

# FAITH TALKS

## APRIL 2020



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### ROSES VICTORY PALMS!

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To our **PHONE MINISTERS** for reaching out and calling our members during social distancing.

To our **GROCERY GRABBERS & DELIVERERS** for helping those of us in quarantine safely pick up food and other amenities.

**ANDREW LAVIN** for helping us set up the video streaming for our live services.

To our neighbors in Christ, **FIRST CHRISTIAN**, **BETHEL AME**, and **TRINITY METHODIST** for sharing supper and prayer with us during our Lenten Wednesdays.

**MARGARET MCMILLAN** for being so willing to help as Luke adapts to his new role.

And finally to **ALL OF YOU**. We are not just a congregation, we are a family, and while we all face challenges in this trying time our persistence, vigilance and love has opened our hearts to one another in worship and service... even from six feet apart!

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE: HOLY SATURDAY 2020



This should be the article in which I tell you about all the wonderful services which we have planned for Holy Week and Easter. But I cannot. As I write this article, the State of California is still under mandatory shelter-in-place. I honestly do not yet know if we will be able to gather in person for Holy Week or what the services will look like.

Yet this is not the first time our community has been upended in recent history. For many, the sense of uncertainty, the school closures, and even the wearing of N95 masks bring back haunting reminders of the Camp Fire. More than one person has asked me, “have we not suffered enough already?”

And yet this year's crisis is different from last year's. The fire brought a fast trauma; the pain, the destruction, and even the wounds were immediately visible. As people lost their homes and their congregations, we opened our doors and crowded close together. How different the Coronavirus is. This trauma has been creeping upon us, slowly; the pathogen invisible. The pain and the destruction have yet to be fully seen; the wounds that will come from this are yet to be imagined. Instead of opening our doors to our neighbors, we close them, and keep our distance.

Last year as a community, we experienced Good Friday. This year, we are living Holy Saturday. Good Friday shows us the clear and obvious pain of the crucifixion. Raised up on the cross, Jesus' suffering and death is visible to all, and he even tells us when it is over, saying, “it is finished” (John 19:30). How different Holy Saturday is! We do not have a worship service for Holy Saturday. There is nothing to see, nothing to do. There is simply a tomb whose door is closed shut with a stone. There are no words of comfort from Jesus, no promise that this too shall pass. There is simply a tomb whose door is closed shut with a stone.

At least, that's all that we see. But of course, Jesus sees differently. Because while from the outside the tomb it appears nothing is happening, inside the tomb Jesus is very busy. In the Nicene and Apostles' Creed, we confess that “Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead (or into Hell, depending on your translation).” On Holy Saturday Jesus descends into the depths of Hell. And what does he do there? He leads the universe's greatest jailbreak. 1 Peter 3:18-19 states, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits.” On Holy Saturday, Jesus descends into the depths of Hell to proclaim the good news even to the dead. Having proclaimed their freedom from death and sin, Jesus leads the dead to new and eternal life so that he might triumphantly fill heaven with newly redeemed saints (Ephesians 4:8-10). Theologians call Jesus entering into hell to rescue the dead, “The Harrowing of Hell.” Matthew describes this process saying, “The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had





died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people" (Matthew 27:51-53).

From outside the tomb we may see and hear only the stillness and silence, but on Holy Saturday, Jesus enters the bowels of death to defeat it from the inside. So it is for us now during this Holy Saturday that stretches on for weeks. From outside the church building we may see and hear only stillness and silence, but on the inside of our hearts, the Body of Christ, the true church, is battling the forces of separation, loneliness and death. Inside of homes, we are connecting with one another online for Bible Studies, Centering Prayer, Holden Evening Prayer, and Sunday worship. We are calling each other to check in, to speak words of encouragement, share knowledge and laughter. We are delivering groceries to those for whom it is dangerous or difficult to go to the store. In a world shrouded by death, we are

living out the gospel and following Jesus as he leads us to life.

After Jesus finishes his work on Holy Saturday, he rolls away the stone in front of the tomb and steps out once more into the land of the living. When he does so, Mary Magdalene doesn't recognize him (John 20:15). Jesus's appearance has changed since before he went into the tomb. But as soon as he calls her name, Mary recognizes that even though he looks different, the Jesus she loves is still the same.

I don't know when we'll be able to roll away the stone from quarantine and step out once more into the world together, but I know Easter is coming. I know that we will celebrate it together in one form or another. We may not look exactly the same as before we entered this time of quarantine, but Jesus will still call our name, and we will hear the voice of savior calling us to new and eternal life.



Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Ben Colahan,

P.S. Be sure to check [chicofaithlutheran.org](http://chicofaithlutheran.org) for updates on how we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter together.

P.P.S. A palm has been included in this Faith Talks! If you end up watching our Palm Sunday service online, we invite you to wave it as we celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

## LETTER from the PRESIDENT



“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love...” Paul’s words from First Thessalonians have the ring of a newly discovered truth for me these past two weeks. As a community of faith—and as a nation—we’re in the middle of a new, challenging, and at times frightening reality. But though this all I am comforted and blessed by the wonderful acts of compassion and mercy; the ways in which Faith’s members and staff have pooled their gifts and energy to keep our ministries and connections to each other alive. Who would have thought that a delivery service for “shut-ins” would become a lifeline for so many folks who are self-isolating; that our pastors and staff would be running a broadcast studio on Sunday morning; that Facebook, emails, texts, and Zoom classes would become the lifeline of connection for our bricks-and-mortar community; that our new name tags would finally be ready the very Sunday we postponed face-to-face worship for a few weeks! Through it all our works and prayers have continued and have mimicked in profound ways the early life of the church in which Paul lived and worked.

There will be time enough in the coming weeks and months to highlight our needs, to tell our stories, and to give thanks to each person who made our lives better during this eventful 2020. But for now I encourage you to join the Faith-ful in worship each week; pick up the phone and call your friends, family and new members in our community often; read the eblast and messages posted on our website; and continue to pray for each other each day as you get up and go to bed. It will be great to see you all once again as we sing and take communion together in our church building in the not too distant future.

Joel Zimbelman

## THE TRIP REPORT: SACRAMENTO NTL. WILDLIFE REFUGE

***Welcome to the twelfth edition of The Trip Report, a monthly briefing on youth and intergenerational events. This month, I will share about a nature walk with Faith Lutheran’s youth through part of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.***

Adaptability is a key mindset for anyone doing youth ministry, but I found myself having to really think on my toes when implementing our most recent youth trip. We had planned to go to the Pine Creek unit of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge on St. Patrick’s Day for a fun scavenger hunt. With all of the clues planned out and Sarah Van Dusen enthusiastic about setting them out ahead of time, I was sure we had another great youth trip set and ready to go.

Things changed rapidly due to COVID-19 during that weekend, and I found myself wondering if it would be best to cancel the event altogether. *Was it safe to have all the youth around each other?* I asked myself. However, the more I thought about it, the more I knew that getting out of the house was just the thing for a group of teenagers stuck inside. And, I knew we could still do the event in a way that was safe for everyone. So, I put out the word to the parents involved, and then showed up at the Refuge with a slightly different plan in mind the next day.

It was raining, and the wind was blowing. The youth began to arrive, and I quickly established the rules for the event: stay 6 feet apart from people who you don't live at home with, no matter what. I was pleased to see that all of our group members were dressed for the weather and were in good spirits for our nature walk. We prayed in a comically large circle, and then we hit the trail. Instead of looking for clues, we were in search of whatever natural wonder would be out on the trail.



I enjoyed chatting with Kortney and Jon Stafford as Lily, Mason, and Kendall walked ahead on the trail. We stopped to examine some tracks in the mud: a raccoon, several dogs, maybe a mountain lion (we couldn't be sure). The rain seemed to pick up a bit, but our group was undeterred.

As the trail continued out into an open clearing, I stopped to look at some birds circling overhead. *Perhaps an eagle in the mix, along with some vultures?* I asked Jon. He agreed.

As we continued further down the trail, we kept talking about times we enjoyed being outside in the past, and exciting encounters we had with wildlife. It was fun to swap stories and share in fellowship.

About halfway through our walk, I stopped the group to practice one of my favorite breathing exercises: breathing the square. In order to do this, it's important to find a good position, either sitting or standing, so your lungs can fully expand. Then, breathe in while counting to four, hold your breath and count to four, exhale for four counts, and then hold your exhale for four counts. I reminded the youth that no matter what was happening for them, or whatever emotions they might be feeling, they can always take time to breathe.

Further ahead on the trail, we spotted a man-made tower supporting an osprey nest. There was an osprey's head sticking out of it. I stopped the group to point out the bird of prey, who took off from the nest and landed in a nearby cottonwood tree. I shared with the group that osprey mating pairs will build the nest together, and while rearing their chicks, the male will do the hunting while the female watches the nest. The successful hunter will eat the nutrient-rich fish heads before giving the rest to the family: fatty brains provide enough sustenance for the male. I asked the youth if that was how things worked in their family too, and they all rolled their eyes.

By the time the walk was over, I wanted to keep going! We had enjoyed such a nice time together observing the natural world and being in fellowship with each other. I was reminded of how simple ministry can be, and how a little time outside can do a lot of good. As we prayed together and departed (all while staying safely away from each other), I said an extra prayer for the youth and their families, and for the area we had been privileged to walk through. As I shut my car door to drive away, I could hear the osprey calling from the nest, as if to say "Until next time!"

*Have an adventure-worthy idea for an upcoming youth/intergenerational event? Interested in becoming involved with Faith Lutheran's youth? Colter would love to hear from you! [colter.g.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:colter.g.murphy@gmail.com)*

## **GREETINGS from your DIRECTOR of WORSHIP and MUSIC!**

Hello there, Faith Lutheran Church! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Luke Nicolay and I'm the new Director of Worship and Music. I'm so excited and thrilled to be here working, learning, and growing beside each and every one of you.

I was born and raised in Wichita, KS but moved to the Lawrence/Kansas City area to attend graduate school at the University of Kansas (KU). My parents, sister, brother-in-law, and nieces all currently live in the Midwest. Most live in Wichita with exception of my brother and 1 niece who live in KC and Colorado Springs.

Before moving to Lawrence, I received my Bachelor of Music from Southwestern College, a small private Methodist University, southeast of Wichita. During those several years I attended several recitals, concerts, national/international trips, masterclasses, and festivals- some with the organists of the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the organiste-titulaire of the Royal Chapel of Versailles, the organist of St. Sernin in Toulouse, the organist of Grote of Sint-Maartinskerk (Zaltbommel) and many others along with renowned theater organist, Brett Valliant who is currently one of the new organists at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, AZ.



In my free time I love to run around and explore, cook, shop, hike, read, listen to music, watch movies, volunteer, travel, practice organ/piano and be out in the sunlight. Chico has provided several opportunities to explore and check out the local arts and music scene; this has been especially exciting because it's so vibrant and so full of vitality! I love it! Along with great music and art, the food has been especially wonderful. I've been to many delicious places and am looking forward to trying more.

Travel is one of the most exciting parts of life and I'm so excited to be in a state where you can be at the ocean, the mountains, the snow, the lake, or the beach within just a 3-hour drive. I'm really anticipating getting to explore not only Chico, but the Bay area, the Redwood National Forrest, and so many other sites.

I can't wait to get to know all of you more and to learn and grow together! Onward and upward! ☺

## **NEWS from the OFFICE**

*Right now, we – our friends, family, and our entire country – are going through a turbulent time, and Faith Lutheran Church and our facility is no exception. Between our office adopting quarantine measures and the renovations being done to our facility, communication and scheduling has been unpredictable at times. The most helpful thing you can do for me is to help me communicate with the rest of the congregation; if you are looking through Faith Talks, the website, E-blast or new directory and see any errors, please let me know so I can quickly correct them and give folks the proper information. Thank each and every one of you for your patience and continued support as we as a congregation face new challenges together. --- Michael*

## 2020 DIRECTORY



Our 2020 is complete! Thank you again to Angel Pabalan for taking photos, to Molly Barnum for doing *all* of the legwork running back and forth between here and the print shop, to Bill Kees for providing us with our beautiful cover photo, and to Margaret McMillan and Judy Struck for proofreading. If you see these people, *please* reach out and thank them.

To be blunt, creating a church directory is an arduous process that requires a lot, and I mean a lot, of back-and-forth communication between the office and its members. Information is collected over the course of months, and afterward, missing info is filled in from old sources because it's all we have on file. In short, we did the best we could with what we had, and there **will** be errors! If you find an error, please tell us so that we can let the congregation know, providing the correct information in one of our E-blasts.

I know you've all been waiting a long time, and I apologize for making you wait a little longer -- as our office is currently under quarantine, our initial "big reveal" we had planned at one of our Sunday services is no longer feasible, and we cannot distribute them during coffee hour. We are currently holding all physical copies hostage at the office, however, I am happy to email you a copy of the contacts. Send me an email at [faithlutheraninchico@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheraninchico@gmail.com) and I'll get it to you right away. As always, thank you for your patience.

## OFFICE HOURS while under QUARANTINE

While under quarantine, the office will be physically closed to the public unless previous arrangements have been made with Michael. You may still call during normal hours, Monday through Thursday from 10am-3:30pm. If calling after hours or on the weekend, please listen to the phone instructions on our voicemail for staff and council contact information.

## ANNUAL REPORT DUE

It's almost that time, folks! The Annual Meeting takes place in May, so please get your Annual Reports in ASAP!!! Please keep in mind that this time around, your articles will also be used in our 2020-2021 *What's Happening at Faith* booklet, so Michael would like a 3-5 sentence blurb if your name is on this list...because your ministry is important! Thank you! **Arlene Button (Bulletin Folding), Susan Reed (Columbarium), Colter Murphy (First of Third Life, Social Ministry), Kim & Mary Schweder (Equipping Ministry), Laura Moravec (Facilities), Randy Franken (Mary & Martha), Judy Struck (Memorial Lunches), Howie Stensrud (Men's Breakfast), Pr. Ben Colahan (Pastoral Report, Bible Study, Sacred Conversations, Eucharistic Minister Report), Carolyn Kees (Prayer Shawl Ministry), Char Miller (Quilters), Jamie Holmes (Stephen Ministry), Janine Rush or Lynette Stensrud (Tables for 8), Barb Torgerson (Women's Ministry), Luke Nicolay (Worship & Music), Mark Kimmelshue (Finances), Bill Augros (Good News Team).**

## EQUIPPING MINISTRY NEWS

### **EQUIPPING TEAM ANNOUNCES...!**

Your **Equipping Team** is excited to announce that Faith is providing new and great looking **nametags** to be used by everyone on Sunday mornings as well as other congregational events! The design is in the final stages and the engraver has been chosen. There is also a display rack that is in the design stages which will match the natural wood furnishings we already have in place inside our Worship Center.

Have you ever heard someone say “I don’t need a nametag, everyone knows me” or “I’ve been a part of Faith for years, I know everyone”? While this can certainly be true, have you ever found yourself on a Sunday morning looking at someone you have known and simply drawing a blank on their name? Knowing names is such a vital part of our Faith community!

**Nametags** carry a much greater value that can touch people on a very deep, individual basis. Think about those serving communion or as importantly, those receiving communion. How meaningful it is to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ by first name...it was for each of us Jesus died so that we might live eternally. Think too of the visitor who is introduced to so many people but just find themselves on “name overload”. Even those of us who have been around for a while strive to remember names and often fall short.

**Nametags** are just one small way we can make the great community of Faith Lutheran even better! The **Equipping Team’s prayer** is that the congregation approach this concept with a sense of excitement and expectation!



On another note, the Equipping Team had 20 people in attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Equipping Summit (FACE class) on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It was exciting to share the principles of Equipping with the group. As of this writing, the second class is tentatively scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and promises to be equally encouraging. The list of things to do goes on and on mainly, we believe, by the direction of the Holy Spirit but also the contagious enthusiasm of team members.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**THE WOMEN’S MINISTRY** is again offering two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors, for college and trade/tech school, and graduate programs! The deadline for these applications is the last Friday in April. Applications are available in the church office or by calling Virginia Goodrich at (530) 343-6646 or Barbara Torgerson at (530) 570-2624.



**Dear Partners in Faith,**

We are thrilled to announce scholarship opportunities available to students in your area, and invite you to share this news through church bulletins, newsletters and other communications to supporters. Applications are available [online](#) until April 30.

**InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship – Two \$5,000 scholarships**

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches that have an active church endowment fund at InFaith Community Foundation. Applicants must be high school graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university.

Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational opportunities to an individual who demonstrates financial need, high academic achievement and a commitment to sharing their blessings with the world. This scholarship program is made possible through an InFaith Field of Interest Fund, a collaborative fund made possible by InFaith donors to serve our shared community.

**WomenLead Scholarship - Two \$3,000 scholarships**

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead change using their talents to *educate, advocate and activate*. The WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.

Please share these opportunities with students! Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

**Applications are due on April 30, 2020.** If you have any questions about the scholarships or the application process please contact Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at (800) 365-4172, or [scholarships@InFaithFound.org](mailto:scholarships@InFaithFound.org).



**Warm Regards,**  
Delinda Rood  
Charitable Gift Planner

## ONLINE SERVICES, CLASSES, GROUPS and MORE!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Once again we will worship **online only** until further notice. Sunday at 9:30am go to [Facebook.com/Faithlutheranchico](https://www.facebook.com/Faithlutheranchico) or visit our website at [chicofaithlutheran.org](http://chicofaithlutheran.org) and watch Pastor Ben and Luke lead you in prayer and song. You can visit those same sites to see a recording of last Sunday's service.



### TUESDAY 4PM CENTERING PRAYER

Could you use some time to center yourself and connect to God in prayer? Centering prayer consists of a brief spiritual reading, followed by a 20 minutes of contemplative silence, followed by a reading of the gospel and a voluntary naming of what stood out to each listener. There is instruction available for newcomers. This week we are doing it online, so if you've never had a chance to join before, this is a great time to check it out! Go to <https://zoom.us/j/5308953754> to log in or call 1 669 900 6833 with the meeting ID number 5308953754 (which is our church's phone number.)

## **TUESDAY 5PM BIBLE STUDY**

Each week Pastor Ben leads a Bible study on the passages of scripture that he'll be preaching on the following Sunday. This week he'll do it online, so now's a perfect time to check it out! To speak, you'll need a microphone on your computer, but you can also just listen. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/5308953754> to log in or call 1 669 900 6833 with the meeting ID number 5308953754 (which is our church's phone number.)

## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS 10:45AM**

Our new members class continues, but in cyberspace! This week, we'll discuss the structure of the ELCA. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/5308953754> to log in or call 1 669 900 6833 with the meeting ID number 5308953754 (which is our church's phone number.)

## **PLEASE SEND YOUR SUPPORT FOR FAITH LUTHERAN**

We aren't able to pass the offering plate right now, but we continue to serve Christ in Chico and beyond, and our expenses continue as well. Please mail checks to the church office at 667 E. 1 st Ave, Chico, CA 95926. We also accept online giving at [chicofaithlutheran.org/give](http://chicofaithlutheran.org/give).

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 02/29/2020

	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$281,093.93	\$275,607.27	98.05%
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$284,802.67</u>	<u>\$265,808.37</u>	93.33%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$3,708.74)	\$9,798.90	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/19		\$29,053.92	
Net Revenue through 02/29/2020		<u>\$9,798.90</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u><u>\$38,852.82</u></u>	

In an effort to be transparent and keep the Faith Lutheran Community up to speed and in touch with the finances of the Church, this report will be posted in Faith Talks on a monthly basis.

In February, expenses exceeded income by \$12,112.28. But, due to a large amount of income received in December we still have close to \$39,000 in the general fund to act as a buffer as we move through the remainder of the fiscal year. Looking ahead, the next few months could be somewhat tight. So, any additional funds given will be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have chosen to avoid attending large group events and because of this have decided not to attend church services, remember, your financial support is still needed.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Mark Kimmelshue

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# COUNCIL MINUTES

February 18, 2020

Present: Mark Kimmelshue, Susan Kimball, Sherrill Heinz, Ben Colahan, Meredith Woods, Diane Knight Joel Zimbelman

Absent: Cindy Kampf, Sky Sample & Tricia Homesley

The meeting began with a devotional and opening prayer led by Pastor Ben.

1. The meeting began with a prayer lead by Pastor Ben and a devotional read by Joel on the “World & the Church”.
2. The covenant was read by all attendees.
3. **Minutes from January 21, 2020** were reviewed and approved as written.
4. **Financial reports through January 31, 2020** were presented by Mark. There was some concern that the weekly attendance count has been off. It was proposed that we try to have two sets of counts to compare each week.
5. Campus updates
  - a. **Signage** is in process and should be installed in March.
  - b. **Campus Security** The incident rate of security issues has increased therefore Joel is researching companies to provide foot patrol of the grounds at minimum once per evening.
  - c. **Upgrade of offices** Laura Moravec is putting out to bid the following tasks.
    - i. Painting of the former library and new meeting rooms
    - ii. New carpet
  - d. **Kitchen stove** has been cleaned, the walls in the kitchen have been painted and the stove will be installed within the next two days.
6. Request to reimburse **moving expenses for Luke**. Proposal was for \$6,408. After discussion Susan made the motion to approve at \$4,158, Sherrill seconded and motion was approved.
7. **Mission Statement**
  - a. Pastor Ben just returned from attending sessions at the Rockwood leadership institute. There he was asked “what is your purpose” and proposed that this is exactly what our mission statement should reflect. Three highlights:
    - i. Want to give to others a sense of love & community
    - ii. Be intentional about how we invite everyone into our Faith community
    - iii. Small groups to meet and create a strong relationship
  - b. Joel presented 8 pages of submitted mission statements by council members. Each was discussed then everyone took 20 minutes to pick three favorites and rewrite. Each member was requested to present their rewrites. Council will now review the best three mission statements receiving the highest number of votes and bring back thoughts to our next council meeting.
8. **Sound system** Joel presented the TriPath Technology Group quote for the new sound system. The quote was reviewed and after much discussion it was decided that this is what is needed to do the job right the first time. There are other deferred maintenance issues that need to be addressed. It was decided that council will walk the campus and put together a list of these items, seek estimates and compile a complete list to take the congregation. Mark stated that he would talk with Thrivent to see if there is any assistance and Pastor Ben will look into the Mission Development Fund.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

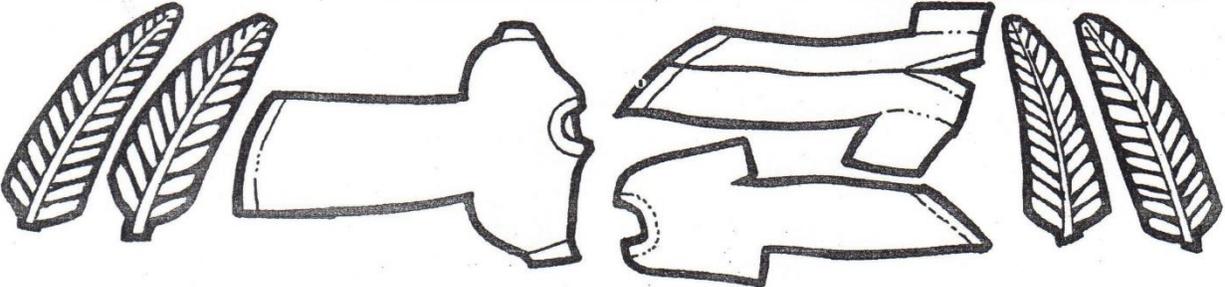
*Management Meeting-Thursday, March 19th, 2020 @ 8:30 in room 6*  
*Monthly Council Meeting- March 10, 2020 @ 6:15 pm in room 6, March 31, 2020 @ 6:15 pm in room 6*

Respectfully submitted, Diane Knight

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Tricia Nickerson, Cynthia Kampf

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