

*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. Jeremiah 29:11*

What an inspirational verse that helps us remember the importance of talking with God before making plans. This powerful verse helped shape our council retreat last month. We gathered together from Friday to Sunday morning (January 8-10) at the Lutheridge conference and retreat center in Arden, NC. A big part of the experience was to discern the goals that God has for us this year. Below are the prayerful **Council Goals**.

### **Goal #1**

#### **Focus on unity of congregation in worship planning for 2016.**

- 12 times per year Educational message on worship
- Acapella music at both services
- Celebrate rituals (blessings/ commissioning) at both services
- Interchange worship elements while respecting worship styles

### **Goal #2**

#### **Establish plan for the needed and/or aesthetic enhancement of property.**

- Front lawn – tree removal
- Replacement decision for front lawn
- Identify other property areas which can be improved

### **Goal #3**

#### **Encourage/ Equip/ Engage Disciples to tell the story of the Good News by living the Christian Life.**

- Teach a track on Christian Life
- Support activities outside Sunday morning (LMM, WELCA, etc.)
- Preach sermon series
- Help disciples understand Christian Life includes all of life (inside/outside church)

### **Goal #4**

#### **Discern needs of our members, community partners, and Spartanburg community and develop recommendations for ministries of St. John's Lutheran church.**

- Identify needs
- Identify common transitions/ vulnerable periods in life
- Recommend how to fulfill the identified needs

### **Goal #5**

#### **Reestablish Long Range Planning committee to develop a Five year strategic plan by the end of 2016.**

These are wonderful opportunities for us to continue to grow deeper in our relationships with each other, our community and most importantly with God. As you can see they are also goals that will involve many of our members and can actively help us move forward in our ministry together as faithful disciples.

For the last goal, the council has agreed to have Pastor Todd Rauscher as our facilitator to help with the creation of a Five year strategic plan. Pastor Todd helped lead our retreat and has some wonderful experience in helping other congregations have successful strategic plans.

The congregation will be kept up to date with how all these goals progress throughout the year. The council will be working together each month to set 30, 60, 90 day goals which will help keep the Five Council Goals prayerfully active for each meeting.

Thank you for your prayers for the leadership of St. John's. It is only through deepening our prayer life that we will be able to embrace the assuring words from the Lord through the prophet Jeremiah.

**Peace, Pastor Mike**



# FEBRUARY

**02/01**

Ron Key  
Evan Shealy

**02/02**

Natalia Faltermeier  
Larry Kibler

**02/04**

Michael Corn  
Betty Walker

**02/05**

Gil Bulman

**02/07**

George Johnson  
Ian Thomas  
Betty Yex

**02/09**

Jim Milligan

**02/10**

Julia Fuchs  
Madonna Wall

Larry White

**02/12**

Cathy Brown

Amie Shaver

**02/13**

Curt Wagner

**02/16**

Everette Lineberger

**02/17**

Nathaniel Bernstein

Judy Lybrand

Homer Nestlen

Fellers Wise, Sr.

**02/18**

Martha Wright

**02/20**

Marissa Bernstein

Brenda Shields

**02/21**

John Mileski

Esther Verstegen

**02/22**

Kitty Hagglund

**02/23**

Barry Ellison

Jason Revels

Chris Towe

**02/24**

Conny Linder

**02/26**

B.J Brannon

Elise Tienken

**02/27**

Leslie Connor

Hal Lawson

Martha Williams

**02/28**

Cathy Pearson

Tricia Schriver

**02/29**

Brenda Ellison

## OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

9:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

11:00AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

### MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

11:00AM PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

12:15PM WORSHIP

12:45PM LUNCH

*Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend..*

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### STAFF

**Mike Shackelford**, Senior Pastor

**Emily Edenfield**, Associate Pastor

**Everette Lineberger**, Pastor Emeritus

**Frankie Deal**, Traditional Music Director & Organist

**Martin Aigner**, Chancel Choir Director

**Chris Sigmon**, Contemporary Music Leader

**Carey Gillespie**, Parish Secretary

**Chip Hicks**, Sexton

**Members of the Congregation**, Ministers

## SOUP KITCHEN SERVANT TEAMS

St. John's has teams of persons serving at the Second Presbyterian Soup Kitchen on **Fridays from 10:00am until around 12:30pm** assisting with food preparation and serving, straightening up food storage, stocking shelves, helping in the "children's room," cleaning up, etc. **We are in need of more volunteers.** If you want to spend a rewarding 2 hours helping prepare food to serve some hungry folks, please contact any of the soup kitchen servants listed below. The Servant Teams serving for June are:

### **FEBRUARY 05**

Cheryl Pettis  
Lori Conn  
Kathie McKenzie  
Kitty Hagglund  
Ted Hoffmeyer  
Joann Hoffmeyer

### **FEBRUARY 12**

Linda Turner  
Robin Hunsinger  
Gisela Mezger

### **FEBRUARY 19**

Brenda Ellison  
John Dennis  
Ed Maidel  
Jacquie Maidel



**Congregation Council Leaders**

**Serving Through 2016**

COREY CARSON  
STEVE GRIMM  
JAMIN HUIJK  
PAM COX

LOGAN CONNOR, *Youth Representative*

**Serving Through 2017**

HARRELL CONNELLY  
LESLIE CONNOR  
JOANNE KOPCHIK  
ROBERTA MILESKI

**Serving Through 2018**

TRACEY BISHOP  
MATT CUTSHALL  
JANINE WAGNER  
DOUG KURZ

**Congregation Officers for 2016**

PRESIDENT..... COREY CARSON  
VICE PRESIDENT.....DOUG KURZ  
SECRETARY.....JOANNE KOPCHIK  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....JAMIN HUIJK  
TREASURER.....GIL BULMAN

**Leaders of the Ministry Areas**

Christian Education.....Leslie Connor  
Communication Technology.....Steve Grimm  
Evangelism.....Harrell Connelly  
Fellowship.....Pam Cox  
Finance.....Jamin Hujik  
Health Ministry.....Joanne Kopchik  
Property.....Matt Cutshall  
Social Ministry.....Tracey Bishop  
Stewardship..... Doug Kurz  
Worship & Music.....Janine Wagner  
Youth Ministry..... Roberta Mileski

**NEWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

- Circle 1 - Tuesday, February 02 - 10:00am    **Leader & Program: TBA**
- Circle 2 - Monday, February 08 - 2:00pm    **Leader: Anne Burger Hostesses: Jean Spearman & Rubye Dellinger**
- Circle 3 - Monday, February 01 - 7:00pm    **Meeting: Nancy Anderson**
- Circle 4 - Monday, February 22 - 6:00pm    **Hostess: Helen Collier**
- Circle 5 - Thursday, February 04 - 6:30pm    **Leader: June Miley Hostesses: Andrea Rousey & Donna Bolt**

**WELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 6:30pm - Parish Life Center**

**2016 Women of the ELCA Officers**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Sue Kurz  
President-Elect \_\_\_\_\_ Donna Bolt  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Alexandra Lautenschlaeger  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Rachel Wall

**Mission Committee Chairs**

Action \_\_\_\_\_ Kathie McKenzie  
Growth \_\_\_\_\_ Deb Lineberger  
Community \_\_\_\_\_ Kitty Hagglund



*If you have any questions about joining a circle and want to know more about WELCA, please call Kitty Hagglund at 574-0895*

**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE!!**

**ECUMENICAL BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

In conjunction with the following churches in Spartanburg, St. John's will have it's first Blood Drive of 2016 on Sunday, February 28th (BLOOD SUNDAY!)



Episcopal Church of the Advent  
1st Presbyterian  
St. Paul's Catholic  
Mt. Moriah Baptist

Westminster Presbyterian  
Silver Hills United Methodist  
St. Paul's Methodist  
St. John's Lutheran

Separate bloodmobiles will be at each church. Sign up sheets for appointment times will soon be available. Let's have a BIG SIGN-UP this year to support the community! If you have questions, please contact any member of Health Ministry.



# COUNCIL CORNER

## January Council Meeting

Highlights for the 2016 council elected in December include:

- New council elections
- Selection of ministries
- Council monthly assignments
- Corrections to the council roster

*Note: Approved minutes of each Council meeting and financial reports can be found on the council bulletin board.*

## Menu

**FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY LUNCH**  
12:45PM

Please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall for the complete meal which is \$6.00

02/03	Chicken Pot Pie Side Salad	White Rice Dessert
02/10	Baked Spaghetti Garlic bread	Garden Salad Dessert
02/17	Pulled port BBQ w/bun Cole Slaw	Baked Beans Dessert
02/24	Chicken Broccoli Casserole Roll	Steamed Veggies Dessert



### 10,000 Step Challenge!

Four people counted their steps during the month of October and submitted their entries for a chance to win the **Garmin Vivofit** sponsored by Health Ministry. **Kathryn Lee** completed 318,377 steps, **Connie Linder** completed 325,529 steps,

**Jill Hendley** completed 208,074 steps and **Barbara Thomas** completed 310,307 steps. Names were written down on slips of paper and drawn, randomly. Connie and Kathryn were the winners of the 10,000 step challenge and received their Garmin Vivofit in November. Congratulations to these 4 ladies for completing steps and taking the challenge.

### St. John's Committee Meetings:

Worship/Mus.	12:30pm	1st Sunday	PLC Library
Health Min.	5pm	1st Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Social Min.	4pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Finance	5pm	2nd Sunday	Dnstrs Conf. Rm.
Youth Min.	3pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Christian Ed.	3pm	3rd Sunday	Dnstrs. Conf. Rm.
*Stewardship Min.	1:30pm	3rd Thursday	PLC Library

Com/Tech - Evangelism - Fellowship - Property as called.



The **St. John's Lutheran Men** will meet **February 22nd at 6:30pm**. An informative program will be presented. A delicious meal for this special evening will be catered by Tina Nichols. A sign-up sheet is on the Lutheran Men Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions call Barry Ellison at 579-1297

### **SWAMP RABBITS HOCKEY GAME! All Thrivent**



**Members! We are going to the Swamp Rabbits game in Greenville on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for Thrivent members are \$5 per person up to a family maximum of \$20. Please**

call **Melanie Hendrix** at [864-568-5507](tel:864-568-5507) or email [Melanie.Hendrix@thrivent.com](mailto:Melanie.Hendrix@thrivent.com) to register by Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE**



The Winter Season is upon us. The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a project to support **GREATER SPARTANBURG MINISTRIES** with a **FOOD, WARM COATS, & WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**. Greater Spartanburg

Ministries is experiencing an increase of persons in need. They are in need of canned foods (the shelves are nearly empty), rice, cereals, and other non-perishable items. Please place all foods in the barrels marked Greater Spartanburg Ministries. These barrels may be found in the Parish Life Center and the Fellowship Hall. Please place winter clothing for men, women, and children in the marked bins, also found in the Parish Life Center and the Fellowship Hall. Coats, scarves, hats, sweaters, gloves, and other warm clothing items in clean and good condition are all welcome. Thank you for caring for others! This collection will continue throughout the winter months.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER** In the event of snow or ice, please tune to **WSPA** or **WYFF** for updates on church activity closing or delay. This information may also be posted on our website at [www.stjohns-spartanburg.org](http://www.stjohns-spartanburg.org). If church events are still scheduled and you have any hesitation about venturing out in bad weather, you are encouraged to stay in and be safe.



## OUR LENTEN WORSHIP

### *The Lenten Candles*

by Paul Dyck

... a series of Lenten calls to Worship

Each Sunday morning at both worship services during the Lenten Season, we will be using a Crown of Thorns wreath intertwined with seven purple candles with one white candle in the middle. This is a similar visual to an Advent Wreath, but with a different twist. In advent there are four candles. We light one candle each Sunday and then light the center Christ candle on Christmas Eve. In Lent, we will have seven candles lit for the first Sunday of Lent and each Sunday we will extinguish one candle until Good Friday when we will extinguish the seventh candle. The Christ candle will be taken from the worship space. On Easter Sunday the Christ candle returns, symbolizing the resurrection of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Each Sunday there will be a narrator and four persons helping with this special call to worship. We hope this help bring beautiful dramatic focus to our Lenten Journey.

### OUR WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

**What is faith?** The text from Hebrews 11:1 defines it in this way: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." This series focuses on the book of Hebrews, especially the eleventh chapter. The first four weeks provide a journey through the faith of the Old Testament figures, especially Noah, Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites. The fifth week brings us to Jesus, "the perfecter of our faith," and his path to the cross.

- **Feb. 9** Shrove Tuesday (see information below)
- **Feb. 10** Ash Wednesday Worship Services at 12:15pm & 7:00pm

The rest of the Wednesday Lenten schedule will be as follows:

- **12:15pm** worship followed by lunch (*sign-up in fellowship hall*)
- **6:00pm** soup & sandwich meals in the fellowship hall (see schedule on the calendar pg. 11)
- **7:00pm** worship

Lenten Themes:

- **Feb. 17** **The Faith of Noah**
  - *By faith, Noah built the ark, gathered the animals, watched the waters rise, and received the rainbow promise. How do we have faith in things not yet seen?*
- **Feb. 24** **The Faith of Abraham**
  - *By faith, Abraham journeyed to an unknown land, trusted in God's promise of a son, and offered up that son as a sacrifice. When faith means taking a risk, how do we respond?*
- **Mar. 2** **The Faith of Moses**
  - *By faith, Moses chose the hard path to follow God's call. How does our faith affect the choices we must make?*
- **Mar. 9** **The Faith of the Israelites**
  - *By faith, generations of Israelites wandered the wilderness, entered the promised land, heard the words of the prophets, and suffered persecution. Amid life's joys and difficulties, how do we persevere in our faith?*
- **Mar. 16** **Jesus, the Perfecter of Our Faith**
  - *Enduring the cross, Jesus became "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." How does the way of the cross define our faith?*

Please make plans to join us for these special worship services that can help you grow deeper in your connection with Jesus Christ. The Holy Week and Easter schedule will be advertised in March's newsletter.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9th - St. John's Parish Life Center - 5:00 to 7:30pm

Invite friends and family! Cost - freewill offering

Performance by the St. John's Brass Ensemble!

7:00pm Burning of the Palms Service - outside PLC

Come and join us for a Shrove Tuesday bash!





## **Malawi Pill Bottle Project**

Over Thanksgiving John and Joanne Kopchik had the pleasure of visiting the coordinator of the Malawi project in Indiana and discovered some interesting facts. Although we did not count the medicine bottles, St John's collection contributed to the more than 2 million pill containers. Here are some of the highlights from the Project which began last March; concluded in January.

- In November 330,000 pill containers were shipped along with 8 donated kidney dialysis machines, a new farm tractor and medical supplies. Prior to this there was only one working dialysis machine for the nation of over 17 million people.
- In December trailer #2 was shipped with 8 more dialysis machines, 300,000 more pill containers, another tractor and more medical supplies. Between March and November over one million pill bottles were shipped.
- 4 IN warehouses still have containers to be shipped later this year. Each shipment is distributed to over 600 medical facilities, community development agencies and other helping organizations who distribute to locals.
- It will take \$15 to ship a box of 350 pill containers in a large overseas container and 3-4 forty foot carriers. Donations are always welcomed no matter how little.

It's not too late. Donate empty, clean label-free pill containers to the following sources:

- Samaritan's Purse at <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/medical/world-medical-mission-donating-materials/> Contact the World Missions Department at [828-262-1980](tel:828-262-1980) to confirm your shipment.
- Matthew 25 Ministries c/o Jodi Archer, Development and Media Dir, 11060 Kenwood Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45242
- Contact your local animal shelter. Ask if they can use them.

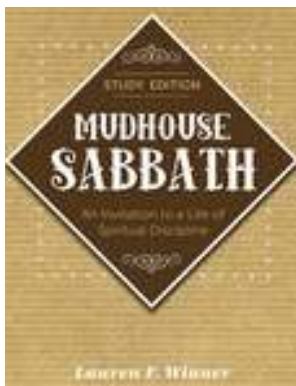


Many Malawi projects are being funded for 2016. Contributions are welcomed.

- Wheelchairs - 3800 delivered, 500-1000 needed
- Obtain and deliver food supplies
- Program to make the dialysis machines operational and successful
- 100,000 needed to build a Birthing Center at Linthipe - Land has been donated, surveyed, approved and contractor selected. The excited villagers have made over 100,000 bricks by hand.
- Drip irrigation, V-Tractors and agricultural programs
- Medical supply shortages - \$15,000 to ship \$250,000 worth of supplies
- Shoe incentive project - Villagers plant trees and are paid with a pair of new shoe. Good grades, attendance and attitudes are awarded with a pair of new shoes, sometimes the only pair of new shoes.
- School supplies and literature

Contributions may be sent to <http://www.malawiproject.org/contribute>.

A heartfelt thanks is extended to all who have contributed to the Malawi Project thru their donation of "empty", but "filled with love" medicine bottles. Blessings, Health Ministry and Christian Ed Committees



### **Young Adult and Campus Ministry**

Calling all young adults! If you're out of high school, you're welcome to come on Sunday nights at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be talking about the Jewish roots of Christianity and what we can learn from them, using the book and DVD series *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. Gather and share in food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the faith. We'll meet on Sundays February 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, and May 8. Talk with Meghan Jones, Alexandra Lee, and Pastor Emily for details.

## Sunday School in Lent



Short-term classes run February 14 through March 20 and include Making Sense of the Cross and the New Member Class. Ongoing classes include the Fellowship Class, Alpha and Omega, Contemporary Discussions, and Martin's Table.

### Making Sense of the Cross—Upstairs Conference Room

The heart of the cross is an element of mystery that can't be resolved either easily or entirely. *Making Sense of the Cross* gives you the opportunity to 'listen in' on a conversation with two people having an open and candid conversation and discussion about the cross. Benji Mills will lead this interactive class that includes book and video contributions.

### New Member Class—Downstairs Conference Room

Want to become a member of St. John's? Curious about how the congregation works and how to get involved? This is the place for you. Harrell Connelly and others will help prepare you to officially join St. John's this spring.

### Fellowship Class – Clara Sullivan Room/M02

Charlie and Joan Powell and Bob Lee lead this welcoming group. This spring, they will be sharing faith stories and encouraging one another.

### Alpha & Omega—L08, under the sanctuary

Judy Lybrand leads a thorough and friendly study that walks the whole Bible through chapter by chapter. They have recently started the timeless conversation about pain and God that the book of Job contains.

### Contemporary Discussions – PLC Senior Room

Theologian Karl Barth is said to have instructed his students to read with the Bible in one hand and newspapers in the other, but to interpret the newspapers by the Bible. This class, led by Dick Conn, seeks to do just that as they relate current world events to God's Word.

Martin's Table- PLC Conference Room The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." Join Martin's Table as we study together John's Gospel, guided by "John: The Gospel of Light and Life" a book by Adam Hamilton. We will experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring John's major themes. Jim Milligan will lead sessions including the topics: The Word Made Flesh; The Miraculous Signs of Jesus; The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus; The Farewell Discourse; The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King; and Eternal Life.

Children's Sunday School Each week, children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade study the same Bible stories we hear in worship, engaging them in fresh ways with friendly teachers. Toddlers up through age two have their own lessons as well, lead in the nursery.

Confirmation class for all middle school students meets in L12 with Pastor Mike. They are studying the New Testament this year as part of a three-year confirmation cycle.

High School students meet in the Youth Room of the Parish Life Center to connect faith with daily life. Their leaders are Corey Carson and Kevin Lageman.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES!** Backpack Buddies are child friendly small packages of easily prepared meals. These packed meals provide nourishment to needy children from Mary H. Wright Elementary School on weekends when they are not able to get nutritious school prepared meals. When you do your weekly shopping, please remember to add some individually wrapped breakfast, snack, main course, beverage, fruit, or treat items. Your continued support and participation to help feed these children is very much appreciated!



#### breakfast

breakfast bars  
instant oatmeal  
instant grits  
small cereal boxes  
poptarts

#### snacks

snack crackers  
animal crackers  
pretzels  
goldfish/cheez-its  
small chips

#### main meals

beefaroni  
spaghetti/meatballs  
ravioli  
soup  
tuna/chicken/crackers  
chili/beans  
vienna sausages  
mac/cheese  
beanie weenies  
chicken dumplings  
small peanut butters

#### beverages

juice or milk boxes  
juice pouches  
small juice bottles/cans  
fruit/veggie drinks

#### fruits

applesauce  
fruit cups  
raisins/craisins  
jello

#### treats

marshmallow treats  
cookie packs  
snack cake  
pudding



Thanks for all your hard work on Youth Sunday! You give God glory in your planning and preparation. Thanks to everyone who wrote, spoke, played, and sang. God's love is infinite!



Here are some pictures from the planning stages.  
Check online for pictures from worship!



### February Schedule

- Feb. 7, 1-3: Ways to Pray
- Feb. 9, 5-7:30: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Come flip pancakes, help clean up, and enjoy some quality bacon!
- Feb. 14, 1-3: Group games
- Feb. 17, 5:30-7: Help serve a Lenten supper. (meet in the Fellowship Hall)
- Feb. 21, 1-3: TBA (see [www.stjohns-spartanburg.org](http://www.stjohns-spartanburg.org))
- Feb. 27: Ski Trip (see below)



Our ski trip plans didn't quite come together, but we're going to give it another go! We'll be partnering with our Boy Scout Troop 5. It'll be a one day trip on Saturday, February 27th. Check the website for more details.

It's time! Register for SC Synod LCY Retreats online this year. The deadline for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders is coming soon! St. John's will pay \$45. All you have to do is register online through [scsynod.com](http://scsynod.com) and write a check to St. John's for \$50.



### CAST Notes -

These are exciting times for everyone on the Crucifer and Acolyte Service Team. We are in the midst of some training and transition. Please continue to watch for REMIND 101 Texts to notify you of your duty days. We will publish a new schedule in March. Questions? Call or Text Mrs. Dana Homan 978-2422



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Members who are ill:

Jan Porter	Nan Dempsey
Luann Bryant	David Vest
Julia Fuchs	Maudeen Vest
Elise Tienken	Jason Revels
Cathy Brown	



### Family and Friends of Members:

Joyce Xu, *sister-in-law of Ed & Jacquie Maidel*  
 Maxine Towe, *mother of Michael & Julia Towe*  
 Marjorie Kellogg, *sister of Dick Sprang*  
 Peg Woodfill, *sister of Roberta Mileski*  
 Julia Young, *friend of Brenda Ellison*  
 Denecke & Kerkhof families, *relatives of Jim & Peg Milligan*  
 Dana Barker, *brother of Lois Ann Hesser*  
 Dan Rungo, *brother of John Rungo*  
 Ellen Niehaus, *friend of Marlene Donna*  
 Harry Burr, *brother of Marijane Mullins*  
 Sam Green, *friend of George & Judy Psillas*  
 McKinnon Galloway, *niece of Jack & June Miley*  
 Phil Compton, *son-in-law of George & Vicki Johnson*

### Members and Friends confined to home or health care:

Ruth Wessinger, Elsie Strigle, Dorothy Alexander, Ruby Shealy, Esther Verstegen, Pete Brown, Vermelle Kibler, Ruby Horton, Jo Tiner, Martin Zschocher, Gerald Turner, Paul & Susann Foerster, Betty Walker, Verna Githens, & Joe Sayre,

### Members and Friends serving in the military:

Matthew Thomas, Ryan Dohse, John Newman, Elizabeth Lewis, Doug Meehan, Daniel Linder, Jacob Fischer, Chris Brown, Pastor Chris Webb, & Anthony Dylan McCormack.

### Prayers for our neighbors.

*You are invited to send notes and cards of encouragement to those who are ill and confined.  
 Consult your St. John's Phone Directory for addresses.*

## January Attendance Record Worship Average:

9:00 Contemporary – **75**  
 10:00 Christian Education Classes – **97**  
 11:00 Traditional – **168**  
 12:15 Mid-Week – **29**

### YTD General Fund as of December 31, 2015

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$579,462	\$578,457	\$575,239

### YTD Mortgage balance as of December 31, 2015 - \$803,456

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$120,972	\$120,972	\$104,689

General Fund and Actual Expenditures includes \$22,200 transferred to reserve accounts.

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# Those Privileged to Serve - February 2016

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE - NAVE

### ALTAR GUILD

- 07 Kitty Hagglund & Martha Brown  
14 Kitty Hagglund & Martha Brown  
21 Kitty Hagglund & Martha Brown  
28 Kitty Hagglund & Martha Brown

### ACOLYTE

- 07 Carson Homan  
14 Matthew Mills  
21 TBA  
28 TBA

### CRUCIFER

- n/a  
Matthew Jones  
TBA  
TBA

### COFFEE

- 07 Reception - FH  
14 Circle 5  
21 Circle 4  
28 Circle 2

### LECTORS

- 07 Sue Kurz  
14 Sue Kurz  
21 Sharyn Stresing  
28 Sharyn Stresing

### GREETERS

- 03 Pam Bulman & Charlie Dickson  
14 Luann Bryant & Beth Terrell  
21 Patty Culbreath & Kare Kragas  
28 Sharon Fulk & Stephen McKinney

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 07 Jane Gantt  
14 Ruby Dellinger  
21 Available  
28 Barry & Brenda Ellison

### ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

- 07 TBA  
14 TBA  
21 George & Vicki Johnson  
28 George & Vicki Johnson

### ATTENDANCE RECORDING

Martha Wright & Shirley Bell

### PEW POCKET STUFFER

Melissa Carson & Amie Shaver

### USHERS

Walker Stockley, Doug Kurz, Sue Kurz, Michael Towe, Christopher Towe

### COUNCIL GREETERS

Roberta Mileski & Tracey Bishop

### CD DELIVERY

- 07 John & Barbara Scherberger  
14 Harrell Connelly & Betty Yex  
21 Dick & Lori Conn  
28 Cheryl Pettis

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

	9am	10am	11am
<u>07</u> J. DeBiase	Judy Drake	Erica McCarthy	Hanna Chitwood
<u>14</u> R. Mileski	Stephanie Hujik	Ineka Pitt	Page Lawrence
<u>21</u> R. Mileski	B. Scherberger	C. Nestlen	Kathie McKenzie
<u>28</u> J. DeBiase	Leslie Connor	Jason Connor	Luann Bryant



## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - PARISH LIFE CENTER

### REFRESHMENT SET UP & CLEAN UP

- 07 Corey & Melissa Carson  
14 John & Roberta Mileski  
21 Ted & Joann Hoffmeyer  
28 Michael & Rosanne Bernstein

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Circle 3- Nancy Anderson at 6:30 for dinner and discussion.	2 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 10am Circle 1 5:45pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	3 8:30am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass Rehearsal 7pm Chancel Choir	4 6:30pm Circle 5-FH	5	6
7 <b>Transfiguration</b> 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Hadyn Mass-Nave 12pm Reception-FH 12:30pm Worship & Music 1pm LCY 4pm Social Min 5pm Health Ministry	8 2pm Circle 2 6pm Executive Committee	9 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> <b>NO Zumba</b> 8:30am Men-A-Plenty <b>5-7:30pm Pancake Supper PLC &amp; Burning of Palms</b> 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	10 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Ash Wednesday 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass Rehearsal 7pm Ash Wednesday 8pm Chancel Choir	11 2pm Marathon Bridge 7pm NAMI	12	13
14 <b>Lent 1</b> 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 1pm LCY 3pm Youth Ministry 5pm Finance	15 7pm Council Meeting	16 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 5:45pm Zumba Class 6pm Cub Scouts <b>6:30pm WELCA Board- PLC CR</b> 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	17 8:30 am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6pm Lenten Supper-LMM <b>Brunswick Stw; Cir 1 dessert</b> 6:30pm Brass Rehearsal 7pm Worship 7:45 pm Chancel Choir	18 5:30pm ADK Group 1:30pm Stewardship Meeting	19 <b>VISITOR DEADLINE</b> Thrivent Swamp Rabbits Hockey Game - see details on p. 4	20 <b>7am-7pm ELECTION REPUBLICAN PRIMARY</b>
21 <b>Lent 2</b> 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 1pm LCY 3pm Christian Ed. 5pm Campus Ministry <b>2:30pm Rosecrest</b>	22 6:30pm Lutheran Men Meeting 7pm Circle 4	23 8:30am Men-A-Plenty 5:45pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Contemporary Band	24 8:30am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 12:45pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Brass Rehearsal 6pm Lenten Supper-Cir 2 <b>BBQ ,bbeans, chips, slaw, cake</b> 7pm Worship 7:45pm Chancel Choir	25	26	27 <b>LCY SKI TRIP 7am-7pm ELECTION DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY</b>
28 <b>Lent 3</b> 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional <b>12-4pm Ecumenical Blood Drive @ St. John's</b>	29 7pm Circle 3					

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#### COMING THIS MONTH:

Beacon Men Bible Study at the Beacon *Wednesdays @ 8:30AM*  
Cub/Boy Scout Troop 5 – Tuesday evenings  
Eastside Co-op Home School - resumes February 2nd  
ZUMBA - each Tuesday evening - PLC (NO 02/09)

- 07 - Hadyn Mass - Nave
- 07 - Reception - Fellowship Hall
- 09 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Burning of the Ashes-PLC
- 09 - Ash Wednesday - services @ 12:15pm & 7pm
- 11 - Marathon Bridge - PLC Conference Room at 2pm
- 11 - NAMI
- 17/24 - Lenten Wednesdays - supper @6pm, services @12:15pm & 7pm
- 18 - ADK Teachers Group - Fellowship Hall
- 19 - Deadline for *Visitor* articles
- 20 - 7am-7pm ELECTION-Republican Primary - PLC
- 21 - RoseCrest Worship
- 22 - Lutheran Men
- 27 - 7am-7pm ELECTION-Democratic Primary - PLC
- 27 - LCY Ski Trip

