# First St. John Journal

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illiam A. Willimon, a United Methodist pastor and author, wrote something that really helps us understand the amazing power of Christ's resurrection. Dr. Willimon, in his book "Undone By Easter" wrote this: "Death is the great boundary of life and, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God is the great boundary of death. Death limits life, but on Easter God limited *death*." Dr. Willimon is right. That's why Paul could write in 1 Corinthians 15 some of the most powerful words in Scripture:

"Death has been swallowed up in [Christ's] victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The late Henri Nouwen once wrote these words:

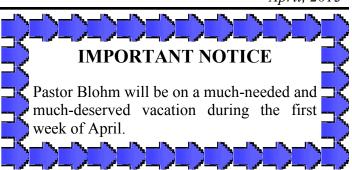
"As I walked through the dark woods at the end of this Easter Day, full of intimate joy, I heard you call Mary Magdalene by her name and heard how you called from the shore of the lake to your friends to throw out their nets. I saw you entering the closed room where your disciples were gathered in fear. I saw you appearing on the mountain and at the outskirts of the city. How intimate these events really are. They are like special favors to dear friends. They were not done to impress or overwhelm anyone, but simply to show that your love is stronger than death."

We should never forget that last line that Henri Nouwen wrote: "[God's] love is stronger than death," for that is the gift of Easter.

- Pastor Blohm

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 22nd

April, 2013

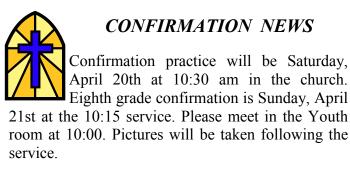


## YOUTH EVENT: 24-HOUR FAMINE

Our 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in a 24-Hour Famine from Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. This event seeks to raise awareness of the problem of hunger in the world. The youth will gather here at First St. John, and we'll have lots of activities and fun things to do to pass the time. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Youth Room. Please call Mike Winslow at 419-698-6507 or 419-691-8430 with any questions.

## **BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar!



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RESULTS

Thank you all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring drive in February. Our total monetary donation was \$208.74, and we collected over 345 canned goods (over 4 times last year's total!). A big "shout out" to Kroger who allowed us to borrow shopping carts to collect the canned goods.

## **APRIL ELDER SCHEDULE**

7th	<u>7:45 am</u> Tom Eppard Al Collins	<u>10:15 am</u> Eric Johnson Laurie Witt
14th	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd	Jeff Smith Jason Blazevich
21st	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy
28th	Eric Johnson Laurie Witt	Tom Eppard Al Collins



## LIBRARY NEWS

We've recently received several new books in our library. Come and check them out (pun intended)!

All Things Bright & Beautiful by James Herriot All Things Wise & Wonderful by James Herriot Shades of Blue by Karen Kingsbury

Healing is a Choice by Stephen Arterburn

**Dark Clouds / Silver Linings** 

by Dr. Archebold D. Hart

Have fun reading! - Gloria Ross

## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

If you use this program, you need to re-enroll after April 1<sup>st</sup> to continue earning rewards for First St. John church or school. Please go on-line to www.kroger.com and click on SIGN IN and follow the directions. To *enroll* in this program, please go on-line to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and click on "Columbus, OH" and then click on "Enroll." Thanks for participating.

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## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale will be Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Haydom Hospital in Tanzania, Africa and local benevolences.

If you want to donate items to sell, you can start bringing them to the gym in the educational building on Wednesday, April 24th. Please place items on the gym stage, not on the Dayschool lunch tables.

We need many volunteers to help set up, run the sale, clean up, and other duties. If you can help, call Wanda Rice at 419-691-8328.

## **RUTH CIRCLE NEWS**

Dr. Dale Partin, son of Florence Partin, will give the lesson at our April 2nd meeting (11:00 am). Dr. Partin is a recently retired scientist who enjoys teaching in-depth lessons that bring Biblical passages to life. Don't miss it!

## ADDRESS CHANGES



Jacob & Jessica Donley 5318 Starr Ave. Oregon, OH 43616

Dick Haar 4825 New England Lane Sylvania, OH 43560

Jeff & Ashlee Pax 923 Buckeye Dr. Coldwater, OH 45828 (Carson, Brinley)

## **ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS**

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify us by faxing (419-691-7220), emailing office@firststjohn.com or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEMBER UPDATES**

#### Births

None of which we are aware.

#### Baptisms

- 3-3-13 *Alexis Lyn Fisher*, born November 6, 2008. Parents are Sara Vandeneynde and James Fisher. Sponsors are Danny and Kara King.
- 3-17-13 Donavan Michael Vartorella, born March 19, 2012. Parents are Michael and Laura (Felder) Vartorella. Sponsors are Alexandra Vartorella and Ryan Redick.
- 3-23-13 *Easton Parker Stout*, born April 16, 2012. Parents are Derrick and Ashley (Parker) Stout. Sponsors are Erika Parker and Nicole Wilkins.
- 3-24-13 *Payton Faith Bradford*, born November 30, 2012. Parents are Justin and Jessica (Gerrard) Bradford. Sponsors are Ethan Gerrard and Heather Ivery

### Marriages

3-9-13 Lauren Matheney and Nicholas Hagedorn

### Deaths

3-4-13	Frank Gerrard
3-18-13	Virginia Hoffman

**Transfers to / from First St. John** None

## MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



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In April, our Men's Breakfast

Fellowship group will meet on Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. If you need a ride, call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 pm. This year's theme is "Kingdom Rock — Where Kids



Stand Strong for God." Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale— it changes kids forever.

VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade. Look for registration information soon. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222 or <u>cedir@firststjohn.com</u> Please pray and ask God what HE might want YOU to help with. We need many volunteers for this wonderful event!

It won't be long before we will start making our backdrops and other decorations for VBS. If you can help with painting, drawing, etc., we would love to have your talents. More details to come, so check your next newsletter and bulletins. See you there!

## COMING SOON: ALL-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Join us for our All-Daughter Banquet on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00 pm in the gym (elevator available). "Change of Seasons" from Perrysburg will provide us with a Style Show. Tickets will go on sale in April. Lots of fun for all, so mark your calendars!



## WOMEN'S SPRING ASSEMBLY

The Toledo conference WELCA will hold a Spring Assembly, "Planting Seeds for the Future," on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Advent Lutheran Church, 6735 Sylvania Ave. in Sylvania. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. If you'd like to attend, pick up a registration form in the church office. Deadline for registration is April 4th. For more information, contact Sue Kapff, conference representative, at 419-382-7904.

## **MEMORIALS**

#### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of <u>Elaine Ackerman</u> by Robert & Lois Joehlin, William & Rose Kusian, Marianne Wright "Wright Seed Farms", Darlene Lorenzen.

In memory of **<u>Raylene Draeger</u>** by Bruce & Cindy Buchan, Emily Kruse, Terry & Claudia Patchen, Charmaine & John Blaylock, Tim & Gail Emmitt and family.

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Jean DeWitt, Betty TenEyck, Chuck & Jane Neal, Larry & Darlene Paul, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Joan Probasco, Tom & LuAnn Schuffenecker, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.

In memory of **Doris Fox** by Clara Kreger and family.

In memory of <u>Frank Gerrard</u> by the Eucker Family, Bob & Sherrie Haar, William Brakan of Brakan & Ruban LTD., Joyce Slusher, Gerald & Barbara Weber, Eugene & Jane Schacht, Denna Gerrard, Vivian Welch, Larry & Darlene Paul, Thelma Fuller, Cynthia Wild, Michael & Julie Kettinger, Michael Gerber.

#### CURRENT FUND

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Louise & Jim Sommers.

In memory of **<u>Raylene Draeger</u>** by Louise & Jim Sommers.

In memory of <u>Frank Gerrard</u> by the Gerrard Family.

In memory of **Doris Fox** by Margie Myers and family, Janet Boos.

## ACKERMAN DAYSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of <u>Elaine Ackerman</u> by Randall & Pam Jacob; Gilmore, Jasion & Mahler, LTD, Brian & Jodi Cummerow, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder, Signature Bank, N.A., Jim & Dianne Schumaker.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of <u>Raylene Draeger</u> by Bob Cousino, Amanda Cousino, Jason Horvath, Sandy Cousino & Scott Hutchinson, Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of **Doris Fox** by Willie & Julie Moritz.

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Wanda & Fred Rice.

### **CEMETERY FUND**

In memory of **<u>Raylene Draeger</u>** by Terry & Jane Schuetz.

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Esther Bell, Elnore Groll, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Nancy Gallaher, Dennis & Elizabeth Pavley.

In memory of **Phyllis Coontz** by Elnore Groll.

In memory of <u>Elaine Ackerman</u> by Carl & Janet Morrison.

In memory of <u>Frank Gerrard</u> by Carl & Janet Morrison.

### **BETTY HYRE'S CHILDRENS CHOIR**

In memory of **<u>Raylene Draeger</u>** by Olga Zimmerman.

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Olga Zimmerman.

### **HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES**

In memory of **Pastor Buenting** by Elnore Groll.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of <u>Edith Schuffenecker</u> by Gene Hagedorn.

In memory of <u>Elaine Ackerman</u> by Margie Heninger.

## ANNUAL CARD PARTY

The 22nd annual Card Party & Luncheon is Tuesday, April 16th at noon. Tallies are \$8. For reservations



call either the church office (419-691-7222) or Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. The elevator will be available.

We need door prizes, either something you make or that you can get a business to donate. Boxes are in the lounge and the Narthex for depositing these donations. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome to join us for a fun day.

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## FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

I would like thank all who have supported Christian Education here at First St. John. Whether it be in prayer, monetary donations, donation of your time, or whatever it may be, we are feeling

and seeing its effects! In Ephesians 4:11-12 it states, "It was  $Christ^{12}$  who gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,  $^{13}$  4:12 to equip  $^{14}$  the saints for the work of ministry, that is,  $^{15}$  to build up the body of Christ." We have so much to be proud of in our church! As you continue to support our Christian Education here in all you do, know that the face of the Lord is shinning down upon us and we ARE building up the body of Christ!

## First St. John Lutheran Church Updates

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FINAL TALLY

**The Souper Bowl of Caring** – For canned goods, last year we collected 80 and this year we collected 345 items to be donated to Lutheran Social Services! The JAM/Choir/Catechism area had 165 and the Congregation had 180. We also collected \$240.76, up from \$208.74. Great job!

A blood drive representative spoke to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the JAM students about the importance of giving blood and asked them to recruit their parents and loved ones to give blood. Our Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive is Tuesday, April 30th at the Lutheran Home at Toledo Community Room from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Free on-site child care will be provided. To schedule your appointment, call Jamie at <u>419-691-7222</u> or visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> and enter sponsor code: FIRSTSTJOHN Volunteers such as greeting donors, working at the cookie table, or childcare are needed. If you can volunteer, please contact Jamie at the church office.

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter egg hunt for our JAM and Dayschool students during the Sunday School hour on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 children participated, and we had over 1,200 (!) eggs for the children to find, which means each child found approximately 15 eggs each! We started the Easter Egg Hunt with an introduction, and then we ALL enjoyed a puppet show by Mr. Larry and Miss Darlene about the Easter story. GREAT JOB! After that, the children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt (in which the 7<sup>th</sup> graders helped out tremendously), cookie decorating and Easter bag decorating. Thank you to all who donated pre-filled Easter Eggs for the hunt. We could not have had such a great event without all our wonderful volunteers! THANK YOU!

The Family Bowling Night 2013 was another huge success. Fifty-five (55) individuals participated in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Bowling Night on Sunday, March 24, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Eastern Lanes on Woodville Rd. Food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all the families who attended.

The  $7^{th} - 12^{th}$  graders will participate in a 24-Hour Famine on April 12 - 13 from 6 p.m. – 6 p.m. They will participate in service projects, movies, games, and of course it will end with FOOD! We will need volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 419-691-7222 or at cedir@firststjohn.com

JAM	Meets at 9:00 a.m.	
April	7 Brea	k NO JAM
	14	True Love – Kind
	21	True Love – Forgiving
	28	True Love – Everlasting

Parents of JAM students meet just outside the JAM Room for coffee, laughter and conversation. Please join us as your children learn about God's Word.

# FROM OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S DESK

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oregon Fest – Sunday, May 19. We will walk in the parade, so we need volunteers to walk and pass out candy. More details to come.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date: VBS will begin on June 23 at 6:00 pm.



This year's VBS theme is: Kingdom Rock - Where Kids Stand Strong for God. Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock - VBS - God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever.

Please pray and ask God what HE might want YOU to help with. We need many volunteers for this wonderful event!

Look for registration information soon. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222. Hope to see you there!

We will be starting to craft our backdrops and other decorations needed for the church for VBS. If you are interested in helping with painting, drawing, etc., we would love to have your talents. More details to come!



## MONDAY & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Bible study for Monday, April 1st and Thursday, April 4th are cancelled because Pastor Blohm will be on vacation. We will start up on April 8<sup>th</sup> for the Monday study and April 11<sup>th</sup> for the Thursday "brown bag" study. See you then!



## FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

For April, we are concentrating on cereal, pudding, Jello, cake mix, peanut butter and jelly/jam (in plastic

bottles). Please place your donations (no glass jars) in the Feed Your Neighbor bins in the Narthex under the main bulletin board or in the bin in the lounge underneath the side tables. Thank you.

# THE CHURCH MOUSE

The LORD Works In Strange Ways!



All Churches have had mice. Some were real with beady eyes and long tails while others were peoplelike reporters of untold events. We mice have relatives scattered about the countryside, much like real people.

Recently, an inquiry came from distant relatives living in an Auction House located at Neapolis, Ohio. They saw an heirloom related to First St. John Church coming up for auction soon. The information supplied was verified with our congregational records and found to be accurate.

A beautifully framed Certificate of Confirmation for Caroline Elisabeth Schmidlin will be here by the time you read this. The Schmidlin, Koch, Becker, and Schumacher families will be pleased to hear about the recovery of this family heirloom.

Caroline Elisabeth Schmidlin was born May 1, 1873 to Conrad Schmidlin and Sophia, nee Koch. She was baptized on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Karl Beckel, our first Pastor, signed the Certificate of Confirmation on April 24, 1887. There were three boys and five girls in the confirmation class. She married George Becker on June 30, 1896. She passed away on February 2, 1952 with burial at First St. John Cemetery.

We will be negotiating a "showing" with the Norman Schumacher family this spring.

The LORD works in strange ways with the Great and Small!

— Your Cemetery Mouse

## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

He Who tells these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Let it be so. Come, Lord Jesus. May all of you have the loving-favor of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let it be so. — Revelation 22:20-21

#### Dear Friends,

Spring is here! And although it is still quite chilly, we know without a doubt that it will warm up soon. We have a couple more months to continue to teach our students the central truth that God made the world and everything in it. He still takes care of it all, including us! The scripture above is the very last words of the Bible...words that give hope to all who know Him. The purpose of your Dayschool is to plant this truth in the hearts of young children. We want them to know without a doubt that He is their Lord! Thank you all for believing in the importance of this ministry.

<u>Attention all Prayer Buddies</u>: SAVE THE DATE--Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. A service recognizing our kindergarten children and their successful completion of the school year will take place that day. Following the service the children will be introduced to their prayer buddy. An exciting day for all involved! I mentioned this in last month's newsletter, but think it is worth repeating. A parent called me to say it brings tears to her eyes to know that someone is praying for her child every day. Powerful words! He tells us over and over that prayer is the best thing we can do for each other, so thank you for lifting these children and their families up to Him. You are a witness to many!

Attention all Spring Cleaners: If you have any ribbon, rick-rack, material, doilies, old buttons, sequins, beads, or the like; you could drop them off at the Dayschool office and I would find a good use for them. The children are quite good at creating masterpieces from scraps! A special thanks to those who already think of us often. Continue to spread the word about our school and the registration that has begun. Some classes are already full with waiting lists. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the quality program we offer. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to all involved.

In Him, Barb Shellhammer

## *"PINT-SIZE" HEROES* American BLOOD DRIVE

Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive is Tuesday, April 30th at the Lutheran Home at Toledo Community Room from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Free on-site child care will be provided. To schedule your appointment, call Jamie at 419-691-7222 or visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> and enter sponsor code: FIRSTSTJOHN Volunteers are needed to greet donors, work at the cookie table, or help with childcare. If you can volunteer, please contact Jamie at the church office.



## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, & friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages, and remember to pray for them, too!

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson 44425 Scobee California, MD 20619

A1C Zachary Huss 3312 Sharon Dr. Moore, OK 73160

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc 78382 Dukewood Trail Yula, FL 32097

Matthew Phillips 4924 Soaring Springs Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89131

*Lindsey Rowland* 1 Surf Way #113 Monterey, CA 93940

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#### First St. John Prayer Chain (as of March 26, 2013)

#### Crisis Prayer List

This is for those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to the "Chronic" list after 1 month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of special circumstances:

> Walter Boos Carol Brundage Shelley Cotton Family of Winnie Draper Lynn Folk Brent Hamby Margie Heninger Christopher Molnar John Nikoncyk Vickie Pauken Norm "Beanie" Schuffenecker Bruce Seibert John Spoerl Janet Uhler Family of David Wagner

#### **Chronic Prayer List**

This is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer, medical struggles and recovery and personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of continuing circumstances:

**Family of Elaine Ackerman** George Ackerman Jordvn Beckhusen **Karen Bless Karen Burris Ron Curtis** Dawn, Beth, & Tim (no last name given) **Family of Raylene Draeger** Chris Ensian **Family of Harry Hartford Bob & Debbie Hecklinger Grace Heninger** Herman Jeskev Sophie LeDuc George "Skip" McCullough Jeanette Miller **Charlie Ohllson Ed Roecher** Family of Ellie Symington **Bruce Traver** 

#### Lee Wagner Candy Webster Terry Williams

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts know if there are individuals who could be moved off.

#### Prayer Chain Contacts

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or cabbey@jcrinc.com

Lynn Folk	419-691-3410
Donna Koehn	419-693-5030
Ada Kreger	419-693-1549
Gloria Ross	419-836-7166

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, (March 31st) or April 7th. We will resume meeting on Sunday, April 14th at 9:00 am. Happy Easter, everyone!



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 9)

Old Business - No old business reported

#### New Business -

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- The Women of the Church requested purchasing another microphone for the church.
- A suggestion was made to purchase more fans for the church and for activities in the gym because warmer weather is approaching. Barb
  Shellhammer commented there are regulations on what kind of fans can be used in the school and to see her about these regulations.

Meeting motioned to be adjourned by Tom Eppard and seconded by Chris Hunsaker.

Pastor Blohm closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Fussell

## FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 19, 2013

President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order with Pastor giving the devotions. February minutes were read. Karen Holmes motioned to accept and Al Collins seconded the motion. Motioned passed.

#### Christian Education Report – Jamie Blazevich

- 345 canned goods were collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring by the JAM students and congregation for Lutheran Social Services. Thank you!
- Postcards of the upcoming services for Holy Week are finished and will be ready to mail.
- Last week a blood drive representative spoke to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the JAM students about the importance of giving blood, asking them to recruit their parents and loved ones to give blood.
- Blood Drive is scheduled this year on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Home from 3:00pm-8:00pm. Still looking for volunteers to help.
- Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 10:00am. Donations of filled eggs are needed.
- Family bowling will be held at Eastern Lanes from 2-4 pm on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5.00 per person. This will be a joint event with the Dayschool & church families.
- Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> graders will participate a 24-hour famine from 6pm Friday to 6pm Saturday. They will be participating in a service project during their famine. Looking for volunteer drivers.
- Upcoming events Oregon Fest on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Looking for people to walk in the parade and hand out candy.
- Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Vacation Bible School (VBS) – The theme this year is "Kingdom Rock--Where Kids Stand Strong for God.

#### Elders Report – Bill Nelson

- A new wedding schedule has been distributed. Next wedding will be in June.
- Holy Week is covered for all services. Reminder: Easter Sunday services are at 8:00am & 10:00am.
- Scholarship awards are upcoming.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation. We have 11 confirmands. The Elders will test each confirmand prior to confirmation.

**Finance Report** – Chris Hunsaker reported finances in absence of Lisa Anderson. There was a shortfall in February that March should bring us out of. Dick Haar motioned to accept the report and Karen Holmes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Dayschool – Barb Shellhammer

- The nursing students from Andra Bell's class at Lourdes College are visiting pre-k and kindergarten children. The children are learning about good nutrition, exercise and the need for proper rest.
- Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Dayschool will be singing at late service.
- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be Kindergarten Recognition at late service, also the day the Prayer Buddies will be introduced to the children they have been praying for.
- It was announced that Laurie Madrazo recently resigned from the Dayschool Board. We will be looking to fill this position. A special thank you to Laurie for your knowledge, service, and dedication throughout the years on the Dayschool Board. We sincerely will miss you.
- Bill Caldwell reported that he had submitted the Dayschool Finance Report to the Finance Committee. Anyone interested in seeing this can contact the Finance Committee.
- Bill also suggested to have the Dayschool's budget be on the same schedule with the church. This will be further discussed at their next board meeting.

#### Pastor's Report - Pastor Blohm

- Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Worship at 7:45am & 10:15am
- Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Worship at Noon & 7:00pm.
- Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Worship at Noon & 7:00pm.
- Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Worship at 8:00am & 10:00am. Quiet communion follows the 10:15 service.
- Janet Fox has volunteered to be our delegate for the Synod Assembly.
- No transfers at this time.