

Redeemer Lutheran Church *of Leisure World and* St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

We have been so blessed this Lenten Season with the very informative New Member and Reaffirmation Classes that were held on Wednesdays before the Soup Suppers by Bishop Finck. It was attended by as many as 25 people, and was well-received by all. Many times, there were so many questions that we couldn't complete the lessons for that session. On Palm Sunday we welcomed Lynn Retmier, John Robinson and Jean Thompson as they joined our church. Reaffirming their faith, were Shirlene Bradrick, Betty Lucero, Carmen Leslie, Barbara Long, Jann Shaffer, Doris Weinert and myself. Bishop Finck then led us in a glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning. It has been a blessed 6 weeks.

We were thirsting for more, so Bishop Finck is going to lead us in Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00, so please mark your calendars, as I know you will not want to miss this special offering.

We have decided to change our office hours for the Bishop and the church secretary from Thursdays to Wednesdays. If you would like to meet with either, they are available on that day starting at 12:00.

Our Lenten Soup Suppers with song, Bible study, delicious suppers and fellowship were attended by 25-32 of us. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with their time, delicious cooking and generous donations to make this time together so successful.

Sunday fellowship also is being well received, and, we are so grateful for the delicious goodies that our members have signed up to bring. This time together is so beneficial to our well-being. As well as fellowship, Susan Sinner and Barbara Long have implemented a Boutique, and Barbara also did a Bake Sale. Both of these projects have done well. Thanks to these special ladies.

A special thank you to Sylvia Makus, who readied the church for Easter by cleaning, decorating the cross outside, preparing the altar, hanging the painting outside, setting up the lilies, and much more. We are so very appreciative of her dedication to our church.

All organizations need volunteers to do well, and according to studies, are part of a healthy lifestyle. I have had some members lament that they can no longer help. These people are the very ones that, in the past, had given so much to our church and the LW community. If you looked at our photos at our 60th Anniversary, you will have recognized all of these special people.

With thanks to all of you, as I have never been involved in an organization that has everyone contributing some of their time and talents when asked, and I thank you so much for helping in any capacity.

Respectfully, *Kay Pushman* Council President