

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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March 2018



It's been a brutal winter for illness.

The CDC continues to warn that flu season is far from over. In fact, it's being called the worst flu outbreak in nearly a decade. There are plenty of other bugs floating around. My wife and son are recovering from/fighting a nasty case of likely gastro-enteritis, and it's quickly being impressed upon us that it is no exaggeration that kids who are enrolled in daycare bring home a constant stream of illness.

(Not long after this column was written, I fell victim to the bug myself!)

And while a short-lived virus can be extremely bothersome and inconvenient, we know far too well that many people, be it due to age, a weakened immune system, or other factors, may be in greater jeopardy than the rest of the population if they were to contract something like the flu. It's scary out there.

This doesn't even begin to touch the painful and frightening experiences we or our loved ones may have with something like cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, or schizophrenia. Our bodies are so frail and temporary. We are fragile and susceptible to things we dare not think about too deeply.

Fortunately, these bodies are temporary. We, despite all of the struggles with health that many of us deal with on a daily basis, can take enormous comfort in knowing that through Christ our *souls* have been saved. We have been washed clean in the blood of Christ. Jesus, who was known during his earthly life as a healer of physical ailments, is a healer of much more than that. While our salvation is secure, we should go to him continually as we seek spiritual renewal for our souls. We do this through prayer and we do this through the sacraments when we celebrate Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Sickness and injury to our bodies during our lives can seem all-encompassing, demoralizing, and even terrifying. But we can take comfort in knowing that, through the grace of God we experience in Jesus Christ, we will spend eternity with our Lord when our time in these bodies has come to an end.

Isaiah 53:5 reads:

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

By his bruises we are healed.

During this Lenten season, and always, let that be a comfort to us as we struggle with fragile bodies.

When we have the flu or something even worse, we rely on the skill and training of our medical providers to take care of our bodies. But we know our souls are in the able hands of the Great Physician, our loving Savior, Christ Jesus.

Pastor Mike

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6pm-Bible Study 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance – Fellowship Hall	2 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	3 9:30am-Choir Practice
4 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Communion	5 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	6 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	7	8 6pm-Bible Study	9 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	10 9am-Presby Meeting-Grosse Isle 9:30am-Choir Practice
11 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Session	12 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	13 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance – Fellowship Hall 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	14	15 6pm-Bible Study	16 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	17 9:30am-Choir Practice
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25 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Palm Sunday Deacons	26 Monday of Holy Week 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	27 Tuesday of Holy Week 7-9pm WCCP GMM-Fellowship Hall 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	28 Wednesday of Holy Week 9-Noon WCCP 4 Yr Easter Party-Fellowship 11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch	29 6pm-Maundy Thursday-Communion 9-Noon WCCP 3 Yr Easter Party-Fellowship 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance –Fellowship Hall	30 6pm-Good Friday 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	31 9:30am-Choir Practice Great Vigil of Easter

MARCH GAME NIGHT

Join us on Friday, March 23 for our next Fellowship Fun Night starting at 6pm with dinner and games following. 20 people attended last month's game night. All money donated is going towards a patio on the lower level between the entrance doors.

OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Kirk of Our Savior now has a website! Stay up to date on all that is happening at the Kirk and learn more about us.

www.kirkofoursavior.org

Thank you to Mieke Beckman for all her hard work putting the website together and the continued maintenance it will require.

Madeline Carpenter,
Judy Walker,
Betty Willox,
Irene Gaylord
and
NancyLee Pride.



Steve, Rob and Jen Otte
play dominoes during
the last Game Night.

Judy Curtis plays with
her grandkids.



Greg Root enjoys
some Wii Bowling.



BAPTISM

Theodore Charles Beckman was baptized on February 11.

Theo is pictured here with Veronica and Joe Beckman (Pastor Mike's brother and sister-in-law), Patti and Eric Beckman (Pastor Mike's parents), Pastor Mike and Mieke, and Harriet and Gordon Jones (Mieke's parents).



150 food bags were filled recently and delivered to Wayne Westland schools to help fend off hunger during mid-winter break. 80% of the students in the district are on the free-lunch program.



Bible Study continues in March with a study of Tom Berlin's "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess." Pastor Mike is leading this study every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. The last day of the study will be March 22. Come eat some snacks Pastor Mike will be providing, listen and learn. All are welcome!

THANK YOU!

Thank you, John and June Jennings, for your service as deacons for the past three years.

Welcome to our new deacons, William (Bill) Partaka and Judy Walker. Bill and



Judy were elected at the annual meeting held in January. Madeline Carpenter and Judy Curtis were also elected to serve another three-year term as elders.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

What's missing? 'U'! We need children to help us build a bulletin board display, play games, and paint while we learn about God's Law and what it means for us. Won't you join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 - it isn't the same without 'you'.

In March, we will learn the Easter story by doing a tombescape, coloring and a paper plate craft.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2021), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher (2019) Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder

MISSION/OUTREACH

Judy Curtis (2021) Chairman and Elder

Nancy Pride (2020), Elder

Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon

Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland (2019) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

TREASURER: Fred Kirk

CLERK: Jenny Root

New Deacon William Partaka (2021)

New Deacon Judy Walker (2021)

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March BIRTHDAYS

8	Daniel Donner
11	Mieke Beckman
17	Jen Otte
18	Cindy Handford
18	Jenny Root
24	John Jennings
24	Marjorie Grubbs



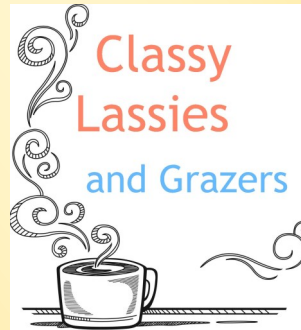
Don't
Forget
Your

Per Capita

2018 Per Capita

The Presbytery has increased the amount of Per Capita that is due from each member in 2018. Per Capita provides administrative support to the mission of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Among other things Per Capita provides office and clerical needs, accounting services for mission, and support to helping congregations find new pastors as well as assist candidates to prepare for the ministry. The Per Capita charge that the Kirk recommends is based on that assessed by the Presbytery. **For 2018 the amount will increase to \$27 a member**, a one dollar increase over the past three years. Please pay this amount at your convenience during the early part of 2018 using the envelope provided in your pledge envelope box or any other envelope that you mark as Per Capita.

Thank you.



March 28

Food

Friends

Fun

Fellowship

Have you gone to lunch with the lunch bunch, otherwise known as the Classy Lassies and Grazers yet? On the last Wednesday of every month, these intrepid eaters gather at 11:30am in the church lobby where they make major life decisions, like where to go to lunch that day.

If you are free on March 28, mark your calendar and join the fun! Ladies go one place; men go to another. All enjoy buying their own lunch and the camaraderie of friends.

And just so you know: March 28 also happens to be Something on a Stick Day (corn dogs? Kebobs?) and National Black Forest Cake Day.

Mission Project

We are currently collecting items for Humble Design, an organization whose mission is to serve individuals, families and veterans emerging from homelessness by transforming their empty house into a warm, welcoming and uplifting home with donated furniture and household goods. Please see the next page for the list of what they can and CANNOT accept.

HUMBLE DESIGN
FURNISHING HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

HUMBLE DESIGN

DONATIONS

FURNITURE & HOMEWARES

Your donations & support mean so much to us. We can only take what our homes and families really need. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and understanding. Here's a helpful list to review before donating items. Anything in our "do not accept" list can go to other organizations like: Salvation Army, Encore, etc.

happily WE ACCEPT

BEDROOM

- bed frames
- lamps
- bedding
- nightstands
- blankets
- pillows
- decor
- throw pillows
- dressers

LIVING ROOM

- artwork
- end tables
- bookshelves
- lamps
- club chairs
- loveseats
- couches
- rugs
- desks (8x10 & smaller)
- TV stands (6ft & smaller)

DINING ROOM

- artwork
- placemats
- chairs
- side boards
- dining sets
- tables
- decor
- table cloths
- napkins

KITCHEN

- dish sets (no china)
- kitchen trash cans
- decor
- microwaves
- coffee (table-top)
- silverware
- makers
- utensils
- cups & mugs

BATHROOM

- bath mats
- shower curtain liners
- & rugs
- towels
- curtain rings
- decor

MISC.

- artwork
- decor
- batteries
- dust pans
- books
- extension cords
- (all ages)
- brooms
- toys
- curtain panels
- (all ages)
- cleaning supplies
- TVs (flat screens 40 in & smaller; tube TVs 20 in & smaller)

**We kindly ask that you wash all bedding before donating. Please, no couches or other furniture with rips, stains or tears.*

sadly - WE DO NOT ACCEPT

BEER, WINE & COCKTAIL GLASSES • BAKEWARE • BARWARE • CAR & BOOSTER SEATS
CHINA CABINETS • CLOTHING • CEILING FANS • CRIBS W/DROP-DOWN SIDES • EXERCISE
EQUIPMENT • FOOD • FRIDGES • GLASS FURNITURE • HOLIDAY DECOR • HOUSE
PAINT • KING BEDS • LARGE APPLIANCES • LARGE ARMOIRES (over 5.5 ft tall) • LARGE
DESKS (over 6 ft) • LIGHT FIXTURES • PRINTERS • RUGS LARGER THAN 9X12 • STUFFED
ANIMALS • STOVES • TELEPHONES • TUBE TVs LARGER THAN 20 IN • TUPPERWARE
TWIN MATTRESSES (at this time)

Thank You FOR YOUR DONATION!



Sunday
March 25
10:30 am

Thursday
March 29
6:00 PM



Friday
March 30
6:00 PM

Sunday
April 1
10:30 AM



Join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1.
Breakfast serving starts at 8:00 am.
Tickets are \$5 per person and are available in the
office and from any of the deacons.



The purchase of Easter Lilies will be the same as
what we did this last Christmas for Poinsettias.
There are envelopes in the pews in which you can
place your money while noting your name, how
many lilies you are asking for and what you would
like the dedication that appears in the bulletin to
say.

Please consult the bulletin or contact the office for
the price. It was not available as this was
published.

Kirk of Our Savior Annual Congregational Meeting
January 28, 2018

The Clerk of Session verified that there was a quorum present (40 members), so the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Mike at 12:44 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

After moving the Worship and Music reports ahead of the Treasurer's reports, it was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the agenda as amended.

It was noted that the minutes of the 2017 annual congregational meeting were approved at the next regular Session meeting. NOTE – the Clerk made the minutes available to the membership in the monthly newsletter and asked to be notified if any corrections needed to be made. None were requested.

The following reports were presented for approval:

Board of Deacon's	Worship
Clerk of Session	Music
Children & Youth	Treasurer's:
Church Foundation	a) 2017 Audit
Fellowship	b) Statement of Benevolence
Outreach/Mission	c) Balance Sheet
Pastor's	d) Income Statement

After the opportunity for comments, questions, and discussion, it was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the reports as presented.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Michael Beckman, which are printed in full at the end of these minutes.

The Treasurer presented, for information only, the 2018 Operating Budget.

The following elections took place:

Officers

For Deacons, class of 2021: William (Bill) Partaka and Judy Walker

For Elders, class of 2021: Judy Curtis and Madeline Carpenter, each serving a second 3-year term

It was MOVED by Bonnie Hilberer, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close the nominations, direct the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate, and to elect Bill, Judy, Judy, and Madeline.

Audit Committee, 2018

John Rose and Joan Nystrom placed themselves into nomination.

It was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close the nominations, direct the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate, and to elect John and Joan.

Nominating Committee, 2018

The following people placed themselves into nomination: Jen Otte, Andrea Alicea, and Jenny Root.

It was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close the nominations, direct the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate, and elect Jen, Andrea, and Jenny.

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 1:16 p.m. in order for the business of the Corporation to be handled.

Kirk of Our Savior **Annual Meeting of the Corporation**
January 28, 2018

President Judy Curtis called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

It was MOVED by Mark Gallaher, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the minutes of the 2017 annual corporation meeting.

As there was no other business to be taken care of at this time, it was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

The **meeting of the congregation was resumed** by the Moderator at 1:17 p.m.

It was MOVED by Jenny Root, SECONDED, and CARRIED to allow the Session to approve these minutes at the regularly scheduled meeting in February. The minutes will be made available to the membership in the next monthly newsletter.

It was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting with prayer by Pastor Mike and song at 1:20 p.m.

TERMS OF CALL for Rev. Michael Beckman 2018:

EFFECTIVE SALARY			<u>2017</u>
Salary	23,764	21,032	
Housing Allowance	<u>18,495</u>	<u>18,279</u>	
TOTAL:	\$42,259		\$39,311
PAID BENEFITS			
Major Medical	11,000	10,780	
Pension		4,648	4,324
Death Benefit	423	393	
Social Security	3,233	3,007	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES			
Study Allowance	1,000	900	
Professional Expenses	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,350</u>	
TOTAL COMPENSATION:	\$64,063		\$60,065

Mike receives 4 weeks Personal Leave and 2 weeks Study Leave.

Jenny M. Root, Clerk of Session

March 2018 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

March

Thursday, March 1
Morning Pss. 27,
147:12–20
Evening Pss. 126, 102
Gen. 42:29–38
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Mark 4:21–34

Friday, March 2
Morning Pss. 22, 148
Evening Pss. 105, 130
Gen. 43:1–15
1 Cor. 7:1–9
Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, March 3
Morning Pss. 43, 149
Evening Pss. 31, 143
Gen. 43:16–34
1 Cor. 7:10–24
Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, March 4
3rd Sunday in Lent
Morning Pss. 84, 150
Evening Pss. 42, 32
Gen. 44:1–17
Rom. 8:1–10
John 5:25–29

Monday, March 5
Morning Pss. 119:73–80,
145
Evening Pss. 121, 6
Gen. 44:18–34
1 Cor. 7:25–31
Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, March 6
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 45:1–15
1 Cor. 7:32–40
Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 7
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 45:16–28
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 8
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 9
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 47:1–26
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 10
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 47:27–48:7
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 11
4th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 48:8–22
Rom. 8:11–25
John 6:27–40

Monday, March 12
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 49:1–28
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 13
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 49:29–50:14
1 Cor. 11:2–34
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 14
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 50:15–26
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 15
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 1:6–22
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, March 16
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 2:1–22
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, March 17
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 2:23–3:15
1 Cor. 13:1–13
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, March 18
5th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Exod. 3:16–4:12
Rom. 12:1–21
John 8:46–59

Monday, March 19
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Exod. 4:10–20 (21–26)
27–31
1 Cor. 14:1–19
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, March 20
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Exod. 5:1–6:1
1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, March 21
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Exod. 7:8–24
2 Cor. 2:14–3:6
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, March 22
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 7:25–8:19
2 Cor. 3:7–18
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, March 23
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 9:13–35
2 Cor. 4:1–12
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, March 24
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 10:21–11:8
2 Cor. 4:13–18
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, March 25
Palm/Passion Sunday
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Zech. 9:9–12
1 Tim. 6:12–16 *or* Zech.
12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9
Luke 19:41–48

Monday, March 26
Monday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Lam. 1:1–2, 6–12
2 Cor. 1:1–7
Mark 11:12–25

Tuesday, March 27
Tuesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Lam. 1:17–22
2 Cor. 1:8–22
Mark 11:27–33

Wednesday, March 28
Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Lam. 2:1–9
2 Cor. 1:23–2:11
Mark 12:1–11

Thursday, March 29
Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Lam. 2:10–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
Mark 14:12–25

Friday, March 30
Good Friday
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Lam. 3:1–9, 19–33
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38 *or* John
19:38–42

Saturday, March 31
Holy Saturday/Great Vigil
of Easter
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Lam. 3:37–58
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11