



# News & Activities



## Thy Will Be Done

Our Lenten series for 2018 will focus on the theme: Thy Will Be Done. Through biblical characters speaking about their circumstances and doing God's will, we will have opportunity to learn about God's will and our often unwillingness to follow His will. Please plan now to attend these special services.

Ash Wednesday at Medford:

Feb. 14th @ 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday at Chelsea:

Feb. 15th @ 7:00 pm

The remaining Lenten services will be at Medford at 7:00 pm each Wednesday.



### Ladies Aid Mtg. January 10, 2018

Pastor finished our Bible Study entitled "Be Still and Know That I Am God! What Does This Mean?" It's focus for the last part was on How do we respond to what God does? Next month we will start the study "Knowing Jesus Gives My Life Balance" from the Winter Quarterly.

President, Sally Jensen called our meeting to order. Eight members were present. Secretary's Notes from Nov. were read and Roll Call taken. Linda reported that our Sunshine Fund is presently at \$153.00.

The Treasurer reported that she had sent in \$76.65 for mites. The Cookie Walk Sale had brought in \$536.75. She should have a more complete balance in Feb.

A motion was made and seconded to pay for the new refrigerator which was purchased with the Cookie Sale money. If there is more, the rest is to

go to mites. It passed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the reports.

Sally reported that 23 Backpack items were delivered. She also delivered 50 lbs. to the food bank. There were 1,380 items given to the Backpack program in 2016. Donations have been down and if it continues, we may rethink about doing these projects next year.

It was felt that the Cookie Bake went very well. A Saturday seemed to work better for all. We will have to decide earlier this year if we want to continue this to allow more time for planning and receiving orders.

The District Convention is in St. Point from June 24 to the 26. We should think about going being it is not that far away. Next month we need to pick two voting delegates.

We had 30 people at the Christmas Dinner. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks goes out to all who attended and those who brought food, especially Luella Daubert who prepared the meat.



# February

## Worship Assistants



### February 4

Acolyte: Laney Schulz  
Reader:  
Jr. Ushers: Laney Schulz  
Tanner Hrabý  
Kiarah Behling

### February 11

Acolyte: Trevor Woebeking  
Reader: Toby Anderson  
Jr. Ushers: Trevor Woebeking  
Matthew Jiskra  
Ryan Neumann

### February 18

Acolyte: Kiarah Behling  
Reader: Marilyn Mueller  
Jr. Ushers: Kiarah Behling  
Justine Wojcik  
Alex Rehbein

### February 25

Acolyte: Ryan Neumann  
Reader: Stacy Leonard  
Jr. Usher: Ryan Neumann  
Natasha Butt  
Lyza Brandner

Ushers: Richard Birkholz

Finance: Dave Dowden  
Adam Mueller  
Sharon Graun

Altar Guild: Bev Zuleger  
Sally Jensen



# Upcoming Events

## February & beyond



### Food Collection



food pantry.

The Ladies Aid invites you to join them during the month of February as they collect pasta, sauces, and beans for the local

### Ladies Crafting Event

The next Ladies Crafting Event will be held on Sunday, February 18th, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Bring your crafting project and join in conversation and fellowship.

### LHM Sunday

We will observe Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday on February 11th with a brief video and a few words from our LHM representative, Neal Mueller.



We need 1-2 more individuals who would be willing to teach one week each month. The materials are very youth-focused, engaging, and contemporary. Talk to Pastor for more information or to look at the materials.



# Council Meeting Highlights

## January 8, 2017

**Special Services/Activities:** Christian Education Sunday - January 14th; Officer Installation: January 14th;

**Old Business:** Hydraulic Lift Unit - Neal indicated that the members of the committee were going to go and actually use the Hydraulic Lift Unit being considered. After that, further information will need to be gathered before a final bid from a second installer would be available.

**New Business:** We will observe LHM Sunday on February 11th with a brief video and comments from our representative, Neal Mueller, We discussed Lenten service attendance and decided we would focus our efforts on encouraging members to make time for these special services in the hope that our attendance at these services would improve.

### Membership Changes:

**GAINS:**

Baptism: Griffin Garrett Krug - December 30, 2017

Present Membership: Baptized - 578      Communicant - 451

**Pastor's Activity Report:** (12/11 - 1/7)

Worship Services - 11; Hospital Visits - 2; Shut-in Visits - 5 Pastoral Care - 3; Teaching Activities - 4; Meetings - 3.

### ➤ *Financial Glance* ◀ *December*

<u>Total Income:</u>	17,802.67
<u>Restricted Use Income:</u> <i>(Includes memorials, Brick by Brick, Gift Card Program, missions &amp; other designated monies)</i>	3,437.00
<u>Operating Income:</u> <i>(All monies that can be used to offset operating expenses)</i>	14,365.67
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	11,327.95
Over/Under for Month	3,037.72

### ➤ *Attendance Glance* ◀ *November/December*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 31.....	76
January 7.....	111
January 14.....	89
January 21.....	106

Average for Reported Sundays: 96  
Average for Previous Report: 126