

TABLE TALK

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President's Corner

Hello church!

I am writing this message from my vacation villa on Maui, quite confident that the business of the church continues in my absence. Members of our congregation continue to support our ministries; our Sunday service was held without me in attendance (although I did get to watch the YouTube recording on our web page), and we all continue to support and work with other ELCA congregations like Holy Trinity, and other Christian denominations. None of us are indispensable, and all of us make up part of the whole, and contribute to the well being of the church universal.

I was struck by being part of a larger world on Sunday morning. As CTK was leaving service that day, I had just finished my first SCUBA dive of the day. One of the reasons I enjoy SCUBA so much is that when I am diving, I normally think of nothing else than what is happening at that moment. The wonder of the undersea world is captivating and strange, and all of my other cares and concerns disappear.

However, this day there was an intrusion. I could hear the whales singing nearby in the strait. It was an eerie, beautiful sound coming from not too distant intelligent creatures. Those sounds and the "alien" sights around me gave me a new appreciation for the diversity of God's creation, even on our little planet. It is a diversity we need to cherish and protect, and by extension the diversity of the human race. It is all beautiful. We are all beautiful.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Sepeda



Church Service Volunteer Opportunities!



Three fun opportunities to share God's love at church service are currently open:

Altar Guild: Weekly preparation of the Sanctuary for church services. The Altar Guild team works on a rotational basis and training will be provided.

Lectors/Assistants: Lectors do the readings and Psalms while Assistants help the Pastor to conduct the service. A script is provided.

Coffee Cart: Provide fresh water and check supplies for the coffee cart in the Narthex.

Please contact the office at ctkfremont@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help.



SAVE Donation Box in Narthex

Betty Wargo delivered 4-5 bags of donated items in February and will continue to donate items as they are collected!



SAVE Welcomes these donations for their Youth, Teen, & Adult clients - both male & female, in various sizes:

Socks & Underwear, Shorts (drawstring), Slippers, Slip on Shoes, T-shirts, Leggings (female), Sports bras (female), Full Size Toiletries: Shampoo and Conditioners - various hair types, Body Soaps, Deodorant, Teeth care items (brush, paste, floss), Feminine Products - pads and tampons, Hair Brushes - for different hair types, Hair Bonnets - night sleep cap, Donations to CTK (note SAVE Project) are always welcome.



Spreading Love at AbleLight



The day before Valentine's Day we gathered together to create a hand-made valentine for each resident and staff member at AbleLight. Our group of 5 worked hard to create 17 special bags. Each bag held a heart shaped cookie, a valentine card and 2 valentine pencils. On the header at the top of the bag they pasted the reminder that "Nothing can separate us from God's love for us." There was plenty of love and joy the next day as the bags were passed out at their Valentine party.



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTK COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 12th at 7:15 pm via CTK Zoom.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to provide a lily to help decorate the chancel area for our Easter Services, please complete the Easter Lily Form attached to this Table Talk and place it in the offering plate by Palm Sunday, March 24th. Paper copies of this form will also be available in the Narthex. Your lily can be brought on Easter Sunday, March 31st, and taken home after the service.

LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday, March 13, Lunch Bunch will meet at 1pm at Frodo Joe's Petit Café in the Raley's Shopping Center, 39286 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont. All are welcome; feel free to invite your friends. Plan for at least a 2-hour lunch, as it takes more time with a group. If possible, please bring cash as separate checks are not always doable. Cost will be your order plus tax and tip. Please RSVP to Bonnie Immecker: (510) 657-0910; immecker@comcast.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING: Wednesday, March 6th, at 10am via CTK Zoom.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING: Monday, March 18th, at 6pm via CTK Zoom.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, April 1st, at 7pm via CTK Zoom.

TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS FOOD BANK: Donations may be dropped off Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 37350 Joseph Street, Fremont.

Urgently needed items:

- Bottled Water (16.9 oz. or Smaller)
- Individually Wrapped Beef Sticks/Jerky
- Canned Goods and Packaged Foods (No dented cans and no items past their expiration date)
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables from your Garden

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday, March 10th, directly after service and Tuesday, March 26th, at 7pm via CTK Zoom.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH:

3/3	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Rev. Ray Waespi	<i>Substitute Musician: Maretha Davel</i>
3/6	Midweek Lenten Service	at Holy Trinity from	6:30 - 7pm with CTK participants!
3/10	4 th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Ray Waespi	<i>Substitute Musician: Maretha Davel</i>
3/13	Midweek Lenten Service	at Holy Trinity from	6:30 - 7pm with CTK participants!
3/17	5 th Sunday in Lent	Rev. Ray Waespi	<i>Substitute Musician: Todd Anderson</i>
3/20	Midweek Lenten Service	at Holy Trinity from	6:30 - 7pm
3/24	Palm Sunday	Rev. Ray Waespi	<i>Substitute Musician: Maretha Davel</i>
3/27	Midweek Lenten Service	at Holy Trinity from	6:30 - 7pm
3/28	Maundy Thursday	Joint Service w/ Holy Trinity @ CTK;	<i>Substitute Musician: Maretha Davel</i>
3/31	Easter Sunday	Rev. Ray Waespi	<i>Substitute Musician: Todd Anderson</i>

Reminder about e-mail addresses and your contact list

Remember to double check the email address of any mail you want to send. You may have deleted or changed an e-mail address in your Contacts List but old e-mail addresses can still pop up when you are sending e-mails. If you want to verify a CTK member's address, please contact Dana.

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ATTACHMENTS: 2024 Easter Lily Form



Once again, we are inviting you to help decorate the chancel area for our Easter Services. If you would like to provide a lily, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate by Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CASH OR CHECK!

Remember to attach your name to your lily.

I will bring _____ lily plant(s) to the church on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 and take them home after the service.

INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN:

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

And/or

In memory of: _____