

The Warden Word

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From The Pastor's Desk

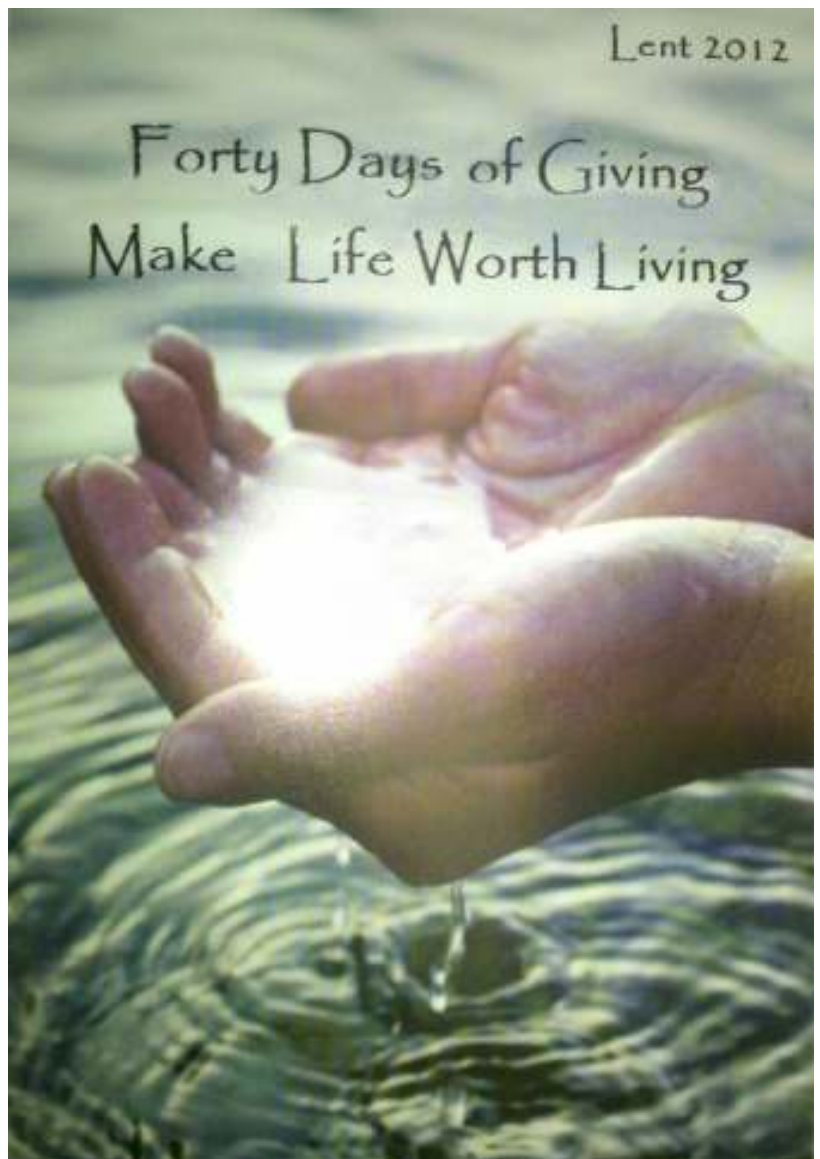
Our National Association has once again gifted us with a devotional booklet for the Lenten season. Entitled *In the Shadow of the Cross*, this year's devotional has a short reading, scripture reference and prayer for each day during the Lenten Season. Written this year by NACCC church members and pastors, this devotional provides valuable food for thought during this season of contemplation and reflection. Lenten Devotionals are available free of charge, and are located on the table just outside the sanctuary. I'd like to seriously encourage you to pause this Lenten season, and look at your devotional habit. Chase after Christ in your study time, in your personal exercise of Christian disciplines... in your every day living and moving and being. Our Lenten Devotional book will be very helpful in this pursuit of the Lord. Please pick up a copy and use it as you move through this season. Looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection with you all...

Keep
Following
Jesus...

Ed

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STATIC STATS

MAR 2-4: GROW FOR IT
RETREAT/ROCK AND WORSHIP
ROADSHOW CONCERT -
STATIC went to Lake Warden Resort
for their first Grow For It retreat. They
looked at various ways of following
Jesus, and practiced some pretty
intense spiritual disciplines. Make
sure you grab a teenager, and ask
them how their weekend went!
Sunday afternoon (2pm), teens and
adults headed out for the Rock &
Worship Roadshow concert in
Spokane. This is a major concert
featuring 5 bands for only 10 dollars.
Nationally known band MercyMe, authors of the song "I Can Only Imagine", closed
out the night with an amazing time of worship.

grow
FOR IT!
spring retreat



DATE	SNACK SIGN-UP
MAR 11	Monta Harper
MAR 25	Nate Gordon

COOLEST SWING DANCE EVER!

Calling All Swing Kids! Friday, April
13th from 8:00 pm -10:00 pm...

Be sure to come to the Warden
Senior Center for our first ever
Swing Dance! Don't know how?
No problem... we're bringing in a
pro to give us some lessons!

The lesson starts at 8pm and free
dance starts at 9pm. Next time you
go to a dance party, you could
have some cool moves to show off!

Prizes will be given for best swing
outfit, so get out that zoot suit and
those twirly skirts, and let's dance!



Cabinet Meeting – February 2012

Jenny brought the meeting to order and led in prayer.

Those present were: Rob, Jenny, Rick, Bob, Anita, Jami, Ed, and Ilene.

The minutes were presented and approved with the correction that it was the Sonlife, not the "sum of life" that will be used for STATIC.

Christian Education board:

1. The bibles for the 3rd grade are being researched.
2. The movie night will be the 26th.
3. During Easter breakfast we will have a program by people in the church with special talents.
4. The VBS program will use material called Sky – everything is possible with God.
5. The Bartel's have requested to come and present their new musical again this year.
6. The Mennonite's are probably not going to help with VBS this year financially.
7. The officer's for the coming year are: Jennifer – chairman, JoAnn – secretary, Vicki – Sunday School superintendant, Beky – Pr, Jami – Pastoral relations.

Diaconate report:

1. Their assigning of duties were: Shawn – chairman, Coordinator – Sandy, worship – Anita, Secretary – Rise, Sanctuary – Jenny, outreach – Shirley, and missions – Rick.
2. They discussed confirmation with Pastor and the discussion at the annual meeting. They are going to be more involved with helping the Pastor with the planning and curriculum used in confirmation.
3. On February 21st they will be putting on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.
4. They will be working on getting items to Kristine a little quicker.
5. Rick presented a Men's ministry that will be in May at the Tri-cities. He will have more info at the next meeting.

STATIC report:

1. There were 30 kids at the super bowl party.
2. In March they will be attending the Rock And Worship Road Show in Spokane.

Treasurer's report:

1. Treasurer was absent; report was handed out. The cash balance and general fund are up this month.

Trustee's report:

1. The sanctuary lighting will be done next week.
2. The list of projects to work on this coming year are: a sign or something for the spot on the north wall, finish the flower beds, lighting for the parking lot, a marker system for parking, clean the basement, repaint the direction signs, sealant on the shingles, the carpets cleaned and stretched, start the fund drive for the organ, check the bathroom floor in the parsonage and work on the foundation, and decide if we are going to plan for siding or paint on sanctuary.
3. The mower needs to be serviced by John Deere.
4. The bills were paid.



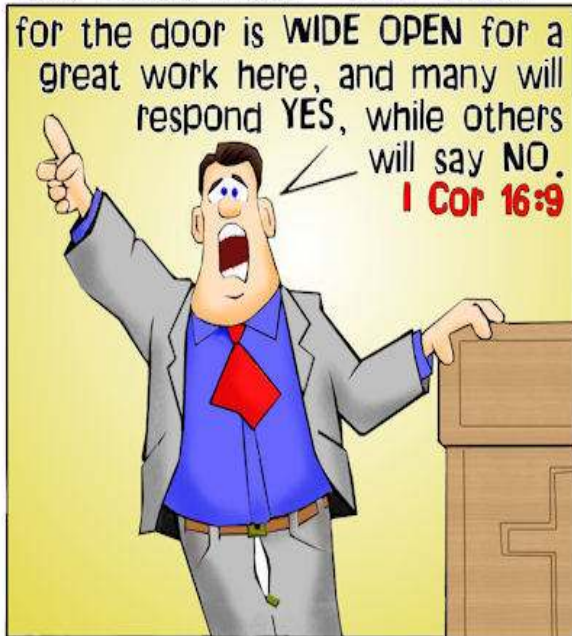
Business:

1. The organ fund has been set up and Northwest Organ has offered some materials to help with the fund drive.
2. Jenny wants to reactivate the memorial committee. After some discussion, Rob moved to activate the memorial committee with 3 people on it and with a 1 year, a 2 year, and a 3 year term. Ilene would fill the 2 year, Jenny the 3 year and Roylene will be asked for the 1 year term. Both Jami and Anita seconded the motion. It was approved.
3. We discussed the subject of confirmation and what the Diaconate decided in their meeting. It was the consensus of the group to let the Diaconate do as they have in the past and be directly involved with the planning and curriculum with the Pastor .
4. The school's FBLA class has requested to host a fund raiser at the church. After some discussion we decided to ask more questions before approving this.
5. Rob made a motion to have Jenny continue another year as Moderator. Ed seconded it. It was approved.
6. Ilene asked if the calendar could be posted in the newsletter for the whole year so everyone new whose birthdays were coming up ahead of time. Jenny said she was working with Pastor Ed on this and updating the list of birthdays.
7. Bob moved and Ilene seconded a motion to let the Bartel's come and perform their musical on May 19th. They would be staying overnight at the church and we would provide them with a potluck dinner. It was approved.
8. The location of past year's minutes was discussed. Rob was wondering where the Diaconate and Christian Ed. Boards were storing them or if anyone knew where they were at. Each board was going to look into it and get back to the Cabinet.

Meeting adjourned, Rob Shuler, Clerk



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Friends don't let friends.. preach with their fly open.

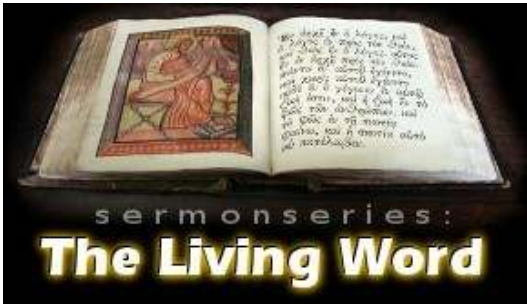
GUARD YOUR HEART

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

— PROVERBS 4:23 NIV



If you'd like to prepare for Sunday's sermons by reading ahead, here are the texts we'll be looking at in March:

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| 3/04 | John 2:1-11 | A Change of Nature |
| 3/11 | John 2:13-22 | Cleansing the Temple |
| 3/18 | John 3:14-21 | Teaching the Teacher |
| 3/25 | John 3:22-36 | The Incredible Shrinking Man |

Hymn of the Month - "Hymn of Promise":

This is a favorite contemporary hymn of many written by Natalie Sleeth. She was born in Evanston, Illinois. In 1934, she began to study the piano at the early age of four. Later in her life, she received an Academic major in music and a BA in music theory at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She married a Professor of Homiletics, Reverend Ronald E. Sleeth. She developed this song as a choral piece, often titled "In the Bulb There is a Flower".

She wrote this selection in February 1985 as a choral anthem, & later adapted it as a hymn. She wrote that she was "...pondering the death of a friend (life and death, death and resurrection), pondering winter and

spring (seeming opposites), and a T. S. Eliot poem which had the phrase, 'In our end is our beginning.' These seemingly contradictory 'pairs' led to the thesis of the song and the hopeful message that out of one will come the other whenever God chooses to bring that about."



The song was dedicated to Ronald, who was diagnosed with cancer very soon after its composition. It was written for the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg FL, conducted by C. Frederick Harrison, and first performed by their choirs in March 1985. It was also performed at Ronald's funeral, the only song of hers to be performed for that occasion at his request.

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"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25)



The
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March Events

We're hosting a Baby Shower
for Paige Cochrane-Shipley!
Saturday, March 24th @ 2pm
open to all who wish to attend!



Happy March Birthday to:

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| 3/3 | Edna Watkins | 3/7 | Michelle Altizer |
| 3/3 | Vicki Underhill | 3/14 | Jennifer Kottong |
| 3/3 | Karen Whitney | 3/17 | Ashlyn Yamane |
| 3/6 | Paul Clark | 3/18 | Sharon McKnight |
| 3/7 | Kennedy Kilmer | 3/18 | Bonnie Kottong |
| 3/7 | Camryn Kilmer | 3/26 | Sheri Kisler |

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 29. How are we made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effective application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.[a]

[a]. Tit 3:4-7 - "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."