

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, my good friend Pete Christofferson turned 100 years old. I called him on the 13<sup>th</sup> to wish him a happy birthday and he asked if I was coming to the party on the 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. I told him I wouldn't miss it for the world. He told me good, because if I didn't make it, I would not be invited to the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday party. 100 years old and still making jokes. I want to be like Pete when I am 100. What were his words of advice to get to 100? 'Take the good with the bad. Sometimes the road gets as little rough, but it smooths out again afterward. Laugh a lot, laughter is good medicine.' There you have it. Pete ended up having 4 parties, only 3 were for him, and one was for everyone who had a birthday in January in the senior living apartments. Pete still lives on his own, cooks his own food, and buys his own beer, Pabst Blue Ribbon. I heard some great stories of Pete growing up on a farm and being told he couldn't go to high school because he was needed on the farm. His brothers all went to HS, and on to college. Pete did ok despite the lack of degree and is still doing quite well.

Coming up on February 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual meeting. Please plan on attending so we can have a forum and ratify the 2022 budget and elect 2 council members. Both myself and Karen are up for reelection and have decided to run. We would like anyone else that would like to be on council to through their name in the hat as well.

We are still looking for a Financial Secretary. If you have any accounting experience and would like to work with Mary Beth making sure our financials are in order, please let Dar know, or come to the meeting and let Pastor or myself know.

You may have noticed a few trees were removed along the front of the church. They were becoming a hazard for people walking and biking on the sidewalk with the sharp needles. It was to the point each time we got a little rain and wind another one would fall over. Thanks Pastor Tony for pulling the trees to the back lot where we will get them chipped up.

Have a great week, and see you all February 6<sup>th</sup>!

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