

March Council Minutes - Highlights

Treasurer's Report - See financial report for details. All bill/salaries were paid. Snow plowing and higher heat costs.

Pastor's Report - Led two baptisms, counseling sessions, attended weekly text studies, monthly interim meeting and monthly leadership cohort through the synod, workshops and attended a conference assembly. Met with pastors of local churches regarding shared ministries. Recruited and trained listeners for Year of Renewal.

Council Member Reports

Branding/Website - Chris Van Ert - No update.

Property - Tom Thomalla - No update.

Worship - Matt Verkuilen - No update.

Discussion/Action Items - Old Business - Renewal team met with liaison from the synod to keep the process rolling. Discussed a Covenant of Renewal. Youth Council Member Summary of Duties - Discussion about meeting with the Youth. Sprinkler Inspections - Sprinkler is done and complete. Disaster Relief Outreach Opportunity - meeting set up to discuss needs. Council Retreat - Discussion about nights available for most.

Discussion/Action Items - New Business - Fundraising through Texas Roadhouse - Discuss next month. Loeffler - Copier Lease - Loeffler approached us with upgrading and reducing cost. Meeting set up. Grow In Christ - Extra Storage Space - They are in need of some storage space. Jeff to meet with them to discuss. Extra Refrigerator in Sacristy - Discussion about finding another location for it.

Adjournment/Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Emerson, Council Secretary



Listening Sessions Have Begun!



As part of the **Year of Renewal** we have entered what is called a *Season of Listening*. Several people in the congregation have already been trained to conduct listening sessions with the members of Cross of Glory and have now begun the sessions. The purpose of the sessions is to get to know each other better and to discover what the hopes and dreams and passions are for the future of Cross of Glory. After we have completed the internal listening sessions we will be talking with people outside the congregation to discover what they believe are the needs and issues in the surrounding community. After these sessions are completed the

listeners will come together to discuss the ideas and patterns they heard during all of their conversations. This will help give us direction as we move into the future and give us an indication of the kind of pastor we should be calling. If you receive a call to participate in a listening session, please say yes. If you do not receive a call within the next month but would like to participate please contact Pastor Karri.

Treasurer's Report

February 2018

	Jan - 18	18 YTD
Income		
Current / Benevolence	\$10,131.50	\$19,092.50
Mortgage	\$ 517.00	\$ 1,277.00
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sub Total	\$10,648.50	\$20,369.50
Transfers/Specials	\$ 886.00	\$ 2,516.00
Roof Funding Appeal	\$ 677.50	\$ 1,371.50
Rental Income	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,435.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,338.50	\$ 5,322.50
Total Receipts	\$ 12,987.00	\$ 25,692.00
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$ 206.32	\$ 5,587.36
+ Receipts	\$12,987.00	\$ 25,692.00
Paid Budgeted Expenses	\$11,984.43	\$ 28,179.24
Paid Non Budgeted Expenses	\$ 571.82	\$ 2,463.05
= Total Expenses	\$12,556.25	\$ 30,642.29
Ending Balance	\$ 637.07	\$ 637.07

ROOF ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	\$ 27,723.61
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Paid	\$ 886.00
Service Charge	\$ 5.00
Ending Balance	\$ 26,832.61

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Update March 13, 2018

Cross of Glory Members,

Council wanted to provide a short financial update as we move into our 3rd month of the fiscal calendar.

Year to date income for the general fund, which includes dollars for the building mortgage, is \$20,369.50, while expenses have been \$28,179.24. As you can calculate quickly, we are quite a bit behind in our weekly goal of \$3,639.22 to obtain our budget (\$29,113.79 for the first 8 weeks).

We are asking that those that are behind in their pledges, get back to being current, and anyone that can offer additional funds to help offset the shortfalls, would be greatly appreciated.

In order to keep current, we postponed some of the February expense to the first week of March, as well as drained our cash balance from the end of the year to make ends meet.

We will continue to provide updates monthly, for transparency purposes, as well as communicate in other ways so everyone understands what is needed in order to cover the basic needs of the congregation and keep operating on the positive side of the checkbook.

January income - \$9,721.00
February income - \$10,648.50

January Expenses - \$16,194.81
February expenses - \$11,984.43

Jeff Kinsel,
Council President



Just a reminder there is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Also, please continue to bring in pop can and place them in the green trailer in the parking lot. All proceeds will go towards Camp Wapo camperships.



Prayer Shawls Plus

Prayer Shawls Plus will meet this month on Thursday, April 5 at 10:00am. If you would like a prayer shawl, there are some available by the Donations table near the Pastor's office. If you don't see one you like, please ask to see something different.



Recent Baptisms at Cross of Glory

We welcomed into the Lord's family, Hannah Darlene Verkuilen, who was baptized on February 25. Her parents are Matthew and Jaime Verkuilen.

We also welcomed into the Lord's family, Whitney Lynn Burmeister, who was baptized on March 11. Her parents are Dan and Alicia Burmeister.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey with Christ.



Craft Night

The craft night in March was such a success we are having another one on Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30pm. Bring any kind of craft to work on and a sandwich or snack for yourself if you'd like. Not a crafter? No worries! Come for the fellowship. The evening will begin with prayer and then the crafting begins.

Growing Through Loss

There is a grief support series beginning this month at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy 65 NE in Fridley. This series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. For more information, contact Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335.



Affirmations

- ♥ Thank you to Kevin Gaylor and to anyone else who helped with shoveling the last snowfalls.
- ♥ Thanks to Tom Thomalla for his continued efforts with snow removal!
- ♥ Thank you to the Year of Renewal team (Melissa Emerson, Kolleen Olsen, Becky Redding, Dawn Saros-Kirk and Pastor Karri) for leading the listening training sessions and their leadership during this process.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help and be listeners.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who hosted Soup Suppers. They were all so delicious!
- ♥ And thank you for all you do for Cross of Glory every day!



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"Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to each other."



APRIL 2018

Connections



Spiritual Eastering

The older I get, the longer Minnesota winters last. Or so it seems. After too many of the cold, long dark days of winter, it seems as if spring may finally be arriving. Temperatures are creeping upward. And because of the turning of our clocks, the light in our days now stretches beyond late afternoon. Suddenly, the once bare streets and empty parks are coming to life with runners and people walking with their children and dogs. I've even seen a few motorcycles on the streets! And while the blush of green has yet to color the landscape, a glance out my window informs me that there are buds plumping on the trees.

Even though there is still some snow and the earth remains brown we have entered the season of possibility. A time when even though we may not see it, we feel the straining of the earth to push forth shoots of life out of what appears to be dead. It is a waiting time, a hopeful time of the year.

It is in this season that we have moved to the end of our Lenten voyage. Just as we see the movement around us from darkness to light, from death to life, we follow the same pattern in our life of faith. This season mirrors and emphasizes the inner journey we have been on as we have followed our savior to the darkness of the cross and now see the light of his resurrection.

Just as nature's season and the church season follow this pattern, so may our hearts as we face some of life's "spiritual winters". As writer and speaker Joyce Rupp puts it:

"This process of the earth's greening after a long winter reminds us of our spiritual "eastering," the inner transformation and rebirthing that comes after we've had a long winter spell of the spirit. The dead brown grass is there for eons in our hearts, or so it seems. No amount of hurry, or push, or desire can make the green happen any sooner."

Spiritual eastering may be a painstakingly slow process, a tiny bit of life gradually weaving through the pain and questions. Eastering isn't always a quick step out of the tomb. Sometimes rising from the dead takes a long, slowly greening time. It can't be hurried."

Yes, the problem with spiritual eastering is it may take far longer than we hope, or that we think we are able to handle. As we wait to hear about test results, or job opportunities, as we wait to hear from loved ones or as the dark days of depression or addiction stretch before us, or as we wait for the process of the interim to unfold, we can begin to lose hope that the greening will ever occur.

When we are in the midst of a spiritual winter our eastering may feel too far off or perhaps not even possible. It's in these times that I pray the hope and the possibility of springtime, and Christ's passion and resurrection will sustain you and remind you that our eastering will indeed come in time. Wishing you patience and a bright and blessed Easter season!

In Christ's Hope,
Pastor Karri

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Our Mission: "Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to each other."

Easter Worship
Easter Sunday - April 1
7:00 & 9:30am
Easter Breakfast 8:00am

Worship Schedule
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:45am
Education Hour at 9:30am