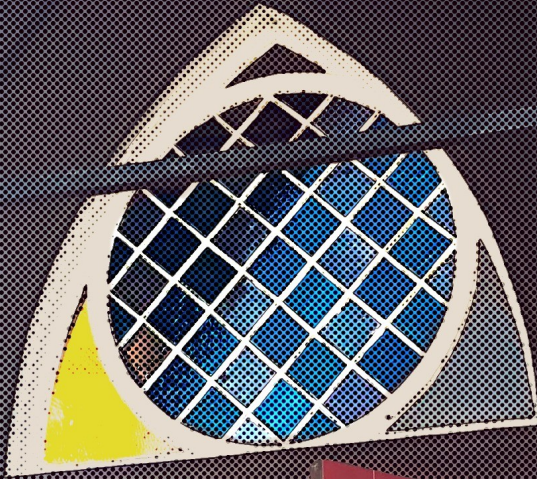


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FEBRUARY 2019



You Will Be Honored Here.

From the Pastor's Desk 

Pillars

*"The LORD is exalted, he dwells on high;
he filled Zion with justice and righteousness;
he will be the stability of your times,
abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure."*

- Isaiah 33:5-6

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's reported that Martin Luther King, Jr. always traveled with a copy of the Bible and Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*. There wasn't much room in his bag or time in his schedule, nevertheless he thought those titles important enough to keep close by at all times. They were pillars, literary resources that upheld his life and work.

It's not likely to come as a surprise that I rely on the Rev. Dr. King himself as a pillar. He was a courageous agent of social change whose leadership was rooted in Christian faith, hope, and love. And, although his life's work was set in a particular context, he continues to inform the generations that have followed him, holding us accountable to his vision for human community.

Who are your pillars, the people whose thoughts and works and lives inspire you? What are the literary or artistic resources that speak a timeless word of "salvation, wisdom, and knowledge" to you?



Happy New Year everyone,! We wanted to share some news regarding the property ministry. Steve Smith is still the chair, but Dave Ekse has teamed up with him to take on general maintenance, along with Andy Casillas, who is leading up capital projects. If you see things that need our attention, please let Dave know, he is your go-to guy. As is always the case with beautiful old buildings, the maintenance list is long, if not very distinguished. What that means is that we might not be able to get to your concern right away, depending on what other issues we have that we are dealing with. Thank you for rolling with it.

One thing that we really appreciate is volunteers. You don't have to pay them, they usually show up anyway, and they make the work a lot more fun. You don't have to have any skills—if we are taking it on, we can teach you how to do it. If you are interested in helping out once in a while, and then joining us afterwards for a beverage, let us know - We'll add your name to the list. (don't worry, no commitments!)

So what are we up to these days?

TEAM WARM AND TOASTY: Steve Smith and Dave Ekse coordinated new insulation above the kitchen and the Koinonia room. This area was always lacking insulation and we are hoping to reduce our energy bills

TEAM HESSED: Andy Casillas, Les Gerstmann, Dennis Steinberg, Kevin Doerr, Dave Cook, Steve Smith, and Dave Ekse removed the rot and replaced the wall in the Hessed Classroom. We also replaced a single pane glass slider with a double pane window and new door.

TEAM LEAKY ROOF: Andy Burch and Dave Ekse are tracking down the leak in the fellowship hall near the Ed wing

OTHER PROJECTS IN OUR SIGHTS: (It May not happen this month, but I promise you this, we will git 'er done!) The garage roof, the Ed wing restroom, the floor in the fellowship hall restroom, the Baumbach rental house roof and ongoing spot maintenance as things arise.

God's Peace

Property Ministry

Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly 2019

At the first-quarter congregational meeting, we will elect two members of Peace to represent the congregation at the 2019 synod assembly at the Hilton in **Vancouver, WA, Friday, June 7 - Saturday, June 8**. In addition to attending to all the ministry matters of the synod, this year's assembly will elect a bishop.

Please consider nominating a member of Peace to serve in this way! If you have any questions about the synod assembly, please contact Pastor Nate: pastor@peacepuyallup.org, 253.845.8819.

Synod Assembly theme: **"See, I am doing a new thing!"** *Isaiah 43:19*

What is the Synod Assembly?

The Synod Assembly is this Synod's highest legislative authority working with rostered and lay voting members from all of our congregations and mission starts. Each congregation sends at least two lay voting members along with their rostered ministers. [How Many Lay Voting Members Does My Congregation Get?](#) It's based on your 2018 parochial report sent to the ELCA.

What do we do there?

We will have the opportunity to think and plan for the future of the ELCA and your congregation. We will learn stories of congregations already in the renewal process, learn about ELCA ministries, elect a synod bishop and many other elected positions (specifics out in January), hear from our ELCA Churchwide representative on the ministry that the ELCA does worldwide, learn things to help our congregations, participate in workshops about moving forward in your ministries and how we can help the Church move into the future in new ways, interactive displays. plus we'll have two beautiful and unique worship services for us to participate in together. You will love hearing the 300-400 voices harmonize together!

Who will your congregation send as Voting Members?

Please try to send voting members that are interested in moving the ELCA and your congregation into the future with all of the excitement, changes and challenges that may bring. We'll be thinking outside the box!



We will be serving a spaghetti dinner for the Freezing
Nights program at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 7th

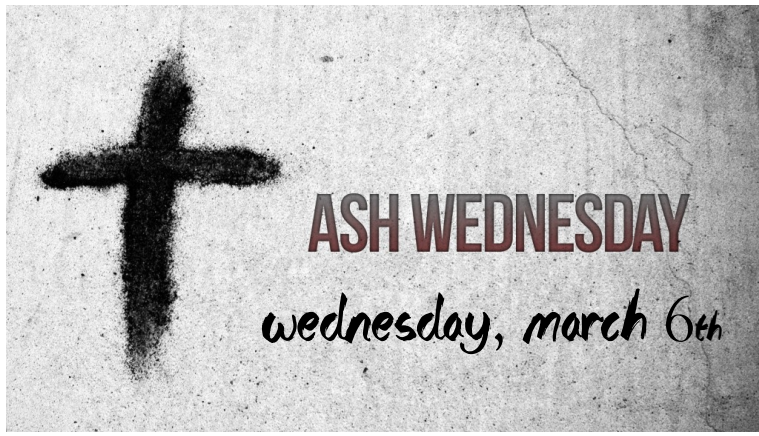
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please sign up in the gathering area!




It's that time again! Time to clean the church kitchen!

If you are able, please join us on Monday, February
18th at 9:30 a.m.! Thank you!



ASH WEDNESDAY

wednesday, march 6th




Join us!

Men's Breakfast

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sink your teeth into the weekly Bible texts with Pastor Nate, 10:00-11:00 am every Tuesday in the gathering area.



Interfaith Advocacy Days

Jan 26 - Spokane Legislative Conference
9am-3pm, Spokane Valley UMC
Feb 9 - Yakima Advocacy Day
9am-2pm, Wesley UMC
Feb 14 - Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia
9am-3pm, The United Churches of Olympia and Capitol campus




Join advocates in your legislative district to bring voices of compassion and justice to our elected officials

206-625-9790 | FAN@FANWA.ORG | WWW.FANWA.ORG



Join Us!!


8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sundays

Women of the **ELCA** 

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, February 13th
9:30 a.m.

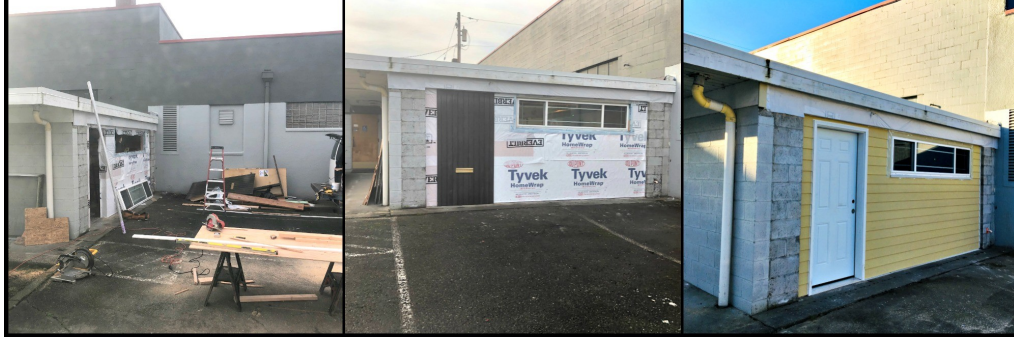
Leader: Marlys Tron **Hostess: Baerbel Lorenz**





A HUGE Thank you goes out to the many who took on the Hessed wall project! Thank you

- Dave Ekse
- Karen Ekse
- Andy Casillas
- Dave Cook
- Dennis Steinberg
- Kevin Doerr
- Les Gerstmann
- Steve Smith



One of the things that made this project really meaningful was all the volunteers that offered to help.

Dennis Steinberg helped with demolition, Kevin Doerr, & Dave Cook, helped with materials delivery, Les Gerstmann, Dave Cook, and Andy Casillas all helped with construction, and Karen Ekse & Steve Smith helped with clean up and removal of debris.



We have some of the BEST volunteers around!





Sunday February 3, 2019

Bring a can of food and drop a dollar or more in the soup pot as you leave worship to help those without a bowl of soup to eat. Lets make a goal of 1 can and \$2.00 per person in worship!



February 8th

7-2:30pm

7th Street Across from Thr3e

DECEMBER 2018 GENERAL FUND

December Giving	\$33,190.80
December Expense	\$28,439.55
December Difference	\$4,751.25

YTD Giving	\$280,091.42
YTD Expense	\$296,007.38
YTD Difference	(\$15,915.96)
2018 Budget	\$290,586.00

Confirmation Updates



Confirmation Mini Retreat Feb 10th 12pm - 4pm.

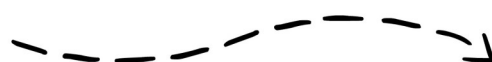
Mark your Calendars: Confirmation Service Project and Learning Time, Sunday March 24th. Meet at 9:30am during the education hour.

OUTREACH

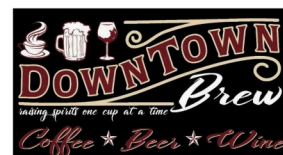
Outreach Ministry Team will be meeting **Sunday, February 3rd** after second service. We are looking for input and new perspectives as we consider where we are at and where we would like to go next with our ministry! Please consider bringing your ideas and joining us!



Wednesday,
February 13th



Wednesday,
February 27th



Wednesday, February 6th - 12:00 pm

Please join us for the first potluck of 2019! Enjoy amazing food and fellowship! All are invited!

First Quarter

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, March 3
9:30 a.m.



9th - 12th Grade
Holden May Youth Weekend



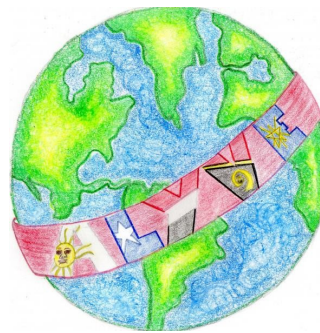
May 24th - 26th



FEBRUARY

- 3rd - Sunday School - Souper Bowl of Caring
- 10th - Sunday School - Synod Youth Gathering
- 17th - CONNECT
- 24th - CONNECT

6th - 12th Grade
SW SYNOD YOUTH
ALYVE Retreat



February 8th - 10th
Camp Arnold - Eatonville

Youth Summer Mission Trip
IDAHO SERVANT ADVENTURE
July 13th - 20th
Shoshone Base Camp



Toilet paper dodge ball. Just one of the fun activities with the youth from Peace Lutheran, Celebration Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran, and Mountain View Lutheran.



Real People. Real Solutions.

Join Us for Food, Philanthropy and Fun

Make a difference for seniors, caregivers, refugees and immigrants at the
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
2019 South Puget Sound Fundraising Luncheon

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Social Hour: 12:30 pm • Lunch & Program: 1:30 pm

STAR Center
3873 S. 66th St., Tacoma, WA



There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to help individuals and families in our community with a financial gift or pledge.

RSVP by Sunday, February 17, 2019, online at lcsnw.org/event/sps-luncheon/

Questions: Contact Julie Kissick Malloy • (253) 298-9170 • jmalloy@lcsnw.org

Seeking sponsors, volunteers and table hosts!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



MARCH

3rd - First-Quarter Congregational Meeting 9:30 a.m.

5th - Shrove Tuesday

14th - Outreach Kitchen / Armory Dinner

24th - Confirmation Service Project 9:30 a.m.

28th - Summer Food Program Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wes Vradenburg	2	Jean Glaser	12
Hannah McMahon	4	Tammy Grimm	12
Janie Dymond	4	Jim Baisch	13
Daniel Andrews	5	Becca Johnstone	14
Al Johnson	5	Ashley Parker	15
Linnea Aronson	5	Allison Burch	15
Isabelle Boben	6	Sandy Holtz	18
Scott Gerard	7	Randall Tron	19
Lavonne Kempe	9	Francine Bench	21
Ryan Johnstone	9	Janet Culpepper	21
Cary Nilsen	9	Diane Dean	22
Tanaya Swinson	9	Jim Storm	22
Richard Wicklander	9	Claire Gilmore	23
Sophia Pless	12		

BAPTISM

Anniversaries

Deb Pless	Dani Jo Andrews	Matthew VonWahlde	Mark Smith
Cary Nilsen	Pat Moore	Jackie Pfifer	Irie Tait
Francine Bench	Ann Pierson	Traci Lange	
Joan Siburg	Lisa Woodbury	Hannah VonWahlde	
Hannah Boben	Werner Boettcher	Michelle VonWahlde	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Souper Bowl Sunday 8:15 - Worship (Jill) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:40 - Sunday School 10:45 - Worship (CS) 12:00 - Outreach Meeting 6:00 - N.A. / O.A.	4 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	5 10:00 - Bible Study 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Finance Committee 6:30 - Executive Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts	6 12:00 - Sr./Ret. Potluck 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - Choir	7 9:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting 7:30 - Serve Freezing Nights	1 8:30 - Men's Breakfast	
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TROUBLED WATERS or **RIVER OF LIFE?**

Christian worship and care for Earth's waters

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Christ Episcopal Church

In this conference, we explore water – the one thing upon which all life depends – and Christian commitments to care for our local waters in western Washington: an ethic of care flowing from Christian worship. Join us as we consider the ways in which worship, learning and advocacy invite congregations to give thanks to God for this primal gift and promote environmental justice.

Christ Episcopal Church
310 North K Street in Tacoma
(253) 383-1569

Online registration, cost and scholarships

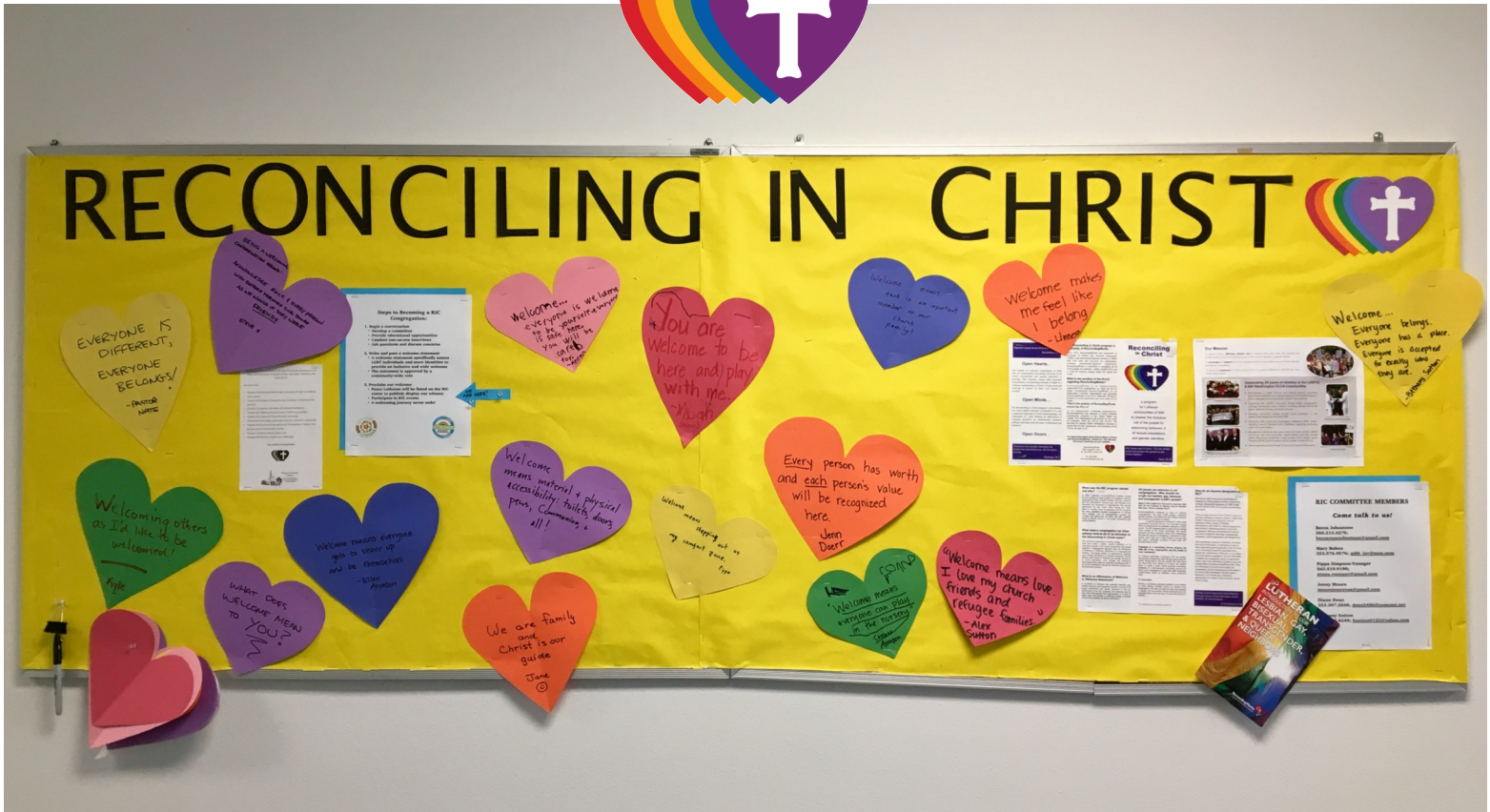
Conference registration opens on Wednesday, January 2, and closes on Monday, February 11. Conference registration is \$30 and includes morning refreshments, a vegetarian lunch and all conference materials. Conference payment is made online at the time of registration.

Register at www.plu.edu/water

A number of scholarships are available. If you seek one, please contact Dr. Samuel Torvend at samuel@christchurchtacoma.org

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