

APRIL ADOPT-A-BILL FUNDRAISER



In 2022 the church did the first Adopt-a-Bill fundraiser with great success. We filled a display board in the narthex with a breakdown of church expenses (a week or a month's cost), and invited our members and friends to "adopt" one or two of these bills as way to help with the budget deficit. The response was inspiring! The financial contributions came in so well that we filled the display board a second time so that everyone could participate. We are going to try it again this month, and are hoping that the response will be just as generous.

This year, we are going to include not only the budgeted expenses to be adopted, but some other items that have come up, for which we don't have budgeted funds. For example, we would love to do some advertising to promote activities, events, and advertise our available rental space - but there is no room in the budget. We would like to have funds to support the 125th Anniversary Team's activities, but we don't have room in the budget. We would love to be able to invest in a new design and update our church's website, but you guessed it, we don't have the money in the budget.

We invite you to adopt one or two of our budgeted expenses and perhaps one of the dedicated "new" items that you would like to support. Look for the display board around church this month. Your generosity is very much appreciated and really helps to keep our ministry moving forward. Thank you for your support!



"GROWING SPIRITUALLY"

Pastor Scott, Don Niederfrank, and the Lenten Book Study group continue to explore a book called "Soul Feast". The book, by Marjorie J. Thompson, is a way to learn about and begin practicing different forms of prayer and devotion that will help renew and form our Christian spiritual lives. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30, in-person and online. During Lent, the class will meet immediately following the 6:30 Wednesday evening worship services. Here are the remaining four sessions:

April 5, Session 7: *Of Conscience & Consciousness: Self-Examination, Confession, & Awareness*

April 12, Session 8: *Companions on the Journey: The Gift of Spiritual Direction*

April 19, Session 9: *Entertaining Angels Unawares: The Spirit of Hospitality*

April 26, Session 10: *Putting it All Together: Developing a Rule of Life*