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NEWSLETTER



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

CHURCH HERALD

Pastor's Devo... And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream."
Numbers 12:6

First, my apologies...if you figured that this devotion occurring in February I'd focus on whether or not Punxatawny Phil had a vision of his shadow...sorry. And for those fans of comedian Bill Murray, likewise, I apologize...but instead, I present to you above the 2nd mention in the Old Testament of the word "vision" being used in the English Standard Version of the bible...

But in keeping with our yearly reflection of "Vision", this verse is but part of the report given concerning the confrontation between Moses and his siblings, Aaron and Miriam. They had confronted Moses, a fact which displeased God, resulting in Miriam's punishment...an event which may well have been on Jesus' mind when He taught of just how a prophet is never revered in his hometown...and something too, which could also serve us today, we, "servants of the Lord" as we work at the spreading of God's "Good News" ...and an extension of the idea I was trying to make in my message this past Sunday about "Divisions" ...things that often separate us rather than unite us...

Our collective "Vision" of what we are as "church" ought to be one which does unite...it ought to be one in which we act in love, using the gifts God's given us, gifts like that of understanding, understanding that we can only be effective communicators of the "Good News" if we remember that even though God's plan of salvation is for all people, not all of those people are going to be receptive to it right off the bat...there may be those who we need to be aware may even be hostile to some degree, perhaps due to personal issues that have "hardened their hearts"...

But we, the people of God, ought always to seek the Lord's guidance in everything we do...just as the recommendations in the hymn, "With the Lord Begin Your Task" (LSB 869):

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
 For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
 Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
 In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.

- 4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
 Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
 Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
 You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

And also in one of my favorite Psalms, "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (127:1a), reminding us, his people, trying our best to serve Him as we can, remember that He IS in control...or at least, we ought to let Him...now and forever, Amen!

Readings for February

February 01	Zech. 11:4-17, 2 Tim. 4:1-18
February 02	Zech. 12:1-13:9, Titus 1:1-2:6
February 03	Zech. 14:1-21, Titus 2:7-3:15
February 04	Job 1:1-22, John 1:1-18
February 05	Job 2:1-3:10, John 1:19-34
February 06	Job 3:11-26, John 1:35-51
February 07	Job 4:1-21, John 2:1-12
February 08	Job 5:1-27, John 2:13-25
February 09	Job 6:1-13, John 3:1-21
February 10	Job 6:14-30, John 3:22-4:6
February 11	Job 7:1-21, John 4:7-26
February 12	Job 8:1-22, John 4:27-45
February 13	Job 9:1-35, John 4:46-54
February 14	Job 10:1-22, John 5:1-18
February 15	Job 11:1-20, John 5:19-29
February 16	Job 12:1-6, 12-25, John 5:30-47
February 17	Job 13:1-12, John 6:1-21
February 18	Job 13:13-28, John 6:22-40
February 19	Job 14:1-22, John 6:41-59
February 20	Job 15:1-23, 30-35, John 6:60-71
February 21	Job 6:1-22, John 7:1-13
February 22	Job 17:1-16, John 7:14-31
February 23	Job 18:1-21, John 7:32-53
February 24	Job 19:1-12, 21-27, John 8:1-20
February 25	Job 20:1-23, 29, John 8:21-38
February 26	Job 21:1-21, <i>Job 21:22-30:15</i> , John 8:39-59
February 27	Job 30:16-31, John 9:1-23
February 28	Job 31:1-12, 33-40, John 9:24-41
February 29	Job 32:1-22, John 10:1-21



February 01	Ethel Longmire
February 02	Ted Larson
February 09	Virginia Lichac
February 17	Mary Bellew
February 24	Phil Woelke
February 25	Lee Miller
	Craig Siemsen
	Larry Smith
February 26	Jerry Lichac



February 12	Larry & Bev Smith
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2019 Annual Treasurer's Report

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>
Jan	8,943.42	8,062.19	881.23
Feb	5,725.63	7,719.34	(1,993.71)
Mar	8,641.24	8,349.64	291.60
April	10,755.71	8,452.27	2,303.44
May	6,118.63	7,299.30	(1,180.67)
June	11,810.24	9,413.16	2,397.08
July	8,700.03	7,742.49	957.54
Aug	6,503.14	7,662.70	(1,159.56)
Sept	12,520.43	9,757.22	2,763.21
Oct	7,184.59	7,314.96	(130.37)
Nov	8,359.53	7,153.16	1,206.37
Dec	12,422.20	13,469.26	(1,047.06)
	107,684.79	102,395.69	5,289.10
Budget	93,702.00	97,656.00	(3,954.00)

<u>Fund Balances</u>	
Regions Checking	17,372.56
LCEF Steward Acct	93,759.45
LCEF Savings	986.06
Endowments	17,124.37
Total Funds	129,242.44
<u>Designated Funds & Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	1,137.15
Endowments	17,124.37
Memorial Funds	1,665.00
Elders Outreach	863.54
Fine Arts Fund	156.65
Flower Fund	343.13
Poinsettias	(12.00)
Mowing Services	150.00
RAM Medical Program	620.00
Total Obligated	22,047.84
2019 Income over Expense	5,289.09
Total Unrestricted Funds	112,483.69

<u>Outreach</u>	
Mid-South District	5,000.00
<u>Local Outreach</u>	
Central Services	600.00
MATS	600.00
CASA	500.00
Project Graduation	100.00
Outreach cards	40.00
Help for needy	60.81
	1,900.81
<u>Pass-through Funds</u>	
Mooreburg Food Bank	27.60
Bible Sticks	154.00
	181.60
<u>Elders Outreach</u>	
Help for needy	415.00
Supplies to Record Serv	41.12
Gift cards for Christmas	573.00
	1,029.12
TOTAL OUTREACH	8,111.53

News & Notes

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY currently studying “Vocation” is meeting at 9:30. The study is led by Tom Ketner and is open to anyone interested in the “Lutheran difference”.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday, February 5th at 10:00 (A closer look at the daily Lectionary).

SECOND SUNDAY ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION is next Sunday, February 9th after Church service.

VALENTINE’S DAY is Friday, February 14th.

PRESIDENTS’ DAY is February 17th. The office will be closed.

ASH WEDNESDAY Service is February 26th at 11:00.

ELDERS MEET February 27th.

RECITAL The first Sunday in Lent, our organist, Dale Stanton, will present a recital entitled “Lenten Litanies.” It will be based on some beloved Lenten hymns, including a few played on the hammer dulcimer. The program will be at OSLC, March 1st at 2:00p.m.

2020 SIGN-UP SHEETS are in the Narthex on bulletin board.

LWML yearly contributions are due in February. Please make checks out to LWML and give to Dale Price or Laurie Smith.

FYI... several new banners have been ordered and are on their way. We want to thank all those who have stepped up to help update our effort to adorn the sanctuary.

