# The Eagle

January 2016

(Printer-Friendly Version) Submissions for the February edition of *The Eagle* are due on January 15th

January 17th Budget Forum 9:15 AM Come hear about the 2016 proposed budget.

> St. John's Annual Meeting January 24, 2016 <u>There will be only one service</u> <u>at 10:30 AM</u>

# Financial Stewardship—Giving at St. John's

As we near the end of 2015, here at St. Johns we start looking at next year's church budget, both our expected receipts and expenses. Since many of us also do this from a personal perspective as we plan for 2016, this is a good time to review the various ways of giving to St. John's, with a focus on financial giving.

#### **NEW!** Online/Electronic Giving

In response to the changing methods of financial transactions as technology has become more advanced, as well to inquiries from both younger and more mature members, we are pleased to announce that it is now possible to make both recurring and one-time/occasional donations by credit/debit card or by bank draft (electronic funds transfer, EFT) from a checking or savings account. These online giving options are managed by Vanco Services, LLC, a financial technology services company specializing in secure electronic payment solutions for churches and not-for-profits.



**To give electronically:** Go to the St. John's home page (http:// stjohnssummit.org). Click on "Giving" in the horizontal menu bar at the top, and then on the "Give Online" button. You can also give from a smart phone or tablet by scanning the QR code that will be printed in weekly worship bulletins and is shown here. For both the website and the

mobile processes, you can skip the "Create a Profile" step unless you want to set up recurring payments or track your giving history throughout the year. If you have any questions or run into any problems, contact Linda Clark at njclarks@gmail.com or 908-512-7970.

#### Simply Giving®

Vanco Services LLC also manages the Simply Giving® program of Thrivent Financial, which St. John's has offered for many years, and which about 10-15% of our members currently use for automatic EFT fulfillment of regular (pledge) giving. In fact, the new e-giving options described above are simply an expansion of St. John's participation in Simply Giving. If you are a current Simply Giving user, you do not need to take any actions at this time; we will contact you directly about the additional options now available to you.

#### **Checks and Cash**

Rest assured that "the good old fashioned way" - with checks and cash - is still a fine way to give! Worship services at St. Please mark your calendars:

2/7/2016: Joys and Challenges of Theological Education in the 21st Century Forum

The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Parish Potluck immediately following 10:30 service

2/10/2016: Ash Wednesday Services at Noon & 7:30 PM

2/25/2016: St. John's All Committee Night @ 7:30 PM

# **Special Adult Education Opportunity**

On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00—3:00 PM we will welcome Dr. Dennis Olson, Charles T. Haley Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, to give two lectures on the Old Testament. The two lectures are entitled "What Are Christians to Do with All the Laws and Violence in the Old Testament?" and "What Are the Resources that the Old Testament Uniquely Contributes to Our Christian Faith and Life?" This extended learning opportunity is meant to supplement the year-long read through the Bible, but all people should find this program enlightening and informative.

### Women's Retreat

Our ever-popular Women's Retreat will be held with the women from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Chatham, from **February 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>** at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center. Please save the dates now. More information will be forthcoming.

> **Dinner Church** Upcoming Dates: January 10 February 14 March 13

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year, as I have done every year for the past three decades, I listened to Handel's *Messiah* during Advent. It always calms my spirit to hear those first beautiful words: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned."

So too, listening to the choir sing "For Unto Us a Child is Born" at our Advent Lessons and Carols, was very special because it reminded me of the joy I experienced at the birth of our grandson Elliott.

Advent is now behind us as is our joyous celebration of Christmas (even though some of the twelve days still remain.) Yet, I think about those still in need of comfort; those awaiting the birth of children; those living in wartorn countries or who are weighed down by the burdens of sin and brokenness. I think about those who have died or are dying and the ones who are grieving for them.

Pondering the needs of all these beloved children of God brings to mind this simple but powerful poem written by the Rev. Howard Thurman. Thurman was an influential African American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader whose life and ministry had a profound impact on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His most important book, *"Jesus and the Disinherited"* was carried by King while leading the 1955 –56 Montgomery bus boycott.

As we move into this new year of our partnership in the Gospel, I leave you with Thurman's poem and my own heartfelt prayer that our participation in God's mission of healing and hope will grow ever stronger as we seek to serve.

#### "Now the Work of Christmas Begins"

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

I look forward to making music in the heart with you in 2016 and in the years to come. See you in church.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Gladys

# From Pastor Blake

What does the future hold? What challenges and opportunities will present themselves? What changes should I make? What things do I need to hold onto, what things do I need to purge, and what things do I need to recommit to? These are good questions to ask yourself at the start of a new year. They are also good questions for us as a congregation to reflect upon.

For 108 years, St. John's has been about the mission of loving God and neighbor. That has not changed. However, our context and community has. The Holy Spirit has continued to shape and reform the church.

So, how is God reforming us now? Where is God calling us? What does our future hold? We need to be people of prayer and devotion. We need to commit to worship, service, and stewardship of our resources. We need to continue to connect with one another—to build bonds of love that will endure. We need to sow seeds of discipleship in our children and young people. We need to strengthen our roots in our community and among our neighbors.

We are not the congregation we used to be nor are we yet the church God is calling us to be. And that is ok. God has called us to this place at this time. God has given us work to do. God has given us each other to love and support one another in our joys and our sorrows. I don't know just what the future holds for St. John's, but I do know who holds the future. God will be faithful to keep us, to sustain us, and even to change us. But above all, know that God loves us and will never leave us.

Let me close with one of my favorite passages of scripture, written by the Prophet Jeremiah to the Israelites in exile in Babylon. The exiles' former lives turned upside-down and their future filled with uncertainty and fear, Jeremiah speaks a word of hope to them and to us:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

In Christ, Pastor Blake

# News and Notes from the Director of Music/Organist

#### A New Year, a New Liturgy!

What better way to begin the new year than with a new liturgy! At the 10:30 AM service beginning Jan. 10th, we will be learning ELW Setting 6—a compilation of the work of several African American composers: Tillis Butler (d. 2002; once a musician at St. Olaf Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI), James Capers (b. 1948; pastor of Lamb of God Lutheran Church ELCA, Indianapolis, IN), Dr. James Harris, and Rawn Harbor (b. 1947; director of liturgy at St. Columba Catholic Church in Oakland, CA).

Drawing on the great traditions of African American jazz and Gospel music, Tillis Butler composed the Kyrie setting for the "River of Life" liturgy in This Far By Faith: An African American Resource for Worship (1999). James Capers composed the "Glory to God" and "Lamb of God" for the "Liturgy of Joy" setting in This Far by Faith, and Butler and Harris composed the Gospel Acclamation, "Holy, holy, holy," and "Now, Lord" for the "Detroit Folk Mass" (1986).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." Let us sing with great spirit this new-to-us setting that is an important part of African American Lutheran heritage and worship.

#### New Year's Resolutions?

I'm not usually one to make New Year's resolutions, but the new year is still an opportune time to reflect on where we are in life. Are there better choices we can make? How can we do more of what we love? How can we make a positive difference in our communities and in the lives of those we care about? Another quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. seems apropos:

> "Everybody can be great . . . because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

This is the spirit I see at St. John's in so many ministries and areas of service. For those who love music, you are invited to share your blessings of music in a choir or ensemble or as a soloist, so that God might fill all our hearts, voices, and souls and work through us to achieve more grace and love everywhere we go.

#### What's a Handbell Festival?

So St. John's will be hosting its first-ever handbell festival on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and of course, the first question I'm asked is, "What's a handbell festival?" Well, that's easy enough to answer: It's a time of learning—for anywhere from 5 to 100 bell choirs from different churches and schools, it's a time of fellowship and fun, and it's a time of sharing what was learned in a concert. Five or six bell choirs from churches in Summit, Morris Plains, and Mountain Lakes will gather at 8:30 AM on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet one another and the festival conductors, and then to begin a full day of rehearsing music en masse (all of the

### From the Director of Music/ Concert Series



### Emmet Cohen – Jazz Piano

An Evening of Dinner and Jazz – Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 6:00PM

Jazz pianist Emmet Cohen has quickly become one of the most in demand musicians in New York and around the world. A finalist in both the 2011 Thelonious Monk International Piano Competition and the 2015 American Pianists Association's Fellowship, Cohen plays with the maturity and confidence of a seasoned veteran. With astonishing technique and an innovative harmonic palate, Emmet engenders a deep musical bond with his audience. Cohen has shared the bandstand with a plethora of musical luminaries, working regularly with Kurt Elling, Herlin Riley, Ali Jackson, Brian Lynch, Billy Hart, Jimmy Heath, and many others. He completed a bachelors in music at the University of Miami and a masters degree at the Manhattan School of Music. This piano phenom can be found playing either piano or Hammond B3 Organ in New York City and all over the world.

In 2011, Emmet came in first place in the Kathleen T. and Philip B. Phillip's Piano Competition at the University of West Florida. Emmet was also selected as one of five finalists for the prestigious 2011 American Pianist's Association's Cole Porter Fellowship. He received multiple write-ups in Downbeat Magazine for winning Downbeat Student Music awards in the categories, "Best Jazz Soloist" and "Best Jazz Combo" (for the Emmet Cohen Trio).

Emmet's debut album, "In the Element" featuring Joe Sanders and Rodney Green, received an abundance of national and international critical acclaim. Most recently, Emmet released a co-led project with trumpeter Brian Lynch, featuring Boris Koslov and the legendary Billy Hart.

Emmet holds a bachelors in music from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music, where he studied with the esteemed pianist and educator, Shelly Berg, and completed his master's degree at the Manhattan School of Music. Emmet is not a talent to be missed, and can be found playing either piano or Hammond B3 Organ in New York City and all over the world.

This is a concert that you will not want to miss! A catered dinner will be provided. Get your tickets now before they are gone, they are selling quickly. This is a limited seating engagement.

For tickets call: (908) 273-3846 or visit: www.stjohnssummit.org/concert-tickets

#### (DG—Director of Music, cont. from pg. 3)

choirs ringing the same music together). During the rolling lunch break, individual bell choirs will rehearse their solos. At 5:00 PM, the doors will be opened to the public who will be invited in to enjoy the festival concert.

Why mention the festival now when it's only January? Well, for one thing, I want to get it on everyone's calendar right away. It would be great if all of St. John's members and friends could be there to hear this special concert. And reason #2 is: helpers will be needed to make the day a success! Strong helpers will be needed to set up platforms, move heavy items around, etc. before and after the festival. Greeters will be needed to welcome and guide ringers around St. John's as they arrive Saturday morning and during the lunch break. And ushers will be needed to greet concert-goers, hand out programs, and receive a free-will offering to defray festival expenses. Who knows, we might even need a general "gopher" helper during the day. If you can help in any of these ways, please drop me an email.

### **Rehearsal Schedules**

Wondering when the next \_\_\_\_\_ choir/ensemble rehearsal is? Check the Google calendar on St. John's website for the latest information.

# Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund

We are grateful for gifts given to the glory of God by:

- Heidi Alber for the special purpose of the Lutherringers in memory of Magda Alber.
- Milt and Margaret Gonzales in memory of Chris Kaylor.
- Linda Wilbur
- Robin and Heinz Roth for the special purpose of the Youth Challenge (ELCA Clean Water).
- Michaela Rupp for the special purpose of Youth Ministry in memory of Charlotte and Markus Rupp.
- Carolyn, Craig, Courtney and Stephanie Rothman in loving memory of John Carl Opolka, Jr., Carolyn's father, for the sole purpose of Youth Missions.

# Hinman Scholars Loan Fund

We are grateful for gifts given to the glory of God by:

Helen Maas in memory of George and Doris Akerblom

Youth News

Sunday, January 17	Supper Club—6:00 PM
Sunday, February 7	Souper Bowl of Caring
See yout	h bulletin board for details.

# **Movie Nights Return**

Join us for Movie Night! All screenings begin at 7:00 PM.

#### January 4—Selma

The true story of the epic march from Selma to Montgomery led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights movement. This films tells the story of the struggle, the racism, and the triumph of justice. It is a moving portrayal of the hardship and courage of the faithful individuals willing to risk everything in the hope of a more just America.

### February 22—We Have A Pope

Following the election of a new pope, the selected cardinal suddenly seems to be overcome with anxiety and fear. This new pope is wrestling with what it means to assume this office. We have a pope...or do we?

### March 14—The Imitation Game

Based on the real life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the film portrays the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

# **Council Highlights**

1-Online giving is now available. Please see weekly bulletin and The Eagle for all the details.

2- The council is preparing the budget for 2016. Please join us on January 17th for discussion.

3- St. John's has been seeing an increase in visitors the past few weeks. Please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to St. John's .

### Sine Nomine



Open to all adult members/friends of the congregation. Sine Nomine means "without name." а used intentionally for almost 40 years to escape defining the This fellowship gathering group. occurs once a month at the homes of members of St. John's and is a great way to get to know other members a little better.

Bring a main dish to share if you can, or bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. If you are interested in hosting Sine Nomine, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or contact Jane Bowman at 908-447-8865 or jbowman@drew.edu.

The next Sine Nomine will be January 15, 2016 at the home of Bill and Linda Walker.

# Changes to Parish Registry

 Affirmation of Baptism of Hilda Boyd on December 13, 2015.

#### (Financial Stewardship, cont. from pg. 1)

John's include the opportunity to make financial contributions; cash and checks are always welcome in the offering plates. We intend to continue to distribute traditional offering envelopes to all who want them. Contributions can also be sent by mail or dropped off at the church office during the week. Make checks payable to "St. John's Lutheran Church". If you are giving for a specific purpose, please note that in the memo line.

#### Stock transfer and/or proceeds from sales of stocks, etc.

These ways of giving are sometimes part of an individual's or family's ongoing annual financial/tax planning or can be part of estate planning. Although more typically used for major gifts to our endowment or to specific special fund appeals, some members also use these means to fulfill their annual pledges. Anyone with an interest in so doing should contact one of the Pastors or the Financial Secretary, Bob Cook, at rwcook119@gmail.com

In subsequent articles, we will discuss in more detail the mechanics of the new online giving platform. We also plan to address some of the questions and issues that may arise such as "Is my response to God any different when giving with a credit card vs. a more traditional means?"

### **Summit Interfaith Council News**

As part of St. John's growing commitment to our Summit community, we are becoming more involved in the Summit Interfaith Council. The Council's interests are broad and try to bring more attention to timely issues and events that seek the common good.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Climate Crossroads**

**Thursday January 7, 7:00 PM** (Snow date, January 14th) at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Avenue, Summit, NJ. The Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of GreenFaith will share his experiences at the UN Climate Negotiations in Paris. Find out how we can help bring about lasting change.

#### **Ubuntu Vigil**

**Sunday, January 17th, 6:00 PM** on the Summit Village Green, join those of other faith traditions as we gather under the theme, *"Black and Brown Lives Matter"* and stand in solidarity with victims of gun violence, as well as with Syrian refugees, our Muslim brothers and sisters, immigrant communities and all grieving communities nationwide.

"**Books That Matter"**, a series that begins in January, co-hosted by the Unitarian Church, Central Presbyterian Church and St. John's.

#### #1 Tuesdays between MLK Day and Valentine's Day

**Book:** Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates Come explore Coates' letter to his son and listen to faith leaders share their perspectives and engage in small group discussion.

#### **Locations and Dates:**

Tues, Jan 19th, 7:30 PM at The Unitarian Church Tues, Jan 26th, 7:30 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church Tues, Feb 2nd, 7:30 PM at The Unitarian Church Tues, Feb 9th, 7:30 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church

#### #2 Sunday afternoons during Lent

**Book:** *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson Host: Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple Street, Summit, Time: TBD

#### #3 Tuesdays during Passover

**Book Options:** One of the following books will be read and discussed: *White Like Me* by Tim Wise *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving Location and time: TBD

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> God's purpose for St. John's is to hear God's Word, reflect God's grace, share Christ's love.

# LightHouse Ministry of Jacksonville

The mission of this ministry is to spread the word of God by providing housing for men coming out of prison or rehabilitation recovery programs. Their goal is to assist these men in transforming their lives through Christ.

Following the principles of Celebrate Recovery, LHM has created a safe environment, where men can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through daily interaction with Christian peers and mentors, and through specific recovery and life skills programs.

All residents are required to find and maintain employment, pay rent, cover their own personal expenses, and perform basic chores and upkeep of the house. They are active in church and attend formal recovery programs.

I had the opportunity to see this Ministry in action in November, as I attended the dedication of its second house built in Jacksonville, Florida. Saint John's Social Ministry Committee is proud to be involved in this ministry, in some small way, through a donation from our 2015 operating budget.

Norma Engelhardt

### Knitting /Crocheting for "Christmas at Sea"

In 2015, members and friends of St. John's knit or crocheted over 70 hats and 80 scarves for the "Christmas at Sea" program of the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) and delivered them to SCI's east cost headquarters in Port Newark. Combined with the similar efforts from many volunteers across the country, these gifts will help to warm the bodies and the spirits of thousands of mariners far away from home in these cold winter months. To see photos from one of SCI's recent distributions, go to <a href="http://seamenschurch.org/photos/show/Port-Newark-Christmas-At-Sea%3A-November-24%2C-2015">http://seamenschurch.org/photos/show/Port-Newark-Christmas-At-Sea%3A-November-24%2C-2015</a>.

While distribution of hats and scarves occurs primarily in Nov./Dec, creation and collection happens year round. Here at St. John's, knitting and crocheting for Christmas at Sea 2016 is already underway. New needle workers are always welcome. If you have questions or would like to know more, go to <u>http://</u> <u>seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea</u>, contact Linda Clark (<u>njclarks@gmail.com</u>) or Linda Walker (<u>wk154linda@gmail.com</u>).

### Appalachia Service Project

In 2016, we are scheduled to go to Appalachia Service Project for: Week #4: July 3—9, 2016 (leaving St. John's 7/2)

Currently, we are still looking for <u>new youth</u> to participate in ASP. Here are the main requirements:

1) Youth must be at least 14 years old <u>and</u> must have completed 8th grade by the time of the trip.

2) Participants must abide by the rules and regulations of ASP regarding dress codes, conduct, confidentiality, and safety.

3) All St. John's ASP participants will make themselves available for monthly meetings and/or training sessions, January through July, 2013.

4) Volunteers are asked to give a \$250 commitment to hold their place on an ASP team\* Youth and first year adults will have an opportunity to "earn" the rest of their program cost (another \$250) through attendance at and participation in training meetings and fundraising events.

\* Scholarships are available for those who may need financial assistance. Please see one of the pastors or Laura Snyder for assistance.

Checks, made payable to St. John's (ASP on memo line) are already due to Laura Snyder via the ASP mailbox in the church office.

Please let Laura Snyder know of your interest and/or questions by e-mailing her at <u>njsnyders5@verizon.net</u> or calling her at 973-895-2997.

Yours in Christ, Laura S. Snyder, ASP Coordinator

### Fellowship Time—Assistance Needed

As a result of numerous requests by members of all ages, we resurrected the Sunday Coffee Hour last year, now referring to the time from 10:00 AM until the 10:30 service as Fellowship Time. This has been a well-received opportunity to enjoy coffee and refreshments while visiting with other members of St. John's, as well as to meet new and prospective members. These past fifteen months the food has been provided by various committees and ministries of St. John's. From January until the end of May 2016 there are plans to reach out to others to serve in this ministry, *particularly* the parents of Sunday School and Confirmation children. If you are willing to assist in this Fellowship Ministry, please contact the church office.

# January 2016 Worship Assistants

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

SUNDAYS	January 3 Epiphany Sunday (White)	January 10 Baptism of Our Lord (White)	January 17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 31 4th Sunday After Epiphany (Green)
Altar Guild	Joan Boyd Carol Schmidt	Jean Wyvratt Doris Boyd	Jean Wyvratt Doris Boyd	Carol Dunlop Linda Clark	Joan Boyd Beverly Kaczmarski
Linens	Nancy Bowman	Nancy Bowman	Nancy Bowman	Nancy Bowman	Nancy Bowman
Counters	Mark Nedde Peter Mesenbrink Kathy Pinho Rick Coble	Andrew Young Richard Boyd Bill Walker	Marifel Calis Andrew Larsen Hans Calis	Sarah Johnson Jim Nering Peter Larsen Thelma McNulty	Andrew Young Richard Boyd Bill Walker
SUNDAYS 8:00 AM	January 3 Epiphany Sunday (White)	January 10 Baptism of Our Lord (White)	January 17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 31 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)
Worship Assistant/ Reader	Chris Black	Michael Kaczmarski	Ken Sharpe	NO 8:00 AM SERVICE	Ken Sharpe
Usher	Pam Black	Mark Shannon	Kevin Cristino	NO 8:00 AM SERVICE	Wilma Packard
SUNDAYS 10:30 AM	January 3 Epiphany Sunday (White)	January 10 Baptism of Our Lord (White)	January 17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)	January 31 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (Green)
Deacons	Robert Peterson Joy Petzinger	Jean Wyvratt Bill Walker	Jean Wyvratt Paula Wey	TBD Pat Bennett	Dick Peterson TBD
Acolytes		Katie Mesenbrink	Alex Noble	Wyatt Ash-Milby	Sarah Miller
Readers	Courtney Rothman	Andrew Young	Pat Bennett	Linda Clark	Jim Bartsch
Ushers	Millie & Charlie Connelly Peter Mesenbrink Nancy Tennant	Richard Boyd Carolyn Rothman Eula & Jardeen Nervais	Hans & Marifel Calis Andrea & Dean Sickler	Andrew Young Johanna Snyder Keli Bell-Cole Jonette Boyd	Bob & Anne Peterson Penny Barth
Greeters	Linda Walker	Tom & Christian Fraehmke	Nancy Tennant	Goetke Family	Suzanne & Dick Peterson
Fellowship Time	Assistance Needed	Assistance Needed	Assistance Needed	Assistance Needed	Assistance Needed

# Prayer is Acknowledging the Presence of God

#### January 3

Andrew, Mary Beth, Thomas & Will Young Eric, Patricia, Amanda, Richard & Alexandra Zabel Marlene Zabel Erin Aarsvold, Saela Phillips & Rylan Dallas Henry & Judy Ahlers

#### January 10

Heidi Alber, Linda Alber Craig & Sarah Arnold Chris Arthur Erin Arthur Rebecca Arthur

#### January 17

Stacey Riggert, Andrew Arzberger, Brandon Arzberger Edward, Kathleen, Nathan and Wyatt Ash-Milby David & Linda Baesler Penny Barth

#### January 24

Jim & Ginny Bartsch Art & Danita Bauer Betty Bauer James & Betsy Bauer Richard & Nancy Bauer

#### January 31

Robert & Susan Becker Ronald & Nancy Bendelius Adrian, Jennifer, Elijah and Peyton Bennett Pat & Tony Bennett, Jahreise Trigg, Cheyenne Trigg Eleanor Berger

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm AA (HH)	2
<ul> <li>3 Epiphany</li> <li>8 am &amp; 10:30 am Holy Communion</li> <li>9 am Blood Pressure Screening</li> <li>9 am Youth Coffee Sale</li> <li>9:15 am NO Youth/Young Adult Singers</li> <li>10:05 am Choir Reh. (Choir Loft)</li> <li>12 pm NO Lutherringers (Choir loft)</li> </ul>	<b>4 7pm</b> Movie Night (Hinman Hall)	5 (Choice Choice	(mo	7 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm Exec. Comm. Mtg. (Conference Rm.) 7pm Climate Crossroads (Calvary Episcopal Church) 7:30pm NA (AL)	8 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm AA (HH)	<b>9</b> 9am Blood Drive (HH)
<ol> <li>Baptism of Our Lord</li> <li>8am &amp; 10:30am Holy Communion</li> <li>9am Social Ministry Meeting</li> <li>9am Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</li> <li>9:15am Youth/Young Adult Singers</li> <li>10:05am Choir Reh. (Choir Loft)</li> <li>12pm Lutherringers (Choir loft)</li> <li>6pm Dinner Church</li> </ol>	11	<b>12</b> 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm Summit Chorale (HH) 8pm NA (AL)	<ul> <li>13</li> <li>12:15pm NA (AL)</li> <li>3pm Worship Service—Vito Gallo</li> <li>4:30pm Recorder Ensemble</li> <li>7:45pm Adult Choir (Choir Rm)</li> <li>8pm NA (AL)</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm Council (Conference Rm.) 7:30pm NA (AL)	<b>15</b> EAGLE SUBMISSIONS DUE 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm AA (HH) 7:30pm Sine Nomine (Bill & Linda Walker)	16
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<ul> <li>24 NO 8:00 SERVICE</li> <li>9am Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</li> <li>9:15am Youth/Young Adult Singers</li> <li>10:05am Choir Reh. (Choir Loft)</li> <li>10:30 Holy Communion</li> <li>12pm Annual Meeting</li> <li>12pm NO Lutherringers (Choir loft)</li> </ul>	25	<b>26</b> 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm SIC Book Group (St John's) 7:45pm Adul 7:30pm Summit Chorale (HH) 8pm NA (AL)	(AL) rrder Ensemble t Choir (Choir Rm)	<b>28</b> 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm NA (AL)	<b>29</b> 12:15pm NA (AL) 7:30pm AA (HH)	<b>30</b> 6pm Emmet Cohen & The Emmet Cohen Trio (HH)
<ul> <li>31 8am &amp; 10:30am Holy Communion</li> <li>9am Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</li> <li>9:15am Youth/Young Adult Singers</li> <li>10:05am Choir Reh. (Choir Loft)</li> <li>12pm Lutherringers (Choir loft)</li> <li>1pm Bible Lecture-Dennis Olson</li> </ul>	Notes:					