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An “ELCA” Congregation

## Newsletter — April 2015

### Stewardship Report

Submitted by Gloria Tovani

Faithful Stewardship doesn't come easily in this world of possessions. It is not suppose to. When we consider our giving... it takes thought...a real commitment and a continual remembering of what we are doing... and why.

We have many needs – a home (the ability and friends to maintain it) – good health (which very which very few of us enjoy every day).

Yet – God has provided – and here we are “Members in a body of believers.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ prayerfully recall what He has given us... His blood to cleanse us... His love to sustain us... His joy in our believing in Him.

At this special time of year I want to share this poem, written by Lt. Col. Russell P. Knoebel Jr. Fighter Pilot, USAF, while he fought in the Vietnam war.

An Easter Prayer – Vietnam 1968

Oh God, please let me think this day, beyond the smells of death that stay, reminding us, we to may die. Direct my mind to One who came, to die among us just the same, So we might live, despite our sin, He gave us strength to grow within. To worship God and Humbly bow, to give our thanks He would allow us, Live beyond this mortal live, filled with pain and constant strife. His sacrifice was greater still, He had

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a choice to live at will, But He died instead, so we who sin, Could have Eternal Life. Remind me constantly, Oh Lord, Relieve my fears of death by sword. But should I die, keep those I love, firm in their faith of you of You above. And guide my hand each time I fly, so those who need not, would not die. I beg for peace on earth again, Thy will be done, once more, -Amen.

### Worship Committee Report

Submitted by Pink Baker

Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be one worship service at 11 a.m. followed by a Brunch Potluck and an Easter Egg Hunt. Pastor Tom Weathers will be preaching and there will be communion.

The Worship Committee thanks all who have helped with services and activities during Lent. We hope this has been a

meaningful journey for you and that Easter will bring you special joy.

The Ministry Site Profile committee has finished the Profile and the Council will be checking it at their April 14 meeting. After approval by the Council the Profile will go to the Call Committee who does final approval before the Profile is submitted to the Synod. We express our thanks to the Profile Committee and all who filled out sheets to give input to the committee.

While we are thanking people we can't forget the lay speakers who have spoken at our worship services since the end of January. Much appreciated are Gloria Tovani, Margaret Schulz, Tiger Halter, and Ginger Armstrong. An especially big thanks goes to Pastor Tom Weathers who has done pulpit supply in February, March, and is continuing on April 5, 19, and 26. We really appreciate the opportunity to have communion.

On Sunday, April 12, Pastor Sally Smith will preach and we will be using the Service of the Word.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Mar	1	35
	8	45
	15	31
	22	36

The **Prayer Chain** is keeping the following individuals in their prayers:

- **Ann Sloan**
- **Virginia Reed**
- **Shirley Kavanaugh**
- **Eleanor Sloper**
- **Melody (the Honberger's daughter)**



**Interfaith Report**

Submitted by Virginia Reed

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Board met and a quorum was present. Minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and will be forwarded to the Governing Board in April for review and approval. A report from the Director, Cathie Peacock, included maintenance and safety issues and Volunteer Training sessions scheduled for February 21 and March 21. Also noted during the meeting is the continued great need for volunteers for splitting wood. If you can help, please call Barbara at 532-0905.

The February 2015 Statistics for 19 days are as follows:

Food

- Families 526
- Adults 795
- Children 270

Clothing:

- Women 512
- Men 465
- Children 393

Miscellaneous:

- Toiletries 2289
- Household Items 1370
- Showers 85
- Hair Cuts: 32
- Child Care 27
- Volunteer Hours: 156
- # of Volunteers = 156
- New Volunteers = 4
- Volunteer House Value: \$35,273.

Referrals:

- Jobs 97
- Housing 82
- Furniture 97
- Wood 79
- Legal Assistance 9
- Computer 57
- Miscellaneous (Phone Calls) 300
- Special (Cards Sent) 88

**OUR NEEDS LIST INCLUDES:**

Volunteers for:

- Women’s Clothing: Fridays
- Men’s Clothing: Thursdays & Fridays
- Baby’s Clothing: Check schedule for Days
- Childcare: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
- Household: Fridays
- Greeters: Substitutes
- Packaging: Fridays
- Hair care: Check with Joanne Keeler
- Interviews: Substitutes
- Referral Office: Substitutes
- Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
- Bread Pick Up: Substitutes
- Wood Crew: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Special Projects: Wood working crews
- Special Days: Need help assisting with special service projects (that day)

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Toiletries (**always needed**), birthday cards, towels, pots/pans, blankets & sheets, tents/tarps, can openers, silverware, microwaves, crock pots, toasters, Office Copy Paper 20wt, paper & plastic grocery bags, paper towels and masking tape.

As always, thanks to those who support Interfaith in some way. You probably notice the numbers are down. This is due to Interfaith’s process of closely monitoring those wanting services from ICSS and who are not residents of Tuolumne County.

Enjoy our beautiful weather and pray for more rain

Submitted by: Virginia Reed

*I want to thank everyone for the prayers sent my way for surgery and following recovery. A non-cancer adenoma was removed successfully from the parathyroid .. I have month for reverie and to get ready to be with you for retreat . I no longer drive and it is difficult to give up the independence.*

*Always in God’s love,  
Eleanore*

*I am joining Nativity Lutheran here in Bend next week so I will transfer my membership.*

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**Treasurer’s Report Through  
March 31, 2015**

Submitted by Gordon Kavanaugh

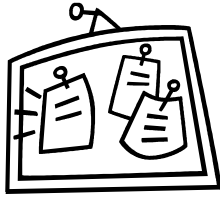
General Fund Offerings Received (Feb)	\$10,918.00
Total Expenses This Month (Feb)	\$4,908.00
Revenue over Expenses (Feb)	\$6,010.00
Year to Date General Fund Offerings Received	\$32,698.00
Year to Date Funds Actually Spent	\$23,463.00
Year to Date Positive Cash Flow	<u>\$9,235.00</u>

**Treasurer’s Comments:**

Year to date cash flow thru March of \$9,235.00. We are accumulating funds because we have not had a pastor to pay the last two months. Please continue your giving. Thank you all for your contributions. We appreciate your support.

# April 2015

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## APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS

4/4 SCHUPP, Clarene

4/6 BUNKER-NILES, Susan

4/13 OLSON, Evelyn

4/20 HONBERGER, Carolyn

4/30 GAST, Victoria Cathryn

## APRIL

### ANNIVERSARIES

4/20 KOLP, Ken – Jo 19 years

The next Book club will meet on April 29 at 11am, “High Country”

Tiger Halter has resumed Bible Study at 1:00pm here at the church. Bring your lunch or something to share at 12 noon and stay for Bible study.

Janet Luquire’s weekly Bible continues on Thursdays at 3:30-call 533-1849 for more info.

The Woman’s Retreat is scheduled for May 4, 2015 at The Silver Spur. Hope to see you there.

The Men’s Breakfast will be on Thursday April 9, at 8:00am at the Pine Tree Restaurant, 19601 Hess Ave. Sonora.

There will be a council meeting at 9:00am on April 14.

There will be an Education meeting following worship on April 19.

The March “Noisy” offering of \$38.00 went to the Center for a Non-violent Community.

The April “Noisy” offering will go to the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

### **Recommended Reading**

The church council recommends that everyone pay special attention to the article on malaria, pages 16-20, in the March issue of the Lutheran magazine. The Elca is doing significant work with the organizations to rid the world of this disease. It kills many children every year, and keeps families in poverty. There are known ways to prevent and treat malaria, but money and personnel are needed to educate and deliver treatment.

### **Vacation Bible School** – “Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power”

June 15 – 19: Vacation Bible School, will be held jointly with All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte. Volunteers are needed to help plan, lead children’s groups, and donate food and supplies. Please let Margaret know if you can help.