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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,


I trust you had a glorious and joyous Christmas celebration. Christmas can be a busy, challenging and exhausting holiday what with last minute shopping, family visits, festive meals and the like. Not to mention depression.

We also recall the harrowing and exhausting plague visited upon people worldwide by COVID. Working online, teaching online (my wife, Sue, and daughter, Megan, can attest to that — both school teachers).

So against this backdrop I suggest the importance of rest and self-care. Jesus doesn't want us to run ourselves into the ground. Rest is important. Rest is sacred and when you share your burdens with another person or God, it helps to make the load we carry lighter. ***Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*** Matthew 11:28

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don+



**Come to me,
all who labor and
are heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*

Celebrating
70 Years
of Ministry
in Ocean View
1953-2023



From Our Council President

Looking back over the year, we celebrate many accomplishments -

Replaced all heating and AC in the entire building.

Removal of decayed and dead trees along the parking lot.

Updated Pastor's cordless microphone.

Renovated the kitchen including a new refrigerator, cabinets and countertops, light fixtures, repaired and painted the kitchen ceiling. Plans are to paint the kitchen walls in early 2024.

Created a Long Range Planning Committee to strategize ways to maximize the use of the building and increase revenue.

Celebrated 70 years of Lutheran Worship in Ocean View with the service attended by 90 people and led by our current and a former Pastor, the area Dean and a retired Pastor who came from St. John. A catered meal followed with our very own Emily Kircheval reviewing 20 years of St. John's history.

Sunday morning Bible study centered on The Gospel of Matthew.

Approval of a loan to the School to meet expenses until receiving Monies from the IRS (due since we stayed open during COVID-19).

At the Congregational Meeting in December the following were elected to Council -

Gail Davidson - 2nd term

Judy Farmer - 1st term

Karen Sutton - 2nd term

Ellen Wilson - 2nd term

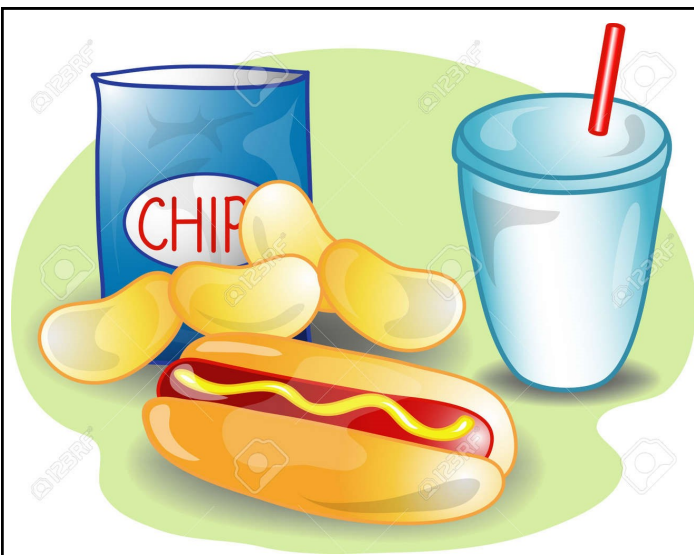
The coming year will be one of continued growth and expanded presence in the OV community.

Our Congregational Meeting to approve Annual Reports is January 28th.

Stay tuned for Outreach and WELCA activities in 2024.

Happy New Year!

In Christ's Service,
Gail Davidson, Council President



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, February 18th
WELCA will be sponsoring a

HOT DOG DINNER

following the Worship Service

There will be games and door prizes,
so make sure you plan to join the fun!

Watch your bulletin for info on ticket sales.

We celebrate Epiphany on January 7th.

DE-decking the halls will begin at 9:00 am on January 13th.

The beginning of Lent is on Ash Wednesday - February 14th. We plan to have Soup and Bread after worship beginning February 18th through March 17th.

Once a month Home Communion is available to those unable to be at Sunday Worship. If interested, please call the Church Office and leave a voicemail.

We can use volunteers as Worship Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild and Lectors. Please talk to me or Karen Sutton with your interest.

In Christ's service, Gail Davidson



Budget Update – October 2023

Monthly Revenues	\$7,760.00
Monthly Expenses	\$61,894.75
Year to date Revenues	\$94,522.98
Year to date Expenses	\$366,484.53
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	-\$271,961.55
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	

Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
November 5, 2023	19	8	0	27
November 12, 2023	24	6	0	30
November 18, 2023	15	10	0	25
November 26, 2023	18	6	0	24



JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

14 ~ Seika Smith
 16 ~ Judith Vlcek
 17 ~ Arthur Chivers
 19 ~ Stephanie Chivers
 Gerry Reed
 21 ~ Gail Davidson
 24 ~ Rachel Shaffer
 26 ~ Linda Grubbs
 27 ~ Joann Krumm

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson
Vice President: Deborah Midgett
Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson
Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton
Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks
School Director: Sheila Sanchez
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran
Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

Did you know???

To help save paper and postage,
you can view *The Eagle* newsletter online.
If you would like to read the newsletter online
and not receive a paper copy,
please notify the Church Office.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held on

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

**ALL ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

PURPOSE:

**REVIEW ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

and

**GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE WELFARE
OF THE CONGREGATION AND
NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.**

BACK-UP DATE: SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

**THIS NOTICE SERVES TO INFORM YOU OF THIS MEETING
IN LIEU OF A SEPARATE MAILING.**