FROM THE PASTOR…

Lenten Discipleship

Lent comes as a more solemn season of the church year. It is the long “lead-in” or preparation for Holy Week. As such, it is a time of introspection in regard to our own sin, but also to start thinking more deeply about the price paid for our sin which involved the crucifixion of our Lord.

Last year this season for discipleship had us look at passages in Scripture which pertain to the cross. This year the focus will be on Jesus’ words which he spoke while on the cross. That his words were recorded for us is remarkable in itself. They were important enough for us to be recorded so that future generations would understand better the sacrifice Jesus made. No one Gospel writer captured all seven “words” from the cross. We must look to all four of the Gospel writers to find what Jesus said.

For each week in Lent there will be a “word” from the cross for you to contemplate. Along with that word will be a question or two for you to ponder. I hope that this experience will help in your preparation for Holy Week. You will find the information in the Sunday bulletin. I, therefore, invite you to ponder in depth more the sacrifice that Jesus made.

Pastor Marty
**Reserve and Repair and Replace Funds**

We are still in need of your special donations to these funds. Right now our finances are doing good thanks to special offerings from Thanksgiving and Christmas, but later on in the new year we will need our reserve fund to help keep our financial commitments current. Also, if any repairs are needed, the repair and replace fund will help with those.

Thank you for your faithful support.

Terry LeGrand, Financial Secretary

As our motto says:

“Continuing Our Journey” “Trust. Pray. And thank God for his blessings along the way”

**Shred Day**

Green Hills Public Library will be having a shred day on Saturday March 21st between 11 am and 3 pm in their south parking lot. A limit of two boxes of paper goods per person will be shredded confidentially and securely. The library is located at 10331 S. Interlochen Dr. in Palos Hills.

**Drop-in Census Help**

If you need assistance filling out the Census or have questions about the Census survey or just want more information about the process the Green Hill Public Library in Palos Hills is offering help with these concerns. They will have knowledgeable staff available on Saturday, April 4th between 1-3 pm and on Wednesday, April 22nd between 3-8 pm.

If you cannot make it during those times there will be staff available to help at the Adult or Youth Services desk during all hours of operation.

**Discipleship Group**

The group will meet on March 29 in order to begin a study of the book “The Circle Maker: Praying Circles around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears” by Pastor Mark Batterson. Those involved in the study should read through Chapters 1 – 7 in preparation for this session.
Why do we see a hymnal coming out of the chair?

A number of weeks ago we were given information on what to do in a hostile environment situation. One of the important instructions that were given to us was to distract the person creating the problem. It was suggested to us that if we had the hymnals partially pulled out, we could more easily get to them to throw or just hit the aggressor with them, thereby giving people time to flee or even chase the person away.

It is scary to not find a sense of peace when you are worshiping and honoring our Lord, but the times have changed and we need to be prepared for the unusual and the dangerous.

The ushers are taking attendance each week in case we have to leave the building to go to a safe place. This attendance sheet would let us know if anyone is still in the building. They are also locking the door again as a precaution to watch in case someone is acting in a suspicious manner.

Businesses We Use And Can Recommend

Kathy’s Kreations  708-599-7457
Executive Green Carpet Cleaning  708-599-5151
Chicagoland Heating & Air Conditioning  708-425-0600
Father & Son Landscaping (lawn care)  708-430-4746
Bridgeview Roofing (Tom Metlow)  708-710-7663
K & O Decorating (inside painting) (Ken Osborne)  708-598-3209
TAG Spraying Service (lawn weed control)  708-430-3339
Ted’s Plumbing & Sewer (Curt Kunz)  708-846-0525
Sid’s Flowers & More (altar flowers)  708-974-4500
Par’s Appliance Repair  708-599-6900
Roy Sanchez Paving (Commercial Paving)  815-762-7290
Legacy Paving (Rigo Sanchez) (Residential)  708-516-9119

Thoughts for you to ponder (from the Wild Goose Chase)

Stop repeating the past and start creating the future.

Here Is The Answer To Last Month’s Riddle.

What kind of writer never kills off his main character?

Answer: An autobiographer.
April 9  Maundy Thursday—Joint worship at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Refreshments after the service.

April 10  Good Friday Worship  will be a joint “Tenebrae Service” at 7 p.m. at Savior Divine with Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church.

Telephone Calling Service for Worship Cancellation

We are now in the winter season and due to any strong inclement weather, it may be necessary to cancel our Sunday worship. An automated telephone calling system has been set up to notify people either on Saturday or early Sunday morning when there will be no worship. If you have not received a call from our telephone system in the past and would like to be put in our system, please leave your phone number at the church office.

Worship to Include a Children’s Sermon

Linda Good will be giving children’s sermons on the first Sunday of the month. Bring your kids, nieces, nephews and grandkids for their special time in the worship service.

Donating Devotional Booklets

We now know of a person who collects already-read devotional booklets and sends them to a mission for people that do not have access to these books. If you have books from “Christ in Our Home”, “Our Daily Bread”, “Morning With Jesus”, or others like that, you can bring them to church and put them in the basket marked for those items. By doing this we spread the devotions in these books to others outside of our church family.

Support our Food Pantry by Helping at the Chicago Food Depository

By donating hours of service for one day at the Chicago Food Depository, we can get credit toward purchasing food for Elsie’s Pantry. A few years ago, several members from the congregation did participate and this did help our pantry. You can find information about this organization at www.chicagosfoodbank.org.

Eleven people so far have signed up to spend a few hours one day volunteering at the Chicago Food Depository in Chicago. This would be an excellent opportunity to experience the magnificent operation that goes on at this huge facility. If you desire to go, please sign the sheet in the living room area. The date for actual volunteering is still to be determined.
Worship Schedule March/April 2020

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