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Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

Approximately 100 family and friends were present at the Memorial Service where Bishop Finck's message was so meaningful and appreciated by all as we lovingly remembered our amazing Pastor for 17 years. The bulletin was beautifully done by Margo, who had been with Pastor Gil during his time at Redeemer. The luncheon was delicious, provided by family and members, and planned to be similar to one that Pastor Gil always suggested. A cross and plaque on our Memorial Wall was dedicated by Bishop Finck after the luncheon, and was attended by the family. He has been remembered by many generous memorial gifts in his honor. This was a very special time for our church, and many thanks to all of the volunteers that contributed to the success of remembering our special time with Pastor Gil.

God's Work, Our Hands which hadn't been done since covid was very successful on September 8 even though it was a very hot day. We collected so much food, and are grateful for the generosity of our members and neighbors. I would especially like to thank all those who showed up in the hot weather to help; Carol and Mickey Costello, Sylvia Makus, Doris Weinert, Karen Ford, Shirlene Bradrick, Wendy Alfageme, my neighbor, Midge Bash, my daughter, sonin-law and grandson and Carl and Jessica Keene, who made two trips to deliver all of the donated food.

We are still working on the sound system for the church. My son has found some Bose speakers at a very reduced price, and will install them at a different location than the ones that are on our walls now, which should help our members hear every inspirational word of Bishop Finck's sermons.

The Memorial Cross Wall has been implemented with Pastor Gil's cross and plaque being the first. We have decided the following if you would like to have one of your loved ones remembered in this way. If we provide the cross and plaque a \$200 donation is suggested. If you provide the cross, and we provide the plaque a \$150 donation is suggested. The plaques will all be uniform with the option of the Lutheran rose, Episcopal flag, or a cross. After the purchase of the items, the donations will be added to the Memorial Wall Fund which is part of our Operating Budget. We will have a form available if you would like to have your loved one permanently remembered in this way. If you have any questions, please see me. We all are so very blessed by our inspirational Wednesday Bible Study, led by Bishop Finck, for which we have had to add extra tables. If you don't already attend, consider adding this to your calendar as we continue through the Ten Commandments.

Mark your calendars for November 14 and 15 from 8:30 a.m.3:30 as we will be offering our Fall Bazaar featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, gently used treasures, jewelry, ceramics and more. There is a sign-up sheet if you would like a table to offer your wares. 10% of all sales will be donated to the church, except our Boutique, which is 100%. There will be a work party on Wednesday, November 13 at 4:00. If you have any questions, please call Carmen Leslie, Chairperson at 562 430 6950.

As always, I thank you for allowing me to serve.

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