

PHONE NUMBER UPDATE FOR PASTOR FRED

Pastor Fred no longer has a landline phone. Please use his cell phone number to contact him.
Pastor Fred: 507-273-4939

NOTICE OF MEETING for CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We will have an informational meeting on Sunday January 7th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the proposed changes.

We will have a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday January 14th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall to vote on the proposed changes to the *Constitution and Bylaws*. If the vote on January 14th is a vote to approve the revisions and amendments, we will have another vote during the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

HOW WE'RE DOING

YTD Income 11/30/2017 \$375,509.61
YTD Budgeted Expense 11/30/2017 \$421,984.75
YTD Actual Expense 11/30/2017 \$414,452.86

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NOTICE TO TEAM CHAIRS

Please have your annual reports to the church office preferably in electronic form no later than January 14. Please let me know if your meeting time is changing in 2018. Thank you, Joanne

COMING SOON!!

In the coming month (or so) we will be launching a new Bible study time for younger adults and adults with younger children! We will meet on Sunday evenings! More information to come soon!



IT'S TIME ALREADY to plan to take down the Christmas décor. Join us on January 6 at 9:00am. It will go quickly with plenty of help.

HOME NEEDED

Sharon Evers has moved to a new home and can't keep her cat. She needs a home for her 9 yr old, shy, calico house cat. If you could provide a home, please contact the church.

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

The Thanksgiving offering is divided between Channel One and ELCA World Hunger, addressing the needs of hungry people both locally and globally.

The Advent offerings is divided between Salvation Army and Lutheran Disaster Relief, again addressing needs both locally and globally.

The Christmas offerings is divided between the Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity, addressing the needs of people needing shelter.



ECHOES Weekly-December 31, 2017

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WELCOME VISITORS!

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here.

You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Craig & Diana Martens

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Terry Wagner; Ajullu Niygwo; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Gordon Riekmann

Military Concerns: Chris Sikich, Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner:

The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT OSLC?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred. New member forms are available in the Narthex or on the church office desk.

This Week at OSLC

OBA: Other Building Activities

Sunday, Dec. 31

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
NO GIFT

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

Happy New Year
Office closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Office Closed

Wednesday, Jan. 3

P.F out of town
12:00pm Weekly deadline
5:00pm Fill Food Bags
5:00pm MS Youth Group
5:45pm Meal
6:30pm Worship
7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Jan. 4

P.F. out of town
6:00am Promise Keepers
6:30pm Grace Bells

Friday, Jan. 5

P.F. out of town
9:00am Bulletin Prep

Saturday, Jan. 6

P.F off
9:00am Christmas Décor Take
Down

Sunday, Jan. 7

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
10:00am GIFT Worship
11:00am Constitution Info Meeting

8:30am Worship Assistants

Greeters/Offering: Craig & Diana Martens
Communion Assistants: Ruth Moran, Ruby Florine, Diana Schroeder
Usher/Offering: Tim & Mary Kunert
Prayer Reader: Ruby Florine
8:30am Sound Board: Bill Nicklay
10:00am Sound Board: No Worship
Coffee Prep: Sherry Rengstorf
Coffee Clean up: Sherry Rengstorf
Treats: Youth & Bill Nicklay
Offering Counters: Wayne & Carol Rogelstad
Altar Guild: Altar Guild Team
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DELZER

I am so glad when Christmas comes. Why? Because after all the planning and preparation, after all the hustle and bustle, we stop for a brief time to gather together to listen to this story that beckons us into its arms of love, and sing about the greatest good news the world has ever heard.

This story is not a fable that begins with the words, "Once upon a time." Rather, it is a true story that occurred "in the fullness of time," at the precise moment when history and hope were intermingled with the ways of God.

A young Galilean maid was seated awkwardly on a small donkey trudging southward in the Judean dusk. The man holding the donkey's rein was taking great pains to lead the donkey as gently as he could, for his young wife was pregnant, and the birth of the child was imminent. "It is a most precious child," he would remind himself, "the child of all the ages, the child of the Holy Spirit."

Their journey was ending, but the adventure as God's handmaiden was far from over. As they entered Bethlehem Joseph gently eased Mary down. She knew her time was near, and whispered to Joseph, "It's soon, very soon." Twinges of pain indicated that the long waiting period was drawing to a close. Before long the young couple found themselves in the dim light of a weather-worn stable.

It was not long afterward that the manger nestled its new resident, and the world heard God cry through a legion of angels, "*I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*" And in the tiny arms of this newborn child, God reaches out to the world and says, "For this brief quiet moment, come close, and listen to this story that beckons you into my arms of love."

I am so glad when Christmas comes.

Peace & Joy in Christ,
Bishop Steven Delzer
Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

December 31th

Service of Healing

