

The Friendly Communicator

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Financial Income Report February 26, 2017

General Receipts

Envelopes	\$	12008.00
Loose Offerings		62.47
Church School		102.00
Birthday		2.00
Total	\$	12174.47

Miscellaneous Receipts

Initial offering		8.00
Stained Glass Restoration		834.00
Secret Place	\$	8.00
Organ Fund		10.00
Total	\$	860.00

Communion Offering

Fellowship Fund		5.00
St. Ben's	\$	158.00
Total	\$	163.00

Mission Offering

RMMO	\$	21.32
Love Gift		10.00
Total		31.32

Deposited Total \$ **13228.79**



Prayer Concerns

Charles Graham, Michelle Caswell, Anne

From the Pastor's Desk...

Pam and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, and words of love and support in response to the death of Pam's mom, Pearl Risinger. Pearl Joined us most years for Thanksgiving and many of you got to know her when she attended our Thanksgiving Eve services, helped serve Thanksgiving dinner at The Grand Avenue Club, and helped with the hanging of the greens. Although we're saddened by our loss, we're reminded as we focus on the cross and the empty tomb that our loss is only temporary. We can all rejoice knowing that, because of Jesus, we'll someday see our loved ones again.

Pastor Mark



FROM THE DIREKTR

Easter is on the horizon and once again we are getting ready to celebrate our risen Savior who is the epitome of service. Spring serves as a reminder of new life - new opportunities - new ways to serve. "With God, all things are possible" (Matt 19:26). With God, the task of serving becomes a joy.

Thank you to all of the musicians who serve with joy - who collectively gather their gifts and create something new - who serve this community week after week, providing another avenue - song - for expressing our faith. Our worship is enriched and our faith is deepened by the music each week. What might be an overwhelming task for one is accomplished by the work of many.

The choirs will continue to rehearse through the end of May. Now would be a great time for you to join the choir and see what it is like. We all have been given the gift of song - why not bring it to rehearsal on Wednesday nights?

Mary Schecher

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Drew Hettich
- 1 David Kirk
- 2 Stephen Kirk
- 7 Mike Brantman
- 8 Carol Burns
- 15 N'Ette Hibler
- 15 Rev. Wiley Kehrli
- 18 Marilyn Hazard
- 20 Robert Barrett
- 22 Cal Stanke
- 26 Jacob Shuttenhelm
- 27 Jeff Stoecker
- 28 Trini Maldonado
- 29 Sue Moreno

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

- 16 Martha Valentyn-Jones

If we have inadvertently missed your special day, please accept our apologies, and let the office know so we can change our records.

Quarterly Business Meeting will be April 30th.

Join us as we Spring into camp! May 17-22 Camp Tamarack will need help cleaning cabins, clearing trails, raking, dusting etc. Individuals, families, youth groups, men's groups, women's groups are all encouraged to help out. If interested, you can contact Carolyn Dugan 715-281-2267 or Kim Drost 608-566-4209

Men's Annual Retreat will be at Camp Tamarack April 29-30. Arrival starting at 4PM. Official Program runs from Friday 7PM through Saturday 4PM. Worship. Activities will include discussion, waterfront, movie, and more. Registration forms are in the office.

Your help is needed in keeping the kitchen stocked and ready to host our Fellowship times as well as wedding and/or funeral dinners. The list below will help you keep these items in mind the next time you see a great sale!! Thanks for all your help.

COFFEE – REGULAR AND DECAF
SMALL PAPER PLATES
LARGE PAPER PLATES
NAPKINS
FORKS
SPOONS
KNIVES
COFFEE CREAMER
SOME FAVORITES ARE IRISH
CREAM, FRENCH VANILLA
COOKIES CAKES

St. Jude's Ranch

Many of you have been bringing in your old cards – Christmas, birthday, thank you and many others – to donate to St. Jude's Ranch. Just what is St. Jude's and why do they need old cards??

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, a residential facility, was instituted in 1966, construction began in 1967 and later that year, Eddie – a boy from Elko, Nevada – became the first resident. The Ranch isn't big or fancy, but the kind people of Southern Nevada quickly embraced the organization and its mission - to “transform the lives of abused and at-risk children, young adults and families by empowering them to create new chances, new choices and new hope in a caring community.”

The Recycled Card Program is over 30 years old and is designed to teach youth business skills as well as a solid work ethic. The youth take the old card fronts and turn them into new cards which are sold online. This program is a win-win situation for everyone. Those who donate are keeping all of that paper out of the landfill and the youth who use the donation learn a trade, learn to be responsible, learn what it means to get a paycheck and develop a sense of self-esteem.

Thank you for making this project so successful! St. Jude's Ranch serves over 500 children and youth each year and your donations help make that possible.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15AM Worship	3 6PM Praise team	4	5 6PM Neshamah -ringers 6:30PM Jubilation ringers 7:00PM Mid-week Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir	6	7	8
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9 Palm Sunday 9AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15AM Worship	10 7PM Boards and Council	11	12 6PM Neshamah -ringers 6:30PM Jubilation ringers 7:00PM Mid-week Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir	13 7Pm Worship service	14 Good Friday	15
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16 Happy Easter 9AM ABMen Easter breakfast 10:15 Worship	17 6PM Praise team 7PM Ruth/Naomi/Hertel Circle Communicator deadline	18	19	20	21	22
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23 9AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15AM Worship	24	25	26 6PM Neshamah -ringers 6:30PM Jubilation ringers 7:00PM Mid-week Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir	27	28	29
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