

# CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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March 2018



“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books  
alone, but in every leaf in springtime”  
Martin Luther

# MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

March 4

Third Sunday in Lent, Camp Sunday

Psalm 19, John 2:13-22

“Reverence for God’s House of Prayer”

March 11 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday

Psalm 107:1-9(Note change from lectionary), John 3:14-21

“For God so Loved the World...”

March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

“New Covenant with God”

March 25

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29, Mark 11:1-11

“Blessed is He...”

March 29

Maundy Thursday Agape Feast

March 30

Good Friday – Service at FCC @ Noon

Good Friday Evening Service at HUCC @6:30pm



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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

**Sunday Worship Services:**

Morning Brew at 9:30am

Worship Hour at 11:00am

Nursery Provided

<b>Senior Minister:</b>	Rev. Marijke Rossi
<b>Moderator:</b>	Tom Simons
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Assoc. Moderator:</b>	Marge Kimes
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Assoc. Moderator:</b>	Wendy Haupt
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Scott Hanson
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Mike McIntire
<b>Church Clerk:</b>	Ken Rockwell
<b>Board of Trustees:</b>	Mike McIntire
<b>Board of Deacons:</b>	Carla McIntire
<b>Outreach Board:</b>	Diane Forster-Burke
<b>Christian Education:</b>	Pam Svikhart
<b>Membership Board:</b>	Cissy Wolff
<b>Parish Nurses:</b>	Diane Forster-Burke, Marge Kimes, Lynne Calame
<b>Camp Fellowship:</b>	Christine Madsen and Shaun McIntire
<b>Youth Director:</b>	Molly Connor
<b>Garden of Grace:</b>	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Devon Bettolo
<b>Organist:</b>	Teresa Clawson
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Kristi Hanson

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE REV.....

Rev. Marijke Rossi

Blessed Lent to all of us. We will be sharing the Agape Feast with Holladay UCC again. Also, we have been invited to HUCC's Good Friday Service at 6:30pm and we have invited them to our service at 12:00noon.

Our time of Lent continues to focus on introspection. As we turn inward to deepen our relationship with the Divine may we grow in ways that are unexpected. May we be ready to move forward with our lives more fully tuned to ourselves and God. This is a time to "take time" to be with ourselves. Let us be more aware of our belovedness and love ourselves for who we are. We are invited to renewal, forgiveness and rebirth.

Welcome to a meaningful time of Lent and beyond.



### **CLARION DEADLINE**



April Clarion Deadline will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office.

[firstcongo@qwestoffice.net](mailto:firstcongo@qwestoffice.net)

## **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18 following the service at which attendees will be able to review a preliminary church budget for the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year. Comments and suggestions will be accepted and considered for inclusion in the budget that will be brought before the congregation in the 2018 Annual Meeting.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**



Spring Forward on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

## **CALENDAR**



The Calendars in this issue give information about church activities as well as building use by groups. While any building use should be co-coordinated through the office, this should help you make appropriate plans if you need to use the church.

**Women's Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch** - Please come Thursday March 22 at 12:00pm to a pot luck lunch with the women of the church. This is always on fun time to socialize and get to know women in the church.

## **March 2018 FCC Community Movie Schedule**

Please come and experience some great movies. As always, popcorn will be available.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Description</b>
Wed. <b>March</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.	<u>Ben-Hur – Part 1</u>	This movie swept the Academy Awards with 11 wins including Best Film and Best Actor. It is based on the book <u>Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ</u> and makes great Easter season viewing. (1959 - major violence) 212 minutes shown 2 parts)
Wed. <b>March</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.	<u>Ben-Hur – Part 2</u>	See description above.
Wed. <b>March</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	-----	No Movie due to Council Meeting
Wed. <b>March</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.	<u>Something the Lord Made</u>	Due to intense interest in this story and very annoying technical difficulties, this movie will be re-shown. Mos Def & Alan Rickman star in this award winning true story about black cardiac pioneer, Vivien Thomas, who forever changed the treatment of blue babies. (2004 – minor language – surgery scenes) 110 minutes

## **From the Board of Deacons**

Holy Week will soon be upon us and we welcome it with open arms. There are several events being celebrated during Lent and Holy week. By the time the March Clarion comes out we will have already celebrated Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

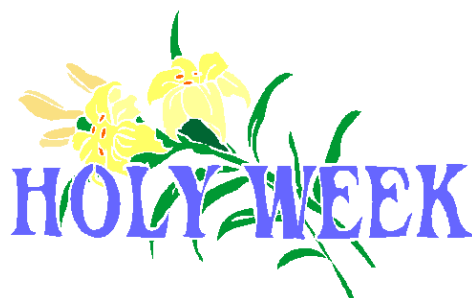
The parade of palms will be on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> during our worship service. Marijke would like everyone who is able to march with a palm this year.

The Agape Feast will be on Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This year, like last year, we will be sharing this service with our friends from Holladay United Church of Christ at our church in the gym. We encourage all to attend if possible. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Like last year we encourage everyone to prepare your donation of food completely (wash the grapes and cut them into small bunches, slice the bread and cheese, etc.) and have it ready to serve in a bowl or plate, rather than using one of the church dishes. This greatly helps with both set up and clean up after the service.

On Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a worship service held in the Chapel at 12:00 noon. The emphasis will be on Christ's crucifixion. It will be a short service so you are able to return to work if you need to. That same evening we are also invited to attend the Good Friday service at Holladay United Church of Christ. This is a very moving, somber service remembering Christ's crucifixion.

Of course the culmination of the week will be our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is always one of my favorite services and usually well attended. There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service for the children.

This is an exciting time of the year with the arrival of Spring, the events of Lent and Holy Week and, of course, Easter. We hope to see all of our friends and family at these special events.



## **March Outreach**

Written by: Ruth Ann Smith-Matsuo

Mission Mazahua is a unique Christian non-profit organization, based in the highlands (10,000 feet elevation) NW of Mexico City, that serves the historically oppressed, indigenous Mazahua people. It was started by missionary couple, Norberto and Lisa Cortes, in 1976 to support the whole person (body, mind, and spirit) with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. The NACCC organizes 2 or 3 mission trips there per year. Our church has previously trucked in supplies and provided manpower for construction and other projects there. Bob Baird, Paul Kelley, Susan Olson and Rachel Ericson, among others, worked there for a week or more in a previous summer. The mission has rehabilitated a crumbling hacienda from which they direct their efforts to improve the peoples' education, nutrition, farming skills environmental conservation and health. They are further rehabilitating the hacienda to serve as a camp and retreat center and have built dormitories for high school students in a nearby town. They provide special assistance for disabled/wheelchair-dependent individuals. Further information may be found on the Mission Mazahua website and Facebook page.





## Parish Nurse Tip - End Of Life Strategies Series

### Funeral Planning By Lynne Calame, RN



*As you can see by now, Marijke, Diane, Marge, and I are trying to demystify this whole topic of “End Of Life” and get you all to plan ahead. Don’t leave it all to your grieving family, loved ones, and friends! Make it easy. Here’s a thought. Have a potluck. Sit around the dining room table. Someone is the scribe and either long hand or with a computer or tablet, go around and bang out last wishes. Include not only funeral planning, but medical wishes, and power of attorney. Then enjoy your meal. Don’t forget to include the always-yummy funeral potatoes.*

#### ☞ Do you want a funeral?

- Casket? What kind? Color? Material? My dad knew exactly what kind! The oak one with white quilted fabric. My mom. We didn’t know. Why? Because we never TALKED ABOUT IT! Open or closed casket?
- If cremated, ashes on alter? Urn? What kind? Or leave the ashes in the box?

#### ☞ If a funeral, do you want the funeral in the church, funeral home, or on the mountainside? Where, which one?

#### ☞ Do you want a viewing and/or a “Wake”, AKA “Celebration of Life”? Like they can do at Stark’s Funeral Parlor? Or maybe have a Prayer Service?

#### ☞ Do you want a Graveside Ceremony?

- Where do you want to be buried? Not only what cemetery, but where in the cemetery?
- Qualify for military funeral sendoff? Flag Ceremony? Gun Salute? If so, who do you contact?
- Headstone? Wording? Keep in mind, some cemeteries do not allow headstones.
- If cremated, ashes to be buried?
- If not buried, Scattering Ceremony? Or a private scattering?
- If private, specifically, where, how, and who do you want present?

#### ☞ There are so many items to think about when your loved one dies like:

- Ordering 15 official death certificates.
- Hiring someone to housesit during the viewing and funeral.
- Making sure you have enough thank you notes. Don’t be tacky and not send them out! My blessed mother was 82 and had almost none of her friends left and yet, I

thought I would never stop writing thank you notes. In the end it was really quite therapeutic.

- ✚ Who is going to write the obituary? What newspapers do you want your obit published? We all have read fabulous ones and then we have read horrible ones. When my mother-in-law died, my brother-in-law wrote an obit that was well, hmmm – let's say different. And not different in a great, creative way. He didn't say survived by the five children. I had so many people call me and ask me if this was my mother-in-law who died? Decide who should write the obits. Or better yet, write your own – or at least the first draft. My daughter asked me for a copy of my resume. That's a good place to start.
- ✚ Power of Attorney means oftentimes doing so-o-o much work. When my mom died, I called the cable company to stop service. Was told "No". As I was not the power of attorney. One more thing my brother had to do. Guess that's why I did all the thank you notes. Think about putting a son or daughter's name on utility bills, so they can shut off or change service.
- ✚ My brother was a funeral director; retired now. He had many folks who pre-paid for their funeral. He walked them through exactly what they wanted for a coffin and service. He helped them with the cemetery and purchasing a plot. It was good for the client: Pre-paid, Decisions Completed! Boom Done! Sometimes for him inflation took a bite out of his profits.
- ✚ So don't wait for everything to become so overwhelming for your family and loved ones; decide for yourself and as a family what each of you wants. DON'T ASSUME YOUR FAMILY KNOWS WHAT YOU WANT, THEY DON'T! My mom used to sing in her church choir and play the piano in a tiny farm town in Iowa in her youth. Many times she had solos. I am sure she had a favorite hymn. Why didn't I ask her?
- ✚ There are checklists upon checklists on the Internet to make this "easy peasy". Not sure what Old Testament reading you'd like? What New Testament reading? What Gospel? Type into your browser: Christ Lutheran Church Of York, on the left hand side of the page, click on Funerals. Scroll down to view verse after verse, scripture after scripture. Or if you have a favorite Bible verse or Bible story, let it be known! Or talk to the pastor.
- ✚ A simple worksheet to download and print, and it is in a pdf form: Type in your browser, Central Lutheran Church Minneapolis Funeral Planning Worksheet. Print one off for each family member.
- ✚ Met Life has a pdf-28 page Funeral Guide, with everything: From what outfit do you want, to what jewelry do you want to be buried in? Ahh none! When my dad died, he still had his wedding ring on. I about lost my mind. I made my brother take it off his finger. I wear it on a necklace close to my heart. Jewelry in a coffin. Yup, I have strong opinions.
- ✚ Every funeral home on the face of the earth has a checklist you can download and use.
- ✚ There are of course more "out there" planners: my wonderful life.com.survivor checklist, 2018 or The Party of your life, Get The Funeral You Want By Planning It Yourself, E. Dillman, 2011

Okay, the ball's in your court. Let's get that will written, power of attorney settled, medical wishes decided and your funeral planned!

# **Treasurer's Report**

## **For Period Ending January 31, 2018**

<b>CHURCH GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
Unrestricted Contributions	\$13,017.97	\$90,813.66
+Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$7,207.95	\$38,609.32
+Transferred to General Fund From Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$1,205.00	\$5,349.34
=Total Income	\$21,430.92	\$134,772.32
Total Expenses	-\$23,417.07	-\$115,258.74
<i>=Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	\$705.71	-\$95.35

### **Data for comparison**

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$102,276.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$139,283.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	\$136,490.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$2,888.35

### **DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS**

	<b>January</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
Designated Contributions		
All Outreach Contributions	\$415.00	\$5,080.00
Other Designated Contributions	\$53.00	\$1,133.74
= Total Designated Contributions	\$468.00	\$6,213.74

# March 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Morning Brew</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>Traditional Service</b> <b>11am Each Sunday</b>				<b>1</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm  Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lent Noisy Buckets Camp Sunday  Outreach Meeting following Worship  Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>5</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	<b>6</b> Trustees Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting 7pm	<b>7</b> Men's Breakfast 7am  Community Movie Night 6:30pm	<b>8</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm  Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Utah Food Bank Workday @10am
<b>11</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Lent Communion CE Board Meeting @10am Adult Sunday School 12:30pm  Daylight Savings Set Your Clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday Night	<b>12</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room  Membership Board Meeting 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Lenten Soup Supper @5:30pm  Community Movie Night 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm  Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Lent Adult Sunday School 12:30pm  Budget Informational Meeting	<b>19</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Council Meeting 6:30pm  Clarion Deadline	<b>22</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm  Women's Luncheon @Noon  Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Palm Sunday Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>26</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Community Movie Night 6:30pm	<b>29</b> Maundy Thursday Agape Feast 6:30pm  <b>Kristi Out of the Office</b>	<b>30</b> Good Friday Service at Noon at FCC  Evening Good Friday Service at Holladay UCC @6:30pm  <b>Kristi Out of the Office</b>	<b>31</b>

# April 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> EASTER SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt following service for the young and young at heart Camp Sunday Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>2</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	<b>3</b> Trustees Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting 7pm  Kristi Out of Office	<b>4</b> Men's Breakfast 7am  Community Night 6:30pm Kristi Out of Office	<b>5</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Communion Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>9</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room  Ministers Convocation	<b>10</b>  Ministers Convocation	<b>11</b> PEO Meeting Fireside Room 11am – 2pm No Community Night Marijke Out of Town Ministers Convocation	<b>12</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm  PEO Meeting 6:30pm – 9:30pm Fireside Room/ Kitchen (Diane Simons) Ministers Convocation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>16</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Council Meeting 6:30pm  Clarion Deadline	<b>19</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	<b>23</b> AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room  YACP Concert Rental Whole Building 4 to 9pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Community Night 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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## **EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM**

It is time to place your order for lilies for the Easter Service. Please place your order as soon as possible so that we may reserve the quantity needed. We must have your order no later than March 11th along with your payment of \$7.50.

Complete the order form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office accompanied with your check made out to First Congregational Church / Lilies.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILES (at \$7.50 each) \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN CELEBRATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking the plant away after the Easter Service \_\_\_\_\_

Please donate or otherwise dispose of my plant after the Easter Sunday Service \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to take your Lily/Lilies home  
after the Easter Service.



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