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### *Message from Our President...*

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been a busy month for our Church Council, and quite a few decisions have been made. Many thanks for these dedicated members.

We decided to hire a janitorial service for \$140 a month and a gardener for \$200 a month to give our hard-working volunteers that have been doing this work some well-earned time off. The janitor will clean once a month, alternating between spending the major amount of time in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The gardener will come 2-3 times a month. These figures were not figured into the 2025 Budget that was approved, so the accounts for these items will have a negative balance.

The Fire Department did an inspection, and we are required to replace 10 of our Exit Signs, as they don't fully light up. New bulbs would not improve that situation, so new signs have been purchased. Many thanks to our members, Ray Friedrichsen and Emil Miorelli who have said they will install the new signs for us.

Carol and Mickey Costello, along with Bishop Finck, have volunteered to represent us at the Pacifica Synod Assembly on May 16 and 17. Wendy Alfageme has also volunteered to be one of two alternates. We will ask for any other volunteers at the Congregational Meeting, and will then vote to approve all of our representatives.

The Council passed a motion to purchase two tables that will be placed behind the last pew to hold any church material that needs to be passed out, clipboards, cards, and possibly the name tags.

We have been approached by a National Prayer Group to use our conference room once a week for an hour, and we will be meeting with them to ensure this would be a group that follows our teaching.

We are so happy that Carmen Leslie has agreed again to chair our Spring Bazaar on May 1 and 2. We will be following the same format as the Holiday Bazaar except we will be offering lunch for sale.

Karen Ford graciously agreed to represent us at the Spring WELCA Luncheon March 1. Someone from the Women of the ELCA would like to speak to our congregation regarding this special program.

Susan Avila and Doris Weinert have been researching Thrivent, and the ways we, as members, can bring more income into our church. They will be giving a short talk on how we can accomplish that at the Congregational Meeting.

March 16 we will be having a Memorial Lunch remembering Dee Sessa hosted by Juanita Townsend. The church will be providing tableware, coffee and tea. There is a sign-up sheet to help with the setup on March 15, and to serve and cleanup on March 16.

Our Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 10:30 am with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. We then will have Lenten Devotion and Supper at 4:00 the following 5 Wednesdays; March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9. We are also planning an Easter morning brunch. There are sign-up sheets to help with the suppers, and brunch. As we get closer to Easter, there also will be a sign-up sheet if you would like an Easter Lily.

I know there are so many sign-up sheets over the next few months, and I hope you can find some way to help, and thank you in advance for volunteering.

God's Blessings,

***Kay Pushman***

Council President