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THE CALLER

PASTOR'S PONDERING

Dear Church family,

I am honored that you have supported me in this mission trip. I wanted to share a bit of my reflection while on the road to give you a sense of how profoundly God works, and God was working powerfully on our trip to Ukraine. Here is a reflection:

We are now home from an incredible journey. I cannot call it merely a "trip". Powerful to the point of getting me choked up to even reflect upon it. I have traveled to many places and met many incredible people along the way, but never have I had an experience that has affected me in quite the same way.... I will start to put my thoughts together soon because if I don't I am afraid they may blur together...

Three of us were invited to a meeting with the Minister of Internal affairs, the deputy minister of internal affairs and an advisor to the minister of internal affairs. Out of that meeting the Minister of Internal affairs decided to open up the whole country of Ukraine to chaplaincy and peer support. He even arranged for a police escort as we drove around the country.

While in the Minister of Internal Affairs office he handed me the beautiful round desk medallion. The medallion pictures St. George, the Patron Saint of Ukraine, who through his martyrdom converted many to Christianity. At the conference the next day, on Saturday, his deputy minister of internal affairs and his advisor who had been at the special meeting the night before spoke at the conference. The advisor to the Minister of Internal affairs was speaking on the stage and called me up to give me an incredible picture as a gift for coming to Ukraine to help them.

We met many police officers in cities that had previously been occupied by Russian troops, but won back by heroic battles. In the cities we met officers, the Russian military was a mere 3 miles away in some areas. We also met pastors serving churches in war zones who asked me to pray with them while we were there.

I will write extensively of our experience at some point, but it has been so overwhelming and positively eventful that I need time to process it's impact.... I will carry my love for the Ukrainian people who were so eager for our coming...humbling and grateful. An experience like this has changed all of us, and we have grown. Being in an area ravaged by war with people who fought in the battles and who are so resilient and loving changes us in unspeakable ways... I will sort out the experiences as best as I can and will tell all of them from the heart. People of Ukraine....I love you and am forever grateful!

Pastor Greg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/6 Legend Marczewski
 12/12 Anna Freese
 12/15 James Klug
 12/25 Dennis Dettmann
 12/31 John Bublitz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/21 Timothy & Tina Nelson
 12/22 Dennis & Sharon Gehl
 12/29 Detlef Moore & Rochelle Bast

*Please email the church
 with any updates or corrections*

**MEMBERS TO KEEP
 IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Adam Arnold
 Dennis David
 Elmer Gronemeyer
 Theresa Gronemeyer
 Jim Klug
 Donna Klumb
 Ellen Ludin
 Kendall Ludin
 Ken Miller
 Oliver Schowalter
 Erwin & Noreen Podewil

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EXTENDED PRAYERS

*All those with joys in their life: babies, grandchildren, spouses, family, friends, support, music, healing, peace, hospitality, Autumn/Winter...

*All those affected by war, terrorism, hate crimes, abuse, hunger, thirst, incarceration, shootings, medical issues, death, natural disasters, conflicts of interest...

- *Jeremy (Beuscher's)
- *Rick (Dennis David)
- *Jerry (Darold Hoelz)
- *Aunt Donna, Jeff (Wendlandt's)
- *Tim (Freese family)
- *Kathryn Kuhn (Schuppe's)
- *Hunter, sister-in-law (Beilfuss's)
- *thanks to and safety of veterans (The Mull's)
- *thankful for veterans that allow us the freedom to worship (Rev Knoth)
- *family of Mark Schowalter who passed away, travel mercies, 1st responders, medical personnel, military, 911 dispatchers, those who have lost their way (Pastor Greg)
- *Brittany Lamb, family of Don who passed away (K&M Miller)
- *Arlene (Kannenbergs)

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DECEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
12/1 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
12/8 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
12/15 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
12/24 & 12/25 Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
12/29 First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23

CHILI SUPPER - THANK YOU AND RESULTS

The Annual Chili Supper was a great success this year. There was fantastic chili and desserts to eat, and fellowship with the community. A huge THANK YOU from Janet for all the help, donations, and decorations! We had a profit of \$5,166.99 A huge THANK YOU to Janet for organizing this event every year!! You do a fantastic job!

BASKET RAFFLE AT CHILI SUPPER - THANK YOU AND RESULTS

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone on another great job of supporting our Chili Supper Basket Raffle. With all the contributions of baskets, miscellaneous items, getting baskets completed, set-up and of course buying raffle tickets, we had another very successful fundraiser. We got lots of compliments on the large number of baskets and the great variety of items in the 87 baskets we had available. With the team work of everyone who helped and the support of our visitors, we raised \$1,058,00. I would say it was definitely worth our time and a great addition to the Chili Supper! Don't forget to keep your eyes open for items as you are rummaging or shopping, especially in the clearance section for next year!! Again thanks for a job well done!! - Cindy

ST. BONIFACE FOOD PANTRY - DECEMBER MISSION

For the month of December we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Boniface Food Pantry. The St. Boniface/St. Gabriel Food Pantry serves five communities: Germantown, Richfield, Hubertus, Jackson and Colgate. Referrals to the food pantry are made through the Washington County Social Services. For more information on how to use the food pantry or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 262-628-2040. Their website is: <http://www.stbonifacewi.org/Food-pantry>.

MITTEN TREE

We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens/gloves and any other items to help keep children warm in winter. The items will be placed under the church Christmas tree and then donated to the Milwaukee School of Sign Language. We will accept donations through the first week of January. All items are greatly appreciated. Thanks. - Cindy David

CHRISTMAS FUND / VETERANS OF THE CROSS

A special envelope for the Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross offering is included in this month's newsletter or on the rack by the ushers.

GIVING TREE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY - GINGERBREAD HOUSE

For the 3rd year in a row, we will again be a sponsor for Christmas. If you are interested in supporting this cause, stay tuned in the weekly Sunday bulletin announcements for more information. There will be a small tree with tags you can take to purchase the item on it. Then bring the gift(s) back wrapped and labeled with the family identifier on the gift and place them under the tree. Gifts should be brought to the church by Sunday, December 8th. The charity is under new management that delayed us getting what we needed for this so apologies for the short notice.

POINSETTIAS

It's time to order poinsettias for the beautification of our sanctuary during the Advent season. They may be purchased in memory or honor of someone. Poinsettias are \$10 each and checks can be made out to Our Saviour's. Orders should be placed in the offering plate along with a note of "in memory of" or "in honor of". See Janet Arnold for more information.

2019 GIVING ENVELOPES

The new 2020 offering envelopes will soon be here. Once they arrive, you will find yours on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Take yours and whomever you might be seeing that may not be able to pick them up.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Decorating of the sanctuary for Christmas will be after service on December 1st.

MAMCCO PRESENTS HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*

Begin the Advent season with the beautiful, sacred text and music of Handel's *Messiah* presented by MAMCCO (Milwaukee Area Messiah Community Chorus & Orchestra).

Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7)
St Anthony on the Lake
W280N2101 Prospect Ave
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3 pm (Doors open at 2:30)
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
6031 W Chapel Hill Rd
Mequon, WI 53097

The presentations are free but there will be a free-will offering to support the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. All money donated goes directly to the mission to help feed, shelter and clothe our hurting neighbors in Milwaukee. Visit www.mamcco.org for more information.

Members of Our Saviour's that are part of the presentation are:
Marilyn Dearth, Sheila Dettmann, and Lynne Schuppie.

LITURGISTS NEEDED

Sheila is looking for anyone who would be interested in being a liturgist during Sunday morning services. If you volunteer occasionally, that would be great too. If you are interested, please contact Sheila or email the church or sign up on the attendance sheet on the entry of the church on the Sunday you would like to read.

BULLETIN SPONSORS AND FLOWERS

Please consider sponsoring a Sunday bulletin. The covers come with an expense. We ask for a minimum of \$10 a week which is used to help offset part of the cost. Bulletins can be in honor or memory of someone, or just because. Sign up is located on the bulletin board in the entry. You can also sign up to bring in a floral arrangement to beautify the sanctuary.

CONTACT UPDATES

If you have any address or phone number changes please email them to the church office, or place a note in the offering plate. If you have members no longer living at home and not at college, please forward those addresses too. We want to keep them up to date on everything going on in the life of the church. If you have a change in emergency contact information too, we would appreciate being notified to keep our files as up to date as possible. Thank you. -Sheila Dettmann

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

It's that time of year again. In case of inclement weather, tune to: WTMJ 4 on your TV or go to tmj4.com / FOX 6 on your TV or fox6now.com / WISN 12 on your TV or wisn.com

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order 5:34pm October 15, 2019

Present- Anne Freese, Randy Ryan, Jim Klug, Ron Mull, **Absent-** Pastor Greg, Kendall Ludin

Minutes- September minutes reviewed by council and approved as read.

Treasurers Report- Report reviewed by council and approved as read. Giving down \$1,090.00 for the year. Anna moved a CD to Landmark Credit. The Campital Campaign will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Benevolence Report- Report reviewed by council and approved to send \$150.00 to OCWM and \$31.00 to Campital Campaign.

Old Business- Letters were sent to members not in good standing with the church. The septic tank was pumped out. Thank you Anna and Pastor Freese for donating snow blowers to the church and Gene Dettmann for getting them ready for winter.

New Business- Renters want to start earlier and add one more night. This would also include an increase in rent. Council is trying to change November meeting to November 12th. Asking Pastor Young about Thanksgiving service. Pastor Freese continues to visit and give Communion to shut-ins.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

Next meeting November 12th

Respectfully submitted by Jim Klug

CALL OUT FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE

At our next annual meeting, we will be looking for four people who would like to come forward to fill in the positions that will be available. Ron Mull, Kendall Ludin, Jim Klug, and Randy Ryan's tenure is up, so they are looking for anyone who would be interested in becoming a council member. Terms will be one year for two positions and two years for two positions to stagger the end date of duty. Positions that will be available are for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Head Usher. If interested or you want to learn more about what is involved, you can talk to anyone on the council.

"SHOP WITH A COP" - DECEMBER 2ND

As you know, nearly every year I put on the uniform and participate in Washington Counties "Shop with a Cop" program. It is a marvelous program. Civilian helpers are always needed so if any of you are free the late afternoon and evening of December 2 in West Bend, why not sign up. If you like, you might be able to shop and help out with me, (if you want to :). It is hosted by West Bend Mutual and we traditionally get on buses and shop at Meijer. Here's the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44a5ab2ea1fa7-2019>. For more information, you can talk to Pastor Greg.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:00am w/Communion Decorate sanctuary after service	2 "Shop With A Cop"	3	4	5	6 <i>Messiah</i> concert 7pm	7
8 Worship 9:00am <i>Messiah</i> concert 3pm Gingerbread House dona- tions due	9	10 Caroling to shut-ins	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:00am	16	17 Council meeting 5:30pm	18	19	20 "The Caller" articles due	21
22 Worship 9:00am	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7pm	25 Merry Christmas! (no service)	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:00am Mission Sunday Campital Campaign	30	31 Happy New Year's Eve!	MISSION St Boniface Food Pantry (non-perishable food)		USHERS Dennis David - chair Cindy David Lynette Bublitz Denise Eineichner Jimm Klug	
<h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">DECEMBER</h1> <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">2019</h1>	Pastor: Rev. Greg Young Cell: 414-573-6008 Email: criticalincidentresponse@gmail.com OSUCC Phone: (262) 677-2484 OSUCC E-mail: office@oursavioursucc.org		Church Council President: <i>Ron Mull</i> Vice President: <i>Kendall Ludin</i> Secretary: <i>Jim Klug</i> Head Usher: <i>Randy Ryan</i> Financial Secretary: <i>Anna Freese</i>		Organist/Pianist: <i>Mark Kannenberg</i> Secretary: <i>Sheila K Dettmann</i> Custodian: <i>Chris Miller</i>	