



### Pastor's Musings

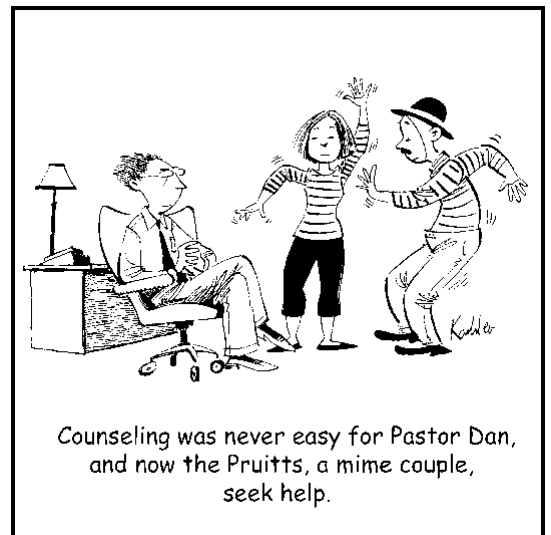
When I graduated from college there were two directions I could go. I could be a social worker or go to seminary. I chose seminary and became a pastor. The church, the Gospel I felt has more to offer people than social work. A social worker can care for people and help them in many ways. As you know there is only so much that can be done for some people. There is an added dimension in the church, Jesus/God. When life feels hopeless there is hope. When there is no answer there is more.

As a chaplain I would evaluate patients support system. Is it a social club like Lions, VFW, etc.? Was it family or neighbors or a faith community? These are support systems that could help care for patients and families. However, the faith community family had an added dimension, Jesus/God. When life felt hopeless there was hope. When there was no answer there was more.

On the road to Emmaus the disciples felt hopeless, dejected. Jesus joined them and traveled with them. And when he broke bread with them their lives changed. When the disciples were holed up in a room with the door locked and fearful, Jesus came into their midst and said, "Peace be with you." It is in those terrible moments that God breaks into our world and gives us hope, gives us new life.

That is the extra added bonus that the church gives people. When there is no answer, no hope, God is there. We are reminded of that every week with the breaking of bread, not only at the Eucharist but also as we gather for lunch, as we greet each other, as we remember each other in our prayers.

The sadness I had as a chaplain when I met patients and families that did not understand the Gospel is that they may not have hope. They may not understand there is more to life. We see hopelessness in a lot of the world. I wish I had a way to break into that world. It is a sadness I have about my ministry, it is limited only to a few people. I then must remember when life feels hopeless there is hope. When there is no answer there is more.



Blessings,  
Pastor Gordon



Our organizing and de-clutter day was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped.

Joyce Dull

Debbie Snyder

Bambi Straw

Betty Bartley

John Wright

Gene Giltner

Anne Putnam

Flora Williams

Steve Straw

Cindy Wright

Sam Diehl

Paul Rohal

Pastor Gordon



ALTAR FLOWERS

MAY Eleanor Sander with  
Cindy Wright's help

JUNE Cindy Wright

JULY Bambi and Steve Straw

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| MAY  |                   |
| BIRTHDAYS  |                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Betty Bartley     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Ruth Foreman      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Christopher Diehl |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Cameron Dull      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Sherie Rohal      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Anne Putnam       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Norma Turak       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Luke Jordan       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Russell Diehl     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Ivan Diehl        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Eleanor Sander    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Kaleb Bartley     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Paul Rohal        |

**Prayer Concerns**

Ongoing Need for Prayer

- Norma Turak, Gillian Taylor, Cecilia Shott, Jean Geiser, Vrla Leach (Ashley's mother), Betty Diehl, Cindy (daughter of Ellen and Charles), and Eliza Kelley and family (Sherie's great niece).

Prayer Request for

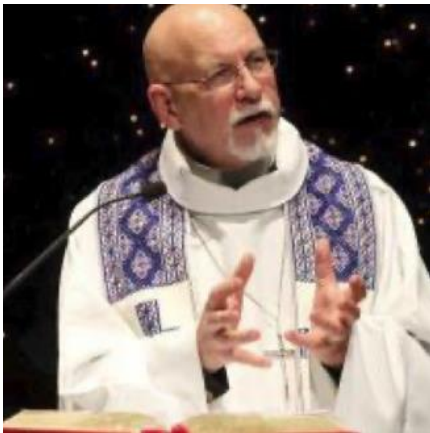
Bob Dixey, Pam Dixey, Zebby (grandson of Ellen and Charles), Anna Taylor (Gillian's daughter), Amanda Thompson, Charlotte Shifflett (Danny's aunt), Inez Johnson (Becky and Debbie's aunt).

**Community Conversations**

- Pastor Gordon and Anne will be on vacation starting today through May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need anything you can call Pastor Gordon.
- Pastor Mark Radecke will be presiding and preaching next week.
- Today's flowers are given by Becky Dick and Debbie Snyder.
- May flowers will be given by Eleanor Sander with Cindy Wright's help.
- We need scripture readers for the coming months. Please sign up.
- The next Open Circle meeting is this Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm at St. James. Joyce Dull is the hostess.
- Men's Group meets at 9:00 am at St. James every Friday.
- Choir practice on Monday nights at 6:00.
- For prayer concerns, contact Pastor Gordon.
- Council Person of the Month
  - April—Anne Putnam
  - May—Flora Williams



A continuing part of our Prayers during worship involves our prayer for relatives and friends, as well as for our members. We know the importance of continued prayer, especially as those we love and care for face longer term illness and recoveries. We also want to be sure that we can continue to add the names of all friends and relatives who are in need of prayer. We have people we want to keep in our prayers every week because they have long term needs. There are also people who have situational needs, and we want to keep them in our prayers, however we will take them off the prayer list after four weeks unless you request that their names remain on the list longer.



**Mark Wm. Radecke** will be preaching for Pastor Gordon on May 7<sup>th</sup>. He is a member of Grace Lutheran. He is Emeritus Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Susquehanna University, a college of the ELCA. A native of Baltimore, he holds degrees from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (B.A. in Theatre), Gettysburg Seminary (M.Div.), Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, (STM), and Princeton Theological Seminary (D.Min.). Author of four published volumes of sermons, he served as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke, for 18 years. His hobbies include travel, scuba diving, and home beer brewing. He and his wife, Tami, live in Waynesboro with two very spoiled cats. They have five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mark and Tami are avid and long-suffering fans of the Baltimore Orioles.

The Backpack program has 22 kids. Your support by purchasing any of the items listed below is much appreciated. Items can be placed in the box in the narthex.



- Mac and cheese
- Kroger meals
- Chef Boyardee meals
- Ramen Noodles, any kind
- Boxes of cereal
- Poptarts
- Oatmeal
- Fruit cups
- Boxed juices
- Yahoo chocolate milk
- Apple sauce
- Raisins
- "Hugs" Drink Barrels
- All single servings



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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Fifth Sunday of<br>Easter 5/7/2023    | Acts 7:55-60      | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-<br>16 | 1 Peter 2:2-10          | John 14:1-14  |
| Sixth Sunday of<br>Easter 5/14/2023   | Acts 17:22-<br>31 | Psalm 66:8-20           | 1 Peter 3:13-22         | John 14:15-21 |
| Seventh Sunday of<br>Easter 5/21/2023 | Acts 1:6-14       | Psalm 68:1-10,<br>32-35 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11  |
| Day of Pentecost<br>5/28/2023         | *Acts 2:1-21      | Psalm 104:24-34,<br>35b | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  | John 20:19-23 |

## St. James Church Business

St. James Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Joyce Dull, Gene Giltner, Anne Putnam, Pastor Putnam, Flora Williams, and John Wright

**Absent:** Ivan Diehl

**Call to Order:** Gene Giltner, President, called the meeting to order.

Pastor Gordon opened the meeting with a reflection on the Gospel for the Sunday after Easter and the fact this it is always the story of Doubting Thomas. He went on to explain how it was a time of high anxiety and a fear of authority was experienced by all of the Disciples, not just Thomas. Much like our own lives, we all experience times of anxiety and fear. Peace be with you.

The **Minutes** for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were presented. A motion was made by John and seconded by Flora to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

The **Financial Report** for March was presented. A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Flora to accept the report. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Gordon reported that our Easter and Lenten services all went well. He continues to visit our shut-ins. Pastor Gordon reported that he will be on vacation from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be available by phone during these times. Pastor Gordon announced that Hannah will be in Europe from 6/17 through 7/17. He will ask Pastor Carl to play his guitar on 6/18, 7/2, and 7/16 – the Sundays which he is scheduled to preach. He will ask Pastor Karen if Bethlehem's organist would be willing to play at our Barren Ridge service on 7/9. We still need a musician for 6/25 – perhaps Pastor Carl or Betty Bartley.

**Correspondence:** An Easter card from Norma Turak was shared. Information was received from Shenandoah Valley Social Services regarding foster care.

### Unfinished Business:

- Homecoming (8/5-6/2023) - Anne reported that the pens have been received. Activities during the event will include a timeline, photos & scrapbooks, trivia, cornhole, and acknowledgements.
- Secure the building and make sure the lights are turned off.
  - April = Anne
  - May = Flora
- Pastor Gordon has obtained all but one photo. The next step is to print and frame the photos for addition to our Pastor Photo Gallery.
- Reminder of our "De-Clutter" Day on Saturday, 4/22 from 9am to 3pm. We will order lunch from The Lunch Box (Dutch-treat).
- The kitchen screen door has been replaced by John Grove & John Wright.
- Worship at Barren Ridge Winery is scheduled for 7/9 and 8/20.

- Pastor Gordon has spoken with a lighting company in Charlottesville and a glass company in Roanoke regarding Sanctuary lighting. One suggestion was to add sconces on the side walls. Another is to replace the fans with lights. Pastor Gordon and Gene volunteered to visit the lighting store in C'ville. Two more members from the Property Committee are needed for the field trip. Flora suggested that these should be women.
- Nominees for Council Candidates are Lynda Diehl, who has accepted, and Paul Rohal. At this time, Flora was unable to talk to Paul.
- Review/update of our Constitution & By-Laws has been tabled until after Homecoming.

**New Business:**

- Joyce made a motion to increase Glenda Strickler's monthly salary to \$200. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Information was shared regarding the insurance premium for 6/1/2023 - 6/1/2024, which will increase by \$1,113, to \$4,911 annually. The acknowledgement was signed by President Gene Giltner and will be mailed to Church Mutual by Secretary Anne Putnam.
- The Men's Group will plan for an outside clean-up day.

**Next Council Meeting** – Tuesday, May 9th in the Fellowship Hall.

With no further business, Gene moved to adjourn the meeting and we closed with The Lord's Prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Putnam*

Anne Putnam, Secretary

St. James Lutheran Church Financial Report  
March 2023

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>DCCU Checking Acct Bal as of 3/1/2023:</b> | <b>\$ 2,878.39</b> |
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| <b>Receipts Deposited:</b>        | March 2023         | Year to Date        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Record of Contributions           | \$ 3,540.00        | \$ 10,718.00        |
| Loose Offering                    | -                  | -                   |
| *Property Improvement Fund        | 240.00             | 760.00              |
| *Social Ministry                  | 30.00              | 60.00               |
| *Transfer from Raymond James Acct | -                  | 810.77              |
| *Transfer from DCCU Savings Acct  | -                  | -                   |
| Benevolence                       | -                  | 1,000.00            |
| Other Special Appeals             | 327.91             | 810.91              |
| Dividend/Interest Income          | 0.57               | 2.02                |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>             | <b>\$ 4,138.48</b> | <b>\$ 14,161.70</b> |

| <b>Disbursed:</b>                   |                    |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Putnam - Monthly Compensation  | \$ 1,250.00        | \$ 3,750.00         |
| 3 Services @ \$200                  | 600.00             | 1,650.00            |
| 169 Miles @ \$0.66/mile             | 111.54             | 348.12              |
| Rev. Trost                          | -                  |                     |
| 2 Service @ \$200                   | 400.00             | 1,100.00            |
| 48 Miles @ \$0.66/mile              | 31.68              | 83.25               |
| Musician                            | -                  | 125.00              |
| Worship Supplies                    | -                  |                     |
| - Art Supplies                      | 11.99              | 35.97               |
| - Annual Bulletin Service           | -                  | -                   |
| - Church Year Calendars             | -                  | -                   |
| - Communion Supplies                | -                  | 49.45               |
| - Copy Paper                        | -                  | -                   |
| - Toner                             | 29.53              | 29.53               |
| - Directory                         | -                  | 21.00               |
| - Offering Envelopes                | -                  | -                   |
| - Postage                           | 52.14              | 127.68              |
| - Web Page Renewal                  | -                  | -                   |
| Hannah Pingel, Pianist - 5 Services | 625.00             | 1,750.00            |
| Glenda Strickler - Sexton           | 150.00             | 450.00              |
| Cleaning Supplies                   | -                  | -                   |
| Christmas Gifts                     | -                  | 500.00              |
| Bank Safe Deposit Box               | -                  | 40.00               |
| Fuel Oil                            | 691.64             | 2,033.84            |
| Electricity                         | 112.30             | 360.30              |
| Benevolence                         | -                  | 1,400.00            |
| Repairs & Maintenance               | 138.60             | 1,158.92            |
| Fire & Liability Insurance          | 319.62             | 958.86              |
| HomeComing Expenses                 |                    |                     |
| Postage                             | 1.92               | 49.92               |
| *Transfer to Raymond James Account  | 341.40             | 341.40              |
| *Transfer to DCCU Savings Account   | -                  | -                   |
| *Transfer to Social Ministry        | 30.00              | 60.00               |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>          | <b>\$ 4,897.36</b> | <b>\$ 16,423.24</b> |

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| <b>DCCU Checking Acct Bal as of 3/31/2023:</b> | <b>\$ 2,119.51</b> |
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St. James Lutheran Church Financial Report

March 2023

|   | 3/1/2023           |                 |                    |  | 3/31/2023          |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|   | <u>Beg Balance</u> | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Withdrawals</u> |  | <u>End Balance</u> |
| <u>Dividend/Interest Income</u>               |                    |                 |                    |  |                    |
| <b>DCCU Savings Acct Bal as of 3/31/2023:</b> | \$ 3,005.03        | \$ 0.07         | \$ -               |  | \$ 3,005.10        |

| <b>Raymond James Investment Account</b>       | 3/1/2023           |               |                    |  | 3/31/2023          |
|---|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|   | <u>Beg Balance</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Withdrawals</u> |  | <u>End Balance</u> |
| <b>Detail of St. James Fund Designations:</b> |                    |               |                    |  |                    |
| Property Committee Fund                       | \$ 38,012.68       | 341.40        |                    |  | 38,354.08          |
| Building Fund / Pavilion                      | 4,270.00           |               |                    |  | 4,270.00           |
| Youth Account                                 | 2,208.46           |               |                    |  | 2,208.46           |
| James Williams Memorial                       | 1,365.00           |               |                    |  | 1,365.00           |
| Linda Diehl Memorial                          | 2,670.55           |               |                    |  | 2,670.55           |
| Non-Designated Funds                          | 4,160.52           |               |                    |  | 5,224.56           |
| Accrued Int. & Dividends & Change in Value    |                    | 1,064.04      |                    |  |                    |
| <b>Balance as of 3/31/2023</b>                | \$ 52,687.21       | \$ 1,405.44   | \$ -               |  | 54,092.65          |

| <b>Operating Budget Barometer</b>   | <b>Mar Receipts</b> | <b>Mar Disbursements</b> | <b>Over (Under)</b> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|   | \$3,868.48          | \$4,387.36               | -\$518.88           |
| <br>  |                     |                          |                     |
| *Does not include transfers into or out of the DCCU or RJ accounts or the Property Fund, which is a pass-through to the RJ account. | <b>YTD Receipts</b> | <b>YTD Disbursements</b> | <b>Over (Under)</b> |
|   | \$12,530.93         | \$14,792.47              | -\$2,261.54         |

