



### DECEMBER 2018 AT ST. LUKE

#### Sunday, December 2

- ★ 4:30 pm - Advent Vespers: Holden Evening Prayer
- ★ 5:00pm - Advent Festival: Dinner, Activities

#### Wednesday, December 5

- ★ 5:45 Wednesday Church Night Dinner with Music
- ★ 6:15 Vespers

#### Sunday, December 9

- ★ 8:45 and 11:00am Worship
- ★ 10 and 11 am: Children's Christmas Musical: *"Straight Outta Bethlehem"*

#### Wednesday, December 12: Advent Vespers: Holden Evening Prayer

#### Sunday, December 16

- ★ 8:45 and 11:00am Worship
- ★ 4:00pm ~ Rejoice Choir Concert: *"Gloria"* by Mark Hayes

#### Wednesday, December 19: Advent Vespers: Holden Evening Prayer

#### Sunday, December 23 ~ 4th Sunday Advent Worship

- ★ 8:45 and 11:00am Worship

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Monday, December 24

- ★ 3pm Candlelight Communion with Children's Choirs
- ★ 5pm Candlelight Communion with Church Chicks, soloists
- ★ 7pm Candlelight Communion with St. Luke Ringers, soloists
- ★ 10:30pm Candlelight Communion with Rejoice Choir, soloists

#### Sunday, December 30 ~ Lessons and Carols

- 8:45am and 11:00am Worship/Communion
- 10:00am Fellowship/Brunch

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Just as the Christ surprised our world by being born as an immigrant peasant baby instead of an earthly prince, we realize that Christ often invades our lives through the people and situations we least expect –through the vulnerable, through outsiders, through new adventures. In short, to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, we get to be open: open to the stranger, open to death, open to life, open to change.

Let us be an openhearted people!  
Pastor Beth

## INTERIM INSIGHT: TRANSITION TEAM BEGINS

The Transition Team will have meet twice by the time this newsletter is published. They are currently reviewing a recent survey and an assessment along with the most recent ELCA trend report, St. Luke's vision statement document and information included on the last Ministry Site Profile (the required document for Call process in ELCA) which was done in 2016.

These are documents that in different ways indicate who St. Luke is and what St. Luke is called to do. And those are the main questions to be answered during the transition process.

As the Transition Team reviews and reflects on these documents they will be developing a plan to engage as many members as possible in order to gain a comprehensive perspective that can be supported by the whole congregation. Active engagement with the congregation will begin after the first of the year.

The Transition Team looks forward to hearing your voice and will value your input. Whenever the Transition Team asks for the congregation's input, they will summarize and publicize the results, so what has been shared can be clarified and confirmed.

Thank you for your attention to the work to be done by the Transition Team and all of you here at St. Luke.

## READY FOR ADVENT?

**Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke wishes to share some short, video devotions with you.** Find them at the [Oregon Synod ELCA Facebook Page](#), the synod website, or the synod office: [office@oregonsynod.org](mailto:office@oregonsynod.org) They will put you on a "devotions only" mailing list. **Joy!**

## THEME FOR CHURCH YEAR:

**"Seeking the Heart of Christ"** will be our theme for the Liturgical Year 2018-2019. The Liturgical year starts with The First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018) and continues through to the Reign of Christ Sunday (November 24, 2019).

"Seeking the Heart of Christ" emphasizes the intentional activity the congregation will be undertaking this year. That will include the reflection and reassessment of the transition process and the discernment and decision-making of the call process. These endeavors concentrate on getting to the heart of who St. Luke is and where that will lead the congregation (vision). It is a matter of connecting with core of Christ's ministry and purpose.

The theme verse is 1 Chronicles 22:19a **"Now set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God."**

The context of this verse (1 Chronicles 22:6-19) is fitting since it's a transition from one leader to another, from King David to King Solomon. The words are spoken by King David as he gives charge to Solomon and the leaders of Israel to build the Temple. The content has the kind of intentionality that the theme holds for the year before us – that is to "set (our) mind and heart to seek the Lord (our) God" in all the processes and efforts we undertake to build up the life and work of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

Along with the main theme there will be seasonal themes:

- Advent – Prepare Our Hearts
- Christmas – Enter Our Hearts
- Epiphany – Enlighten Our Hearts
- Lent – Cleanse Our Hearts
- Easter – Renew Our Hearts
- Pentecost – Set Our Hearts on Fire
- Summer and Fall themes will be announced later.

I hope that we will be able to enjoy relating to and reflecting on these themes and that we will gain deeper insight and inspiration as people of God.

## HELP MEET ST. LUKE'S MINISTRY GOALS!

As a reminder, we have 3 ways that you can submit your tithes and offerings:

- 1) For those who choose to use envelopes, these will be mailed to your home quarterly.
- 2) For those with smartphones, we offer Text-to-Give. Text 503-741-2246 and follow the prompts.
- 3) And of course, you are always welcome to place your offering in the plate on Sunday mornings.

## WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT ~ December 5

Dinner begins at 5:30pm

Vespers at 6:15pm

Join Us!

Prepare our hearts – by preparing our minds and bodies! Join us for a wonderful meal prepared by chef **Leanne Van Horn**, and enjoy both Christmas music, as well as the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer vespers.

**Middle school and high school students**, come and eat at 5:30pm in preparation for your shopping trip for needy children at House of Zion.

**Thanks, and kudos** to all who made our November Wednesday Church Night a success: Guest presenter **Celeste Lewis, Jane Chan, Cathy Weeks, Nancy Scheele, Francine Reed, and chefs Marilyn Simmons, Barb Roady, and Valerie Thibeau!**

### SHARE A CHRISTMAS DINNER

Are you hosting a gathering on Christmas Day and have room at the table for more folks? Or is your Christmas Day gathering looking smaller this year and you would like to join others? Contact Gaile or Kristi Baack by December 17th if you would like to join others on Christmas Day or if you would welcome others to your home.

Gaile Baack 503-246-2088; [ebybaack@q.com](mailto:ebybaack@q.com)

Kristi Baack 503-246-0432; [baackdeazley@q.com](mailto:baackdeazley@q.com)

### ADULT EDUCATION IN DECEMBER

**December 2** – Guest Speaker Pastor Ron Werner, an ELCA pastor and coordinator with IMIrJ, shares about the advocacy ministry on behalf of immigrants, in particular the work done to release illegally-detained asylum seekers from Sheridan Prison.

**December 10** – Hear our Children share the Christmas story. Join us in the sanctuary for the Christmas Musical.

**December 16** – Dan Plies, our neighbor who partnered with us to welcome asylum seeker Jairo Reyes, last fall joins with Maxine Fookson, IMIrJ member and leader in Jewish Voices for Peace, in perspectives on immigration and justice.

**December 23** – Merry Christmas! No Sunday School at 10am but join us for Christmas Eve services ON Monday, December 24th!

**December 30** –Year's End Brunch in lieu of classes. Come and be fed.

**Thanks, and kudos** to our Adult Forum leaders in November – **Katherine Drabek, Elizabeth Hunter, and Peter Mastic** – who led us through discussions on “Grace”!

**\$75 FOR 75 YEARS!** We continue to welcome donations to celebrate St. Luke. Note: text donations are accepted as well.

## CHRIST KIN

**“And the Christ Kin pouches were hung in the Ministry Center with care, in hopes that the Christ Kin soon would be there...”**

Our Middle School Ministries/Confirmation Christ Kin program in Advent! The Middle Schoolers who are participating in our Middle School Ministries/Confirmation program have each been paired with an adult member of the St. Luke community who will function in part as a prayer partner and in part as a Secret Santa. The secret part of the Christ Kin ministry will run until February 24, when the Christ Kin and their students will meet.

The program will continue without the secrecy until Confirmation Sunday, May 19 – so that the student and mentor can build a deeper rapport. Please keep our Middle Schoolers and their Christ Kin in your prayers, and if you want to leave a little gift – a piece of candy each, bookmarks for each student – you are welcome to do so in the Christ Kin pouches.

### SACRED ADVENT CONCERT

The Rejoice Choir, chamber orchestra, piano, harp, and guest soloists will present Mark Hayes’ **“Gloria”** on **Sunday, December 16 at 4:00pm in our sanctuary**. This event will also include anthems by Felix Mendelssohn, Dan Forrest, and Howard Helvey with piano accompaniment. The beautiful melodies and soaring harmonies of this music will lift our spirits and inspire our worship of the Christ Child as we prepare for the celebration of His birth in Bethlehem. A free-will offering for the Special Music Fund.

### MUSIC BROCHURES IN THE NARTHEX

Would you like more information on how to get involved in the music ministry at St. Luke? Check out the white music brochures in the tray on the wall in the hall opposite the library and in the Welcome Center. Please contact Dan Hibbett at x119 or [dlhibbett@stlukechurch.com](mailto:dlhibbett@stlukechurch.com) if you have questions or are interested in participating in one of the groups.

### FAB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & SINGALONG

On **Tuesday, December 11th**, our **Fifty And Beyond** fellowship group will enjoy a complimentary holiday luncheon at Courtyard Village Retirement Community in Raleigh Hills followed by a holiday singalong led by Dan Hibbett. The lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Due to restricted parking, it is strongly recommended that participants arrive in our church bus and in carpools. Meet at church for rides at 11:15 a.m.

**Reservations required to the church office, 503-246-2325 by Monday, December 10th.**

## GRATEFUL: A NEW BOOK FOR THE SEASON

by Pastor Dave Wilder

Writer and theologian, Diana Butler Bass, offers her latest book, "**GRATEFUL: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks**", as a personal testimony of loss, rejection and transformation which resulted in a life of thanksgiving expressed in the manner in which she lives everyday. She calls the reader to live a life of thanksgiving even if we don't feel like it. Such thankfulness will transform us. Check out the book in our St. Luke library.

## SHOPPING REWARDS

### Fred Meyer:

Our own St. Luke Community Table Box program is a designated nonprofit organization with the Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program. You can choose to link your individual Fred Meyer rewards cards to St. Luke, and Community Table will receive some of the funds that Fred Meyer designates to nonprofits! This will not affect the amount of money you personally receive each quarter from the program – the charity portion of the rewards program is separate. All you have to do to link your Rewards Card to St. Luke is to log in at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). **From there you can designate your personal reward dollars to Community Table Food Box Program using the NPO number assigned to us – ND166.** Thank you for taking the time to help increase financial support to our Community Table Food Box Program!

### Amazon:

Did you know that **shopping** can help your Church?

- ✓ If you shop at *Amazon.com*, try [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com), and choose St. Luke Lutheran Church Portland, Oregon
- ✓ If you shop at Fred Meyer, go to Fred Meyer.com, click on "Rewards," then "Community Rewards" and link your Fred Meyers card with St. Luke Lutheran Church Portland, Oregon

## SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

December **NO Meeting**

January 13 **"Everything I Never Told You"**

Celeste Ng

February 10 **"And Then There Were None"**

Agatha Christie

This may be the book group you've been looking for and newcomers are always welcome! Contact Caryl Walker. [cawpdx@icloud.com](mailto:cawpdx@icloud.com)

## GREETER COORDINATOR NEEDED.

This position is not time consuming - everything is done online. For details please contact Stacy Mann:

[503-522-4802](tel:503-522-4802) or [garym2004@msn.com](mailto:garym2004@msn.com)

## MONTHLY MEMORY CAFÉ:

Join us in St. Luke Fellowship Hall for the next monthly social time for persons with memory loss and their family/friend care partners on **Thursday, December 8th, 2:30 - 4:00pm.** Contact: Church office, 503-246-2325.

## GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex! Gift tags have been created for individuals served by two different local agencies. ★There are tags on the tree for refugee families sponsored by Lutheran Community Services, as well as ★tags for the women, small children and babies who are residents of the Letty Owings Center.

On the tree are requests for both gifts and gift cards. All gifts should be new. **They should be gift-wrapped and returned with the original tag, no later than Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions about the Giving Tree, please call Jeff Ross at 503-460-7503.

## HOUSE OF ZION

On **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,** our High School and Middle School Ministries/Confirmation students will go shopping to purchase \$2,000 worth of toys, gifts and cold weather clothing items. These items will then be taken to Woodburn for distribution at House of Zion's annual Christmas Program on December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful event where many families and children receive the only gifts they will get this holiday season. Thanks to the Social Concerns Committee for allocating the money and to our students for their willingness to help make this a special season for others in need.

## WEST WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SHELTER

**Most urgent needs:** women's coats, toothpaste, liquid antibacterial soap, boys' size 5-9 clothing. Place items in the wooden box in the Fellowship Hall next to benches. Contact: Gerry Foote, [peaceleaves@comcast.net](mailto:peaceleaves@comcast.net)

## GRAUER BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT.

The 2019 date for the Grauer distribution is **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>!** As we prepare for this event, we are currently in need of two new leads: 1) an individual to be the lead grant writer for procuring additional funding for the Grauer Project and 2) An assistant shoe lead to help with the purchasing for next year, as well as help lead on the day of the event. Please contact Judy Willis if you would like to volunteer!

## HOSPITALITY TEAM

Sunday mornings we have a team set-up the hospitality bar in the narthex. A second team cleans up after the 11am service. A four-month schedule is created, and each team volunteers an average of once per month. **We currently need a team member to prepare coffee before the first service on the third Sunday of each month.** Contact Judy Willis: [judy@stlukechurch.com](mailto:judy@stlukechurch.com).

# THE FAMILY

**PRAYERS:** Mike Flegel and Carol Greene, Irv Nuss, Taylor Rethmeier (home), Donna Ause (hospice), Raymond Theobald (brother-in-law to Mary Kern), Victoria Meek and family at the loss of her brother, Justin. Beth Iverson (Marilyn Hudson's mother), Tim Grabe, Jeff Ross, for the family of Jaime Pacheco as they walk with his younger brother Omar Pacheco (cancer), Bill Loehr, Bonnie Brunk, Mike Dinkel, Lauren Patrick, Travis (friend of Elissa Baldwin), Christine Downey, Lori Meuser, Carol May, Harry Fleisher, Virgil Anderson and those incarcerated.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kate Bauer and Brandon Prentice engaged to be married on December 15th!

## GOD'S PEOPLE PRAYING.....



For prayers in emergency, specific events in your life (happy or sad) or in any case you feel the need for others to be praying with you, St. Luke has Prayer Chains that take **phone calls day and night.**

The church office or one of our pastors      503-246-2325  
 Day calls: Carrol Klett                              503-476-8054  
 Night calls: (after 5pm) Carol Greene      503-245-4189  
**Calls are confidential.**

## ST. LUKE PHOTO DIRECTORY 2019:

Thank you to all who have participated in the St. Luke photo directory and had your pictures taken during November. **The St. Luke Photo Directory will not be complete without you.**

**If you still would like to schedule an appointment, January 8 ~ 12, 2019 dates and times are now open! You can still schedule online at [www.stlukechurch.com](http://www.stlukechurch.com) - under What's New tab or follow instructions on your reminder email to schedule.**

Remember - here is no cost to you or St. Luke for the directory or to have your photograph taken. **For participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a St. Luke photo directory. Our goal is 100% participation.**

Questions? Contact the church office at 503-246-2325. **The St. Luke Church directory will help all of us connect a name with a familiar face!**



Krag Petterson	12/1	Stephanie Halvorson	12/14
Lee Sickler	12/1	June Bremmer	12/15
Zachary Pratt	12/1	Benjamin Dodak	12/15
Kevin Knodell	12/1	Peter Corduan	12/16
Karl Metz	12/1	Fred Greb	12/17
Sean Meurisse	12/1	Elmer Skurdahl	12/18
Alex Laufenberg	12/2	Connor Haynes	12/18
Debbie Elsner	12/2	Lauren Patrick	12/18
Megan Ellertson	12/2	Jennifer Greb	12/18
John Jessen	12/2	Vic Wolf	12/19
Kristin Bialobok	12/4	Mark Wood	12/20
Brad Knodell	12/4	Geoff Frasier	12/20
Taylor Rethmeier	12/5	Jaden Flicker	12/21
Gigi Schweitzer	12/5	Robert Tremper	12/21
Louisa Lungershausen	12/5	Laurel Skinner	12/22
Brecken Iverson	12/5	Erika Orchard	12/22
Mary Davis	12/6	Beverly Skinner	12/23
Marjorie Nuss	12/6	Dave Scheele	12/23
Randal Greb	12/6	Ruth Shelly	12/23
Frances Crandall	12/6	Noah Grabe	12/23
Jennifer Novack	12/7	Owen Schlechter	12/24
Katherine LeBlanc	12/7	Bill Metz	12/24
Karen Vorderstrasse	12/7	Karen Becker	12/24
Lauren Swigart	12/7	Claire Arthur	12/24
Carol Greene	12/8	Bob Metz	12/24
Grant Andersen	12/8	Comfort Adibonou	12/24
Christine Patrick	12/8	Carol Cryder	12/24
Sarah Maier	12/8	Rosaline Adibonou	12/24
Nolan Couch	12/9	Tammy Witcosky	12/26
Susan Westin	12/10	Zachary Zuckerman	12/26
Vivian Wood	12/10	Kasey Flicker	12/27
Donald Markman	12/11	Tanner Watts	12/27
Tina Fabbro	12/11	Dan Hibbett	12/27
Carrie Laurence	12/12	Nancy Scheele	12/27
Ron Witcosky	12/12	Jeff Munson	12/27
Kristin Holmberg	12/12	Frank Kloster	12/27
Catherine Skinner	12/12	Gary Mann	12/28
Gabriel Novack	12/12	Ami Halvorson	12/29
Andrew Meuser	12/13	Travis Eddy	12/30
Kimberly Kolberg	12/13	Karla Whitfield	12/30
Ilse Walters	12/13	Jeremy Nuss	12/31
Maira Chin	12/14	Marlin Lovelin	12/31
Nathan Selander	12/14		

*Please, Contact The Office If We Have Missed A Birthday.*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE!

12/2 ~ Sunday School

“Opening” in the sanctuary at 11am

12/8 ~ DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

9:00–10:00am ▶ Cast members only.

10:00–12noon ▶ K thru 5<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

10:00–10:15am ▶ Pre-school

12/9 ~ Sunday School Musical!

9:00am

▶ Prepare for Program (K thru 5 in the Fellowship Hall)  
(Preschool: arrive at 9:30am)

10:00 and 11:00am worship service

▶ Share our Christmas Program

“Straight Outta Bethlehem” in the sanctuary

12/16 Sunday School – classroom holiday parties

12/23 and 30 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

★ ALL CHURCH BRUNCH AT 10:00AM ON 12/30

January 2019:

1/6 – Sunday School

1/13 – Sunday School

“Opening” in the Sanctuary at 11am.

“Advent and Christmas” Rotation in November was really fun. Our stations were Music, Garden/Cooking, and Art. **Many thanks to all the station leads: Amy and Mark Jockers, Lorna Beckley, Pat Juaire, Judy Sims, Kim Weber and Susan Tremper and shepherds for making this possible.**



**ADVENT FESTIVAL ~ DECEMBER 2ND**

**VESPERS: 4:30PM**

**DINNER: 5:00 ~ 6:30PM**

**CRAFTS: 5:30 ~ 7:00PM**

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN:**

**“FUN FOR ALL AGES”**

**ANNUAL ST. LUKE TRADITION!**

## THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

We have been practicing our songs for the Christmas Musical, “Straight Outta Bethlehem” during the “Closings” in the Fellowship Hall with Kim Weber (Grades Kindergarten - Fifth). Pre-school learned “The Baby Jesus Song”. With Jane Chan.



**Mark your calendar!**

→ December 8th Saturday  
Dress Rehearsal

→ December 9th, Sunday  
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

**Kudos to the Musical production team** of Dan Hibbett, Susan Johnson, Kim Weber and Debbi McCollom for making this really FUN and EXCITING Christmas Program happen!! Please give all the kids a hand – they worked really hard on this program!!

**Congrats on a job well done to the cast** of “Straight Outta Bethlehem” they have spent many hours rehearsing since September to learn their roles and all of the music! High Fives to Nora LeBlanc, Natalie Montplaisir, Connor Anderson, Lucy Lynham, Landon Gantt, Keaton Keller, Lucy Weber, Clara Watson, Girard Harvieux, Margo Insalaco, Zoe Weber, Claire Niemeyer, Hailey Anderson and Max Insalaco! Way To Go!

★**THANK YOU!**★

To all the members of our teaching team for their willingness to share their love and time with our Sunday School kids. You are a blessing to us all!!

**Sunday School contact:**

**Debbi McCollom x118**

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# ★ Youth News ★

## St. Luke Youth NEWS

### **SLY SNOW TRIP SIGNUPS!**



**SLY's annual snow trip is coming up January 20-21, 2019!! This is always such a great trip – you won't want to miss it! So that we can arrange housing and transportation the signup deadline is **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**!**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

★**Sunday, December 2**

SLY Sunday – 10am Vermont House

★**Wednesday, December 5**

House of Zion Christmas shopping  
6-7:30pm – meet in the narthex at 6pm

★**Sunday, December 9**

SLY Sunday – 10am Vermont House

★**Saturday, December 15**

House of Zion Christmas Distribution  
9-1:15pm - Woodburn

★**Sunday, December 16**

SLY Christmas Party  
10am Vermont House

★**January 20-21, 2019**

SLY Snow Trip  
Signups begin in November

★**February 3 – Super Bowl**

Subs & Salads Sale  
Fundraiser for SLY service events

★**June 23-June 29, 2019**

Summer Service Trip Dates

★**July 28-29, 2019**

SLY Rafting Trip

## **Middle School Ministries/Confirmation**



- **Join us Sundays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 10am in Lower Shalom for faith, friendships, food, and fun.**
- **December Service Project: House of Zion gifts.** We join with SLY to buy and distribute gifts to low-income families through House of Zion Lutheran Church Woodburn.
- **Shopping Night: Wednesday, December 5 at 6:00pm!** Come to St. Luke for dinner (5:30), then head to the mall with SLY leaders!
- **Gift Distribution: Saturday, December 15, 9:00am-1:15pm.** Bring a few \$\$ for lunch on the way back!
- **January 19-21 – Service and MLK Retreat** with St. Andrew Lutheran Church



Much thanks to Shannan Fasold, to Thrivent Financial, and to all who helped make the 22 care packs that have now been sent to college freshmen and sophomores from the St. Luke family!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>DECEMBER 2018</h1>						<b>1</b> 10:00AM~5:30PM DIRECTORY PHOTOS 1-6pm St. Nicklaus Party
<b>2</b> <b>1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10:00am <u>Spiritual Life Hour</u> : Sunday School, Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parents Faith Group Welcoming Committee Mtg 11:00am Modern Worship Communion Sunday School Opening 4:30pm <b>VESPERS</b> 5:00pm <b>Advent Festival</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am Sarah Circle 10:30am Compassionate Communication 2:00pm Dorcas Circle 7:00pm Witcosky ChristCare 7:00pm Compassionate Communication	<b>4</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am <b>Ruth Circle</b> 10:00am <b>Staff Meeting</b> 7:00pm <b>Committee Night</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Librarians <b>Wednesday Church Night:</b> 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Timbrel Singers/Ringers House of Zion Shopping 6:15pm <b>VESPERS</b> 7:00pm Drama Rehearsal 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7:30pm St. Luke Ringers 8:00pm Jumptown Band Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 10:00am FAB Planning Team Mtg. 12:30pm <b>Mary Martha Circle</b> 5:30pm Healthy Heart Talk Circle 6:00pm Communications Team 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsals 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i>	<b>8</b> 9:00am~12noon <b>SS Musical Dress Rehearsal</b>  4:00-6:00pm <b>Riverwest Christmas Party</b>
<b>9</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10am <b>SS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL</b> Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parent Faith Group 11am <b>SS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL</b> Communion 1~7pm Swingen Music Recital	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am <b>Staff Meeting</b> 12noon <b>FAB: Courtyard Village:</b> <b>Holiday Lunch/Singalong</b> 6-9:30pm Orchid Society 7:00pm Somers ChristCare	<b>12</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am <b>Librarians</b> 12noon~2:00pm Riverwest Salon and Song Circle 6:00pm <b>Stephen Ministry</b> 6:00pm H.O.P.E. Potluck Mtg 6:15pm <b>VESPERS</b> 7:00pm Mindfulness Group	<b>13</b> 10:00am~3:00pm <b>Synod Interim Pastors</b> 2:15pm Girl Scouts 2:30pm <b>Memory Café</b> 5:30pm <b>Healthy Heart Talk Circle</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i>	<b>15</b> 9:00am~12noon Choir Rehearsal 9:00am~1:15pm <b>SLY/MSM House of Zion</b> 3:00pm <b>Bauer/Prentice Wedding</b> <u>NE Emergency Food Program</u> 10:00am – 12:30pm Team 1 1:00pm – 4:00pm Team 2
<b>16</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10:00am <u>Spiritual Life Hour</u> : Christmas Parties: Sunday School, Confirmation, SLY Adult Ed, Parent Faith Group 11:00am Modern Worship Communion 12:30~2pm Transition Team 4pm <b>CHOIR CONCERT</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30am <b>Compassionate Communication</b> 7:00pm Witcosky ChristCare 7:00pm <b>Compassionate Communication</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30am Women: Bible Study 9:00am Priceless Co. Quilters 10:00am <b>Staff Meeting</b> 6:30pm <b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm 12 Step Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am <b>Librarians</b> 6:15pm <b>VESPERS</b> 7:00pm Mindfulness Group	<b>20</b> 10:00am <b>Circle Leader Study</b> 5:30pm <b>Healthy Heart Talk Circle</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>21</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 8:45am Traditional Worship Communion 10:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am <b>Modern Worship</b> Communion	<b>24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 3:00pm <b>Candlelight Communion</b> 5:00pm <b>Candlelight Communion</b> 7:00pm <b>Communion Vespers</b> 10:30pm <b>Communion Service</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> Enjoy Family Celebrations!  <b>BUILDINGS CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study: <i>MARCO'S</i> 9:00am <b>Librarians</b> 12noon-2pm Riverwest Meeting 7:00pm Mindfulness Group 7-10pm Jumptown Band Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 5:30pm <b>Healthy Heart Talk Circle</b> 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:30pm Rejoice Choir	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study <i>AT VILLAGE INN</i>	<b>29</b> <b>2:30-5:00pm</b> <b>Community Table Food Box Distribution</b>
<b>30</b> <b>1ST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS</b> Lessons and Carols 8:45am Worship/Communion 10:00am Fellowship/Brunch 11:00am <b>Worship/Communion</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>BUILDINGS CLOSED</b>	<b>JANUARY 1, 2019</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>BUILDINGS CLOSED</b>	 <b>Worship † Connect † Serve</b>			