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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

Reverend Finck's 50th Ordination Anniversary



June 29, 2025 was a truly special day, as not only did we celebrate the June birthdays of our congregation, but the special anniversary of Reverend Finck; a tribute to a man whose life has been devoted to serving God. The milestone was marked with a beautiful reception hosted by his loving wife, Rhoda, who orchestrated a memorable event.

Members, family and friends were treated to a delicious spread of fruit and desserts, and an inspiring look back at Reverend Finck's remarkable life and ministry. Rhoda arranged a thoughtful photo display and a video which chronicled his journey from his early days to his many years of dedicated service. We will have the photos available for a few more weeks for those of you that couldn't attend Sunday.

Our congregation also honored this momentous occasion with several heartfelt gifts. A plaque and cross were presented, and will be added to the Memorial Cross Wall, and a plaque that will be placed above the Jerusalem Cross that he made, donated, and that now hangs in the Fellowship Hall. In appreciation of both Reverend Finck and Rhoda, the congregation also gifted them a dinner at a nearby popular restaurant-a small token of gratitude for all they have given, and continue to do.

Special Congregational Meeting-July 13

We will be holding a special congregational meeting immediately following our 10:30 am church service. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Bishop Finck has worked diligently with Greenwood Heating and Air Inc., our Lutheran Synod and Episcopalian Diocese on the problem that we are unable to heat our church. After much discussion, Council passed a

motion to solve our lack of heating and cooling, and it will be presented at this meeting for the congregation's approval.

A Generous Gift

On Sunday morning, we discovered that our refrigerator was no longer functioning. Without hesitation, one of our members generously stepped in and purchased one from Golden Rain for the church. We are so grateful for her kindness and quick action to meet this unexpected need--thank you.

Hot Dog Roast-July 6

Mickey and Carol Costello are bringing back a beloved tradition--the hot dog roast. Join us Sunday, July 6 in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service for food and fellowship. Members have signed up to bring side dishes, so come hungry and ready for a fun time together. Thank you, Mickey and Carol.

A Word of Gratitude

I am so happy to be back with all of you following my recent surgery. I want to express my deepest thanks to Bishop Finck for his prayers and hospital visits – they meant so much, and helped me through this difficult time. I am also truly grateful for each of you. I really appreciate everyone that filled in for me while I was away. Your prayers, visits, cards, calls, meals, errands, and thoughtful gifts were an incredible support during my recovery. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yours in faith,

Kay Pushman
Council President