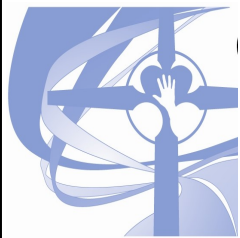


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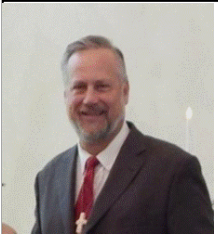


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From the Pastor "Being Salt & Light"

OT: Isa. 58:1-9a
NT: Matt. 5:13-20

Every Christian is called by God to be an influence on the world around them. Jesus began teaching this concept early in his ministry when he told his disciples that he would make them fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19) Then, in the Sermon on the Mount, he used the illustrations of salt and light. (Matthew 5:13-16) Both salt and light have properties which affect things around them. Salt is used to enhance flavor, and as a preservative. To 'be salt' means to deliberately seek to influence the people in one's life by showing them the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds. Light is a symbol used to mean awareness, knowledge, and understanding. To 'be light' means to be a witness to others concerning the truth of God's Word, especially about who Christ is and how he died and rose again for our salvation. How does Eastminster and its members effect the community we live in?

Blessings,
Scott



Because We Love You! Luncheon



The Board of Deacons invite you to attend a "Because We Love You!" Luncheon on Sunday, February 16, immediately after the Annual Congregational meeting. A spaghetti lunch will be served along with salad, bread sticks and dessert. Reservations are necessary so please RSVP by filling out the registration form below and dropping in the offering plate on Sunday or by calling the church at 812/476-3355.

*There is no charge, but a
freewill offering will be made available*

_____ Number attending

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Beth Bailey; Tracey Manis; Scott & Tammy Solether; Barbara; Amelia; Barb Ferguson; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother: John.



If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com or call the church office.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST

Karla Horrell

USHER

Chuck Eller

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

LITURGIST

Karla Horrell

GREETERS

Pat & Jayne Manis
Corey Fritz

USHERS

Marilyn Ellsperman, Corey Fritz,
Brenda Miller, & Jim McGillem

ACOLYTE

Elizabeth Lee

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Anslee LaChance - Nursery Worker
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Scott Solether - Pastor

Church Office Hours

M - F: 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.

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OFFICE HOURS EVERY TUESDAY
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, February 9, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

I hope to see you in The Place,
Trey



OFFICE NOTES

The 2019 Annual Report will be available for your review this Sunday. Please see Mel Ellsperman to get your copy.

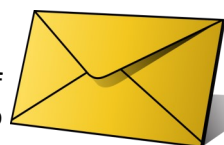


Our Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of receiving staff, board and committee reports and reviewing our annual budget will be held following the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 16. Please review your Annual Report ahead of time and plan on attending the meeting.



To Our Friends at Home

Would you like to have a copy of the Sunday sermon mailed to you each week?



If so, call the office and let us know -- and check to be sure we have your correct address. If you already receive your weekly copy, we will continue mailing them - unless we hear from you otherwise.

USHER CAPTAINS NEEDED FOR MAY, SEPT, OCT, DEC 2020



Thanks to all of you who already have signed up to be usher captains for 2020! **There are just four months yet to be filled: May, September, October, and December.** Please consider taking one of these remaining months. There is a sign-up sheet

at the information desk in the narthex. An usher captain coordinates the ushering for one month of the year by making sure that each Sunday in that month there are four ushers for the 10:30 a.m. service. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Allen Helmstetter, Chair of the Worship & Music Committee: (812) 909-0722 or ahelmstett@twc.com. Thank you very much.



The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for church members, their families and friends.

Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving; present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

When placing someone on the prayer chain, please obtain their permission, and be sure to give the reason for prayer. Visits and cards can also be arranged by the Prayer Chain if you include an address of your request. **It is also very important to give your name with a contact number so that we can follow up with you if needed.**

Your prayer request will be included in the daily prayers of our prayer warriors for **one month**. Names of those who have been requested to have prayer will be included in the bulletin and newsletter for four weeks. You may continue to request prayers for prolonged illness as well.

Feel free to send us back a "Prayers Answered" or "Thanksgiving" requests upon resolution of the request, if appropriate. We enjoy hearing about how God's hand moves on all those he loves.

Please contact David Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com; Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office to add someone to the prayer chain and to give updates too.



Children's Worship Leader Schedule

February 9 - Barb Kuykendall
February 16 - Gordon Wiley
February 23 - Annie Engelbrecht
March 1 - Sabrina Holden
March 8 - Barb Kuykendall

Many dates are still open, please prayerfully consider how you might help!

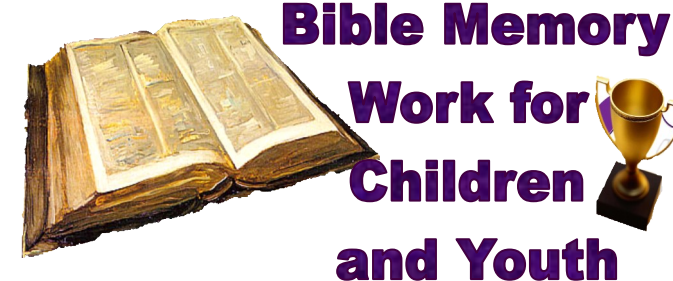
The sign up sheet is located on welcome table in the Narthex..

Ladies' Night Out
Tuesday, February 11th at 6p.m.
Call the church to make your reservation

We invite you to join Pastor Scott, Tammy, and Brandon as they walk along with us through their first year. Please use this prayer as a foundation of prayers that you offer for them and our congregation.

Irish Blessing

*May the Lord bless and keep you
May the Lord make His face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God grant unto you His peace
In your going out and in your coming in,
in your lying down and in your rising up,
in your labor and in your leisure,
in your laughter and in your tears,
until you come to stand before Jesus,
on that day in which there is
no sunset and no dawning.
Amen.*



We believe it is never too early to begin to teach children about our God, our Savior and what it means to have the Holy Spirit dwell within us. We know that for many people the scripture they memorized as a child is the only scripture they have committed to memory.

Studies have shown that the minds of children and youth are constantly storing information. They enjoy learning and memorization is easier for them at this time of their life than any other. Therefore we want to encourage our children (as young as possible) and youth to begin to commit to memory portions of scripture and Bible knowledge which they will find helpful through out their lives.

Our Bible Memory Contest begins on Sunday, March 1 and concludes on Palm Sunday, April 5th..

The memory work builds from year to year. Each child must recite all of the work for his or her age group to win an award.

Parents, please remember one of the ways to help your child learn memory work is to make memory work fun. While our Sunday School teachers go over memory work in class, it is essential to have your co-operation also. Be positive and encouraging about memory work. Show your children where the verse or information is found in the Bible. Mark their Bible with a special color to help them recognize verses they have memorized. Teach them one phrase or word at a time. Recite the memory work several times a day in your children's presence so it becomes familiar to them.

Build your children's confidence by praising their efforts and rewarding them in some way, even with a hug, when they accurately complete their work. Older children and youth particularly need to be helped and encouraged regularly by their parents as they face the more difficult memory challenges.

Memory books will be made available soon for you to pick up. Being familiar with scripture is a valuable gift we can give our children and youth. Let's work together to help them build a firm foundation of faith for their lives!