

WEEKLY NEWS ~ MAY 20, 2022



UPDATED COVID-19 POLICY

*The Council approved the decision that effective immediately the use of masks is optional in the church. We will have Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time after the church service for those who wish to stay.

*We will continue social distancing.

*The Council recommends that if someone is sick or having symptoms of any kind, that they please stay home and participate via Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube out of respect for others in the church.

*We continue to encourage vaccinations/boosters.

APRIL 26, 2022

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATORS & TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

Greetings! We are in the process of reconstituting the pre-pandemic coffee hour teams based on who is still willing and able to participate. We have confirmed only two past team coordinators but looks like we may have enough individuals to set up eight to ten rotating teams depending on how many coordinators are willing to serve. If so, each team would probably serve once every couple months.

Since we currently have a single service at 10:00 we are thinking there is not a need to have a meal or treats that require a lot of preparation or dishes to clean afterwards. Light snacks and drinks should be enough and would keep setup and cleaning to a minimum.

If you are willing and able to **be on a team** or **coordinate one**, please let us know either by phoning to 541-756-425, or letting us know at church.

Richard & Kathy Whitwer

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The last day of Sunday School for this school year is this Sunday, May 22. We will also recognize our 2022 graduates on that Sunday. Please join us for this special day, and if you would like to bring cards for our graduates, we have baskets on the table in the Fellowship Hall for them.

PASTOR ALYSSA ON VACATION

Pastor Alyssa is on vacation this coming week, from this afternoon until May 27! While she is away, you may reach out to the office with any needs. If you have a Pastoral emergency, you may call Pastor Katherine Brick, Interim Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend, at 541-756-4035 (Faith Office) or 503-997-1994 (cell).

CONFIRMATION REMINDER!

A reminder: there is Confirmation this Sunday! Confirmation will be from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room

IN THE PEWS!

You will notice that in the envelope slots beside the hymnal and Bible racks are a welcome & prayer request sheet and offering envelopes available for your convenience. Both can be placed in the offering plate during the service.

PRAYER BEADS

The basket of prayer beads has been re-stocked! Please consider giving them as gifts – graduation, Father's Day (or late Mother's Day), birthday, Wedding... any occasion, really! We have many colors and bead styles available – check them out in the basket in the office!

EXERCISE CLASSES

Sally Hampton, our Chair and Tai Chi exercise class leader, is refraining from indoor activities due to Covid. If there is anyone else out there who would like to lead these classes, please call the office. The resources (videos, weights, etc.) are available, we just need a leader!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to worship in person, we need volunteers for Sunday mornings! There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for greeters, ushers, and readers. The Flower Chart is on the wall near the office. Please sign up the help as you are able.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE!

We have rapid tests for Covid 19, masks, and hand sanitizer. If you need any of these things at home or for another group you are part of, please let the church office know.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The office has received updated community information on a number of topics, including legal aid, housing options, AA and NA meetings, and low cost cell phone service. If you or someone you know could use this info, stop by or call the office to get the updates!

DOROTHY MILLER UPDATE!

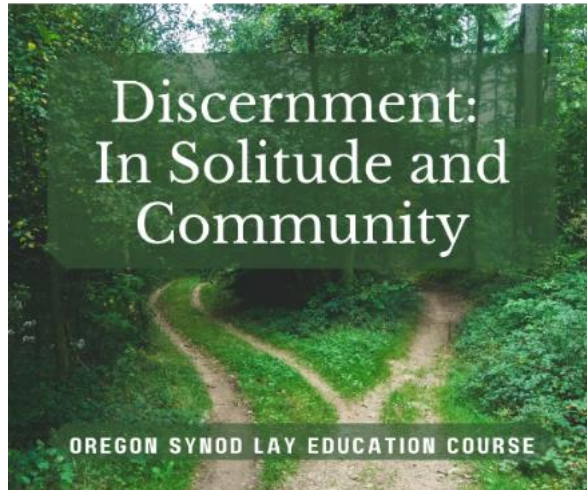
Dorothy Miller's surgeon determined she is too weak to undergo surgery at this time. She is to have 5 weeks of Physical Therapy, then return for further evaluation. They would like her to be able to walk a mile before they perform the surgery! Her family is asking for prayers for a return to strength, that PT will be set up soon, and that a surgery date can be scheduled. Meanwhile, the family has arranged to take care of one of Dorothy's last wishes – to have a hot air balloon ride. The entire family will be participating in a hot air balloon ride over wine country near Newberg on June 24!

JEANNETTE BRUNELL SWEET COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A community Celebration of Life for Jeanette Brunell Sweet will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Coos History Museum, 1210 N. Front Street, Coos Bay at 11 am. Lunch will follow.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 40 in person, 14 online
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FROM THE SYNOD:



Do you want or need to discern something? Join with others from across the Oregon Synod this June to explore practices of discernment in solitude and community. We'll meet on Zoom from 6:30-8 pm (Pacific Time) for four Tuesday evenings: June 7, 14, 21, and 28. We'll be invited to orient ourselves internally with our belovedness and enter into discernment and community dialogue from that place asking the questions: How do we listen to our own voice? What do we find trustworthy in the external world? To what do we attribute authority and wisdom? Where is God in all of this? What are signs of healthy discernment? And how might we support that for one another in community and congregations? [Register here.](#)

Looking for a space to gather with other white folks in the ELCA to process the shooting in Buffalo? Attend the European Descent Lutheran Association for Racial Justice drop-in Zoom Call. Tues., May 24 at 4:30 pm Pacific Time. Connect with others, pray together, consider next steps and share resources. Open to everyone on the journey to racial justice from newcomers to long-time movers. [Advance registration required.](#)

CURRENT EVENTS:

In light of the challenge to Roe Vs. Wade, here are links to two statements that discuss the ELCA Church's position on abortion.

Bishop Eaton's Pastoral Statement on Abortion:

https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8141?fbclid=IwAR18RTDTdUb_KralkzelPh76HEAkiFMvEtALvJezY_QpSTG7A0B4EiYvC5Q

Here is the link to the ELCA Social Statement on Abortion:

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/AbortionSS.pdf?_ga=2.71878736.250561745.1651706405-1215391380.1651706405

MARCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenue & Expense Budget Comparison March 2022

	March	Budget	Over/Under	YTD 2022	Budget	Over/Under
Ordinary Revenue	12,179	22,557	(10,378)	49,880	67,537	(17,657)
Ordinary Expense	20,542	21,209	(666)	57,414	59,028	(1,615)
Net Ordinary Rev	(8,364)	1,348	(9,712)	(7,534)	8,509	(16,043)
Other Income	1,048			27,132		
Other Expense	991			4,356		
Net Other Income	57			22,776		
Total Net Income	(8,307)	1,348	(9,655)	15,242	8,509	6,733

Balance Sheet Current to Prior Month as of March 31, 2022

	Mar 31, 2022	Feb 28, 2022	\$ Change
Umpqua Bank - General Fund	\$8,902	\$15,743	(\$6,841)
Umpqua Bank - New Designated Fund	\$102,254	\$102,666	(\$411)
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Bank	\$22,484	\$22,164	\$320
Mission Investment Fund	\$41,228	\$41,214	\$14
Mission Investment Fund - Youth	\$297	\$297	\$0
Total Bank Assets	\$175,166	\$182,084	(\$6,918)

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**STEWARDSHIP IS...teaching.**

Prayers of thanksgiving for all the teachers who have guided our young people on their paths.