

April 2023: Church Council Pastor's Report

We continue to have surprises, good ones and others like Spring has sprung and so did the Hot Water Tank on Saturday before Easter. Thank you to Rich Weinert for the alert and then following through with getting a plumber to replace it and it's already been done as of this Tuesday. Thank you Rich. Thank you too, for using the wet vac to absorb water in the lower level from the rains a couple weeks prior to the tank leak. Rich Weinert and Dave Hunger and Ron Schrote combined efforts on that part of the rain leakage through the walls.

Prayer Requests are added each week to our list and they come regarding former members, on-liners, and family requests for members and others. So many are in need of prayer because of illnesses and surgeries. Just this past Monday requests arrived for prayers for: Bill Foss having triple bypass at McLaren Macomb today, for Larry Gniatzyk surgery Friday, Yuki in Florida for strength as she has 7hr. infusions for Cancer, and for an on-liner Sue, age 60 (heart attack on Sunday).

Euchre players are happy to gather again thanks to Kim McCardell and Kim Schrote. I'm hearing that the around and about neighbors of the church love it as do the membership.

Bill Wagner's funeral/celebration of life was on Sunday at Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home. Visiting with the home bound and ill is never a burden and I am more blessed by the people than they are by the visit. Bill Wagner suffered so much in the last year and a half, and his pain from damage done by un-diagnosed shingles was worse than his Cancer. Just getting to know him and his family was a blessing.

Joyce, Sally, Lucille, Bob, and Lucia are easy to spend time with as they are not terminal and still enjoy life. They love visitors.

Unfortunately I have no way yet to connect with Henry Schroeder or Doris Essenburg. Henry no longer drives and I've been informed that he did or soon will re-locate with Hope and Tim but there is no address for them as yet. If you recall Tim and Hope traveled the states for the past year.

Association Pastors continue to meet, share, and support each other and this weekend is the Eastern Association Spring Meeting on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

Helen continues to send the snail mail to those homebound. It is the first draft of the Sunday Sermon and The Friday Grind. Most of the home-bound are not into technology, even our Lucia no longer does technology. Her daughter tunes in to

our Worship when the links go out after the Service. Price makes those available via facebook and YouTube.

Maundy Thursday was small and personal: and those present were reminded of the foot washing being about service and the gathered were given a back hand experience of the Traditional Egg decorating done by the people of Ukraine. We did not use real eggs or hot wax. That was fun. We created an 'Upper Room' experience. There was cloud cover when we left but by the time any of us got home the full moon was visible.

Good Friday at the park was wonderful! It was cool but the sky was blue and the sun warm. Price along with Devin did music as people gathered and throughout the prayer experience of 30 minutes. The gathered just pulled out the tables and benches from under the pavilion into the suns warmth and all was well. Any and all were invited and some did come that were not part of the three participating churches. This year it was Trinity Lutheran, First UCC, and Harvest Outreach.

On Easter the gathered sang out loud and strong; we broke bread and shared juice. On Palm Sunday we waved our Palms and together read the Passion According to Matthew with two male voices leading.

I continue to attend the zoom specials offered by Convergence, they are always a wealth of information. The most recent was April 5, with Dr. Scott Thumma. Convergence is the go-to for the MI Conference. Anyone can attend the zoom offerings.

May 4th is the National Day of Prayer at the city offices in Richmond. I will join other local pastors there for prayer at Noon.

Russ Nehring's Memorial will take place May 19, at 3:00 here. This past Sunday we had four visitors at worship.

Respectfully submitted, 4/18/2023
Pastor Katie Dailey