

Third Word News & Notes



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Pastor's Message

Someone asked me to explain the difference between a disciple and an apostle since Jesus had both disciples and apostles. I said disciples are those who learn and follow a teacher. Apostles are those who are sent out to teach what they have learned and to be ambassadors of their teacher. Jesus is still looking for followers and ambassadors to live, learn and teach the good news to people today. The purpose of the church is to instruct and equip its members to be disciples and apostles of Jesus. Jesus chose the Twelve *that they might be with him*, Mark 3:14. Jesus said, "where 2 or 3 are gathered I am there among you". When Christians meet together Jesus is present with us. His presence can be instructive and transformative. Let's take advantage of every opportunity to be with him.

Pastor Norm

238th Annual Meeting

Third Church held its annual meeting with 38 in attendance. Many items were discussed and put to vote. There some additional nominations from the floor. Many thanks were given to the Christian Commitment committee for doing a great job. The budget was balanced with less being taken from the endowment funds than in years past. The trustees noted that they are working hard to bring that number down to zero in the coming years. The vote on the Bylaws was put on hold until April 29th in order to give more consideration to last minute proposed changes. Russ Hassmann is remaining as President of the Church. A copy of the minutes can be obtained by contacting the church secretary as soon as they are submitted.



PFS Italian Dinner

Come for dinner on February 18th from 5 to 7PM for a great dinner of spaghetti, chicken parmesan, salad, bread and dessert. The price is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 10 years. We would love to see you at our next event.

Volunteer Corner

We would like to thank Don Keathley for all of his hard work. Don has been updating all of our computer records and troubleshooting issues in the new program with information on membership. Don has also been hard at work putting together the packet for our annual meeting. We are grateful for his continued contributions. Congratulations on his new role, chair of the Diaconate committee.



Confirmation Classes Watches Learns about Martin Luther and the life of Paul

The confirmation classes learned more about the life of Paul and his Gospel through video and discussion. The students then watched a movie on the life of Martin Luther and his life while having lunch. The movies are a great way to introduce new ideas and characters into the lives of our confirmands.

Cub Scouts hold Pinewood Derby

The Cub Scouts held their largest event of the year, the Pinewood Derby. All scouts make their own cars and race them to the finish line. There are several contests of the fastest car, the most imaginative car, the best decorated and several more categories that can award any of the attending scouts a prize for their car. It is a great day and a great event for our sponsored troop.



Paninis with Pastor

Our PF group enjoyed trying new sandwiches with Pastor Norm on January 27th. He brought ingredients to make three types of paninis and a dessert Panini of bananas and chocolate & hazelnut spread. It was a fun night for all who attended.

CT Fellowship Holds Class On Recognizing Abuse

The CT Fellowship held a class run by Bobbie Chapman on recognizing abuse, the responsibilities of Pastors and other leaders within the church to report abuse. There were some ways discussed on how ministers can protect themselves against any impropriety. There were ministers from around the state and a group from New Jersey. It was helpful information and the group was given the phone numbers to use to report any abuse to the right authority.

