

Dear Members,

February 17th was the start of the Lenten Season. I am sure many of you contemplated the age-old tradition of what to give up for Lent. If you were in church yesterday you would have heard Pastor speak about not what to give up, but what to give back. We all have been richly blessed in many ways. Why not join me in giving back perhaps in the form of your time, talent or treasures. I'm sure you will be greatly rewarded in doing so and St. Paul will certainly benefit from your gift. We can always use the help whether it is time you can give, talent you can offer or treasure you can provide.

Just an update on the work of St. Paul. The roof was repaired prior to the heavy snow and seems to be okay. The boiler also is still working and hopefully will get us through the cold months. Unfortunately, the gutters have suffered during this snowstorm and we need to have someone come out and look at them. Zellenople Borough has also decided to purchase the Northview property that was donated to us. Paperwork is currently being processed to handle the sale.

Hopefully looking forward to an early Spring.

Linda Flora
Council President

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The current church directory is in need of updating. To make sure all the information is correct the church office needs everyone to provide their address, phone number and email address. It would also be nice to list everyone's birthdays. I will be working on this in the next couple of months and will have a form in the bulletins for you to fill out sometime in March or April. An even easier way to provide me with the information is to email it to splcofzelie@netzero.net or crcipro@zoominternet.net If you have any questions, call the church office at 724-452-8832.

Every Sunday during our prayers, we pray for those who are in a time of need or who have lost a loved one. Please let us know when someone you care about needs those extra special prayers. Please keep us informed as to how that person is doing. When you feel it is appropriate to remove a name, which you have added, please let the office know.

Bonnie Landgraf, Marie Teets, Sue Kirbyson, Shelia Zeigler, Alexa DeSantes, Lauren Zebra, Frank Pearson, Katie Dillon, Judy Kercovich, Marie Wagner, Nellie Chmara, Mrs. Laslovic, Florence Cowles, Bill Troibilino, Lexie Smith, Landon Brewer, Denise Doliveira, Richard Brill, Tootie Smith, Kim Matz, Joan Bastin, Jon Coyne, Erin Roman, Edward Kavanagh, Bill Loveridge, Lisa Klenoshek, Becky Carmella, Sid Heinsberg, Larry Shoop, Shirley Lane, Kirk Hines, Justin Steinbach, Marty Goetz, Katie Brodie, Sheila Nickels, Bucci Family, Mickey Conley and Greg Boros.

EASTER LILIES

Help us to beautify the church for the Easter Worship Service with the purchase of a lily.

Cost is \$7.25 for a single stem (5 or more blooms).

If you wish to purchase a lily, forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or call the church office at 724-452-8832. Forms and money can be given to Colleen Cipro or Marty Goetz. Make checks payable to Marty Goetz. Last day to order is Sunday, March 21.

Lilies may be taken home after the Easter Worship Service.

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Information due in office by Monday, March 22. Information can be emailed to splcofzelie@netzero.net or crcipro@zoominternet.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are asking the children to collect large Gatorade bottles for an upcoming change drive. We will be gathering the bottles in March and start the drive in April. More information on what we will be raising money for will follow in the next newsletter. Please ask friends and family for Gatorade containers, we like to have two or three containers per child.



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EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our annual Easter egg hunt on March 28th Palm Sunday. We are asking parents to donate small toys or candy for the eggs. Please have your treats to me by March 21st. I really appreciate all the participation in the past. This is an event the children really enjoy. We welcome children of families that don't attend St. Paul's to this event, and families are welcome to participate in our Palm Sunday service as well.

Mary Hess
hessm@zoominternet.net

BUCCI FAMILY MEALS

If anyone would like to prepare meals for the Bucci family, there is a website available with a calendar for your input. The website is www.keepandshare.com and go to member sign in. The login is **sylvialb** and the password is **skiing**. They would like meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please take your meals in throwaway containers so they do not have to make returns. On the calendar, please follow as the people in the month of February did with your name and phone number and the meal you are preparing. Duplicate meals can be avoided with this input. They like to have their dinners delivered between 5 pm and 6 pm. The Bucci's thank you at this difficult time in

their lives.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE

As was mentioned in the February newsletter a new committee is being formed in order to help Jill Schulties with the completion of applications to establish our church as a historical landmark. If interested in being a part of this committee, please call Jill Schulties at 724-452-1636.

WILLING WORKERS

Mark your calendars for the Willing Worker's Smothered Chicken Dinner on Friday, April 30 from 4:00-7:00. More information will follow in the April newsletter.

LIVING STATIONS MINISTRY ST. FERINAND, CRANBERRY TWP.

Living Stations is a prayer service that portrays the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The cast, readers, and crew are all made up of high school teens. The first service is Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 PM at St. Ferdinand's and the next time it is presented there will be Good Friday also at 8:00 PM. We thought of going as a group to the Good Friday service. If you are interested in being a part of this, please let the office or Pastor know by March 28. They also travel to other area churches leading up to Good Friday. For a complete travel schedule go to their website at www.stferdym.org

For many Christians, Lent is a time for fasting and penitential sorrow over sins. But an early saint, John Climacus (649 A.D.) spoke of Lenten disciplines as a "joy-creating sorrow" leading to the joy of Easter.

"God," he wrote, "does not insist or desire that

we should mourn in agony of heart; rather it is His wish that out of love for Him, we should rejoice with laughter in our soul.”