

THANK YOU!...the entire staff and I offer our sincere thanks for the many cards and prayers you have offered during the Advent & Christmas season. We are very much looking forward to what God has to offer us in 2017. " ¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2

This year we will be featuring one ministry each month (see article below). This is an effort for us to learn and embrace the many ways "we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." May God grant you wisdom in understanding how you can offer your gifts in supporting this body of Christ.

Peace, Pastor Mike Shackelford

Stewardship – Discovering Your God Given Talents

"Now there are different kinds of gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of services in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. Gifts are given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church."

Corinthians 12: 4-7

In our Stewardship journey we have to admit that sometimes we have difficulty recognizing our personal gifts and putting them to use. We sometimes do not have confidence in ourselves and how to best use our abilities granted to us by God.

We need to remember that since God has graciously gifted us as Christians with personal spiritual gifts, be it Time, Talents or Treasures, He is expecting results, and we should put them to good use. We are stewards of all that God has given us, and we are to glorify God by using those personal spiritual gifts that he so graciously gave to us.

At St John's there are 4 areas of Ministries; **Worship, Share, Respond, and Serve**, that give us the opportunity to work for God and His Church. Please look at the 2017 Commitment Card mailed to you last year and find a Ministry that is calling you. God has a plan for you to use your **Time, Talents, and Treasures**, we just need to open our hearts and minds and follow Him.

One Bible scripture that gives each one of us guidance in our Stewardship journey is 2 Corinthians 9:6-7:

"Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give as they have decided, not with regret or out of duty; for God loved the one who gives gladly."

In 2017 and the years to come, let us all here at St. John's, dedicate ourselves to use our God Given Talents for His Glory in all that we do.

The Stewardship Team



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NEWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Circle 1	Jan. 03 - Tue - 10am	Leader & Program: TBA
Circle 2	Jan. 09 - Mon - 2pm	Leader: Kathryn Lee Hostess: Rubye Dellinger & Jane Watson
Circle 3	Jan. 02 - Tue - 6:30pm	At the home of Nan Dempsey
Circle 4	Jan. 30 - Mon - 7pm	Hostess: Janice Berry, Parish Life Center
Circle 5	Jan. 05 - Sat - 6pm	Dinner out at Cribb's Kitchen, 226 W Main St, Spartanburg, SC

WELCA Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th, 5:30pm



2017 Women of the ELCA Officers

President _____ Donna Bolt
 President-Elect _____ Judy Lybrand
 Secretary _____ Alexandra McCormack
 Treasurer _____ Rachel Wall

Mission Committee Chairs

Action _____ Kathie McKenzie
 Growth _____ Kitty Hagglund
 Community _____ Sue Kurz

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



WELCA Gift to Mary H. Wright

Your generous donations to WELCA Thankoffering collected over \$1100 to provide books for children to read and purchase books for the school's library collection. Double benefits will be enjoyed from our donation because it will eliminate fines for students with long overdue book, enabling them to read more books. Accountability and appreciation will be emphasized through an agreement students will sign acknowledging this gift of fine forgiveness. **Cindy Haggerty**, School Library Media Specialist, and **Marc Zachary**, Mary H. Wright Principal, are pictured receiving the checks from **Kathie McKenzie**, WELCA Board member, and **Sue Kurz**, current WELCA President.



December 11th - 16th St. John's was delighted to house a group of young adults from **Georgia Southern University** who were in our area working with **Christmas In Action**.

They arrived in time to participate in our *Christmas Music Celebration* and left the following Friday. Below is a note from the program coordinator expressing their thanks for our hospitality:

St. John's Lutheran Church! We are sincerely grateful for your partner ship! Thank you for housing the Georgia Southern University Break Group Students. Because of your hospitality, they were able to have a warm place to sleep and cook their meals as they worked to improve our Spartanburg Community. The group built a wheel chair ramp, a set of steps, 2 sets of handrails, and installed a door for three homeowners throughout their week. It was a great success! As alternative break groups from across the country come to work with Christmas In Action, we hope to give them a fulfilling and all-encompassing experience, helping Spartanburg County community members. learning about our partnerships and other organizations that are doing work to help make Spartanburg a better place to live, is an important part of the trip. Thank you for all you do in our community and in partnership with us.

Respectfully, Liz Evans, Program Coordinator



COUNCIL CORNER HIGHLIGHTS

November Council Notes and Congregational Meeting Highlights

- Thank you to the outgoing council members, Corey Carson, Steve Grimm, Jamin Hujik and Pam Cox.
- Welcome new council members, Conny Linder, Randy Cohen, Amie Shaver and Gil Bulman.
- Council retreat - January 6-8th.
- The Capital Campaign continues. We have 17 leaves on our tree!
- The angel tree provided 110 children with Christmas "JOY."
- The Christmas Music Celebration was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped and a special thank you to Erica McCarthy.
- The flower chart has been posted for 2017. Please sign up. See article next column about new flower procedures.



The **St. John's Lutheran Men** will meet on Monday evening, **January 23rd**, at **6:30pm**, for an interesting program and delicious meal. To attend, please sign up on the Lutheran Men Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.



2017 Altar Flowers - What's Changing & What's Not

... a flower opens itself to outgrow its plantedness. . . it yearns to be carried away. (Author Unknown) When was the last time someone surprised you with flowers? Beginning in January, you will have such an opportunity! The **2017 Flower Chart** is posted across from council mailboxes in the hallway outside the church office. Sign up to honor or memorialize family, friends, saints or others. The cost of donating Altar Flowers has not changed in almost 10 years. The price from the florist remains at **\$45 for two vases**. Those who sign up to give the altar flower arrangements **are to take the flowers** after the 11:00am service and "surprise" a friend, neighbor, local business or "carry away" the flowers to enjoy themselves. Professionally printed St. John's enclosure cards will be provided for use with your delivery. Thank you for your partnership to share beautiful flowers throughout our community.



On **December 11**, our congregation was privileged to enjoy the **2016 Christmas Music Celebration**. What a delightful event! Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents: organizers, performers, script writers, those who produced delicious treats, researchers, decorators, promoters, directors, costumers, and those who did the vital and unseen behind-the-scenes jobs.

Thank you to all who shared from their abundance: food was given to fill the **Backpack Buddies'** larder, on the same day that **110 Angel Tree gifts** were magically brought back after only a week to give Christmas gifts to local children who would have little otherwise. Beautiful manger scenes were shared with our church family. Plus, we all ate our fill of wonderful yummys!

All of us put in a little bit of our time and talent and gifts to create a fabulous, fantastic, and fun event that was perfect, and so much more than the sum of the parts. It was a blessing to all involved, those attending and those performing, those cooking and those eating, those herding sheep and those laughing at the appropriateness of the action! Thank you all for the joy you gave us to kick off our Christmas season!

Menu

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY LUNCH
12:45PM

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

	01/11	
Grilled Chicken		Macaroni & Cheese
Side Salad		Dessert
	01/18	
Baked Spaghetti		Garden Salad
Garlic Bread		Dessert
	01/25	
Chicken Broccoli Casserole		Steamed Veggies
Roll		Dessert



The **Fellowship Coffee Sign up** is posted in the Fellowship Hall and PLC. Any person, family, group can help with coffee and simple refreshments. Take a Sunday and sign up today to provide for a great fellowship time following worship!

St. John's Committee Meetings:

Worship/Music	12:15pm	1st Sunday	Dnstrs.Conf. Rm
Health Ministry	4pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Social Ministry	4pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Senior Rm.
Finance	5pm	2nd Sunday	Dnstrs Conf. Rm.
Youth Min.	3pm	2nd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.
Christian Ed.	3pm	3rd Sunday	PLC Conf. Rm.

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

IN MEMORIAM 2016

Please pray for the family of this loved one who has passed into life eternal.

Carl Hartmann, Sr.
Grandfather of Pastor Emily Hartmann Edenfield

Come meet Christ in Christian Education this Epiphany!

Kids and Youth Classes

Classes for **Pre-K through 5th grade** are in the hallway below the Fellowship Hall. Our Spark House curriculum connects kids with the same stories they'll hear in worship each week, so that the lessons are more easily learned and remembered. Each class is tailored to its age-level with caring and fun teachers and hands-on learning opportunities.



Confirmation Class for grades 6 through 8 are upstairs, above the staff offices. Pastor Emily will lead this year's study of the Old Testament and other topics.

High School Students meet in the Youth Room of the Parish Life Center with Corey Carson and Kevin Lageman for discussions about life topics and current videos.

Adult Classes

New! Young Adult Bible Study will meet in the Parlor to look at the Sunday readings together. This conversational group is led by a team of facilitators. Everyone past their high school years through their 20s and 30s are welcome to come every week or to jump in and out as their other commitments at St. John's might require.

Alpha & Omega, led by Judy Lybrand, meets in L08 (below the sanctuary). This is a thorough and friendly study that walks the whole Bible through chapter by chapter. This is an ongoing course that is always welcoming to new participants.

Contemporary Discussions meets in the PLC Senior Room under the aegis of Dick Conn. This lively class seeks to relate current world events to God's Word and enjoys a good conversation and a good cup of coffee. Contemporary Discussions is an ongoing course and there's always room at the table for one more.

Martin's Table, in the PLC Conference Room, is a multi-generational class is dedicated to providing short-term studies on various topics in the spirit and tradition of teaching, debate, and discussion found at Martin Luther's own table. Many of their sessions this year will be in preparation for 2017's 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This Epiphany, January 8 through February 26, Gil Bulman will lead a discussion of Ancient Secrets of the Bible.

Living the Christian Life meets in the Downstairs Conference Room, under the sanctuary. This track will rotate by topic and teacher, and seeks to encourage students to think through how their faith impacts their everyday life. January 8 – February 26, Pastor Mike will be discussing Spiritual Gifts and Personalities.

Wednesday Bible Study meets at **11am** in the **Parish Life Center Conference Room** each week. Our topics vary from traditional Bible Study to book studies, all led by Pastor Mike and Pastor Emily. There is always a good conversation and always room for one more. Stay for worship at 12:15 followed by the best lunch deal in town!

YOUTH SUNDAY! January 29th

ONE Worship Service at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center
Be sure not to miss this service where the youth creatively plan
and present all parts of worship. Their chosen theme is:
Growing in Christ Through the Generations
Come and stay for the Soup Lunch and Servant Sunday to follow!





The Christmas Music Celebration on Dec 11th was filled with joy and love for **200+ attendees and performers!** Thank you to EVERYONE who made this beautiful afternoon a memorable one. All of the musical talents from St. John's brought such enjoyable entertainment and professionalism. Our variety of emcees and storytellers/actors were huge highlights to the flow of this event. And the grand finale with the **"Once Upon a Night"** Christmas pageant with children and youth, was so heartwarming and moving!



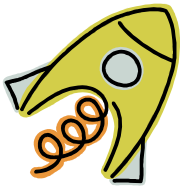
We also had much success with accumulating food donations for Backpack Buddies and so many of you shared in fellowship and wonderful food and beverages. THANK YOU! The Nativity showcase was full of variety from being handmade and nostalgic to modern day; much appreciation for those who took time to pack-up your treasures and display them for everyone!



I personally want to let all those involved (including those behind the scenes) know how grateful I am to know you better and to have had this privilege to work with you! Thank you for allowing me to lead this year's celebration!

Erica McCarthy





HISTORY IN ACTION *or . . . A BLAST FROM THE PAST!*

by Judy Lybrand, Archives

Our second pastor, Rev. E. Bryan Keisler, was installed as the second pastor of this congregation (then known as Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church) on our 25th Anniversary, September 25, 1927. In 1977, he returned to join our 75th anniversary celebrations. Following are some of his fond memories excerpted from that visit:

Those were great years back there in Woman's Memorial—of course in a way not nearly so great as they are in St. John's. There weren't as many members—there weren't as many dollars, either—but despite fewness of the members and deficiency of the funds, we had great days and it warms my heart and renews my spirit when I think of those, and in thinking of those, I think also of a great many individuals in the congregation and incidences there and I like to think quite briefly . . . as briefly as I very well can . . . on some of these individuals and some of the incidences—some of the persons and some of the performers if you like that better.

Well, thinking of the families who were here, the Bunches, the Brownes, the Eargles, the Hares, the Hallmans, the Metzses—spelled in different ways but good no matter how you spell it—the Mooses, the Thad K. Smiths, the Tezzas, the Vogels, the Waltons, and the Willises. Among individuals in addition to the members of those families, I think of Miss Ruth Carter, of Mrs. Vernon Earle (who when I was here was Miss Roessler) and Dr. E.I. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Conner—Mrs. Conner a member of the congregation, Mr. Conner a Methodist and a member of the Board of Stewards over at Bethel. But he was always here on Sunday night, and frequently every other Sunday morning he was with his wife, and on Wednesday night he was here. Believe it or not we had three services a week—one on Sunday morning, one in the evening, and one on Wednesday night.

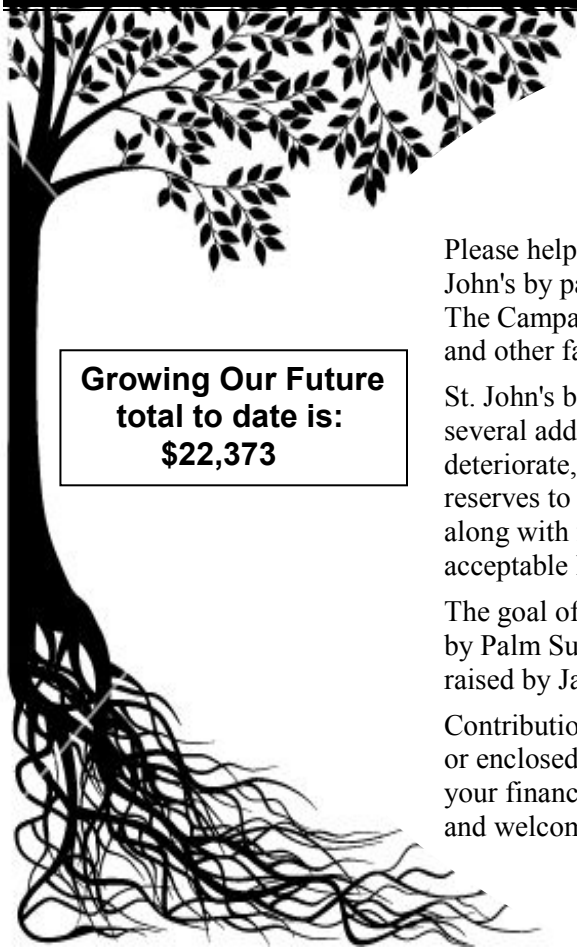
Let me tell you about Robert Hallman, the Mr. J.D. Hallman's younger boy. I was in the home for a little visit and was talking especially to Mr. Hallman. I said, "I must go . . . I have a lot of things to do, and a lot of places to go, and it seems like I get along so slowly." Robert, a little tyke about so big, said, "You know, Pastor, why you get along so slowly?" I said, "No, why Robert?" He said, "You stay too long at one place!"

Then there was Sid Walton. There was Sid and his wife and their only daughter. One day there was to be a *pounding at the parsonage. I didn't know it at the time, but on this particular day—the evening of which the pounding was to be—I picked up Sid Walton on the street, I was in the car and stopped and picked him up. We rode for about two blocks when he said, "Wait a little bit—I've got to get out of here!" I said, "I thought you were going on home." He said, "Yes, but I've got to get out." I said, "Well, why?" He said, "I don't want to be seen with you!" Well, I didn't understand it at the time, but what he meant was that he was afraid that if he were seen with me and I would by any chance learn of the pounding pending they would give him credit for having told me and he didn't want that!



So Sid Walton saved himself from spoiling the surprise pounding or being suspected of having done so, and Pastor Keisler and his family grew to become well-loved members of the community. After his resignation was accepted, the Spartanburg Journal reported, "Not only his congregation but the public generally are concerned over the announcement that Rev. E.B. Keisler, pastor of the Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church here has been called to the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer at Newberry. Mr. Keisler has faithfully served the local Lutheran church for the past four years and has contributed materially to the spiritual, moral, and social forces of the community at large. Among his flock he has injected new life, zeal, and inspiration and has also identified himself as a positive force with the community alms and projects looking towards its betterment and progress."

**Pounding the preacher was a common event in the nineteenth century. You may even know of someplace it still happens today. This wasn't abuse, but a way of welcoming a new preacher and making sure his larder was full. On the day appointed, each member of the congregation would arrive at the preacher's door with a pound of something: coffee, sugar, flour, butter, honey, what have you. Then they would spend the evening visiting with the new preacher, getting to know him and his family.*



**Growing Our Future
total to date is:
\$22,373**

Growing Our Future Capital Campaign

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

Please help us continue to grow God's work through the ministries of St. John's by participating in the Growing our Future Capital Campaign. The Campaign is being established to help fund the landscaping project and other facility needs of the Church.

St. John's began in this location in 1948. Since then, we have had several additions and building projects. As our facilities age and deteriorate, upgrades and replacements are needed. We set aside reserves to handle most of these items but the front landscaping project, along with future upgrades, would reduce these reserves below an acceptable level.

The goal of Growing Our Future Capital Campaign is to raise \$100,000 by Palm Sunday, on April 9, 2017. Half of this goal would need to be raised by January 1st in order to begin groundbreaking in the spring.

Contributions should be designated in the memo portion of your check or enclosed in a labeled envelope. Thank you for prayerfully offering your financial resources to help make our physical campus be an inviting and welcoming place for sharing God's love to our neighbors.

Health Ministry Tidbits Beginning with the New Year people make commitments to curb their appetites, slim down and get healthy. Others are pleased that they have not gained any weight and have managed a healthy lifestyle. And yet, there are people who do not have to be concerned with weight management. No matter where you are in this process and no matter what you want to achieve here are a few reminders that may help you begin a healthy habit:

- Make a change and vow to stick with it for 30 days.
- Commit to the new habit and practice daily.
- Be consistent. Try it at the same time and in the same place daily.
- Do not talk yourself out of it. Dispel all negative thoughts with a “but” I will message to yourself.
- Include stress relievers like exercise, reading, meditation, or a favorite hobby.



Reduce stress with fun, wacky things to do.

Celebrate **Polar Bear Plunge Day** on January 1st or wait for Swim A Lap day in June.

Get rid of anger with **Toss Unwanted Fruit Cake Day**.

or celebrate **Festival of Sleep Day** on January 3rd.

Learn your Name in Morse Code Day on January 11th.

January 16th is **Nothing Day**, a day to do, well, nothing or host and swap soup on **Soup Swap Day**.

You have done well for a few weeks. Now celebrate **Ditch the New Year Resolution Day** on January 17th.

Give someone a compliment on January 24th, **Compliment Day**.

Take a break from healthy food on **Chocolate Cake Day**, January 27th.

Bored? Do everything backwards or sdrawkcab on January 31st, **Backwards Day**. Greet with “goodbye” and say “hello” when leaving. Wear your clothes backwards.

Incorporate fun into your daily commitments. Don't be too hard on yourself. SUCCESS will follow!



Growing in Christ Through the Generations

is our theme for
Youth Sunday on January 29!

Come help us plan! We need musicians, readers, techies, singers, and every gift God gives to lead His people in worship!



Youth Sunday Lock-in: Jan 28 at 6pm – Jan 29 after worship. Please bring a snack to share and your instrument if you play. For Youth Sunday, plan to wear your gray LCY t-shirt and jeans. **Sunday rehearsals 1pm-3pm:** January 8, 15, 22. Bring your enthusiasm and your creativity.

We had a great time at the Christmas party on December 16! Thanks to everyone who came, who brought food and gifts, and who had some fun competing in our Christmas Olympics! Pictured here are the gift exchange and the nativity sets we made. Check out the whole thing (especially the wrapping paper fashion show!) at our facebook group and plan to bring your family next year!



Don't forget! The 9th and 10th grade winter retreat is January 20-22! Register now at <http://scsynod.us/lcy910wr>. Make a check for \$50 out to St. John's and give it to Pastor Emily along with a copy of your registration and we'll pay the rest of your way.

11th and 12th grade retreat is Feb 17-19. 7th and 8th grade retreat is March 17-19. The Event, for 6th graders is March 18-19. Register now at scsynod.com/youth!

Prayer Requests

Ruth Wessinger	Deborah Lineberger
Jim Shaver	Nancy Nettles
Bob Henderson	Paul Foerster
David Frick	Jan Porter
Lois Ann Hesser	Craig Brooks
Gloria Massey	Martin Zschocher
Jason Revels	Tom Ballard



Family and Friends of Members:

Ellen Dippel, *sister of Ed & Jacquie Maidel*
 Chris Hindman, *friend of Tanya Hindman*
 Edward Burlew, *brother of Maudeen Vest*
 Tim Watson, *friend of Jason Revels & wife.*
 Anne Duncan, *friend of Dick & Lori Conn*
 Todd Keith, *cousin of John & Joanne Kopchik*
 Angela Howard, *daughter of John & Joanne Kopchik*
 Mason Fain, *grandson of Libby Fain, friend of Kevin Bolin*
 Jeff Harkins, *nephew-in-law of Jeff & Andrea Rousey*
 Linda Compton, *friend of Betty Bishop*
 Gene Young, *father of Linda Dohse*
 Rachel Ross, *friend of Jean Spearman*
 Micajah Owens, *granddaughter of Jeff & Andrea Rousey*
 Maxine Towe, *mother of Michael & Julia Towe*
 Marjorie Kellogg, *sister of Dick Sprang*
 Dana Barker, *brother of Lois Ann Hesser*
 Dan Rungo, *brother of John Rungo*
 Ellen Niehaus, *friend of Marlene Donna*
 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, Pete Brown, Vermelle Kibler, Ruby Horton, Jo Tiner, Paul & Susann Foerster, Betty Walker, Verna Githens, & Marty Lovett.

Members and Friends serving in the military:

Matthew Thomas, Ryan Dohse, John Newman, Daniel Linder, Jacob Fischer, Chris Brown, Anthony Dylan McCormack, Cynthia Johnson, Dustin Vest, & John Jacobson, Jr.

Prayers for our neighbors.

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

December Attendance Record

Worship Average:

9:00 Contemporary – **85**
 10:00 Christian Education Classes – **76**
 11:00 Traditional – **200**
 12:15 Wednesday – **29**
 German Christmas Service - **253**
 Christmas Eve Contemporary - **125**
 Christmas Eve Traditional - **170**
 Christmas Day Lessons & Carols - **101**

YTD General Fund as of November 30, 2016

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$543,870	\$523,969	\$501,213

YTD Mortgage balance as of November 30, 2016 - \$731,438

Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Giving to Date
\$110,891	\$110,891	\$91,536

General Fund and Actual Expenditures includes \$20,350 transferred to reserve accounts.

Those Privileged to Serve

COUNCIL GREETERS/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Joanne Kopchik & Conny Linder

CD DELIVERY

01 John & Anne Burger

08 Hervie Thomas

15 Harrell Connelly & Betty Yex

22 Dick & Lori Conn

29 ONE Service - PLC

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

	Attendant	10am	11am
<u>01</u>	-	-	Stephanie Hujik
<u>08</u>	-	MH Wessinger	Leslie Connor
<u>15</u>	Rachel Mileski	C. Nestlen	Page Lawrence
<u>22</u>	Rachel Mileski	Judy Drake	Stephanie Lageman
<u>29</u>	-	Stephanie Hujik	Ineka Pitt



TRADITIONAL SERVICE - NAVE

ALTAR GUILD

01 Myrta Holt & Lori Conn

08 Myrta Holt & Lori Conn

15 Myrta Holt & Lori Conn

22 Myrta Holt & Lori Conn

29 ONE Service - PLC

CRUCIFER

01 Katelyn Boyd

08 Connor Gregory

15 Andrew Hospodar

22 Megan Shackelford

29 ONE Service - PLC

ACOLYTES I

Travis Schriver

Lucas Mezger

Emma Hospodar

Carson Homan

ACOLYTE II

Connor Gregory

Addison Dingman

Kaitlyn Wells

Tyler Shelley

GREETERS

01 Luann Bryant & Charlie Dickson

08 Al Stresing & Bob Phillips

15 Helen Collier & Kare Kragas

22 Julia Fuchs & Stephen McKinney

29 ONE Service - PLC

LECTORS

01 Don Frank

08 Peg Milligan

15 Bob Lee

22 Bob Lee

29 ONE Service - PLC

ATTENDANCE RECORDING

Anne Burger & Linda Ebert

PEW POCKET STUFFER

Deb Lineberger & Ann Lineberger

COFFEE

01 Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

08 Circle 5

15 Circle 4

22 Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

29 ONE Service - PLC

ALTAR FLOWERS

01 Gil & Pam Bulman

08 Bob & Nan Phillips

15 Please sign up in the hallway

22 Please sign up in the hallway

29 Please sign up in the hallway

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Bob Phillips, Nan Phillips, Don Turner, Jack Pfeiffer
George Johnson, Larry White

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - PARISH LIFE CENTER

ALTAR GUILD

Patty Culbreath & Amie Shaver

Audio/Visual

Steve Grimm, Matt Cutshall, Chris Towe, & Logan Connor

Worship Space Preparation

Patty Culbreath & Allen Mabry

Attendance Recording

Patty Culbreath & Rick Sprang

REFRESHMENT SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

01 Please sign up on the kitchen door

08 Please sign up on the kitchen door

15 McCormack

22 Please sign up on the kitchen door

29 ONE Service - PLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION 9am Contemporary NO Sunday School 11am Traditional - new council installation	2 New Year's Holiday Church Offices Closed	3 10am Circle 1 10:30am Staff Meet 6pm Zumba 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Boy Scouts 6pm Executive Com.	4 10am Backpack Buds 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship NO Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	5 5:30pm Circle 5-FH 6pm Red Door Planning 6-9pm Soccer - PLC	6 EPIPHANY 3:30-5pm Pantherettes 8pm AA Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">2017 COUNCIL RETREAT</div>	7 90th birthday party for Nell Isaac. PLC Sr. Rm 1-5pm
8 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 3-3pm LCY 3pm Youth Ministry 4pm Social Ministry <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">COUNCIL RETREAT</div>	9 2pm Circle 2 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Council Meeting	10 10:30am Staff Meet 6pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Boy Scouts	11 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	12 2pm Marathon Bridge- PLC CR 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm NAMI	13 3:30-5pm Pantherettes 8pm AA Meeting	14
15 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 12:15pm Worship/Music-DCR 1pm LCY	16 ML King Day Church Offices Closed 6-9pm Soccer - PLC	17 10:30am Staff Meet 6pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Boy Scouts	18 9am Eastside Co-Op 10am Backpack Buds 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	19 5:30pm ADK Teachers - FH 6pm Red Door Planning 6-9pm Soccer - PLC	20 VISITOR DEADLINE 3:30-5pm Pantherettes 6-10pm Contra Dancers - FH	21
22 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional 1pm LCY	23 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 6:30pm Lutheran Men	24 10:30am Staff Meet 6pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Boy Scouts	25 9am Eastside Co-Op 11am Bible Study 12:15pm Worship 1pm Lunch 5:30pm Handbells 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 6:30pm Brass 7pm Chancel Choir	26 6-9pm Soccer - PLC	27 3:30-pm Pantherettes 8pm AA Meeting	28 LCY LOCK-IN
29 Youth Sunday 10am Sunday School 11am One Worship 12pm Servant Sunday Soup Meal	30 6-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Circle 4	31 10:30am Staff Meet 6pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7-9pm Soccer - PLC 7pm Boy Scouts				



ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS!



01/01
 Kiersten Kennedy
 Earl Quillen
01/02
 Bronwyn Connor
 David Edenfield
 Don Turner
01/03
 Logan Connor
 Joanne Kopchik
 Ann Lineberger
 Fritz Mezger
01/05
 Nell Isaac

01/06
 Ford Poole
01/07
 Robin Hunsinger
01/08
 John Burger
 Janice Pfeiffer
 Arthur Yex
01/09
 Jackie Grigg
 Lois Ann Hesser
01/11
 Verna Githens
 Charlianne Nestlen
 John Nichols

01/12
 Chris Wright
01/15
 Christopher Depra
 Audrey Earnhardt
01/16
 Hanna S. Chitwood
01/17
 Jean Spearman
01/18
 Cory Chitwood
 Hallie Stillwagon
01/19
 Dave Dempsey
 Ed Maidel

01/20
 Maudeen Vest
01/21
 Myrna White
01/23
 Kevin Bolin
 David Wall
01/25
 Frankie Deal
01/26
 George Psillas
01/27
 Joshua Corbin
 David Rubel

01/28
 Michelle Brock
 Mike Shackelford
 Beki Wilson
01/29
 Hannah Ashley
 Dave Hassler
 Dale Kibler
01/30
 Heyward Nettles
01/31
 Marijane Coggins
 Nan Dempsey
 Carolyn Shackelford
 Jody Wyse



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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

1:00PM LUNCH (NOT 01/04)

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend.

Congregation Council

Serving Through 2017

HARRELL CONNELLY - EVANGELISM MINISTRY
 LESLIE CONNOR - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY
 JOANNE KOPCHIK - SECRETARY, HEALTH MINISTRY
 ROBERTA MILESKI - YOUTH MINISTRY
 LOGAN CONNOR, *Youth Representative*

Serving Through 2018

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 JANINE WAGNER - PRESIDENT
 MATT CUTSHALL - COM/TECH

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 RANDALL COHEN, FINANCIAL SECRETARY/FINANCE
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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:

JANUARY 06

Cheryl Pettis
 Lori Conn
 Kathie McKenzie
 Kitty Hagglund
 Joann Hoffmeyer

JANUARY 13

Linda Turner
 Robin Hunsinger
 Gisela Mezger

JANUARY 20

Brenda Ellison
 John Dennis
 Ed Maidel
 Jacquie Maidel

