

Offertory

Received week of 1/10/22 to 1/16/22	\$ 1,592
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 2,022
Weekly Over/Under week of 1/10/22 to 1/16/22	\$ (430)
Year to Date Received 7/1/21 to 1/16/22	\$ 70,454
Year to Date Budget Amount	\$ 53,634
Year to Date Over/Under Budget Amount	\$ 11,820

(Amounts include online Giving Donations)
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Announcements

<u>COVID TEST KITS</u>: The federal government has implemented a new CDC/USPS 1-800 telephone number for those who do not have internet access, limited English proficiency (second language) and/or was unable to order through the on-line ordering process. See updated info below.

- *New Order Phone # 1-800-232-0233 (phone line is open from 8 a.m. to midnight ET seven days a week, and offers assistance in more than 150 languages.)
- *CDC Information page COVIDtests.gov Free at-home COVID-19 tests
- *USPS Link to order COVID Home Tests | USPS.
- *Resources: Lincoln County Public Health COVID and Vaccination webpage https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/find-covid-19-testing-and-vaccination
- **Bible Study:** We are so sorry to announce that due to COVID, we have suspended Bible Study until further notice. We may resume our ZOOM sessions...stay tuned for further information.

- Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before all 9:00am Masses.
- **Wedding Anniversaries:** We will celebrate your anniversary with you. Please email your wedding photos and information to the office.
- A Special Request: We have received a request from Bob Kearns which follows: The
 Sentinel's managing editor Ed Langlois has asked me to write a story about how adults can
 learn from children. Have you learned a lesson from a child? It might be a young person who
 has overcome adversity, or impressed someone with their faith, or outlook on life. Or a life
 lesson, possibly, or even something humorous. This is a busy time of year, I know. But if you
 are an adult or a child who would be willing to talk about your experience, please give me a

call at 503.481.5931 or email me at this address: bob@kerns.org Thanks for your time and God bless you.

- February Word Among Us and 2022 Calendars are now available in the vestibule.
- Volunteers: We are always looking for parishioners to help as Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers. Also, our choir would love to have you help them make some joyful noise. No singing expertise required...Tim will quickly get you up to speed. Please consider serving your parish and contact the office by



Sat. Jan. 22 Lyn and Dick Taylor
Sun. Jan. 23 Lorrie Owens and her mother Norma
Tues. Jan. 25 ♣ Ann Garland
Wed. Jan. 26 Janiece's niece, Molly
Thurs. Jan. 27 Margarita and Tom Cahill 60th Ann.
which was on Jan. 13.
Fri. Jan. 28 Mai Shearer
Sat. Jan. 29 Jim Fitzgerald and ♣ Sharon Fitzgerald
Sun. Jan. 30 Knights of Columbus

email. For choir in-choir-ies, please call Tim Grady: 541-961-2713. Thank you.

 Prayer Chain reminder: If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of our prayer chain, please contact our awesome prayer chain coordinators, Bruce and Cherylann Buckley at prayin4u@peak.org. Many thanks to all of our prayer chain family.

Jesus' Amazing "Elevator Speech"

This is a pretty amazing "elevator speech" that Jesus delivers in Nazareth's synagogue. (**Luke 4:14-21**) If you're not familiar with that term, an "elevator speech" is a short description of what you do, or the point you want to make, presented in the time it takes an elevator go to from the top floor to the first floor or vice versa. "Elevator speeches" usually last no longer than 30 seconds and contain fewer than 130 words. Jesus, however, doesn't need half that many words to sum up what he is about in the world—what his mission and ministry will accomplish among us.

Speaking in the synagogue he grew up in, Jesus inaugurates his ministry by doing what adult Jewish men did in synagogues. Standing in the midst of his neighbors, Jesus unrolls a scroll, finds a passage from the 61st chapter of the prophet Isaiah, reads it aloud,



then rolls up the scroll again and sits down to offer his comments on the text. And what does

Jesus say in his "elevator speech?" We can sum it up in six sound-bytes.

First, Jesus is under orders. He is possessed by the Holy Spirit who has set him aside to do God's work.

Second, Jesus ushers breathtaking good news into this bad news world.

Third, Jesus' delivers freedom. The original word, often translated "forgiveness," is tied even more closely to being turned loose. It's the same word Jesus uses in John chapter 11, when he gives orders that Lazarus, called forth from the tomb, should be "unbound"—turned loose, set free.

Fourth, Jesus pierces through darkness and opens blind eyes.

Fifth, Jesus proclaims—not God's unremitting, well-deserved judgment...but rather: God's astonishing grace and favor. Jesus doesn't represent the "God will get you for that" way of the law. Jesus speaks for the God whose power is shown chiefly in showing mercy.

Sixth, Jesus does all these things NOW. His one-sentence commentary begins with "today." Imagine that—the first time Jesus speaks as an adult in Luke's gospel, he starts with the word, "TODAY"--"Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Wow! What an elevator speech! All the sermons that have ever been preached on this text can't hold a candle to the original, straight from Jesus' mouth. In just 60 words in English translation, we get the whole enchilada. We see, hear, experience the sum total of Jesus' life and ministry.

But not only that; this isn't just a once-upon-a-time "elevator speech," to remember what the historical Jesus was like when he walked on this old ball of mud. No, these 60 words encapsulate, they capture what Jesus-alive-in-the-Body-of-Christ is still very much up to, right here and now, even today in our very midst.

For this isn't just Jesus' "elevator speech." It is ours as well. Jesus Christ—the same One who was crucified, buried, raised from the dead—is alive in us. Jesus is still pursuing his mission among us.

Here's the deal: these same six bullet-points apply to you and me, who from the day of our baptism, have lived "in Christ" in this world. *-Lawrence Robert Wohlrabe, Dr. of Ministry*



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary, Margarita and Tom Cahill

