



GOOD NEWS!

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As February is the month we celebrate love in all its manifestations, I commend to you an article, for our edification and perspective, an informative and thought-provoking article as to the historical roots of this holiday named after St. Valentine. It speaks for itself and give us much food for thought as we celebrate Valentine's Day:

St. Valentine, the Real Story

By David Kithcart

The 700 Club

Flowers, candy, red hearts and romance. That's what Valentine's Day is all about, right? Maybe not.

The origin of this holiday for the expression of love really isn't romantic at all -- at least not in the traditional sense. **Father Frank O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, Ireland**, tells the real story of the man behind the holiday -- St. Valentine.

"He was a Roman Priest at a time when there was an emperor called Claudias who persecuted the church at that particular time," Father O'Gara explains. "He also had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died."

"I think we must bear in mind that it was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived," says Father O'Gara. "Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church thought that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman for their life and that it was to be encouraged. And so it immediately presented the problem to the Christian church of what to do about this."

"The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married them because of the edict." Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against command of Emperor Claudius the second. There are legends surrounding Valentine's actions while in prison.

"One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. He was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian as a result."

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Our congregation
celebrates
communion at each
service.

Sunday

Worship Schedule

8:30 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP



COUNCIL REPORT

THE CONGREGATION- AL COUNCIL MET ON JANUARY 18, 2016.

Members Present: D'Ann Berry, , Spencer Berry, Laurie Dale, Carol Froeschle, Karen Herpich, Greg Hinders, Greg Rohloff, and Shirley Petersen, Tanya Rosenthal, Erich Drochner, Christine Johnson and Kevin Krallman

Carole Froeshle and Office Manager Cheryl Hall were unable to attend.

- The Congregational Meeting was set for January 24, 2015 after the 11:00 Worship Service.
- Motion was made to nominate Jeff Antle, Biff Flatt, Jonathan Hinders, Christine Johnson, Carolyn Kelly and Neal O'Shaughnessy to serve on the Call Committee. All had agreed to serve. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Motion was made to nominate Blair Berg, Jerry Moller, and Ann Coberly as alternates for the Call Committee. Motion seconded and passed.
- The Responsibility List was reviewed. Council members are to report on individuals next month.
- Motion was made to move internet service to Suddenlink. (as per request of the Office Manager in her report) Motion seconded and passed.
- Council Members were asked to update the Ministry Descriptions.
- Motion was made to accept the Safeguarding God's Kids Policy as amended and with the inclusion of Appendix 5. (Policy attached to minutes.) Motion seconded and passed.
- The Inclement Weather Policy was discussed. The phrase, Shelter in place, should be included. "Safety First" is recommended. It was suggested that a calling list be established to inform congregation of cancellations. Policy is in the Office Manager's office.
- Motion was made to pass the church Policy concerning guns as stated in the previous meeting. 1. Post signage at each door to prohibit Open Carrying of handguns in the physical facilities of (Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church), and 2. Any concealed handguns must be secured at all times. Motion passed.

- Motion was made to nominate Sheryl Habeger to serve a 3 year term on the Columbarium Committee. Gene Reneau will serve the 2 year term and Dorothy Bivens will serve the 1 year term. Motion seconded and passed.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 10 at 7pm

Soup and Sandwich Suppers

At 6:15 on Wednesdays,
February 17 & 24

Holden Evening Prayer

At 7:00 pm on Wednesdays
February 17 & 24

Joel 2:12-14

12 "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

14 Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God

COUNCIL REPORT CONTINUED

FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of December is \$143,600 (\$36,360 increase for the year). Investments balance in our Endowment Fund is \$114,660 (\$930 decrease for the year).

December giving to our General Budget was \$18,260 compared to our anticipated amount of \$33,400. Year-to-Date giving is \$273,380 compared to our anticipated amount of \$282,000. \$25,000 was anticipated to be transferred from our Dedicated accounts to fund parking lot re-paving. Since that didn't happen, the comparison should be to \$257,000. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$5,650 (YTD \$54,900). Total giving for December is \$23,910 (YTD \$328,280) (see charts)

Expenses for December were \$26,090 (YTD \$242,750) compared to a budgeted amount of \$28,090 (YTD \$330,000). Since we do not have a Family & Youth Minister and the parking lot has not yet been paved, the comparison should exclude the budgeted amounts for those items. In this case, the budget for December would be \$23,725. Staff expenses (\$11,380 Budget, \$14,360 Actual) is the primary reason for higher expenses.

Expenditures for December exceeded donations by \$7,835 (YTD donations greater than expenditures by \$30,625).

Respectfully submitted,

Erich Drochner
Finance Chair

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In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He inspired today's romantic missives by signing it, "from your Valentine."

"What Valentine means to me as a priest," explains Father O'Gara, "is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that -- even to the point of death."

Valentine's martyrdom has not gone unnoticed by the general public. In fact, Whitefriars Street Church is one of three churches that claim to house the remains of Valentine. Today, many people make the pilgrimage to the church to honor the courage and memory of this Christian saint.

"Valentine has come to be known as the patron saint of lovers. Before you enter into a Christian marriage you want some sense of God in your life -- some great need of God in your life. And we know, particularly in the modern world, many people are meeting God through his Son, Jesus Christ."

"If Valentine were here today, he would say to married couples that there comes a time where you're going to have to suffer. It's not going to be easy to maintain your commitment and your vows in marriage. Don't be surprised if the 'gushing' love that you have for someone changes to something less 'gushing' but maybe much more mature. And the question is, is that young person ready for that?"

"So on the day of the marriage they have to take that into context," Father O'Gara says. "Love -- human love and sexuality is wonderful, and blessed by God -- but also the shadow of the cross. That's what Valentine means to me."

May this month and Valentine's Day, mean such to us as well!

In Partnership,

Pastor Mark Galbraith



Notes:

Prayer Chain

To start the prayer chain: Call Marilyn Waugh at 342-0662.

If you would like to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin, call the church office.

KEENAGERS

Meets Wednesday,
February 3 at 12:00 pm.

KEENAGERS is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday of every month for a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

Meetings this Month.....

Sewing Group meets Monday nights at 6:30 pm

Ramp Project meets on Saturday, February 13 at 8:30 am

MOPS meets 9—11 am on Saturdays, February 13 & 27

Martha Circle meets Monday, February 8 at 9:30 am

Men's Breakfast meets Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 am

Book Club meets on Monday, February 15 at 9:30 am

Council meets Monday, February 15 at 7:00 pm

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers.....

*Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love. Psalms 31:16 NIV.*

Joe Freshnock

JoAnn Kahn

See a complete list of those we are praying for in your Sunday bulletin.)

Memorial

We give thanks to God and in memory of
William 'Bill' Vance Stratton

By Bill Tietgens

A Message from the Bishop Election Committee



By now, most people in our NT-NL Mission Area are aware that Bishop Kevin Kanouse is retiring June 30, 2016 from the office of Bishop, and a new bishop will be elected at the 2016 Mission Assembly in April.

It is now appropriate for people to submit names of rostered clergy to be lifted up to be considered as potential nominees for bishop.

ANYONE may submit the name of ANY rostered clergy in the ELCA.

The process is easy. Go to BpElection.ntnl.org and click on the Potential Nominee Submission link on the right side. The name may be submitted online, or a hard copy may be printed out and mailed. Submissions are encouraged by January 31.

The Bishop Election Committee will provide those named who agree to move forward in the process with biographical and additional paperwork that must be completed and will be posted online for all to access.

Please consider being a part of this process that will lead all of us to the one who will lead our mission area into the future.

Any questions may be addressed to the Bishop Election Committee at BpElection@ntnl.org.



SKI TRIP PLANNED: Kids that are in 6th grade or older are eligible to attend. We are planning on leaving after school (around 4pm) on 2/12/16. We will stop and have pizza supper in Clayton, NM and then arrive at the Berg home in Angel Fire that night. Skiing or snowboarding is planned for Saturday and Sunday. Please RSVP or direct questions to Christine Johnson at chris-sie65@sbcglobal.net or cell phone (806) 626-2004. Cost of rental equipment and lift tickets may be prepaid online by each family. For more information and discounted lift tickets, go online to www.angelfireresort.com. Ski school or snowboard lessons are also available for extra fee. There will be no cost to kids for housing, transportation, or meals. The group is being hosted for the weekend by Butch & Rochelle Berg.

Birthdays

02/06	Ross Krallman
02/07	Pete Petersen
02/10	Dale Thompson
02/13	Carl Galub
02/14	Jennifer Houchins
02/17	Jenna Cole
	Diane Wisker
02/18	Ann Coberley
02/20	Joe Froeschle
	Carl Hawkins
02/21	Wally Herpich
	Regina Kahn
02/22	Ingrid Owen
02/23	Jane Roulston
02/24	Donna Nuss

The commercial holiday, Valentine's Day, falls on Sunday, February 14th, this year. Let's show our love for one another with a donation of peanut butter and jelly, for our Food Pantry. If you can donate, please purchase a 16 oz. jar of peanut butter and a like size jar of jelly. Larger sizes are difficult for food pantry volunteers to distribute. The children who depend on our food pantry will surely feel loved with this special gift that we can no longer buy from High Plains Food Bank.

John 13:34 Love on another.



Serving the Congregation in February

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	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Acolyte	8:30— 11:00—Taylor Jenkins	8:30— 11:00— Taylor Jenkins	8:30— 11:00— Taylor Jenkins	8:30— 11:00— Taylor Jenkins
Assistant Minister	8:30— Sally Werner 11:00 — Bob Roulston	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30— Sally Werner 11:00 — Bob Roulston	8:30— 11:00—
Communion Assistant	8:30 — 11:00 —	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—
Lector	8:30 — Keith Rosenthal 11:00 — Jess	8:30 — Keith Rosenthal 11:00—Ashley	8:30 — Keith Rosenthal 11:00— Jess Roulston	8:30— Keith Rosenthal 11:00— Ashley Jen-
Gift Bearer	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30 — 11:00—	8:30 — Sherrill Pohl 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—
Greeter	8:30— 11:00—	8:30 11:00—	8:30— 11:00—	8:30Sherrill Pohl 11:00—
Usher	8:30— Cole/Tietgens 11:00 — Anthony Tuttle	8:30 — Cole/Tietgens 11:00 —	8:30 — Cole/Tietgens 11:00 —	8:30 — Cole/Tietgens 11:00 —
Teller	8:30 — 11:00 — K. Krallman	8:30 — 11:00 — K. Krallman	8:30 — 11:00 — K. Krallman	8:30— 11:00— K. Krallman
Altar Care	Diane Wisker, Jessi- ca Berg, Judith Han- son, Paula Cole	Diane Wisker, Jessica Berg, Judith Hanson, Paula Cole	Diane Wisker, Jessi- ca Berg, Judith Han- son, Paula Cole	Diane Wisker, Jessi- ca Berg, Judith Han- son, Paula Cole
Food Pantry	<u>1st Wednesday</u> Sherrill Pohl, Jo Ann Drockner, Dale Thompson	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> Jeane Nordine, Lu- cille Longhofer, Marjo- rie Spencer	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> Freda Jones; Joann Kahn, Betty Ann Hop- per	<u>4th Wednesday</u> Dorothy Bivens, Audrey Taylor, Diane Hinders
Flower Carrier	Lucille Longhofer		Audrey Taylor	Dorothy Bivens

February 2016

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM WORSHIP

9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 6:30 Sewing	2 9:30 Divine Drama Class 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama Class	3 10-12 pm Food Pantry KEENAGRS	4	5	6
7 Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 Confirmation Class	8 9:30 Martha's Circle 6:30 Sewing 7:00 Property	9 9:30 Divine Drama Class 5:45 SP4K 7:00 Choir 7:30 Divine Drama Class	10 10-12 pm Food Pantry 7 pm Ash Wed Service	11	12 Youth Ski Trip	13 8:30 Ramp Project 9-11 MOPS Youth Ski Trip
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28 Worship 8:30/11:00 9:45 Confirmation Class	29 6:30 Sewing	John 7:38 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."				



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Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday Schedule - 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services with Holy Communion
9:45 Sunday School for all ages

Staff, Mark Galbraith, Interim Pastor, Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;

Church Council: Kevin Krallman, President; D'Ann Berry, VP; Tanya Rosenthal, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Spencer Berry, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; Greg Rohloff, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Carol Stovall, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaugnessy, Secretary

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