



Focus

February 2013

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Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

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Calendar

- If you receive the Focus electronically, you can access the calendar separately by clicking on the appropriate link (i.e. "May Calendar") on the Newsletter page of the website. The calendar page will still be available in paper form.

As I'm writing this month's *Musings* we've just had our "Conference on the Future." I'm grateful for how many of you joined us in traveling through time, sharing your ideas, hopes and dreams for Dale Heights by the year 2018. The Session and Transformation Team will be putting these together with our Guiding Vision Statement and the Key Areas you worked with during the "Conference on the Future" to come up with goals and objectives for beginning to realize the future we've begun to imagine for Dale Heights. Keep watching for more opportunities to participate in this process as our transformation journey continues!

One such opportunity coming up in February is our next congregation-wide Bible study from the Center for Parish Development. The study will continue building upon our "Conference on the Future" work and will be offered Sunday mornings during the Adult Church School time, and Wednesdays during the noon Lunch & Learn time and at 6:30 p.m. those evenings, beginning February 17 and 20. Please plan to join us!

Though it's the shortest month of the year, this February at Dale Heights will be one of the most jam-packed with activities.

In addition to the next congregation-wide transformation Bible study, this is one of the years when Lent seems to come extra early, with Ash Wednesday already on February 13. This year instead of an Ash Wednesday service, we'll offer voluntary imposition of ashes during Sunday worship on February 17. We will again precede the beginning of Lent by observing Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 10.

Our first Outreach & Mission potluck program of the year is Sunday, February 17. We'll welcome new Dane County United Community Organizer Wendy Cooper, who will share with us how DCU plans to move forward into the future under her leadership. Rev. Cooper is putting together a training event for interested community members February 7 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Madison. The presenter will be Jonathan Lange, who has been the organizer of DCU's parent organization since 1985. Several of us from Dale Heights are planning to attend.

See you in church, and in mission and ministry in our community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

February 3 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship with Communion—"Embracing Renewed Discipleship"
- Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 5:1-11

Liturgist: June Zeeh

Ushers: Marcia Holman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

February 10 Transfiguration of the Lord Worship—"Spending Time with God— Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

Liturgist: Edi Chan

Ushers: Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

February 17 1st Sunday in Lent with Voluntary Imposition of Ashes Worship—"Living Righteously"—
Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Minute for Mission by Dane County United Community
Organizer Wendy Cooper

Liturgist: Janice Krall

Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon

February 24 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship—"Rooting Ourselves in Faith" - Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Liturgist: Gerry Klump

Ushers: Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones

Nursery Available

Children at Dale Heights are always welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in Sunday worship. The nursery is available when parents have a need to take their children out of church for whatever reason, but it is not staffed.

Inquiring Into Membership Conversations

Persons interested in becoming members of Dale Heights are invited to make an appointment with Pastor Marilyn at a mutually convenient time throughout the month.

"What evidences have you seen of God at work in your life this week?"

New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study

Our current Lunch & Learn study through Wednesday, February 13 is *The Life of Prayer: Mind, Body, and Soul* by Allan Hugh Cole, Jr. On Wednesday, February 20 we will begin a new 4-week study, *Sign, Foretaste, Instrument: Discerning God's Vision for the Church* as part of our transformation journey.

Join us when and as you are able – we begin gathering for fellowship at 11:45 a.m., with class beginning at 12 Noon, Wednesdays!

Dale Heights Mardi Gras Celebration Sunday, February 10

On Sunday, February 10 we will celebrate Mardi Gras during worship and our morning fellowship.



Where observed, Mardi Gras celebrations of varying lengths precede the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 13.

As part of our celebration, we will again enjoy King Cake during the fellowship time after worship. Bring and wear your Mardi Gras beads and masks as part of the fun!

British Isles Lent and Easter

This year's Lent and Easter cultural emphasis will be the British Isles: Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, learning during worship and fellowship particularly about these countries' traditions and foods during these seasons of reflecting upon Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Church Women United

At the Church Women United Human Rights Celebration at Trinity UM Church on January 12 Yolanda Solazar was awarded the Human Rights Award for her tireless efforts as Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for the East Side Coalition. Trained as a lawyer in her native Mexico, she has been indispensable in making her community and church (Bethel Lutheran) a better place.

<i>February Birthdays</i>		
<i>February</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Marco Jakovich (2008)</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Marlowe Elizabeth Eldridge (1999)</i>
<i>February Anniversaries</i>		
<i>February</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Joan and John Hicks</i>

Lenten Wreath Readers and Candle Snuffers

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 13. Families and individuals willing to lead the Lenten wreath portion of Sunday morning worship are needed. Please let Marcia Holman know of your willingness to help, or sign up on the sheet that will be in the Concourse. The first Sunday in Lent is February 17.

Outreach & Mission News

- **Next Meeting Sunday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Potluck Program with Dane County United Community Organizer Wendy Cooper Sunday, February 17 at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Potluck Program with new Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m.**

Ellie Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3, 2013

We know that there is a great need to help with the hunger problem in our own community. A simple meal of soup is going to be served in the lower concourse on Sunday, February 3 following worship.

Donations will be accepted and 100 % of the money collected will be given to Middleton Outreach Ministry. You may put your donation in the offering plate (clearly marked for the "Souper Bowl of Caring") or in the basket on the serving table.

The soups on the menu are vegetable beef and lentil stew. If anyone wants to bring something to round out the meal like crackers, breads, vegetables or a dessert, then just drop it off in the kitchen on Sunday morning.

Please come for fellowship and food. Wear the colors of your favorite team if you wish, be it Little League, High School, College or Pro.

The prayer said at the first Souper Bowl of Caring is still appropriate: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."



MOM Needs:

Cereal
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter
Fruit juice
Jelly
Cooking oil
Sugar
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Diapers (4,5,6)

February New Beginnings

The February New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, February 19th at 11:30 at Sprecher's, 1262 John Q. Hammons Dr. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Although we prefer not to have to cancel worship, sometimes winter weather makes it necessary. So we do have a plan in place for getting the word out if worship is cancelled. When Pastor Marilyn has to cancel worship, she will do the following: send an email, put a cancellation notice on the website, and change the answering machine by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to indicate the cancellation. If you are at all unsure about whether or not to come to church, please check your e-mail, check the website or call the church. ***Above all, play it safe.***



Transformation Coordinating Team Update

Thank You everyone who traveled in our “time machine” toward 2018 by participating in our “Conference on the Future” January 20!

The Transformation Journey Continues...

This third year of the Transformation Journey is a year of “*Embodying*,” when we will seek to embody Dale Heights’ Guiding Vision and live it out ... at Dale Heights, in the community, and in the world. After the “Conference on the Future,” the Session and Transformation Team then met January 27 to begin using your ideas for Dale Heights’ future, the Guiding Vision Statement, and the Key Areas to develop goals for the congregation that will lead forward in faithfully responding to God’s claim upon our lives, as individuals and as a faith community.

Next Congregational Bible Study Begins February 17

Please plan to participate in our next congregation-wide Bible study, *Sign, Foretaste, Instrument: Discerning God’s Vision for the Church*. You will have three opportunities each week to participate in this 4-week study: Sunday mornings—February 17, 24, March 3, 10 at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesdays—February 20, 27, March 6, 13 at 12 Noon and 6:30 p.m.



Report from Sandy Weigt (“Dale Heights East”)

It was great being home over the Christmas holidays. I loved seeing my family and friends. I consider Dale Heights part of both. I loved worshiping, hearing the choir, catching up on the news and just being there.

I am now back with Elliot (and his parents). He seemed to remember us, which made us feel good. He has grown and really changed in the three weeks we were away.

Back when we started the Transformational Journey, we thought about using a pair of Pastor Marilyn's red shoes in our first presentation. We were going on a journey and thought that we would find that in the end, like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, "There's no place like home." Things change, but "home" is a special place. I can assure you that there really is no place like home. I am making that journey with you from Dale Heights East. My thoughts and prayers are sent to Dale Heights home daily.

Peace and keep on "movin', movin', movin'."

Sandy @ Dale Heights East

Session Highlights

January 20, 2013

- Welcomed new Session members Roy Lembcke and Gale Oakes. Elected Mike Holland 2013 Clerk, accepting his offer to continue serving for up to 12 months even though his term on Session expired at the end of 2012. He serves with voice, but without vote.
- Had a beginning conversation about possibly reconfiguring the committees and ministry teams to better reflect the goals and objectives Session will be setting using the Guiding Vision Statement and Key Areas identified in 2012 as part of the church's ongoing transformation journey.
- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the December 16 2012 stated Session meeting minutes.
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the December and year-end financials, noting that these are not yet final numbers due to questions about three outstanding income sources; postponed approval of a final 2013 budget pending receipt of those outstanding 2012 income numbers; and discussed the upcoming capital campaign for the parking lot and other potential projects, including a new sanctuary air conditioner, improvements to the sound system, and new flooring in the Lounge and the Concourse kitchenette.
- Received the monthly Pastor's report.
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report learned that plans are made for Souper Bowl; and that the next meeting will be March 10 to plan the annual Easter Breakfast.
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the children's and adult Church School, and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn.
- During the Nominating Committee report noted that a 2013 Church Treasurer is still being sought.
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that all remaining funds were distributed; that the next meeting is February 10; that potluck programs have been scheduled for February 17 and March 24; and that the Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director has resigned and a new one is being sought.
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current; and learned that due to the blizzard, flu and various deadlines that Maggie Rogers' and Rick Geiger's annual reviews are still to be scheduled.
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report debriefed the morning's "Conference on the Future;" noted the called Session meeting with the team January 27 to work on next steps following the Conference on the Future; reported the next congregation-wide Bible study *Sign, Foretaste, Instrument* begins February 17 and will meet Sundays and Wednesdays for 4 weeks; and noted the upcoming training on February 17.
- During the Worship & Music Committee report learned that there will be a "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" service March 3; that the Lent-Easter cultural emphasis will be the British Isles; that instead of an Ash Wednesday service that voluntary imposition of ashes will be incorporated into the 1st Sunday in Lent service February 17; that the Maundy Thursday service will be incorporated into an evening potluck March 28; that Easter is March 31; and that the next meeting will be April 14.
- During Miscellaneous Business expressed thanks to Bill Holman for the business cards he designed for the church, and per his request discussed suggestions for improvement.
- The next stated Session meeting is Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. with Bill Mercer leading devotions.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

January 8, 2012

- 2012 University Avenue reconstruction: no bill has arrived as of yet, this may mean that it will not come until next December.
- Lounge flooring: learned that we will not be able to tile over old tiles, so linoleum (vinyl flooring) will be considered.
- Fellowship stairwell door: needs attention.
- Paperwork this month: W-2 and W-3, WT 6 & 7 forms, and giving statements to be sent out this month.
- 2013 draft budget: received, and small changes added. Proposed 2013 budget is \$147,250 total operating income, \$147,250 total operating expense. Net income \$0.
- Financial status as of 12-31-2012: net budgeted income is \$0. We had a very good December (\$8500 over budgeted income). This allowed for a large transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund, which as of 12-31-2012 stands at \$12,481.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 7pm.

Worship & Music Committee Highlights

January 13, 2013

- “Conference on the Future” which replaces regular morning worship on Sunday, January 20, will be followed by a soup lunch provided by the Transformation Team.
- Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3, will have a soup lunch provided by the Care & Fellowship Committee.
- Lent/Easter preparations included: 1) cultural emphasis will be on Scotland, Ireland, England & Wales. 2) Ash Wednesday, February 13, will be observed on February 17th, the first Sunday of Lent. 3) The 6pm Maundy Thursday service will include voluntary foot washing and communion within a potluck dinner. 4) Easter worship with communion is on March 31.
- Other special services are: March 3—Celebrate the Gifts of Women with communion, May 12—Mother’s Day, May 10—Pentecost with communion.
- Learned that: Fill the Robes Sunday is January 27 with rehearsal on January 23rd; the choir has three new pieces this winter/spring; June will be subbing for Maggie who will be off on February 24.
- Next meeting date is Sunday April 14th at 11:30.

Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

Some Tips for reading through the Bible:

READ...the passage for the day, listening closely for what God is saying.

EXPLORE...what the Bible has to say by asking questions.

ACT...on the truth by finding one thing you can DO.

PRAY... the verses you have just read back to God

The Story of Moses

Feb-1 Leviticus 1-3

Feb-2 Leviticus 4-6

Feb-3 Leviticus 7-8

Feb-4 Leviticus 9-10

Feb-5 Leviticus 11-13

Feb-6 Leviticus 14-15

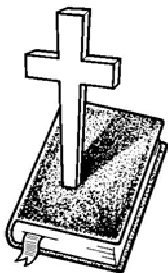
Feb-7 Leviticus 16-18

Feb-8 Leviticus 19-21

Feb-9 Leviticus 22-23

Feb-10 Leviticus 24-25

Feb-11 Leviticus 26-27



Desert wanderings

Feb-12 Numbers 1-2

Feb-13 Numbers 3-4

Feb-14 Numbers 5-6

Feb-15 Numbers 7

Feb-16 Numbers 8-9

Feb-17 Numbers 10-11

Feb-18 Numbers 12-13

Feb-19 Numbers 14-15

Feb-20 Numbers 16-18

Feb-21 Numbers 19-20

Feb-22 Numbers 21-22

Feb-23 Numbers 23-25

Feb-24 Numbers 26-27

Feb-25 Numbers 28-29

Feb-26 Numbers 30-31

Feb-27 Numbers 32-33

Feb-28 Numbers 34-35

Feb-29 Catch up day!

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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Christian Education for all ages

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

Dale Heights

Mission Statement:

Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace. We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.

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