

Thank you, Cliff Hieb for taking the time to present the computer and phone safety class last month. About 20 people learned some interesting tips to keep their computers safe and themselves safe from so many scams being perpetrated upon the public now days.



- Never give out personal information such as SSN, Credit card, bank account, important dates, names, unless you have Verified that the request is legitimate - safety first
 - NEVER open an email attachment from anyone you do not know.
 - POP-UPS are usually bad. Don't click on pop-ups even if they look official - safety first
 - Install anti-virus software and keep it up to date.
 - Download programs only from websites you trust
 - BEWARE OF PHONE FRAUD
 - A reliable company will never call you to ask for personal information, or try to intimidate you. Hang up, if this happens.
- These are only highlights. If you want more information, come by or call the office for a hand-out.

Tips for Kids: 1) Never tell a stranger on the internet your address or phone number. 2) Never provide any photos over the internet. 3) If someone sends you anything by email or social media that makes you feel uncomfortable, like photos, tell your parents or a trusted adult right away.

On Wed., April 13, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church, the good people at Hansen's Funeral Home will give a presentation of things to do to make the end of life less stressful for those left behind to handle planning. This is good information for everyone to have.

Access Sunday sermons and special music at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RUMC83350>

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Dear Rupert UMC, Thank you so much for supporting the Renaissance Arts Center and Historic Wilson Theatre at our recent Gala, "The Roaring 20's". We were successful at having it at the Theatre for the first time. Thank you for contributing the use of your tables. They were a great help. The Gala Committee

Thank you to all who helped to make our Special Day so memorable - the lovely reception by our family for our 65th Wedding Anniversary, the many friends who came, the beautiful cards, flowers & gifts. Also a belated thank you to Ruth Circle for the special treats on Valentine's Day and to Kris and Gary for braving the weather to deliver them. It was all so very much appreciated.

Joe & Melba Merkey

Prayer Prompt for General Conference

Pray for each member of the delegation team representing us: Jan Nelson, Josh Hauser, Mark Bateman, David Armstrong, Emilie Kroen, Norm Dyer, Rev. Donna Pritchard, Rev. Clay Andrew, Rev. Jeremy Smith, Rev. Duane Anders, Rev. Wendy Woodworth, Rev. John (Joung Youl) Go.

Lord pour out your Holy Spirit upon each delegate, all those coming, that people would embody your love, your grace, your purpose, your beauty in every interaction, in every decision, in every situation. No matter what the disagreement may be, Lord, may your Holy Spirit prevail over, in and through every conversation. Yes, Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.



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The Aftermath Of Easter

Paster David Madden

The season of Easter is finished. Once again, we have all made it through Holy Week, and we can now return to our daily routines. The children go back to school, and the adults back to work. Soon we will forget the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross because Easter is in the rearview mirror.

The questions I have been pondering are, has Easter changed me this year, or will I slip back into the convenience of my old routines? And, if the resurrection is about new beginnings, what will be new in my life after Easter?

In our Easter sermon we talked about shedding the old self and being "born again" into a new life in Christ. This means it is OK to not follow the crowd. It's OK to not laugh at your friend's racist jokes. And it's perfectly acceptable to turn off cable news and open your Bible. Being Christians means we are called to be a part of, yet set apart from, society. If you see injustice are you going to call foul? Or, are you going to forget the Easter message of personal resurrection and simply turn away and allow the hatred, exclusion, and bigotry to continue? Ignoring a problem doesn't mean it will go away. Ignoring a problem means it will continue to grow until it becomes unmanageable.

Although there are many changes we can make in our lives such as diet and exercise, I bring up the topics of racism, bigotry, and exclusion because these actions are the opposite of the teaching of Jesus. (For a reference please read the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 4:23-7:29.) This sermon sets the stage for the mission of God through the agency of Jesus' teachings and actions. It saddens me to think that our "Christian" country is allowing all these forms of hatred to flourish in the 21st century.

The time has arrived for us all to stop sitting on the sidelines and get in the game!

So, moving forward will you shed the old you? Will you allow the message of Easter to resurrect you into a new life of action? Will you spend time each day reading the Bible? Or, will you decide to do nothing and slip back into your comfort zone; expecting someone else will take a stand against the hatred that has become so commonplace in our country?

See ya'll Sunday!
Peace, David



Invites you to attend

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*THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS
BENEFACTOR by Brian Bopp*

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Per person: \$10.00

Family: 3 for \$25.00

(tickets will be available through the office and Peggy Hess)

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and help solve the mystery of who really
is the mysterious benefactor?*

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We have several active, long term Ministry Teams, and a few short term teams that have already finished their project. You can read reports of some of them throughout this newsletter.

Long Term Ministry Teams:

- Parsonage Ministry Team - Brian Williams, Cliff Hieb, Bryan Bruns and Tim Gregersen
- Color Me Calm Team - Peggy Hess, Marion Weickum, Dave & Daina Buetow
- Elevator Proposal Team - Kris Somsen, Steve Gulbranson, Dan Jarolimek, Cheryl Juntunen, Cliff Hieb & Bryan Bruns.
- Through The Eyes of Jesus Team - Stan & Leanna Bruns, Bryan Bruns, Norma Mittelstedt, Donna Johnson
- Open Hearts Food Pantry Team - Cheryl Juntunen, Chris Paulson, Debby Hare & Leanna Bruns.

Short Term (single event) Ministry Teams:

- Dinner Theater Fund Raiser - Peggy Hess, Kris Somsen & a cast of many
- The Living Last Supper - John P. Johnson, Kris Somsen, Jeff Hare, Stan Bruns
- Easter Egg Hunt Team - Nanette Eilers, Ruth Bailes & Trish Munden & their Sunday School Classes,

There are forms filled out for all of these Team Ministries, which you may review in the office. You might be interested in reading the purpose for each.

Here is a short list of Teams that could use some TLC.

- Quiet Bag Team
- Welcome New Visitors Team
- Nurture/Care Team



Join a team today - we need you! Make your own team for something you feel we have a need of. Talk with Pastor David to find out just how starting a Ministry works.

Note from Sawtooth Camp: Matching gift to Sawtooth means interior of Welcome Center poised for completion! But we need your help to do so! An anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar donations up to \$5,000 so that we can finish the interior. Remaining expenses and labor are needed for cabinets, wall finishings, painting, wood panels, toilets, sinks, drinking fountain, office furnishings, tables and chairs. Any amount you can donate will assist in this campaign to generate this \$10,000. (If you are interested in donating, please call RUMC office, 436-3354), or on line at www.gocamping.org (Sawtooth Development Fund)

EASTER SUNDAY 2016



What a joyous Easter Sunday! The Chancel Choir was outstanding. Pastor David gave a proper and moving Easter sermon. The Holy Sacrament of Communion was meaningful. The fellowship was the icing on the cake, from the fun group of friends with Easter hats, to the fun, fun, egg hunt for the children, to the fellowshiping over hot cross buns and coffee. Thank you to the Sunday School for organizing the egg hunt and to all that donated eggs and candy. Thank you to the hospitality team. Thanks to everyone that was able to join in the celebration by attending. A special thank you to Juanita Weidenheft for the handmade yarn crosses and Easter eggs she made and handed to everyone that came through the door.

He Has Risen - He has Risen Indeed!



THE LIVING LAST SUPPER - 2016



Hollywood, step aside! The recent production of *The LIVING LAST SUPPER* rivaled anything you would have seen on TV that night. Director and Producer, John P. Johnson should receive an award, as should each disciple.

Also making the event come to life was Rob Newman as the Narrator and soloist, our Chancel Choir under the direction of Stan Bruns, Judy Graham Barnes at the piano and organ, Peggy Z. Gulbranson at the piano and Stan Bruns on the flute. The Disciples were: **Tony Bailes** - James the Lesser; **Steve Gulbranson** - Matthew; **Jesse Hess** - Andrew; **Clarence Neiwert** - James; **Cliff Hieb** - Simon the Zealot; **Tim Gregersen** - Judas; **Dave Buetow** - Nathaniel; **Don Ball** - Thomas; **Steve Lebsack** - John; **Ellis Lloyd** - Phillip; **Don Wiedenheft** - Thaddaeus; **John Paulson** - Peter; **Brian Williams** - Jesus. Awards also go to Kris Somsen for costumes, Jeff Hare and Don Wiedenheft for scenery, and Pastor David for his work on the spotlight.

The mood is set as Jesus and the Disciples are gathered around the table and Jesus has just announced that one of them will betray him. The disciples are shocked and each gives a short soliloquy about himself, ending with "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?"

Somehow the audience begins to feel as if they are also present that night and become witnesses to the soul searching of each disciple and perhaps ask themselves the same question. "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?" Job well done.



With the idea that the food pantry is continuing to grow and that more people are needed to help in the functioning of the pantry, a new Ministry Team has been organized. It is the plan of this team to enlist more people to help, to foster new ideas of what the pantry should or could offer in the future and to continue to alleviate hunger in this area. If you want to help this team, or if they call on you to help, please consider saying yes.

We continually thank all of you who support the pantry with your donations of food items and/or money.

Item from Idaho Food Bank: (Hunters take note) Legally harvested and processed game meat may be donated to a food bank or food pantry under these guidelines:)

- It is processed in a facility that is subject to inspection by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over meat products;
- The meat is processed and packaged into portions that require no further processing or cutting by the food bank or food pantry;
- The meat is labeled by the processor with the following:

1. Species identification
2. The name and address of the meat processing facility
3. The words "Processed for Donation or private use" and "Cook to 165°F"

Idaho Hunters Feeding the Hungry have a mission to "transform Idaho's surplus wild, big game meat into nutritious food for the hungry."

Please contact this office, 436-3354, if you have further questions.

Through the Eyes of Jesus

A ministry team has been formed to plan and bring to fruition the reconstruction of the east wall of our sanctuary. You may have noticed that in places the blue fiber glass panels have pulled away from the frames and daylight can be seen through the cracks. In addition, the expanse of uninsulated window is not energy efficient. The goal of the team is to frame and insulate the portion of the east wall which is now enclosed by blue panels, which will increase the energy efficiency of the building. The plan is to replace the pastel middle panels with the historic stain glass windows that are presently in the stain glass hallway. The Randall Hunt window will then be displayed in the stain glass hallway. Ministry team members are Bryan Bruns, Donna Johnson, Norma Mittelstedt, and Stan & Leanna Bruns.