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PASTOR'S

A New Look at the Commandments!

Have you ever forgotten something you had memorized and now need or want to memorize it again?

I have found myself in this situation these past weeks as I again have memorized the Ten Commandments. What has been a wonderful surprise are the side affects of this discipline.

I had forgotten that the first 4 commandments are about God, and our relationship to God. Then I recalled that the last 6 commandments are about our relationship to others. What was an additional surprise, or side effect, came in my readings this past week, which pointed out that the Fourth Commandment is a transitional command. What is that command? It is: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy." It reminds us that as we worship and serve God, we cannot do it without a relationship with others. This does not mean just those we like or know, but calls us to relate to all of humankind in an honest, honorable and just manner.

Think about this commandment in this way. There is no other organization on earth, than those who believe in the Ten Commandments, that devotes one day a week seeking ways to be responsible, mature, loving, and compassionate people to all the rest of the human race.

Last week I preached on the fact that all human kind is called of God to love God - the First Commandment. We are all called to somehow serve God for the good of all the rest of human kind. This is an amazing call, and it may be one you find you really do not

believe or do not want to believe. But, if we think about it, this is why Jesus came to earth- Love God and Love One Another. That was his message. He said he came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. So, to be a follower of the Jesus, we are called, like it or not, to love one another with no strings attached.

Has anyone ever done it? So far, it seems Jesus is the only one to achieve this goal as he even loved his enemies and those who killed him.

When we see what tremendous responsibility we have in following Jesus, does it not make sense more than ever that we use one day a week as a time to refresh, retool, rethink, and re-examine how we are doing in following the rest of the Ten Commandments?

Pastor Dave

Worship Services and Participants for February

Readers — if there is a choice of scriptures listed, please check with Pastor Dave regarding which specific passages he wants you to read. Thanks!

February 5 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeters: Chris & Glenn Ambelang

Reader: Dee Doane

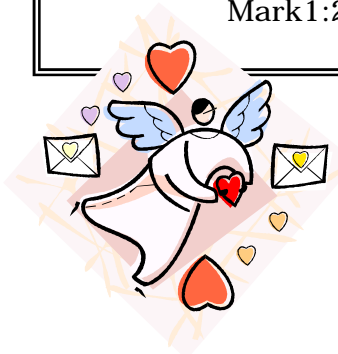
Refreshments: Dee & Katie Doane

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39



CORNER

February 12 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeters: Janet Lee & Don Halvorsen

Reader: Rueben Zettler

Refreshments: Rhonda Cooke

Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

February 19 - Transfiguration Sunday

Greeters: Neil & Jan Miland

Reader: Anna Suvada

Refreshments: Anna Suvada

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday - February 22 - 7 PM

February 26 - First Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Chuck & Cheri Case

Reader: Diana Stenner

Refreshments: Cases

Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17

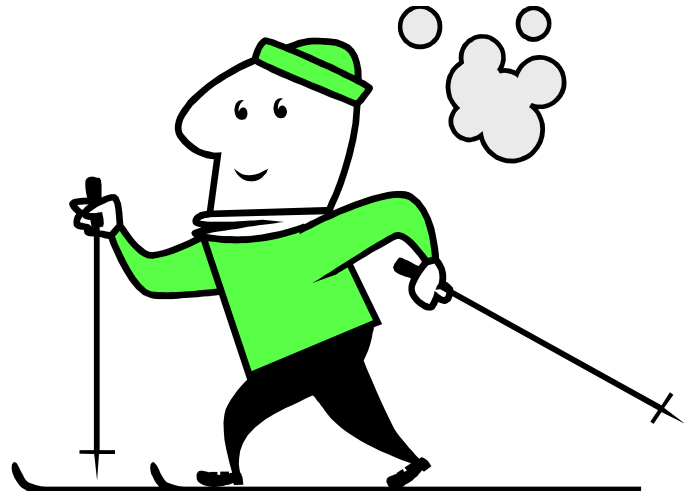
Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Quarterly
Council Meeting

Truax Council will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 7 PM. Council Members, please check your email or mail box for the Agenda a few days before the meeting.



Parsonage Rejuvenation Project Costs

1. 9/21/11 - Tony Wisemiller – parsonage cleaning and painting - \$85
2. 11/12/11 – American Insulation - \$460
3. 11/18/11 – Menards – new stove - \$399.99
4. 12/11/11 – Sears – crisper drawers for fridge - \$138.68
5. 12/18/11 – Russ Root – drywall repair & painting - \$1056
6. 1/8/12 – Menards – new water heater
7. 1/11/12 - Tony Wisemiller – painting \$150
8. 1/22/12 – Menards – new toilet 204.70



Ash Wednesday Service

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is February 22 this year. We'll have an Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM at Truax.

Truax Congregational Church

Financial Report for Jan 2012 as of 1/31/12

Balance on hand in RCU Checking Acct 12/29/11: \$2404.05

Balance on hand in RCU Savings Acct 12/29/11: \$16229.77

RECEIPTS					\$18,663.82
	General Fund	Offering envelopes	\$7225		
		Lunch	\$94		
		Sunday School	\$21.53		
		Mdse – total collected - 10% to The Community Table	\$390	\$7730.53	
	Missions	OCWM – Gen	\$196		
		Food Pantry – Care & Share Sunday	\$60		
		Community Table 10% of mdse sold	\$44	\$300	
	Rent	Feb Rent + Sec Deposit	\$1200	\$1200	
	Misc.	Daily Devotion Books	\$24		
		Memorials–Hasart Family	\$300		
		Dividends & interest	\$137.35		
		Parsonage Project	\$40		
		Pop \$	\$3	\$504.35	\$9734.88
		Total Receipts			\$28,368.70
EX-PENSES		Rev. Stratton - Salary	\$1860		
		Rev. Stratton – Med Ins	\$363		
		Rev. Stratton – Dental	\$833.64		
		Sara Robbins -organist	\$113.22		
		West WI Telcom	\$31.32		
		Xcel Energy (Ch & Par)	\$428.69		
		OCWM	\$196		
		Food Pantry + Lunch \$	\$154		
		Community Table	\$44		
		Misc. Expenses	\$516.95		
		Income Taxes	\$225.43		
		Maintenance Expenses	\$693.54		
		Guest Speaker	\$75		
		Total Expenses			(5534.79)
		1/31/12 Checking bal	\$5403.46		
		1/31/12 Savings bal	\$17430.45		
		Balance on Hand	\$22,833.91		\$22,833.91

	Attendance	Offerings	Missions - OCWM	Food Pantry
1/1	25	605	46	30
1/8	69	2320	19	20
1/15	50	906	28	0
1/22	62	1400	26	10
1/29	59	594	77	0

February

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AGENDA
ANNIVERSARY
ASHWEDNESDAY
BIRTHDAY
COMMANDMENTS
CONGREGATIONAL
COUNCIL
DEVOTIONAL
EPIPHANY
FOODPANTRY
GENESIS
LENT
MARDIGRAS
MARK
MEETING
OFFERING
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PARSONAGE
PRESIDENTS
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REFRESHMENTS
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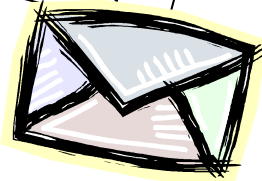
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Jokes and Riddles

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Olive
Olive, who?
Olive you!

What does an envelope
say when you lick it?
Nothing. It shuts up.

Did you hear about
the romance in the
tropical fish tank?
It was a case of
guppy love.



What's the difference
between a guitar and a
fish?
You can't tuna fish.



February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 B'day: Glenn Standard	2	3 B'day: John Wisemiller	4
5 9:30 Worship Sunday School during service B'days: Janice Miland & Jan Lee SUPERBOWL!	6	7 Anniv: Gary & Yvonne Champion	8 B'day: Katie Doane	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship Sunday School during service	13 B'day: Elizabeth Stewart	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Church Council meets @ 7 PM	16	17	18 B'day: Mark Brixen
19 9:30 Worship Sunday School during service	20 Presidents' Day 	21 B'day: Mason Books Mardi Gras 	22 Ash Wednesday 7 PM Worship @ Truax	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship Sunday School during service	27	28	29			
						

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CARE 'N' SHARE

The first Sunday of every month, Truax UCC collects donations of non-perishable food and money for the St. Francis Food Pantry, which distributes it to needy folks in the Eau Claire area. This month, Care 'n' Share Sunday is February 5.



Next month, Care 'n' Share Sunday will be March 4. Please help fight hunger locally!