

The

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Memorial Day . . .

Remembering their Sacrifice

On this Memorial Day, let's all take the time to pray...let's remember those we have lost, who served our Country, no matter what the cost. We look to God in prayer and ask that He will keep them in His care.

This Is Memorial Day

This is Memorial Day, in our land of the free. It's because of those who sacrificed whose graves you're here to see. They fought on foreign lands and across the open sea, and paid the ultimate price to keep you and I free. So put all things aside and honor this important day. Which we have dedicated as our Memorial Day.

LTC RET Samuel Lombardo

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning this month we return to our summer schedule:

SATURDAY – 4 PM
SUNDAY – 9 AM
BIBLE STUDY – 10:15 AM

Opportunities by Pastor Phill, Sr. Pastor

What a glorious Easter celebration was held here. From Maundy Thursday through to Resurrection Day I, at least, was blessed by our services, and your participation. You sing good... And as I said, after 6 weeks of Lent, I was pleased to be able to announce He Is Risen!

So many people step forward to volunteer in our church, in all the various ways God raises up people to do His work. Without you who are able to help in the busy-ness of the church, there would be no Crown of Life – so in this season of awaiting Pentecost, thank you and may God bless your efforts.

Here are some easy ways you can step forward to help in our services:

Greeters – this is an easy job folks – wear your name badge, say hello as people come in. If you really want to be extravagant, you could even say “Welcome to our church!” Good job for singles, couples, or two friends. If you wish to help please contact: Saturday – Pat Coyle; Sunday – Judith Axelson or Jan Drake.

Ushers – OK, this one is a little more complicated – you have to hand out bulletins, and sometimes even count heads! Oh my! Also, good job for singles or couples, men and women. To add your name to the list, contact Don Johnson (Saturday) or Ron Schumann (Sunday).

Power Point operators – these are folks that sit at the back, and with one finger, push the button that advances the slides in the service. No technique to this, folks – you just have to follow the service closely. Which you should do anyway, right? Contact Tom Mertins if you are willing to assist in this endeavor.

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Health and Healing Throughout the Scriptures

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

This class begins on Thursday, May 2nd and it's NOT too late to join. The study is for all members who want to know about living a healthier life based on what the Bible has to say. Join us for this 12-week course in the Chapel on Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 PM.

From Your President

“The Great Physician”

Snake venom is composed of toxic substances that work to destroy cells, enzymes and other molecular substances. These toxic substances work to not only destroy cells but also disrupt nerve impulses, or both. Snakes use venom to disable their prey or to defend against predators.

The bite of venomous snakes and the death that comes with it forms a powerful picture of what sin against God does to us. Sin has been injected into our tissues; it has entered our bloodstream.

In the Old Testament the Israelites complained about the way in which God had taken care of them during their wilderness journey. Every day it was manna on the menu, and they couldn't take it anymore. Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the Israelites, and they bit the people so that many Israelites died.

Christian life in this world is like a wilderness journey. The Lord has given us his word, water, bread and wine to nourish us in a world that offers us all the finer things in life. In this unbelieving world we are offered a word that speaks of everything now and a food that is a far greater delicacy than such ordinary things as bread and wine. To our sinful flesh, anything is better than what God gives in worship – in the means of grace. Doesn't it feel as if we are missing out on all the good stuff that this unbelieving world has to offer? Doesn't it also feel as if we have every reason to complain to God? This lack of trust in God, the idea that God is holding out on us, is the essence of sin.

If a snake bites you, forget about sucking out the venom. Get to those who can really help.

Who is going to really help us when we stumble in our faith, even fall and “get bitten by venomous snakes?”

The only physician that has the skill to heal us is Jesus Christ our Savior.

Jay Nelson

Mission Board Update by Gene Kuebler, Board Chairman, Board for Missions

Spring has arrived in Arizona and many members have or will be leaving for the summer, but for many of us we call this area our permanent residence. Time to enjoy the summer heat, but for many they do not have the luxuries we take for granted. The mission board has identified programs internationally that need our help. This month we were able to provide assistance to Lutheran Hour Ministries and to Lutheran Boarder Concerns. The board is also providing quarterly support of \$2,500.00 to Mission Central which assists Missionaries throughout the world. These are places many of us will never see or experience, but we are able to touch lives through the people that have been led to serve by going where many cannot.

We are also excited to welcome our newest member, Diane Douglas, to our Board. We want to say *thank you* and are excited because she brings vast knowledge and experience to our board. We encourage you to share with Diane, as well as any board member, information related to a ministry that you may be involved in. Our members are the best source of ministry programs and information for our board to provide any needed financial assistance.

Christ Caring for people through People

by Ken Grover, Stephen Ministry

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in the lives of others, when they need it the most? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers are members of Crown of Life who provide one-to-one, caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, death of a loved one, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties. A training class is in the plans for October of this year. Stephen Minister Training equips you to do an excellent job as a Stephen Minister, as well as to improve the quality of your personal relationships. Topics include; listening, feelings, confidentiality, providing Christian care, maintaining boundaries, crisis theory and practice, and ministering to people experiencing a variety of life's difficulties.

For more information contact John Obradovich 623-975-1255 or Pastor Gary 623-546-6228. May God continue to bless, protect, and keep you in His grace.

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”
Proverbs 16:9

“This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalms 118:24

Coming This Summer

The Assimilation Committee is busy planning for the following social activities this summer...

Sunday, July 14
Ice Cream Social & Hymn Sing

Thursday, August 15
Arizona Broadway Theater Matinee
“Sister Act”

More information to come!!!

God's Plan for Eternal Life: Believing & Forgiving

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

It is a source of great comfort when we know that our loved ones believed in Christ when they died. God's Word tells us, *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.*

(John 3:16)

As Jesus Christ forgave us our sins and sacrificed Himself for our salvation, we are in turn required to forgive those we feel have wronged or harmed us. *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.* (Colossians 3:13-14)

The prayer Jesus taught us to pray to our Father, states, in part, *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,* (Matthew 6:12). *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.* (Matthew 6:14-15)

Forgiveness is often easier said than done. Many people are also confused as to the nature of forgiveness. We learn in our GriefCare group:

- Forgiveness doesn't mean you condone what the person did or that you trust the person.
- Forgiveness is about getting your heart right with God. It is foremost about your relationship with God.
- It frees you from a lifetime of bondage to a bitter and hardened heart.
- Forgiveness isn't a one-time act. You'll have to continue to choose forgiveness.
- We forgive because God has forgiven us.
- Forgiveness doesn't mean you're letting the other person off the hook. It's entrusting God to take care of the situation for you.
- Forgiveness isn't reconciliation. Reconciliation requires genuine repentance on the part of the person who was wrong.

(*Your Journey from Mourning to Joy*, p. 70)

In addition to reminding ourselves of what God has asked us to do as His children in this world, we learn of tools that can help us to follow through on God's commands. A few actions you can take to help you forgive include:

- Pray to God to help you forgive.
- Write out a prayer for the person who has wronged you and put that prayer in a "God box" and turn that person over to God. (This may need to be done on a daily basis.)
- Write a prayer to God explaining why you don't want to forgive someone and ask for His help. Describe how unforgiveness and bitterness is harming you and those around you.

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Keep Praying by Kathe

Schmidt, Prayer Team

The most powerful thing a Christian can do is pray! That may be the reason Jesus reminded us to persevere in speaking with our Father. Jesus told his disciples in the Parable of the Persistent Widow to always pray and not give up. He admonished them in the Garden of Gethsemane "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." We recall a passage in Paul's letter to the Ephesians to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Prayer is personal communication with our Heavenly Father, to be sure. He loves to hear from us, one at a time. He listens to us as we join in prayer with fellow Christians, as we praise His Holy Name in worship. God even accepts our hurried prayers in times of dire need. But prayer is not just a passive approach to God's grace and favor. Jesus prompted us to get actively involved in the pursuit of getting the Father's attention. Jesus in his own words is saying persistence pays off. Ask again and again, then wait. Seek what appears to be a good path to follow. Knock on God's door often.

"Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 7:7-8. Jesus then follows up that advice with the beautiful picture of God our Heavenly Father giving nothing good gifts.

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Praying continued from above

Would we want a stone when we plead for a loaf of bread, or a snake, when we asked for a fish. Of course not. God knows what represents a good gift for each one of us. He will not give us something harmful for our well being. He is the one who sees the whole picture, knows our weal. Only good gifts come from God. Thank you Lord, for that reminder in scripture.

So keep asking tenaciously anyway, in spite of not knowing exactly what God has in mind for you. He promises that in time we will be given an answer, find what we seek, and walk through an open door, even if it's not the one we expected. Through His answers we gain greater faith in Him and insight into what is the best gift for us. Thanks be to God for His great love for us.

COL goes to Hollywood!

by Pastor Vern Ermeling

Attention all music, art and entertainment lovers! Pastor Vern Ermeling, has made arrangements for a visit to two iconic California entertainment venues: "The Hollywood Bowl" and the world famous Laguna Beach Art Festival - "The Pageant of the Masters."

The dates are August 14-16. The 3-day trip will also include a visit to one of California's top art museums - Bowers Museum - in Santa Anna, and a private tour of the Abraham Lincoln Shrine in Redlands, CA. The price for all meals, tickets, bus and the hotel is \$540 double/occupancy. (Add \$160 for single/occupancy.)

The August 14 program at The Pageant of the Masters will be: "The Time Machine". This theme comes from the movies "Back to the Future" and "Doctor Who" and H.G. Wells first novel, "The Time Machine". The 2019 pageant will take audiences around the globe and into the past, present and future in search of great art and amazing stories. Taking its cues from science fiction and steampunk fantasies, "The Time Machine" will be your ticket to thrills, laughter, beautiful music and extraordinary living art under the stars. You have to see it to believe it! It is truly an amazing experience! For more info on specific pieces of art in the show go the website: <https://www.foapom.com/pageant-of-the-masters/pageant-theme>.

The August 15 program at the Hollywood Bowl will be: "America in Space". You will have the opportunity to relive the awe of the first moon landing, in sight and sound. In this celebration of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, film clips with live accompaniment will take us back to that awesome and unbelievable time in history.

If you are interested in the trip please contact Pastor Vern at 623-476-5377 or email him at vermeling@juno.com for more details. There will be an information meeting to go over the full itinerary and answer any and all questions on Wednesday, May 8 at 2:00 PM in the COL Parish Hall.

Thoughts by Pastor Gary

Luke records for us these words, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." (Luke 15:21)

In reading this verse from the Parable of the Prodigal Son, I began to wonder "What is Christ Worth?"

The man who commissioned Leonardo da Vinci to paint a portrait of his wife was so displeased with the work - the "Mona Lisa" - that he refused to pay for it. In later years it came to be recognized as a masterpiece. When in 1962 it was sent from the Louvre for exhibition in the United States, it was insured for \$100,000,000. Yes One Hundred Million Dollars.

Quite often in life, better judgement comes with the passage of time - which often includes more experience. So, for example, although the prodigal son once despised his home and father's love, he appreciated them greatly when things went wrong for him in the world.

That is what repentance does - repentance, which in Greek means a change of mind, and in Christian usage, a change of heart.

At about the time Jesus was proclaiming the kingdom of God, a contemporary, Saul of Tarsus, was in Jerusalem studying under the great teacher Gamaliel. Jesus did many wonderful works. His teachings, illustrated by His incomparable parables, were mind-gripping. The verbal portraits He painted of human nature were classic. Then on the cross outside the Jerusalem city limits He performed His greatest masterwork: redemption.

But where was Saul of Tarsus during all this time? Undoubtedly preoccupied with his studies; undoubtedly also very hostile to Jesus' teaching. But when he was converted, a most fundamental change came about in his estimate of Jesus. As Paul the apostle, he declared, "For to me, to live in Christ" (Phil. 1:21). Again: "The life I have lived in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20)

What if someone had asked Paul, "What is Christ worth to you, the price of a great treasure? Perhaps \$100,000,000?" He would have answered, "Christ is everything to me."

I pray that your love for Jesus is more than a mere \$100,000,000. I pray that Christ is worth everything to me, for you see - HE IS! And He is Risen!!!!

LWML Update by Rita Grover, LWML President

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. This is My command: Love each other."

John 15:16, 17

The purpose of a woman's involvement in Women in Mission begins through the local organization. We pray that each woman will draw closer to the Lord. Each woman is encouraged to use her God-given talents in sharing God's love and we strive to provide opportunities for service within our congregation, and for outreach in our community and the world.

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Altar Flowers by Florella Denzin, Chairperson

What a beautiful Easter Altar! The Flower Committee truly appreciates all of you. Let's maintain the Resurrection glow daily. And we pray everyone has a Blessed summer.

Our May Altar flowers include:

May 4 & 5 **Jerry & Florella Denzin** in memory of Mother's death & brother's birthday

May 11 & 12 **Nora Mara** in celebration of Ron's birthday

May 25 & 26 **Ken & Rita Grover** in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary

May 25 & 26 **Albert & Lucy Stoudemire** in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary

God's Plan for Eternal Life *(continued from page 3)*

- Each day for 90 days spend 15-20 minutes identifying who or what you want to avenge. Write it out and put it in the form of a brief letter. Read it out loud and then write out the phrase "I forgive you...." After that put down the first reason you can think of for not forgiving. End this exercise by reading a praise Psalm out loud. Then, give God your anger for the day and thank Him for what He is doing – even if you do still feel bitterness. The next day, repeat this exercise. In time, you will find your anger and bitterness subside and melt away.

Although everyone is unique in their journey of grief, common responses to the death of a loved one may include feelings of anger with others, ourselves, our loved one and/or God, bitterness, blame, desire for justice, hurt, rage, self-pity, tangled and conflicting emotions, vindictiveness and many other emotions that feel uncomfortable and out of character.

If you feel like you are losing your mind or that your grief is all-consuming and controlling you, please join our GriefCare group in the Chapel on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. You will find comfort and support and learn tools to help you get back on your feet and fulfill God's purpose for you. Call Christine Escobar at 623-218-6793 or email griefcare@colchurch.com for more information and to register. You may also pick up a GriefCare pamphlet at the Information Center.

LWML Update *(from page 4)*

Membership is available to any woman who is a member of our congregation. We are blessed with a generous and supportive congregation, because with them these opportunities have been successful these past months: donating supplies for Surprise Christian Preschool, making personal hygiene napkins for young girls in a foreign country, donating Walmart and Fry's gift cards for Family Promise (organization that helps homeless families), support for Walk4Water an organization digging wells in Africa, hygiene kits for the local homeless, and sewing pillowcase dresses that are going to St. Monica's Girls School in Uganda. We also have meaningful Devotions and Bible Study.

Please plan to join us and please bring ideas that can help spread God's love within our congregation, community, and world.

We will be in recess until Tuesday, October 8. Please mark your calendar. We meet in the Chapel at 1:00 PM. We pray you will join us in October.

May the Holy Spirit continue to work among us each day.

In the Mailbag!

I would like to take the time to give acknowledgement to my Church family. All that give of their time that helps me (Pat) serve our Church on Saturday. Being a greeter or serving at the Guest Book is fun communicating with our brothers and sisters in Christ. That welcoming smile when entering our Church, the hand shake, directing any guests that enter, means so much to all of us. You make all of us feel special and your kindness does not go un-noticed! Thank you goes to (in no special order): Arline Orchowski, Marlene Peterson, Karen Sheppard, Pat Coyle, Susie Tomaszewski, Dave & Joan Jones, Vicki Mork, Joan Byrd, Lowell & Donna Koelling, Jan Knutsen, Alberta Rodriguez, Evelin Lackey, Mary Kindy, Richard & Jean Lange, Cookie Rawson, Nancy Gothard, Howard & Kathy Ludden, Joyce Hassan, Jan Rudat, Judy & Marlena Meyer, Carol Sandman, Nora Mara, Eric Jager, Sheryl Bartow, Martha Denny, Ken & Rita Grover, Bill & Joyce Nance, and Barbara Seyferth.

For all those who go above and beyond, thank you! Your dedication and support of our Church means so much to us all. You are truly appreciated. And thank you, Pastor Phill, as two more members came forward to serve our Church. Blessings,

Pat Coyle

A special thank you to all for the lovely and sincere birthday prayers and wishes... hugs!

Sue Thomas

Come Up for Air *by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse*

We live on a planet where air pollution is a problem for all. Since the air currents circle the planet and all living things need it to breathe, there are some things you need to be aware of. Air pollution contributes to decreased lung function, respiratory inflammation, allergies, higher incidents of heart problems and cancer.

Here are some things you can do: 1) Filter you air at home, 2) When it's particularly windy outside wear a mask or stay indoors, 3) Don't smoke, 4) If you exercise outdoors, avoid heavily trafficked roads around automobile pollution, 5) Avoid using weed killers and other harmful sprays, and 6) Share rides to work and avoid adding to the pollution by observing no burn days.

May 2019

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| <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">5</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">FOOD BANK 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM B/STUDY(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:30 AM WOMN'S B/STY(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">7</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">8:30 AM BD/ELDERS(CR) 9:00 AM QUILTING(PH) 1:00 PM ASSIM COMM(CR)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">8</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:30 AM GRIEFCARE(C) 9:30 AM PR RONS BIBLE CLASS(PH) 10:30 AM PRAYER TEAM(SCR) 2:00 PM CA TRIP MTG(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">9</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">1:00 PM HEALTH/HEALING B/STY(C)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">10</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:00 AM MISSION BD(CR) 10:30 AM PR VERN'S BBS(PH) 1:00 PM CARDS/GAMES(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">11</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC(CR) 4:00 PM WORSHIP</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">12</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC(CR) 9:00 AM WORSHIP & COMMUNION 10:15 AM B/STUDY(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">13</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:30 AM WOMN'S B/STY(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">14</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">8:30 AM TRUSTEES(CR) 9:00 AM STPHN MIN SUPR(C) 12:00 PM MOVIE(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">15</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #e91e63; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em; margin-bottom: 5px;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:30 AM GRIEFCARE(C) 9:30 AM PR RONS BIBLE CLASS(PH) 10:30 AM PRAYER TEAM(SCR)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">16</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">1:00 PM HEALTH/HEALING B/STY(C)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">17</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">9:00 AM MEN'S B/STY(PH) 10:30 AM PR VERN'S BBS(PH) 1:00 PM CARDS/GAMES(PH)</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">18</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">4:00 PM WORSHIP & COMMUNION</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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May 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, Duane Rawson
 (9:00) Chris Beck, Harry Bernhardt,
 Duane Rawson

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Willy Lundquist
 (9:00) Dave DuRocher

ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Pay Coyle, Kathleen Johnson
 (9:00) Kathy Beilstein, Karen Murphy

GREETERS

(4:00) Jean & Richard Lange, Cookie
 Rawson
 (9:00) Dene & Henry Munzinger,
 Orvillena Neal, Kathy & Ernie
 Schmidt, Lucy Stoudemire

GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Pat Coyle
 (9:00) Cora Weiss

FLOWERS

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

SOUND TECHNICIANS

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

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

TELLERS - Ken Warren, MaryAnn Cate,
 Sheila Mecham, Duane & Orv
 Neal, Ben Snyder
 Subs - Ken Grover,
 Sandy Warren, Chuck Wasem

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Darlene & Wiley McAfee

USHERS

(4:00) Kathy & Paul Beilstein,
 Sue & Wood Woodworth
 (9:00) Bob Turk, Team Captain; Byron
 Brown, Marty Irwin, Carol
 Kleinschmidt, Willie Lundquist,
 Ed Michel, Norma Miller, Duane
 Neal, Dorian Pfeifer, Gordy
 Rieck, Dave Roberts, Ron,
 Schumann, Al Stoudemire

Happy Birthday

2 LeAnna Grell
 2 James Kunzie
 4 Myrna Borchert
 4 Marilyn Goodnight
 4 Lawrence Mills
 6 Fred Birkendahl
 6 Nancy McAfee
 7 Mel Howry
 8 Ed Kristof
 9 Donald O. Carlson
 9 Ken Grover
 11 Patricia Petersen
 11 Paul Stuempfig
 13 Tom Mertins
 14 Joan Byrd
 14 Iva Robinson
 15 Rhonda Adam
 15 Lloyd Greiner
 15 Virginia Speaker
 15 Fran Wallin
 16 Ron Mara
 16 Dianne Mertins
 17 Walter Sullivan
 18 Debra Mirly
 19 Ruth Anderson
 19 Mary Fritz
 19 Bob Holstein
 19 Gloria Redburn
 19 Bill Schulzetenberg
 20 Don Dupras
 20 Paul Heimbuch
 20 Jeanette Martin
 20 Audrey Rolf
 21 Gloria Adams
 22 Joyce Hall
 22 Dave Roeker
 23 Shirley Gadeken
 24 Gloria Mansfield
 24 Ed Pisacich
 24 Norma Wadsworth
 25 Gary Kowatch
 25 Roberta Lane
 26 Mary Mehner
 27 Dan Mehner
 27 Joe Rau
 28 Marion Abraham
 28 Lynn Johnson
 28 Dean Judkins
 30 Forest Neumann
 30 Walt Rodie
 31 Roger Engelbrecht
 31 Phyllis Naumann
 31 Lyn Schneidmiller

Happy Anniversary

2 Mark & Trena Brauer
 6 Marv & Vita TenBroeke
 8 Ed & Sharon Kristof
 12 Ken & Laurel Coffman
 14 Duane & Orvillena Neal
 22 Henry & Dene Munzinger
 23 Mark & Rhonda Adam
 24 Jerry & Karen Myers
 25 Ken & Rita Grover
 29 Rev. John & Vi Pope
 29 Al & Lucy Stoudemire
 31 Don & Colleen Lekawa

Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

The following is a recap of income and expenses for March 2019 and 1st quarter ending March 31st...

March 2019:

| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Receipts | \$ 86,511 | \$ 95,764 |
| Expenses | \$ 69,042 | \$ 71,223 |

Year-to-date:

| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Receipts | \$230,093 | \$240,075 |
| Expenses | \$207,165 | \$210,530 |

As a result of your continued support, we are able to maintain a healthy financial situation at Crown of Life. Thank you ... and God Bless!

Quilting News

We are in the process of putting together the *Honor Quilt* and will try to have it finished and on display in the Narthex this summer. Our first of the month quilt sales will discontinue in May and will start again in October. Thank you COL for all your support and contributions. If you are leaving for the summer we hope to see you back here in the fall! Have a safe and blessed summer from all the quilting ladies. If anyone is needing a quilt or blanket, please call:

Marlene Peterson (623-556-1055)
 Jan Tvinnereim (623-533-3610)

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Opportunities *continued from cover*

Sound Board operators – OK, this one takes a little more training. It takes a degree in button pushing... The board is not hard to learn; we have able teachers; it does take the ability to think ahead and react to what is coming next regarding microphones and lights. But think of the control you have... Contact Paul Stuempfig for more information.

DVD recording – Currently we have one couple doing this work - they need some relief. The recorded DVDs are provided to shut-ins, some are bought by members to send to family, and the office keeps copies. There is training involved in this one, I won't kid you, and we do feel this is a necessary ministry of the church. For more information contact Pastor Gary.

Stephen Ministry – These are Christian friends who visit a care-receiver weekly, to listen primarily, and to take the love of our Jesus to folks who need a regular provider of Christian relationship. There is training involved in this – a 12-week cycle of classes, on our campus, prepares the Stephen Ministers for God's work of friendship. Contact Pastor Gary for information.

And of course, there are many other opportunities for service in the church, Altar Guild (Nada Workman), Assimilation Committee (Judith Axelson), memorial service kitchen helpers (Sharon Kristof), etc. The ones listed above are on my heart these days as important, easy to learn, and somehow, I guess, scary. Must be scary. Why else would we have to ask for help?

And may God bless you all in the Easter glow of God's promises delivered by our Lord Jesus.

Pastor Phill