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# Cross Talk

**Monthly Longform Newsletter for May 2019**

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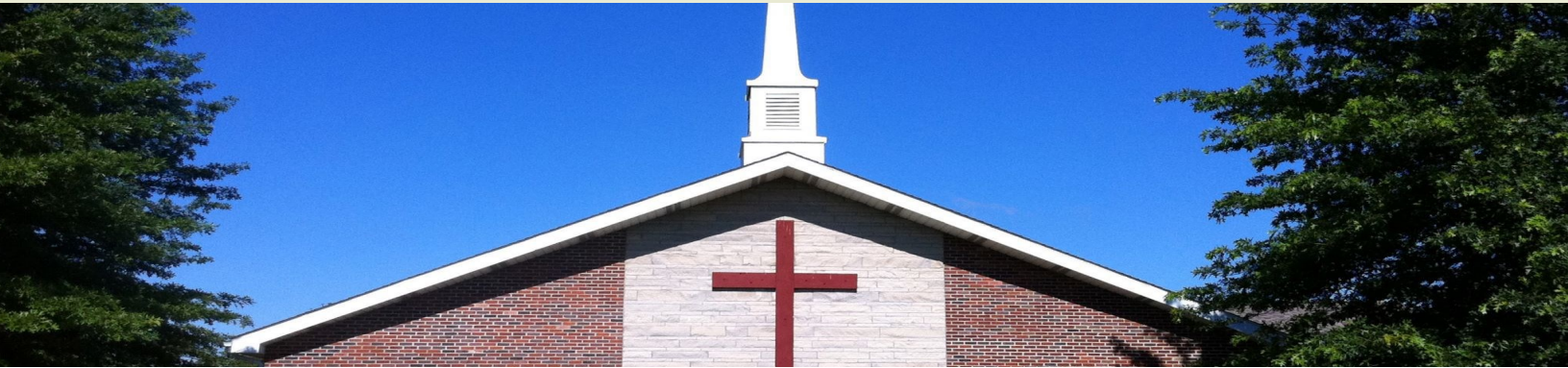
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# Cross Talk

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## A Special Message from the Pastor's Desk

*"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! (Psalm 130:1-2a)*

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:22-23)*

*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalm 18:2)*

During this past Lent, we have seen many heart-breaking scenes on the news, whether it is from the record floods in Nebraska, the tornado damage in Shelby, Ohio, the arson of three Baptist churches in Louisiana, or the devastating fire at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris during Holy Week. As we have been studying the penitential psalms during Lent on Wednesday mornings, Psalm 130 was the last one we discussed, the one after the Notre Dame fire. Those of us gathered at our Bible Study seemed to relate very much to the words of the psalmist in light of these events.

So many of us have shared our thoughts and feelings regarding this conflagration. We are thankful that, to my knowledge, no lives were lost. Our hearts break because Notre Dame represented so much on so many different levels, especially to the people of Paris and France. Indeed, Notre Dame gave so much to them, but also to the whole world.

For example, Notre Dame was (is, and will be again) a magnificent tribute to God and Christianity. Notre Dame was also inspirational from other perspectives, such as (but not limited to) architecture, history, literature, etc. Maybe because Notre Dame was so impactful on so many levels, we all have been affected in some way on this horrific event.

Yet, in the midst of this devastation, we are reminded that the church is more than a building (regardless of how majestic it truly is); the church is people. And, immediately after this tragedy, people have positively responded to begin to rebuild this cathedral. Collectively, as a people, there is a strong hope.

In the aftermath of this tragic event, I have been recalling the lyrics of one of our hymns in the ELW. The lyrics are a reminder of our communal hope in Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected, who has become the chief cornerstone of our faith. During this Easter, I take comfort and reassurance of the sure and certain hope in the resurrection of our Lord, no matter what the news will bring. I take hope in the LORD who is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer – My God, my rock in whom I take refuge. Because of that collective Christian hope and faith in God, one day, Notre Dame will become a symbol of Lent and Easter, rebuilt from the ashes.

*"Built on a rock the church will stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling –  
Calling the young and old to rest  
Calling the souls of those distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.*

*"Christ builds a house of living stones;  
We are his own habitation;  
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
Granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
He in their midst will show his grace,  
Blessings upon them bestowing."*

Make the sure and certain hope of our Lord's resurrection fill your hearts during this season of Easter.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Scott

# Announcements for the Start of the Month

News breaks all the time during a month from our church! Find it anytime at [www.sotvchurch.com/blog](http://www.sotvchurch.com/blog).

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Nancy Tolfo, Greg Kinsley, and Kathy Patterson for continued healing.

**AmazonSmile:** Please continue to use AmazonSmile throughout the year. Through this, **without costing users any extra**, it takes 0.5% of your purchase on eligible items (marked on their product page with the AmazonSmile logo) and gives back to our church. Try it out today by going to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and searching for "Shepherd of the Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church."



**SERVICE PROJECT THROUGH THE LENTEN SEASON:** Once again the "Blessing Bag Project" was a success!. All bags and items were blessed on Palm Sunday and donated to Refuge of Hope, where we volunteer once a month. JoAnn Carpenter, Director of Development at Refuge of Hope, had a video presentation and spoke about the ministries at Refuge of Hope. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthwhile project.

**SERVICE PROJECT FOR EASTER SEASON:**

Check out online our **weekly podcast which we are calling the Shepherdcast!** So, whether you are on the go and still want to catch the weekly sermon, are looking for a new church home, or would just simply like to hear the Good News brought to you in a weekly podcast, we hope you will check out the Shepherdcast! You can subscribe now to the Shepherdcast wherever you get your podcasts! You can learn more at [www.sotvchurch.com/shepherdcast](http://www.sotvchurch.com/shepherdcast)

**LWR QUILTING:** The ladies meet every other Tuesday for a day of quilting. Anyone interested in joining, please stop in at the church. They start at 9:00am until ?. Dates in May are 5/14 & 5/28 Come and enjoy good fellowship, tie a few knots and create beautiful quilts for world relief.

**THANK YOU TO ALL:** I would like to thank everyone who stepped up and helped with maintaining the property and all that the property committee does. Since recent back surgery, I am limited to what I can do, but I can instruct others with the various tasks. I will still serve God and this congregation by being in charge of the property committee. We have good people here at Shepherd of the Valley. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!** Fred Drotleff.

# Special Announcement

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**C.O.F.F.E.E.** “Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere. All you need today is a little bit of coffee and a whole lot of Jesus.” At my continuing education in January, I talked with someone who was a guest preacher here. He pointed out this message on our sign on the wall of our Fellowship Hall, but he was disappointed not to find even a little bit of coffee. As we discussed this at our council retreat, Terri Wanner volunteered to restart our coffee (and treats) fellowship before worship on Sunday mornings. (Thank you, Terri for doing this!) So, please come a little bit earlier to church on Sunday mornings to enjoy a little bit of coffee and then a whole lot of Jesus.

**Jody Pariano.** Our Christian condolences are offered to the family and friends of Jody Pariano, one of our shut-ins, who passed away from this life to the next on Palm Sunday. As of this writing, there is nothing much to share, except that a graveside service (no memorial service) will be held. Please keep updated through Sunday announcements, the paper, and internet. May God remember Jody in His Kingdom and be a source of grace to all her family and friends.

**Thank you for your generosity for our Blessing Bags.** On Palm Sunday, we blessed 55 blessing bags, surpassing our goal of 40 in Lent. These donations included many different toiletrie items and healthy snacks. All of these blessing bags were given to Refuge of Hope on that Sunday. Special thanks to Jennifer Crone for her coordination and thoughtfulness in these blessing bags.

**Thank you to our readers for the dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord according to Saint Luke.** Thank you to Fred Drotleff, Karen Broadwater, Jim Hunter, Jennifer Crone, Dottie Scott and Bill Bowman for sharing your talents in proclaiming the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday. Your reading touched all the hearts of our worshippers that morning. Again, many thanks!

**Thank you to our Music Ministry.** Thank you to all who share their gifts of music during these seasons of Lent and Easter. Your music is a special part of our worship. Thank you to Bill Bowman for singing his solo on Amazing Grace. A special thank you to Susan Kaschak for directing our choir, selecting hymns and anthems, and choosing and playing our prelude music that begins our worship every Sunday. We are grateful for all of the gifts that you share here at Shepherd of the Valley.

**Easter Season Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11 AM.** Thank you to all who have participated in our Lenten Bible Study on the Penitential Psalms. It was the consensus of our group to continue our study of the Psalms during the Easter Season. In our Bible Studies on Wednesdays at 11 AM, we will discuss the psalm for the upcoming Sunday. Our schedule will be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
May 1	Psalm 30
May 8	Psalm 23
May 15	Psalm 148
May 22	Psalm 67
May 29	Psalm 97

# Other Dates and Information

If it's a note from a friend or member, a birthday, or anything else, we have it here.

## Birthdays this Month

- 1 *Camryn Wallace,  
Dan Wanner*
- 11 *Melinda Farber*
- 12 *Kristin Reynolds*
- 17 *Pastor John Maroni*
- 24 *Glen Baum*
- 26 *Hannah Hunt*
- 29 *Janine Garber*
- 30 *Tracy Wallace*

## Anniversaries This Month

*Rod & Chaney Sommer  
(5/27)*

*Did we miss your birthday or  
anniversary? Did we have the  
wrong date? We apologize!  
Please let the church office  
know, and we will fix it on our  
end!*

## Special Messages for the Congregation

*Wishing all Mother's a Happy & Blessed Mother's Day. May God  
watch over you & protect you each and every day.*

## Sunday Readings for This Month

### **Sunday May 5**

Acts 9: 1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

### **Sunday May 12**

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

### **Sunday May 19**

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

### **Sunday May 26**

Acts 16: 9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21: 10-22—22: 5

John 14: 23-29

## Council Members

- Susan Lux, President  
Jeff Ward, Vice President  
Jacob Schandel, Secretary  
Bill Bowman, Officer  
Fred Drotleff, Officer  
Tim Farber, Officer  
Marilyn Mason, Officer  
Sally Nesselrode, Officer  
Terri Wanner, Officer

## Please Remember the Shut-Ins

We have members of our flock who are not able to attend our Worship Services on a regular basis. Please remember these members in your prayers and with your cards. Addresses can be obtained from the church office upon request.

## Church members living in assisted facilities:

### **Canton Christian Home**

Carl Wanner

### **Country Club Residential**

#### **Campus**

Alexa Dazey

### **Inn at Northwood Village**

Rose Orlando

### **St. Lukes Lutheran Community**

Roberto Techí

## Church members living independently and/or with family:

Guy & Joyce Aultman

Debra Campbell

# The Month at Shepherd of the Valley

Our calendar of events is online at [www.sotvchurch.com/events](http://www.sotvchurch.com/events).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir 7 PM	2	3	4
5 Communion Congregational Mtg.	6	7	8 Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir 7 PM	9	10 Shepherd's Kitchen Bingo 3:30 PM	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	14 Quilting 9:00 AM	15 Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir 7 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir 7 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Office closed	28 Quilting 9:00 AM	29 Bible Study 11:00 AM Choir 7 PM	30 Office Open 9 AM—1 PM	31	

## About Due Dates

- **If you have an announcement to go into the Sunday bulletin, please have it to the church office by 10 AM on the Tuesday before.** Unless it is a change of address announcement, it will be automatically posted to the website on the Latest News blog and go out with Cross Talk Online on Sunday morning. (Need to send something sooner digitally? E-mail Jacob Schandel at [media@sotvchurch.com](mailto:media@sotvchurch.com) for help.)
- **Newsletter items for the upcoming month are due to the church office by the third Monday of the month prior.**

# Council Minutes for February 2019

By council mandate, a backlog of minutes are available on the website. You can find them at [www.sotvchurch.com/council](http://www.sotvchurch.com/council).

## Council Minutes

### Monday, March 11, 2019

**Members Present:** Rev. Scott J. Anderson, Bill Bowman, Fred Drotleff, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Sally Nesselrode, Jacob Schandel, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward

**Members Absent:** Tim Farber (excused)

Meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Scott.

Motioned by Jeff, seconded by Fred to accept the February minutes. Motion carried.

### Guest Presentation from Kathy Smith of Thrivent

Our accounts with Thrivent Mutual Funds were reviewed with Kathy Smith. The council agreed that at this time, we wish to keep our current investments as is, as they feel safe for our congregation's financial needs.

### Treasurer's Report

Report reviewed. Jeff made a motion to approve, Terri seconded. Motion carried.

### Old Business

**Constitution updates:** An update on the constitutional update process was provided. We currently do not follow our constitution in that it requires an Audit Committee to perform an annual audit at the church. Adjustments were made such that shorter term requirements make it easier to get volunteers for this job. Jeff moves, Bill seconded. Motion carried.

**Sound system expansion:** Findings from Jacob and Fred's meeting with Darren Walter were discussed. Jeff motioned, and Fred seconded, to bring to the memorial funds committee a request for the installation of an FM transmitter and FM-based sound bars in the nursery and teen room. Motion carried. Also, we should consider allocating money for maintenance of the sound system in 2020 to include system tuning and wiring replacements.

**Memorial funds:** Updated balances were reviewed.

**Portico repair:** Quotes were obtained for this. Jeff made a motion to put this into the 2020 budget, Jacob seconded. Motion carried.

# Council Minutes for February 2019, Cont'd

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**Lawn care:** Jeff motioned, Terri seconded to make one application of lawn care chemicals, and then revisit budgeting for six applications in four site visits in 2020.

**Audit committee:** Susan Lux and Max Lebold will conduct the audit and need a third individual to help them.

**Council retreat:** Our retreat is this Saturday, March 16 from 9 AM-12 PM at the church.

**Bishop's Gathering:** This is May 4, time and location TBA. We need someone to attend from our congregation.

## New Business

**Table moving:** Individuals are needed to help move tables before funerals. Jeff will begin to look into forming a group that can get together as needed to do this.

**Pastor's employment status:** We need to hold a meeting in May to vote on whether to extend a permanent call to Pastor Scott. May 5 is the tentative day for this. The date will be confirmed at the April meeting.

## Pastor's Report

Report reviewed.

**Mileage:** Report reviewed. Jeff made a motion to approve, Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

**Evangelism and Outreach:** Eight prayer shawls were made as well as a number of Barney bears were distributed. Sleeping bags and mats were donated as well as money for this project. Quilting ministry is working hard to make quilts. Special thanks to Texas Roadhouse of North Canton for donating rolls and salad for the meal.

**Fellowship and Family Life:** A funeral dinner was held for Bob Kuhns. Flowers will be distributed on Mother's Day.

**Financial Stewardship:** No report.

**Media and Technology:** See sound system notes under new business.

**Property:** The sacristy was painted and updated wall plates were put on electrical switches and outlet. The carpet stains in the sanctuary were mentioned and tabled at this time.

**Worship and Music:** A glass flagon was ordered to be here by Easter Sunday for use with the spumante.

**Youth:** No report.

## Upcoming Events

March 16: Retreat for council to be held at the church

Holy Week and Easter: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 PM, Palm and Easter Sundays at 9:30 AM as usual

Susan made a motion to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacob H. Schandel  
Council Secretary*



# Worship Leaders for the Month

If you are unable to come the day you are scheduled for, please notify the church office as soon as you can!

## May 5

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *The Bowman Family*

Lay Reader *Bill Bowman*

Communion Assistant *Karen Broadwater*

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Brian & Mary*

Altar Care *Sandi Sommer*

## May 12

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *Thelma Nixon & Cindy Sundheimer/Tim F*

Lay Reader *Michelle Ward*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Zoe Ward*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Dan & Jeff*

Altar Care *Sandi Sommer*

## May 19

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *Iva Campana & Dottie Scott/Tim F & Jim H*

Lay Reader *Janine Garber*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Jenson Garber*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Michelle & Linda*

Altar Care *Sandi Sommer*

## May 26

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *The Dan Wanner Family*

Lay Reader *Karen Broadwater*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Janine & Terri*

Altar Care *Sandi Sommer*