



January 2015

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will meet on Sunday January 25 after worship. Please plan to attend. Ministry team reports will be emailed in advance for your review.

On that Sunday, Church Council members will be installed. Please welcome our new council members: Debbie Bradley, Tom Plystak, and Cathy Dubosque. They join the rest of the council : Joe Deeves, Dave Graham, Karen Pattinson, Melanie Lohr, and Brad Petersen.

In Case You Missed It...

Pastor Jann offered some words to begin each day:

"I am a child of God, deserving of love and respect and God will use me to change the world."

SOUPER Bowl Sunday

Okay – so maybe your team didn't make it to the big game (once again), but you can still feel like a winner! Be part of our SOUPER bowl Sunday outreach to our friends at Luther House. Our tradition of soup delivery to Luther House residents on Super Bowl Sunday continues this year with a goal of 256 cans of soup. Can we do it? Keep an eye out for all of those soup sales and deliver your donations to the church narthex up to the big game day, February 1. Our door hanging bags are on the small side so standard sized cans, such as Campbell's, work best.

Please plan to join us to help bag soups during Sunday school time and/or deliver them to Luther House once Sunday school is over. Many hands and hearts make light work. We appreciate all of your help! Let's continue to strive to make February 1 a SOUPER BOWL Sunday for our Luther House Friends!

Have You Noticed?

There's yet another recent enhancement to our sanctuary ... new blinds at the windows. If you would like to help with the cost of these, they average \$75 per blind. All contributions, large or small, would be very much appreciated. Please indicate "for blinds" on your check or envelope.

We Need Families for Clean Up

We are embarking on a new plan to keep our church buildings clean. Each month we are asking for 2 families to volunteer to follow a pre-determined checklist of tasks.

Please consider signing up now. If everyone took their turn at cleaning, it would result in a small commitment for each member.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

New Year's Resolutions

Is your resolution to become more involved in COL's ministry teams? Congratulations! That is a great resolution and one that is a win-win. Others will benefit from your participation and you will feel good about helping others. You'll need the meeting schedule:

Communication and Technology – First Monday

Congregational Live – First Tuesday

Service to Others – First Tuesday

Faith Journey – Second Tuesday

Church Council – Fourth Thursday

So mark your calendars!

Make a *Special Gift* to the Church

As our improvement project progresses, we will have some items for which you might want to donate the purchase price.

- 2 Bathroom Faucets
- Blinds for Sanctuary, Narthex, Sacristries, Bath Rooms, and Crying Room/Information Center

We will make the actual purchase for you. Simply donate the necessary funds. If you have questions, please contact Doris Petersen dcpetersen@verizon.net.

B.U.F.F.

This Brew's for YOU!

But only if you're part of BUFF! January's BUFF Fellowship will include brewing up a batch of BUFF Beer! Please mark your calendars...Friday evening, January 23 from 6-9 PM. This event is hosted by Chris Plystak, 9 Mystery Rose Lane, West Grove. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Tom Plystak either in person or by calling 610-932-8273. Hope to see you there!



The Recipe Box

Here's something all the ladies at WOW agreed on – this soup is delicious and everyone wants the recipe! So enjoy!

Taco Soup

Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef
2 cups diced onions
2 (15 1/2-ounce) cans pinto beans
1 (15 1/2-ounce) can pink kidney beans
1 (15 1/4-ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can tomatoes with chiles
2 (4 1/2-ounce) cans diced green chiles
1 (4.6-ounce) can black olives, drained and sliced, optional
1/2 cup green olives, sliced, optional
1 (1 1/4-ounce) package taco seasoning mix
1 (1-ounce) package ranch salad dressing mix
Corn chips, for serving
Sour cream, for garnish
Grated cheese, for garnish
Chopped green onions, for garnish
Pickled jalapenos, for garnish

Directions

Brown the ground beef and onions in a large skillet; drain the excess fat, then transfer the browned beef and onions to a large slow cooker or a stockpot. Add the beans, corn, tomatoes, green chiles, black olives, green olives, taco seasoning, and ranch dressing mix, and cook in a slow cooker on low for 6 to 8 hours or simmer over low heat for about 1 hour in a pot on the stove. To serve, place a few corn chips in each bowl and ladle soup over them. Top with sour cream, cheese, green onions and jalapenos.

**Welcome to
the season of
Epiphany!**

Music Worship Notes

The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We are to go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

On January 4 at our Traditional service, we celebrate the revelation of Christ to all nations – "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for Thee!" The Blended service on January 11 will celebrate the baptism of our Lord - "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!" At the Contemporary service on the third week we are reminded that all the baptized have a calling in God's world – "So I will go wherever He is calling me; I lose my life to find my life in Him; I give my all to gain the hope that never dies; I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him." The stories of the call to discipleship continue on the fourth Sunday – "Send Us Out!" And what an appropriate Sunday for the installation of the Council members as well as the Call Committee.

Make it your 2015 New Year's Resolution to attend weekly worship and participate with a glad heart!

Mark Your Calendar:

There will be no Sunday School on January 25th.

Birthdays *January & February*

Doris Petersen	01/02	Mary Milley	01/23	Donna Jann	02/18
Robert Schottin	01/04	Lori Craven	01/30	Victoria Craven	02/19
Lili Troyan	01/04	Samantha Pollich	01/30	George Vasques	02/20
Richard Anderson	01/05	William McHugh	01/31	Nancy Kelly	02/22
Krystal Cordivano	01/06	Jessica Repetz	02/02	Lino Santinelli	02/22
Jon Plystak	01/09	Pete Hill	02/09		
Debbie Bradley	01/10	Tom Plystak	02/09		
Loren Luke	01/10	Trish Hill	02/11		
Katherine Milley	01/13	Dan Lohr	02/12		
Donna Hollowniczky	01/17	Rebecca Vasques	02/12		
Kelly Mattson	01/21				

WOMEN OF WORSHIP WOW

WOW, We Wrote Limericks

Several WOW members were inspired (instructed??) to write a limerick about Mary and Martha. The group is reading the book *Having a Mary Spirit* by Joanne Weaver. The book has engendered lots of lively discussion. Some of the "do-ers" in our group are very happy being "Marthas", while others are quite content being "Marys." Is there a resolution to this age-old conflict? Why not attend the next WOW meeting and add your voice and your opinion to the mix? In the meantime, enjoy some rhymes.

Meet two sisters called Martha and Mary
Martha did all jobs; she would not tarry
Mary learned from Lord Jesus
That his words live to feed us
So sit Martha, you shouldn't be wary.

Debbie Bradley

Near Jerusalem there did abide
These two sisters who lived side by side.
Martha, Mary by name
But their main claim to fame
Was a chasm that was deep and wide

Martha kept the house tidy and neat,
Cleaned and cooked, it was really a treat
Mary's chores were ignored
While she sat on the floor,
Over there next to Jesus' feet. In

To Jesus, Martha said, "I am hot."
"Here I am slaving over this pot."
"To your comfort I see"
"While she sits at your knee"
"In the kitchen with me, she is not."

These two sisters did live with their 'bro'
Lazarus was a regular Joe
He came down with the flu,
And then what did he do?
But stop breathing and into death go.

Martha, Mary, they wailed and did weep!
And a darkness came over them deep.
Lazarus as you see
Was as dead as can be.
And of Jesus there was not a peep.

Jesus came to them on the third day,
And he saw just where Lazarus lay,
Mary wept and she cried,
"Were you here --- he'd not died -
And forever in death's arms he'll stay."

Jesus wept when he saw his dear friend.
This family, he knew how to attend.
"Come on out of your bed.
And be no longer dead.
For of you this will not be the end."

Karen Pattinson

“Ringing out the Old and Ringing in the New”

The group of pictures below is from the Hayride in November. Gottlieb Strohmaeir drove the tractor and those enjoying the ride were: Joyce and Grant Sherick, Karen Pattinson, Kim Graham with her grandchildren Chuck, Morgan and Hunter as well as Mike Brandt.



COL Strikes in the New Year!

COL members rang in 2015 at Timber Lanes in Oxford. Katherine and Sarah Milley, Mike Brandt, Brian, Gretchen, Anna and Abby Coe and Roland and Karen Pattinson were striking and sparing the night away. The group enjoyed tasty cheese pizzas and sodas provided by Timber Lanes as well as the cheese and pepperoni platter, shrimp platter and the cookies and brownies provided by Mike and Pat Brandt. Everyone had a wonderful time glow bowling. In addition, Sarah and Roland each made a strike on the red head pin, which enabled them to spin the special wheel for a prize! What a fun way to end the Old Year and start the New Year!

