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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

California needs rain for sure, but as of the writing of this article, we are in the midst of another 3 days of it. We have had an ongoing problem for years with the basement flooding. We do have sump pumps that work correctly. However, this water is coming through the walls if the ground is too saturated. For the first two storms, we had cleanup from Wendy Alfageme, Carol and Mickey Costello, Sylvia Makus, and, her son, Dave, who brought over portable pumps. Many thanks to all of them. They are truly appreciated. The Council has voted to purchase two of these portable pumps, which we hope will help with the current cleanup, and avoid some of the need to use the wet vac.

On February 11, after our second Congregational Meeting, during our coffee hour, we had a thank you celebration for Jerry Brady. Jerry served Redeemer for 20 years, 8 of those years as President of the Council. This last year, after Pastor Lisa became ill, he kept our church going finding Pastors to preach, and filling in himself. We are also blessed that he asked Bishop Finck to accept the position of Interim Pastor. We are so thankful for his dedication to our church.

We had 30 attend our Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Finck presiding. So many people remarked that it was such a beautiful service. Bishop Finck is offering five New Member and Re-affirmation Classes at 3:00 on Wednesdays followed at 4:00 with our Lenten Soup Suppers with songs, bible study and fellowship at in the Fellowship Hall. As of this time, we have 25 that are attending. Our members have been so gracious to sign-up for making soup, desserts, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Many thanks to these wonderful volunteers.

Looking forward to our times together worshiping at Redeemer Lutheran and St. Theodore's Episcopal Church during Lent, and Holy Week.

Respectfully, *Kay Pushman* Council President

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