

PASTORS DEVO.... The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1Corinthians 10:16-17

As I write this month's devotion for our April Newsletter, I'm also preparing for Maundy Thursday services...so, the Lord's Supper is in the front of my mind, which led me to choose these verses for my theme. We have had to, because of the virus, be "Socially Distanced" one from another. But we've NEVER been distanced any further from God...He hasn't gone anywhere...He hasn't had difficulty recognizing anyone wearing a mask...He has always been right where He's always been...in His heaven, watching over His people.

WE have been the ones who've been apart...His people...the people who He sent His Son to make us one...make us His, we've been distanced from each other. It began, just about this time last year. We shut down Corporate Worship on Palm Sunday, and stayed completely apart for all of the Easter season, thru Pentecost, until the 1st Sunday of June, just in time to gather the following Sunday for "Father's Day".

So now, we're entering "Holy Week" and we're still hampered by this virus. Many have received their vaccinations, some others not yet, and some may decide not to get vaccinated at all. Whatever class you find yourself in, we're slowly moving in the right direction...a "New" normal...whatever that may be. But I pray we're doing it TOGETHER...to once again be as one in the family of faith, holding on to both our Faith and to each other as God's children, blessed to enter this "Holy Week" and it's opportunity to reflect upon our blessed state as forgiven people...forgiven, because of the great love our Heavenly Father has for us poor sinful beings, who deserve nothing but the just payment for our sins, to be brought into God's family.

So dear one's, as we enter into these coming days, these coming weeks, and however long our God has in store for us moving forward, may we remember this past year, what this separation has been like for us, separated from our earlier, "ordinary" lives, and compound that a million times...no, a "GAZILLION" times, reflecting upon what separation from God might be like in that future Eternity, when those who have fallen away face the judgement and eternal damnation...and those of us who can and should hold fast to our Faith, with it's practice of regularly gathering together, at His house, to do what we regularly do when we gather...receive His blessed gifts for us of Word and Sacraments, just as we will do on "Holy" Thursday, "Good" Friday, and the Sunday morning remembrance of the Lord's Resurrection we call "Easter", and all the "Little Easters" we'll (hopefully) celebrate afterwards...until He gathers us home. Amen!

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Council Minutes

March 9, 2021

There was a quorum of Council members present. Tom Ketner was absent and Mike Hare represented the Elders. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer, asking God to keep us steadfast in the Word; and to continue a spirit of cooperation.

Pastor provided a written report, a copy is attached. In addition to his written remarks he asked that we seek out donations of Easter Lilies this year.

Mike Hare represented the Elders. There was no written report. Mike was asked about his phone calls to his assigned members and what he learned from them. He said many people told him they would not return to corporate worship until they felt the Corona Virus had receded and they felt safe to venture out. Pastor added that Don Baldus had returned home after his stay at a recovery facility.

Craig provided a written Trustees' report. A copy is attached. His report contained a list of items which were identified as projects for 2021. Brenda asked to include the stripping and waxing of the parish hall tile floor. Craig commented that a member asked if the proceeds from the next aluminum can recycle could be directed to the Mooresburg Community Center? This would be a one-time occurrence. He moved to do this. Brenda seconded. It passed. Craig commented that our worn out aluminum ladders would also be sent to the recycling center with the proceeds used to purchase a new ladder.

Brenda provided a written Treasurer's report with attached Budget vs Actuals statement and Balance Sheet. All of these are attached. She reminded the Council at our January 2021 meeting we approved purchasing Quickbooks' Payroll Service. It has proved to be beneficial to her so she asked we approve funds to continue it through this calendar year. Council acted to approve her request.

Brenda showed the Council samples of a Memorial Gift Book. She believed this is consistent with the Council's action from our March 2020 meeting to identify and pay tribute to our late members who were honored with memorial funds from the family and the congregation. She said this a preliminary presentation which we should considered later for action.

Larry provided a verbal Chairman's report. He said we will no longer ask for a

motion and second to approved Board and Committee reports. Only if there is an objection to the report whole or in part will we seek a motion to accept with a second. Moreover, from now on, it is accepted that a written report is attached and made a part of the minutes, unless there is an objection.

Larry relayed a request from Dale Stanton to switch the current position of the electric piano and the live stream recording equipment. In Dale's view this would curb congestion in the organ loft. Craig, speaking on behalf of the Trustees said he would look into it. Larry said he will report to Dale of the Council's willingness to make the switch if it does not present any insurmountable difficulties.

Larry asked if there should be an April voters' Assembly. It was decided to have it in July 2021.

Larry told the Council he would provide to each member the portion of the By-Laws which pertained to there Board's or Committee's activities. He asked them to review the duties for any updates that might be appropriate.

There was no Old nor New Business discussed.

A motion to adjourn passed. The Council joined in singing the Doxology.



OSLC Minutes
March 9,2021.odt

Readings for April

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| April 1 | Ex. 14:10-31, Heb. 7:23-8:13 |
| April 2 | Ex. 15:1-18, Heb. 9:1-28 |
| April 3 | Ex. 15:19-16:12, Heb. 10:1-18 |
| April 4 | Ex. 16:13-35, Heb. 10:19-39 |
| April 5 | Ex. 17:1-16, Heb. 11:1-29 |
| April 6 | Ex. 18:5-27, Heb. 12:1-24 |
| April 7 | Ex. 19:1-25, Heb. 13:1-21 |
| April 8 | Ex. 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15 |
| April 9 | Ex. 22:20-23:13, Luke 4:16-30 |
| April 10 | Ex. 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44 |
| April 11 | Ex. 24:1-18, Luke 5:1-16 |
| April 12 | Ex. 25:1-22, <i>Ex. 25:23-30:38</i> , Luke 5:17-39 |
| April 13 | Ex. 31:1-18, Luke 6:1-19 |
| April 14 | Ex. 32:1-14, Luke 6:20-38 |
| April 15 | Ex. 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49 |
| April 16 | Ex. 33:1-23, Luke 7:1-17 |
| April 17 | Ex. 34:1-28, Luke 7:18-35 |
| April 18 | Ex. 34:29-35:21, <i>Ex. 35:22-38:20</i> , Luke 7:36-50 |
| April 19 | Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31, Luke 8:1-21 |
| April 20 | Ex. 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39 |
| April 21 | Ex. 40:17-38, Lev. 1:1-7:38, Luke 8:40-56 |
| April 22 | Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9:1-17 |
| April 23 | Lev. 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36 |
| April 24 | Lev. 10:1-20, <i>Lev. 11:1-15:33</i> , Luke 9:37-62 |
| April 25 | Lev. 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22 |
| April 26 | Lev. 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42 |
| April 27 | Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11:1-13 |
| April 28 | Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37, Luke 11:14-36 |
| April 29 | Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27, Luke 11:37-54 |
| April 30 | Lev. 21:1-24, Luke 12:1-12 |

Looking Ahead...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO OBSERVE OSLC'S SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS. These include moving through the Narthex both at the beginning and end of Worship. Do not linger. Also follow the ushers' request as to seating. Wearing masks is encouraged but not required. Let's keep healthy...

LWML: The next meeting will be April 10th @ 10:00 am.

MOWING TEAM: The mowing team sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you don't have anyone to team up with, the trustees will try to match you up with another member. If you are not able to help out with the mowing physically, you are welcome to help out financially. If you want to pay by check, be sure to make a "Mowing" notation in the memo field of your check. Each mowing by the contractor is \$150. The amount given can be anything you wish to donate.

Thanks, Craig Siemsen, OSLC Trustee

RUMMAGE SALE The neighbors of Chelaque will be holding a rummage sale with the proceeds going to the Mooresburg Community Association beginning April 22.

If you have any items that you would like to donate or if you would like more information on MCA, please let me know.

Cathy Siemsen



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