TWIG submission deadline is the 15th of the month. Thanks to those who have contributed information for this edition of the Twig! We welcome your feedback!

**March 2019**

March comes in like a lion. It’s going to be hard to follow what February brought us – lots of cold and LOTS of snow! February is going to make March look really, really good. We know that it will bring warmer temps and hopefully melting snow. Then March will go out like a lamb. But April will bring us the Lamb of God resurrected from the dead; yes, Jesus will suffer and die on a cross but then will rise again on Easter Sunday – He is risen, Alleluia!

Lent begins on March 6th with Ash Wednesday services at 12 pm and 7 pm. The theme is “The Wilderness, 40 day Journey to the Cross”. Once again there will be soup served after the noon service and soup supper at 5:30 pm before the evening service. The soup suppers will be coordinated with Grace Dinners. Please plan to attend these meaningful services as you make your personal journey to the cross.

**Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge**

They will be at LCM on Sunday March 10th and once again we will serve brunch to them and the congregation between services; please bring a dish to share that serves 8 – 10. Plan to come and hear their testimonies and their music and share in a wonderful meal with them. A free will offering will be taken.

**Daylight Savings Time begins March 10**th! Set your clocks forward one hour.

**LCM Council**

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 10th, the congregation elected to the 2019 Council: Diane Erickson, Lou King, Jerry Nelson, and Peggy Jo Olivier. They join the returning council members, Barb Ames, Reuben Ristrom, Lee Loudermill, Nancy Manson, Gary Johnson, Lisa Cha, Bonnie Grill and Steve Tonder.

**Financial Report as of the December Council Meeting**

- YTD Revenue: $54,000
- Less Bestow & Grow: $8,900
- Less YTD Fixed Expenses: $44,000
- Less Normal Principal Payment: $2,500
- YTD Net Expenses Over Revenue: $7,800
- Net Cash Minimum Goal: $52,000
- Net Cash Goal: $50,000
Welcome New Members

March is Minnesota Food Share Month
There will be a table in the Narthex throughout the month for your food donations.

Needed items: rice, pasta, canned beans, canned fruit, canned meat, fruit juice, condiments, sugar, cooking oil, flour, (Fufu, Masa) peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, baby food & formula and oatmeal.

OUTREACH

Pizza Party and Bingo at Stepping Stone Emergency Housing.
Due to the extremely cold weather on February 8th, we rescheduled our pizza party and bingo night at Stepping Stone Emergency Housing to February 15th. A Thrivent Action Grant paid for the pizza, and we provided the salad and bingo prizes. We had five people that came to help serve the meal and lead the bingo. It was a lot of fun for both volunteers and residents. We were able to pray with some of the residents after bingo. We had one resident that is interested in joining us on future projects. We invited her to join us at LCM for Sunday services. In addition, we delivered a car load of donations that were collected here at LCM. Thanks to all who donated.

Pasta/Rice Bowl
70 lbs of pasta and rice were donated to CEAP. Thanks to all who donated.

We are looking for more people who have a heart for outreach to join our team. Please prayerfully consider if this is where God is calling you.

Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
A Homeless Shelter Working To End Homelessness
Stepping Stone Emergency Housing is a one-of-a-kind shelter that’s working to break the cycle of homelessness. We’re more than “just” a place to sleep for the night. We’re a temporary, short-term home for 66 men and women ages 18+. That means we’re here 24/7 with a bed to call your own, three meals a day, plus laundry and showers.

But that’s not all — and here’s what really makes Stepping Stone unique.
We work with residents one-on-one to create an individualized plan to help them move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. We provide a variety of on-site supports — from classes on topics like financial literacy and job interview skills to weekly medical appointments and more — to help residents take steps toward independence with dignity and compassion.

Stepping Stone is the only homeless shelter serving youth and adults in the five-county area of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington counties.

The Outreach team that served at Stepping Stones emergency Shelter on February 15th. Lisa, Cha, Terri Manz, Judy Rozek, Scott Bechtel and Paul Brandt.