

KTF 2025 February 6

Dear Ones,

Earlier this week I posted the following on Facebook. It seemed important to me to share it with all of you, too.

For 20+ years, I have been urging my parishioners to memorize the promises of the baptismal covenant. Why? For days such as these, when we need to remember what our faith is really about.

"What do we do?!" Someone asked me. "The same thing we've always done," I said. "Love our neighbor. Resist evil. Pray. Gather. Respect the dignity of every human being. Seek and serve Christ in all people. Strive for justice and peace."

This is why I've urged them to memorize those promises. They are our job description as citizens of God's kingdom.

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
- Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

In the meantime....*keep the faith,*

Nancy+

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8 * Psalm 138 * 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 * Luke 5:1-11

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ada Moore (2/15)

CREATION CARE TIPS

CLEAR THE DECKS!

Bruce and I like to clear our deck of snow, but not so we can "throw some shrimp on the barbie." We were astounded by the number we calculated when we multiplied the deck area by the depth of the snow on it, then multiplied that by the weight of snow per cubic foot. Snow has a range of weight from 7 to 20 pounds per cubic foot, according to its fluffiness or denseness. We used the heavier number because we wanted the potential weight of packed snow in March, after the February and March snows have pressed down on the December and January snows below it. So, if we have faith in the deck's construction, why bother? Because we knew of decks that collapsed under the weight of too many people at parties... and one person who suffered a broken back when he fell through a deck's planking.

In case you're curious, the numbers we used for weight load are: 10 feet by 22 feet = 220 square feet.

Compacted snow, two feet deep: 2 feet x 20 #/ cu ft = 40 # per sq ft.

220 sq ft x 40 #/ sq ft = 8,800 #, or 4.4 tons of snow on our deck, by the time the spring thaw begins. Yes, this is a 'worst case' example. But it pays to be careful, so we clear the decks.

But how do you wrestle a snow blower onto a deck? While Bruce works on the driveway using a hulking 28" monster, I can do it alone by using a lightweight battery powered snowblower. I take out the batteries, haul the machine up the 4 steps, put the batteries back in, and turn it on. (Most of you can skip the battery shuffle, because you're stronger than I am.) It's five years old, it only throws snow that's up to 8 inches deep, and it's not self propelled, but it's quick and easy to use. Then I pick up a shovel and clear the rest of our outdoor steps, tight corners, and whatever else needs a little tidying up.

Why am I promoting a battery powered snow blower? Because it doesn't use fossil fuel on site; and it may not use fossil fuel at the power plant, either, depending on where the electricity is generated.

In general, power produced at a generating station gives off less pollution per unit than power generated at point of use. So, a gasoline snow blower will produce more pollution in my neighborhood than the electric one will produce at the generating station. And our gasoline engine doesn't have scrubbers in smokestacks to take pollutants out of the air, the way many power plants do.

Another point in the plus column for the battery powered snowblower is that its motor is so much quieter than any gasoline engine, a point your neighbors and your ears will enjoy. (Less noise pollution!)

We're researching new snow blowers to replace an overly heavy gas powered machine, so a larger battery powered unit is definitely in the competition. One I have my eye on is 110 pounds lighter than the one Bruce uses now, and it's similar in size. Check with us next winter to see what we've chosen.

– Patty

Hurt not the earth—neither the sea—nor the trees. Revelation 7:3

Editor's Note: I have a small one that runs on a cord which works beautifully on my deck. One extension cord is enough to reach every corner. N+

CALENDAR

SUN 2/9:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist/In-person and online
WED:	9:00 AM	Eucharist/Bible Study
THU:	9:00 AM	Christ Church Book Group/Zoom
	7:15 PM	Zoom Compline
SUN 2/16:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist/In-person and online
	3:00 PM	Bethel House Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safe Church Certification If you are one of the people who is safe church certified, it's time to renew! Speak to Nancy for more information.

March and April Ministries Schedule Liz is beginning to prepare the ministries schedule for March and April. (FYI: Easter is April 20) If you know of Sundays when you are NOT available, please let her know this week. You can email her (christchurchnorway@gmail.com) or leave a note on her desk.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Chapel Kids Theater presentation, March 4. It's been a few years, but with Easter so late this year, we have a pretty good chance of being able to have this fun Mardi Gras event this year without risk of being snowed out. We need donations of the ingredients (pancake mix, bacon and/or sausage, etc.), cooks, set up and clean up teams... There will be some fun activities for the kids leading up to their performance of the story of Esther. I would like to invite our ecumenical friends to join us, so let me know this week if you are interested in participating and helping. (and pssst....I've invited Bishop Brown—not sure he can make it but it doesn't hurt to ask!)

Outreach Project

In cooperation with Community Concepts we are collecting diapers of all sizes and baby wipes. If you would prefer to give money or a gift card toward the purchase, that works too—Jenna Mulandi has offered to be a shopper with any funds we gather.