

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

February 20, 2018



**PASTOR SCOTT IS OFF THIS SUNDAY.** Our guest preacher will be Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher. We also welcome to our worship, Emily Rausch. She will be sharing her musical gifts with us serving as our accompanist. This is her first time at OCPC, please make her feel welcome.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEAL... Thursday, March 1.** Our church, along with Rockdale Lutheran and London Moravian Churches, will again be providing and serving one of the meals this year. We are asking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up, as well as provide some of the food. Signup sheets are located in Fellowship Hall.

If you sign up to provide food, please drop it off at the church before 3:30 p.m. on March 1, or between 3:30 & 5:30 p.m. at Cambridge High School. **Barbecue should already be warm if bringing it to the school.**

Any questions? Call Judy Schroeder (608-423-3075) or Randy Johnson (608-423-7586)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Elaine Schabla and Matt Stegall on their recent engagement!

**BOOK STUDY AT OCPC... Do you like to read?** There has been some interest in exploring starting a once a month book discussion group. If you are interested in being a part of a group, please speak with Pastor Scott.

**WORSHIP/SERMON REFLECTION TIME...** Pastor Scott invites you on Sunday, March 4 during Fellowship Time to join him for a time of reflection and discussion on worship theme for the morning and past Sundays.

**KUDOS...**

Thank you to **Julie Anderson** for helping us in keeping our church clean! Thank you to **Ruth Poole** for all she does as our office administrator (and keeper of the chocolate)!

**CHECK YOUR CASSEROLE DISHES AND SLOW COOKERS!** – We had many casseroles on January 28, but at least two of the lids were swapped and went home with the wrong dish. One has now been returned to the kitchen. Please check your casserole dish to see you have the correct lid. If not, you can bring it back to the kitchen and pick up your correct lid!

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY...** As we head into the winter weather months, the Session would remind you of inclement weather policy. If due to bad weather we need to cancel worship, we will post to our Facebook page, send out an email, and make calls to those who do not use the internet. Please make sure to check your email, Facebook page or answering machine. There may also be a rare occasion when, due to poor driving conditions, Pastor Scott is unable to make it safely out to Cambridge. On those Sundays, he will share his sermon with an Elder to read and worship will go on as scheduled.

February 13, 2018



**ASHES-TO-GO...** Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, from 8:00-9:30 AM Pastor Scott and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek from Grace Lutheran will be downtown Cambridge, near the coffee shops, to offer Ashes-to-Go as we begin the season of Lent. You are invited to stop by for a blessing, a prayer, and ashes. **Pastor Scott will be back at the church around 10:30 a.m., if you wish to stop by for a blessing and ashes.** We will not have a regular Ash Wednesday Service this year.

**LOVE AND ASHES: A REFLECTION...** “On the surface, the confluence of Valentines and ashes seems to produce an odd and uncomfortable couple, but it’s fitting to have one day of celebrating love in all its forms while also recognizing our mortality. Love and dust?”

There's no better pairing. The ashes remind us that this phase of life is limited. We lose sight of how much each day is a precious gift. We fail to see the many possibilities for gratitude, celebration, and love that are present in each day. The hearts remind us that love creates us, animates us, and sustains us through our limited days. Love gives us this day and all its possibilities. Love is for everyone we can touch in some way, even strangers a half a world away. Together, the ashes and hearts remind us that we've got to decide how we'll use today. Will we bring more division, pain, and indifference into our world? Or will we choose to do all that we can to make the world more as God would have it? We all must choose." <https://sojo.net/articles/love-and-dust>

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING...** On Sunday, February 4, OCPC participated in the national Souper Bowl of Caring which raises funds and food donations for local food pantries. To date, 1,880 groups participated, raising \$3,604,032 in financial gifts and food items. OCPC raised \$209.75 and 85 food items. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the Stitzes for the wonderful soup!

**KUDOS** To **Ann Febock, Renee & Randy Johnson, Larry & Sylvia Jensen, and Pastor Scott** who provided our Mardi Gras celebration last Sunday! We enjoyed jambalaya and king cake!

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February 6, 2018



**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION...** Join us this Sunday, February 11 for a Mardi Gras celebration during Fellowship. We will have a King Cake and other Cajun treats to eat.

Purple, Gold, and Green are the colors of the celebration. If you care to stay in the festive mood, Shrove or Fat Tuesday is on February 13. If you are interested in learning more about the history of Mardi Gras, here is a link that will provide you with some information: <http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/history.html>

**SESSION MEETS THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 11:30 AM.** We will have a brief meeting, gathering at the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

**MISSION NEWS...**

**Piggly Wiggly Receipts.** We received \$150 from the receipts turned in before the end of December. These funds will be used for local mission projects. Thank you to Julie Anderson and Angela Stitz for totaling the receipts. The next deadline to turn in receipts will be Sunday, June 10, 2018.

**Meals on Wheels.** Thank you to Jo Kubina, Stan & Kay Lund, Judy Schroeder, Jenine Spack, Patricia Strobusch, Mike Stitz, and Mark Touhey for delivering 8-10 meals a day for the last 2 weeks in sun, rain and snow.

January 30, 2018



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING... This Sunday, February 4 following worship.** The Packers may not have made the playoffs this year (and the Vikings, we know, won't be in the Super Bowl, even if they are hosting it), but we will celebrate it with our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Food Pantry and the Blue Jay Backpack Food Program for students. We will also have our annual soup lunch provided by Mike and Cheryl Stitz!

**WORSHIP REFLECTION TIME... This Sunday, February 4 during Fellowship Time.**

You are invited to grab a bowl of soup, and join Pastor Scott in the back round table in the Fellowship Hall for a time of reflection and conversation around the morning worship theme. We will reflect together on the worship theme through the hymns, liturgy, scripture, sermon and sacrament of communion, asking ourselves: “if this is the living Word of God meant to challenge and change our lives, how might our response to God’s Word be challenged and changed by it in the coming week?” If there is interest, we will try this on the first Sunday of each month following worship.



**CHILDREN’S LIBRARY NEWS – The Annual Reading Program began last Sunday, January 28. The program will last 10 weeks. The program will end on April 8, 2018.**

Please mark your calendars and pass the word around. A letter, a sign-up sheet, and guidelines were sent out through the post office for each child. We’re looking forward to another program of fun and reading.

And, as a bonus, remember that the children will be eligible for a movie outing if they reach their goal!!! All they have to do is earn 10 credits during the 10-week program. Thank you so much for your continued support!!! Please don’t hesitate to share your questions or suggestions with Cathy Thiltgen anytime.

**DID YOU KNOW...** that this year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine’s Day and Easter is on April Fool’s Day (April 1)!

**COMING FEBRUARY 11** – Mardi Gras Celebration and Jazz Worship complete with a King Cake and other treats!

**OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

(If you are able to volunteer to fill an opening, please call the church 608-423-3001. Thank you!)

- **Sunday, February 25** with guest pastor Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: Judy Schroeder  
Ushers/Greeters: Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen  
Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.
- **Thursday, March 1 – Community Café Meal at Cambridge High School**  
**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Meal is served. Volunteers needed! (See article)
- **Saturday, March 3 – Our Church’s 169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**
- **Sunday, March 4**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and communion  
Communion Servers: Melanie Rumpf  
Liturgist: Cathy Thiltgen  
Ushers/Greeters: Melanie Rumpf  
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons (2 people)
- **Sunday, March 11**  
**2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: Mark Touhey  
Ushers/Greeters: Kay & Stub Lund  
Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**11:00 a.m.** Session
- **Wednesday, March 14**  
**7:30-9:30 a.m.** Grace Lutheran Church will be offering a free hot breakfast for all Cambridge High School students the second Wednesday of each month. This is open to all high school students. Come socialize with your friends while getting a free hot yummy breakfast before school starts.

- **Sunday, March 18**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
 Liturgist: Melanie Rumpf  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Kris & Virgil Runge; Angela Wurtz  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**11:00 a.m.** Deacons
  
- **Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
 Liturgist: Julie Anderson  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Melanie Rumpf  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Ruth Poole ..... February 20  
 Jerry Thiltgen ..... February 25  
 Virgil Runge ..... February 27  
 Bill Strohbusch ..... March 3  
 Grace Leto ..... March 6  
 Michael Porter ..... March 6  
 Mark Olson ..... March 11  
 Charlotte Rumpf ..... March 11  
 Vivian Olson ..... March 12  
 Mark Touhey ..... March 16  
 Mary Trailer ..... March 23  
 David Homann ..... March 24  
 Michele Kennedy ..... March 27

**Anniversaries**

Scott & Staci Marrese-Wheeler . March 5  
 Joe & Jodi Kelter ..... March 22

**PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

- Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
- Ken Bilstad
- Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
- David Gunnulson
- Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
- Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
- Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)
- Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
- Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara's husband, deploying to Iraq)
- Andy Schieffer (Rose Ann West's nephew-in-law)
- Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
- Joan Spaulding
- Mary Trailer
- Betty Willmore
- Jim Willmore

The family of Rosemary Mandli (Jerry Mandli's mother—family Karin, Jake, Conner, Matthew and Luke); Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother); Donald Rumpf; Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother); Hal Shaw (friend of Marilyn Schuster); Carl Martin (Meg's husband Bob Stilling's uncle); Lawrence Janus (Charleen's husband); Corinne Hommen (mother of Kris Runge), and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

**STANDING DATES – These are regularly scheduled events**

- Pastoral Office Hours – Generally 9:00 a.m. to Noon Tuesdays
- Business Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship;
  - Communion first Sunday of each month
  - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. from September through May
  - Fellowship & Refreshment following worship service each week.
- Monday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. – OA
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA
- Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon – Community Activities Program Senior Meal

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