



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH January, 2019

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This year, the whole Church, including we here at All Saints, will be looking at the life of Christ through the eyes of the Gospel writer of Luke. ***[Perhaps I should add a quick side bar here as well. When I say the Church, I am talking about those denominations that follow the "RCL" also known as the "Revised Common Lectionary." Not all congregations or denominations follow the RCL, but as a general rule, denominations that are considered mainstream Protestant (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, United Church of Christ, etc.) and the Catholic church fall into this category. One of the wonderful things about following the "RCL" is that if you visit or attend a different church and it follows the RCL, all attendees receive the same Word for that given Sunday. It is a means of expression that the whole Church shows solidarity and receives the same word of God that fellow Christians would receive in Germany, Tanzania or Japan. I now return you to the previous message].***

Within this New Testament Gospel, we will read of the lives of many people personally touched by the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. The Story of Jesus becomes the story of us, one that becomes intricately interwoven within the stories of each of our personal lives and family stories; stories that generation after generation are drawn into experiencing, animating, within our hearts and minds. Luke brings Jesus to life within his Gospel. We come to know Jesus' family, his uncle Zechariah and aunt Elizabeth; his cousin John: all who in their own way contribute to the story of the Messiah. We read Mary's story of coming to grasp with the task of love which God imparts upon her and her ultimate humble acceptance and joy in this task. How many of us have family stories of parents having lost a child within a crowd and the fear of the unknown they experienced in those moments of terror, only to find this child safe and sound?

Each of us has our own story, rich in the mystery and messiness of life. Through the words of Luke, we recognize ourselves within the story of Jesus. Jesus is given to us to know in a most beautiful, intimate and unique way. Jesus is the long-awaited Jewish Messiah. The Messiah, fully human, brings us comfort and the Messiah, fully God, gives us hope. Life's messy circumstances are not ignored but confronted straight on by Jesus. Jesus becomes a model and teacher for living through that messiness. It is these not so pretty lessons of life that we are called to pass on to the next generation. These experiences and lessons are an important part of our story. The mysteries of life are God working in, around and among us. God in all His mystery enters into our everyday lives and we are changed, our circumstances are changed, and we really are never quite the same. Luke's writing does this to us! How many of us have stories of mysteries and miracles?

The birth of Jesus has been celebrated and now we look to Epiphany and his baptism with joy. Jesus' story is just beginning. What a wonderful story, through the eyes of Luke, to look forward to in this new year. Why not experience this amazing story with the rest of us and then share it with others? You are welcome into worship and the sharing of the story with the family of God, into Jesus' story, and the story of us.

Servants together,
Pr. Paul <><

p.s. Did you know??? On **Sunday, January 6**, we will celebrate Epiphany and the arrival of the Magi in Jesus's story. Come join us around the bonfire and have a cup of hot cocoa.

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said??? "The Bible is the cradle where we find Christ."

Council Meeting Highlights December, 2018

Present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don McMillan, Pastor Paul, Niles Riese, Don Ranta and Wyatt Smith.

The meeting was called to order.

The Treasurer's Report was given and approved.

The next meeting is January 8 at 6 p.m.

Don McMillan, President

Miriam Circle Notes

- Next meeting: January 9, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. followed by business meeting. Please join us!
- The updated craft fair total is \$4,262.02! Thank you!

THANK YOU!

In this season of counting our blessings, I have found that it is not possible to count mine. I have been so very blessed to be called to this place, to worship with you, to walk with you in your daily lives - the joys and the sorrows and everything that comes in between. In the light of God's grace - THANK YOU for your gift, your kindness, generosity and grace. You have wrapped Jesse and me in that blanket of grace and I (we) thank you! Please know that I give thanks to God daily for the gifts that each of you are in my life. May God continue to bless you in this New Year as you have been such a blessing to me. Servants together, Pr. Paul and Jesse <><

Sons of Norway

Vestafjell Lodge, Sons of Norway, will install officers and enjoy a display and discussion about Rosemaling, the Norwegian style of folk painting on Saturday, January 12, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 F Road, Grand Junction. Please note new meeting times: Social time at 1:30, meeting starts at 2 PM. Officers will be installed by our Kaye Wergedal, District 6 Public Relations Officer. No potluck. Pie, ice cream and coffee will be provided.

Guests interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture are welcome. For more information call 245-5649, or 858-6702. Visit the lodge website www.vestafjelllodge.org or on Facebook/Vestafjell Lodge 6-146 (Public Group).



January 8, 2:00

Book of Ruth

June Huff will present this study! Please join us.

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in January

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

January 6, Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

January 13, Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43: 1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

January 20, 2nd Sun after Epiphany

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

January 27, 3rd Sun after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
Luke 4: 14-21

Twelfth Night Bonfire

We will be celebrating Twelfth Night of Christmas, January 6, with an afternoon bonfire starting at 3:00 p.m. east of the church. Please drop off your live Christmas tree for this event and join us for some singing and visiting. We will have hot cocoa, coffee and snacks. Bring friends!



The Worship committee would like to thank all participants in leading the 2018 worship services:

Leaders

Pr Paul Rosin
Pr Steve Howarth
Pr Carol Layton
Leroy Black
Linda Black

Liturgists

Milford Knutson
Joel Magnuson
Donelle McMillan
Don Ranta
Marj Seely

Readers

Barb Cairns
Sharill Beach
Christine Garner
Steve Grewe
Carolyn Goller
LuAnn Harrah
Wendy Harrah
Elaine Heinz
Claudia Kellogg
Milford Knutson
Marilyn Liebetrau
Joel Magnuson
Carol Martinson
Lee Martinson
Don McMillan
Del Miessler
Olinda Patzer
Don Ranta
Linda Ranta
Wilma Reeve
Janell Riese
Niles Riese
Jesse Rosin
Marj Seely
Mindy Smith
Robert Smith
Wyatt Smith

Ushers

Steve Grewe
Duane Johnson
Milford Knutson
Lloyd Liebetrau
Lee Martinson
Ron Nielson
Don Ranta
Niles Riese
Jesse Rosin

Altar Guild

Claudia Kellogg
Alice Spika

Communion

Claudia Kellogg
Elinor Knutson
Milford Knutson
Joel Magnuson
Ron Nielsen
Olinda Patzer
Don Ranta
Wilma Reeve
Janell Riese
Rick Saxton
Marj Seely

Acolytes

Jesse Rosin
Wyatt Smith

Greeters

Carolyn Goller
Lenie Grewe
Sharon Johnson
Elinor Knutson
Carol Martinson
Marilyn Liebetrau
Linda Ranta
Janell Riese

Thank you, Milford Knutson, for 12 years of diligent service as a liturgist, usher, reader, and communion assistant.

Thank you, Niles Riese, for 5 years of dedicated service as head usher. He is retiring effective December 31.

Will someone in our congregation take on the role of head usher? Webster's dictionary defines the position as "one who conducts persons to their seat as in a church or theater." The duties entail enlisting and training the ushers and greeters for each Sunday's service. A training list of lighting, setting heating/cooling, adjusting window shades, lighting and snuffing candles, collecting the offerings, greeting and seating attendees is available for study. This is a great opportunity to serve All Saints.

Claudia, Joel, Olinda, Janell, Pastor Paul, and Marj

JANUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	6	13	20	27
	Communion		Communion	
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul		Pastor Carol	
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Don Ranta	Marj	Donelle
Communion Assistant	Claudia		Rick	
Communion Bread	Elinor		Elinor	
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Alice		Claudia	
Readers	Jesse	Carolyn	Sharill	Janell
Ushers	Niles	Lloyd	Don Ranta	Jesse
Greeters	Janell	Marilyn	Linda	Carolyn
Stewards	Jack/Erich	Lloyd/Janell	Don M/ Claudia	Don R/Rick
Fellowship	Wilma	Linda/Chris	Carol	Elaine/ Arlene

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928 to say you can help! To usher or greet at worship, sign up on the white board on the cupboard in the back of the sanctuary. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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All Saints Special Occasions for January

Birthdays: 1/9 Joel Magnuson 1/10 Karen McFarland 1/12 Brenda Slagg
 1/18 Del Miessler 1/23 Elain Heinz 1/27 Barb Cairns 1/29 Christine Garner
 1/29 Claudia Kellogg 1/30 Robert Smith

Baptismal Birthdays: 1/4 Karen McFarland 1/9 Alice Spika 1/12 Brenda Slagg
 1/20 Del Miessler

Anniversaries: 1/7/1995 Lloyd and Marilyn Liebetrau



ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Council Officers & Committee Chairs:

Don McMillan, President
Niles Riese, Vice President & Building/Property Chair
Don Ranta, Secretary & Stewardship, Chair
Sharon Johnson, Treasurer
Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair
Joel Magnuson, Worship Chair
Wyatt Smith, Education Chair
Memorial Fund, Executive Committee
Finance Committee, Treasurer & Chair & Executive Committee

Non-Council Committee Chairs:

Fellowship , Janell Riese
Financial Secretary, Marj Seely
Readers, Olinda Patzer
Ushers & Greeters,
Altar Guild, Alice Spika
Prayer Chain, Claudia Kellogg

Weekly Bulletin:

Carolyn Goller
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Janell Riese

Newsletter:

Janell Riese, Editor + Carolyn Goller & Claudia Kellogg

Marquee:

Niles Riese
Joel Magnuson
Jesse Rosin

**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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