. From that we can get our bearings. So, no matter which way we choose to travel, a compass helps us to stay on our path. You can choose any road and any road you choose, Christ will walk with you. We often hear talk today about having a "moral compass" where our core values can drive our actions and relationships in all aspects of life – our faith, work, family, even politics. The Caregiver's Compass expresses those core values for the Stephen Minister and works well for anyone who wants those values infused into their life journey so that "Christ will walk with you."

Christ Centered At the center of the compass is the Chi Rho, the first two letters of "Christos", Greek for Christ. This symbol for Jesus Christ, at the center of the compass reminds Stephen Ministers that Jesus is the source and power for their caring ministry.

Compassionate Stephen Ministers are compassionate caregivers. They share their care receiver's pain and help them bear it. They are often "wounded healers" themselves who can relate through their own experiences of loss or pain. They listen without judgment, without preconceived notions about what "should be" or "needs to be" done.

Full of Faith By God's grace, Stephen Ministers are full of faith. They bring Christ's care into the relationship and trust God to bring results.

Trustworthy Trust is the door into the safe house. The Stephen Minister shows up, follows through, and demonstrates they are worthy of trust in their confidentiality.

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Viruses Beware!

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

Although we have the worst of the flu season behind us in January and February, it is important you still stay health conscious. There are practices you should routinely do to stay healthy. Here are some of the ways:

- Wash your hands A LOT! Wash especially in public restrooms, leaving a hospital, before unpacking your groceries, after using the restroom, and before you eat.
- Keep your immune system healthy. Eat nourishing meals, take a multivitamin, drink water, exercise, get enough sleep.
- Use hand sanitizers whenever they are available.
- Keep your hands away from your face when you are out in public places – you don't know what germs you have picked up.
- If someone near you is coughing or sneezing a lot, cover your nose and mouth or move away from them.
- Don't share drinking glasses or silverware with anyone.
- Drink bottled water if you are going out of the U.S. or to someplace isolated and unfamiliar.
- Don't ignore symptoms when you feel ill. Have yourself checked out before something serious develops.

Prevention is always the best cure!

LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission *by Barbie Aden*

As our featured speaker this month, we are honored to have Carol Steficek, Crown of Life's Parish Nurse and author of several books. Well-educated, with a deep love of God and compassion for others, Carol will share some timely, achievable activities to help us maintain good physical and spiritual health – something we all want and need.

That's Tuesday, March 13, at 1:00 PM in the Chapel. See you there.



Men's Fellowship purchase Tracts

by Gene Axelson

Have you noticed the new tracts/brochures in both tract racks located in the Narthex? These booklets are published by Lutheran Hour Ministries and again are provided by the Men's Fellowship for your use. Please feel free to share them as appropriate with family, neighbors or friends. Some of the new topics include:

What Happens When I Die?

Examining biblical passages dealing with the body, soul, heaven, hell, and other topics, this booklet answers this difficult question.

Setting Priorities: The pace of life is frantic! Packed with practical suggestions, this booklet offers great insight into managing our life.

Prayer When You don't Know What to Say: Consider the ways God answers prayer, why praying is important, and the words of our prayers.

No Need to Fear: Anxiety comes in many forms, excessive worry, inability to make decisions, edginess, irritability, and panic attacks. Learn how to begin tapping into a source of hope.

Finding Peace: Many of us are frazzled by problems. If you are troubled by fatigue or edginess, you are not alone. Learn how to overcome anxiety.

Other topics include:

Cancer Courage Through Christ

The Truth about Angels

Managing your money, financial freedom

Your Place in God's Plan
and

When in Doubt...Read the Book

Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates

The financial books for 2017 have been closed. We had another great year with contributions ahead of budget estimates. As a result, we were able to transfer \$50,000 to the Endowment and Mission Development funds, \$35,000 to general Missions; \$11,000 to Audio/Visual Enhancement, and \$5,900 to establish an organ replacement fund.

Thoughts by Pastor Gary

The effort of government and business to cover up wrongdoing is not new. Ever since the fall, people have tried to cover up sin or to misdirect attention by transferring the blame elsewhere. In the Garden of Eden Adam blamed Eve for his disobedience, and Eve blamed the serpent.

Judas Iscariot covered up not only his thefts from the disciple's treasury, but he also disguised his intent of betrayal by asking in the upper room, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" (Matt. 26:25). In the Garden of Gethsemane he tried to conceal his bitter enmity against Jesus by kissing Him.

The cover-up of sin doesn't work. The writer of Proverbs (28:13) declares, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." The right way to deal with sin is to repent of it and confess it to God. In faith, we lay that sin on Jesus, the Lamb of God, who made atonement for the sins of the whole world. Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886) in his hymn writes "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!" Because He has taken away our sin, we forsake it, leave it behind, and no longer worry about it. Not the cover-up of sin but the open acknowledgement of it in repentance and faith opens us to God's forgiving grace.

The psalmist exclaims, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered" (Ps. 32:1) — indeed not covered up by deceit but fully covered by the forgiveness Jesus has earned. If you are haunted by past sins, confess them and know that God has dealt with them by covering them with the forgiving blood of Jesus.



Thoughts on Prayer by Kathe Schmidt, Prayer Team Member

Prayer is absolutely crucial to every area of a believer's life – every successful relationship with God. Consider these questions. How do we abide in Christ and allow Him to live His life through us? How do we grow as a Christian? How do we overcome temptation and weakness? How do we confess our sins? How are we filled with the Holy Spirit?

Now that we are in the season of Lent, let us consider the example of Jesus and the importance of prayer in His life. We know that Jesus often set aside time removed from the crowds to converse with His Father for strength, guidance, and assurance. At the beginning of his public ministry, away from any human contact in the wilderness, He was tempted by the deceiver. Each time His retort to Satan began with "It is written..." or "It says..." Just think about that! Jesus was referring to an existing account, recorded in the scrolls, of God's directions for a successful life. What an example for us, to refer to passages in our bibles as a comeback when Satan tries to sow doubt in our minds or heap piles of guilt on us. Scripture assures us there is no condemnation for believers in Christ (Rom. 8:1).

Let's make it our first line of defense to resort to prayer – in intimate conversation with God – telling Him everything on our hearts and minds. Be assured He is pleased to hear from you and will increase your trust in His unfailing love for you.

New GriefCare Group Begins

Begins Wednesday, April 4

Meets every Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Open to Members & Nonmembers

For registration information

Call Christine Escobar (623-218-6793)



Remaining Steadfast under Trial

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

This year we observe Lent from February 14 through March 29. Lent is a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our focus is directed to the suffering and death of Jesus.

We can draw a parallel between Lent, the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, and our journey through the wilderness of grief. For those of us who follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the season of Lent, Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness and our season of grief mourning the loss of a loved one can be a parallel experience if we follow Jesus' example of spiritual discipline, prayer, trusting the Lord and holding to His commands. This is our time for personal reflection and prayer, drawing close to the Lord and keeping the focus of our lives on Jesus, our Lord, and learning more about Him and His plan of salvation and eternal life for us and our loved ones.

Our journey through the wilderness of grief is also a time of vulnerability. We can make it a time of strengthening our spiritual discipline and a time to discover God's purpose for us by staying close to our Lord, His Word and our Christian family.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

During this Lenten season, as we reflect on the immense sacrifice Christ made for our salvation, through prayer, time in God's Word, and self examination, visualize the Lord's promise of being with Him in Heaven. Recall Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Quilter's Update by Marlene Petersen

A thank you note from Jane's Food Bank in Wittman appeared in last month's Jewels. This year our donation of quilts and blankets will be going to the Native American Indians in Rock Point Mission, AZ. We are asking for additional help to tie and match materials. Our goal is to lay and put together 100-150 blankets! BUT we need your help! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM. All supplies are furnished so all you have to bring is a sack lunch and a happy face! Questions? Call Marlene Petersen (623-556-10550) or Jan Tvinnereim (623-533-3610).

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Voters gather in April

Grab your calendar and mark it for ...

Sunday, April 22
9:15 AM
Spring Voter's Meeting

Stephen Ministry

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Skilled Through their gifts and their training, Stephen Ministers are skilled caregivers. They have learned skills in listening, dealing with feelings, maintaining boundaries and in recognizing when a different kind of care giving might be more appropriate such as a professional counselor. Through supervision feedback, the Stephen Minister becomes skilled at paying attention to the relationship so it stays process focused and not trying to "fix" a problem.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

For more information about the Stephen Ministry program at Crown of Life, contact Elmer Faser at 623-210-7494 or Gloria Michel at 623-544-4569.

May God continue to Bless, Guide and Protect you and for you to keep the Faith.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.
John 3:16, 17

It is not faith in Christ that saves you (though faith is the instrument); it is Christ's blood and merits.

In the Mailbag

Thank you for the many prayers relating to my recent spinal surgery. A sincere thank you to Pastor Gary for the surgery day visit and prayers. I had completely turned the surgery over to God. So many prayers were answered for me. Thankfully I am at home and recuperating. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Carol Peterman

On behalf of the Veterans Administration in Phoenix, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Crown of Life for your support (and use of your parking lot). We did well over 100 immunizations, mostly from Veterans in your local community—even in sub-optimal weather. It was great!

Yancey Gaither, Veterans Administration



March Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins
 Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith
 Pastoral Assistants

Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,
 Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirly

ELDERS

(4:00) Ron Mara, Ernie Schmidt
 (8:00) Gerry Harpt, Ed Kristof
 (10:30) Henry Munzinger, Ernie Schmidt

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Dave DeRocher
 (8:00) Willie Lundquist
 (10:30) Dave Koelsch

ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Kathy Beilstein, Lory Marunde
 (8:00) Lee Gregoire, Phyllis Naumann
 (10:30) Evelyn Gaddey, Karen Murphy

GREETERS

(4:00) Pat Coyle, Marian Hubble,
 Duane Cookie Rawson
 (8:00) Flo Froland, Phyllis Naumann
 Rev. Will & Harriet Krueger
 (10:30) Howard & Kathy Ludden,
 Sue Senne, Ruth Skriden

GUEST BOOK

(4:00) (from greeters)
 (8:00) Joan Thiese
 (10:30) Arlene Doepke

FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake, Pat Fronk,
 Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen
 Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Denise
 Tevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim, Cora Weiss

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuemfing, Coordinator
 (Sa) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer
 (Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave
 Brodzeller, Gerry Harpt,
 Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,
 Paul Stuemfing

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Bob Murray, Darlene & Wiley McAfee

USHERS

(4:00) Al & Jan Knutsen,
 Reg & Sue Trevison
 (8:00) Kim Warwick (cap), Arlin Bates,
 Cheryl Bernhardt, Ken & Laurel
 Coffman, Gary Frankeberger,
 Henry & Dene Munzinger,
 Sue Warwick
 (10:30) Dick Anderson (cap), Ruth
 Anderson, Tim Aden,
 Bev Bristow, Larry Jessen,
 Bob Mansfield, Don Nicolay,
 Dick Rittmaster, Bob Smith

Happy Birthday

- 1 John Lindley
- 2 Bill Krueger
- 3 Carol Dupras
- 3 Gretchen McCaslin
- 3 Larry Pearson
- 3 Ken Warren
- 4 Connie Irmer
- 4 Bud Redburn
- 4 Betty Wohlfeil
- 4 Terri Worster
- 5 Paul Naumann
- 6 Judy Koelsch
- 6 Lewis Leibbrandt
- 8 Dorothy Febrow
- 8 Louise Fountain
- 8 Fay Sieving
- 9 Herb Wolf
- 10 Dick Andersen
- 10 Betty EATINGER
- 10 Rev. Will Krueger
- 10 Patti Vaughn
- 11 Laurel Coffman
- 11 Judith Schmidt
- 12 Mary Bonrud
- 12 Jacquelyn Leavitt
- 12 Sandy Warren
- 13 Sue Stuemfing
- 13 Janna Thiel
- 14 Shirley Swartz
- 15 Gene Kuebler
- 16 Larry Maass
- 16 Joan Rall
- 17 Ilene Borgman
- 17 Ralph Colrud
- 17 FEMMIE GRATIAN
- 17 Dennis Wolf
- 19 Nora Mara
- 19 Ellis Pihl
- 19 Jeanette Smith
- 20 Chuck Blakley
- 21 Otto Kelly
- 22 Nancy Gothard
- 22 Yvonne Stone
- 23 Mark Adam
- 23 Gail Lindley
- 23 Joan Thiese
- 23 Reg Trevisan
- 24 Byron Blackmore
- 24 Norma Garavaglia
- 25 Gordy Rieck
- 25 Sue Thomas
- 26 Gordon Adams
- 26 Margaret Irwin
- 26 Kristina Van Niel
- 27 Eleanor Horen
- 27 Richard Rydeen
- 28 Evelyn Bangert

- 28 Lynn Bates
- 28 Tenna Brauer
- 28 Sallie Jehn
- 29 Paula Duffey
- 29 Ernie Schmidt
- 29 Ron Schumann
- 30 Greg Harwood
- 30 Gail Schuff

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Ed & Mary Pisacich
- 3 Larry & Sue Senne
- 6 Jerry & Mary Ann Cate
- 10 Ron & Jean Majka
- 11 Joe & Carol Natale
- 13 Fred & Elaine Treftz
- 14 David & Judy Koelsch
- 14 Duane & Cookie Rawson
- 17 Eddie & Kristina Van Niel
- 19 Don & Iva Robinson
- 20 Lowell & Donna Koelling
- 20 Bill & Joyce Nance
- 22 Bob & Diane Hammann
- 24 Gary & Karyl Brandvold
- 25 Chuck & Janet Blakley
- 26 Dick & Gloria Andersen
- 29 Byron & Gisela Brown

Altar Flowers

- 3 & 4 **Hilde Gebert,**
 In loving memory of
 husband Wolfgang
George & Sue Hood,
 In loving memory of
 mother & brother
Betty Krueger & family,
 in celebration of Bill's 90th
 birthday
- 10 & 11 **Louise Fountain,**
 In loving memory of Don
 and her 94th birthday
David & Judy Koelsch,
 In celebration of their
 5th wedding anniversary
Duane & Cookie Rawson,
 In celebration of their
 59th wedding anniversary
- 24 & 25 **Ron & Nora Mara,**
 In honor of granddaughter
 Becca's birthday



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Safety and Security *continued from front*

In January at the Sunday Bible study a person, I thought male but dressed completely as a female, walked right up to me at the podium in the Parish Hall. I took the person into the Narthex while the class waited, and I was asked for money. We don't hand out cash. When Pastor Gary or I feel it appropriate, we can and do give Safeway grocery gift cards. The person asked me for that after I declined to give cash. Because of the situation, I said no – he spun on his heel and strode out. Last Thursday at our monthly pastors' meeting I discovered the same person, dressed identically, has hit up 2 other Circuit parishes.

Two Sundays later an older gentleman, using a walker, asked me after service, in the Sanctuary, for \$40. I declined, and offered Safeway cards in that amount. His response to me: "I'm tired of excuses! I need the cash!" and he went out – mad. I've learned that some kind soul in the parking lot did give him cash – you have generous hearts. And yet, I respectfully request that you not give cash to folks begging at our church. Over the years I've learned there is a regular circuit of people that do this at churches, in person, by phone, by email, etc. – and I do not want to encourage that our parish is an easy touch.

We do have a Helping Hands fund for our members that might have a short-term need, and we do have Safeway cards for the times we feel we need to be of service. May God help us discern what is beneficial and right!

Meanwhile, enjoy the lion-less March!

Pastor Phill