

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray your Christmas was a blessed time for you and your family. We now move into the season of Epiphany, the season of making Christ known to the world. We are reminded that our challenge this season and year around is collectively (as a congregation) and as individuals to make Christ known to our circles of friends and acquaintances. This, at times, may feel like an overwhelming task but we also have the opportunity to allow Christ to be made known more fully to each of us in our own lives. Knowing the people in our individual circles and knowing Christ, reduces the challenge to that of introducing the two. The task becomes Introducing our circle of friends to our friend Jesus. One could think of it as making a friend, being a friend and introducing that friend to Jesus.

We give thanks that God has given us one another and the power of the Holy Spirit as we face all of the challenges and tasks that 2017 may bring.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

HAPPY
New Year

HELPERS FOR JANUARY 2017

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

January 1
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

January 8
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

January 15
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

January 22
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

January 29
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

February 5
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

USHERS

January 1
 Arden & Patti Virnig & Judy Waytashek

January 8
 Andy & Norma Holen & Norma Thompson

January 15
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Marian Veasen

January 22
 Butch & Eileen Hastings & Chuck Anderson

January 29
 Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Judy Waytashek

February 5
 Craig & Judy Hagman & Marian Veasen

OFFERING COUNTERS

January 1
 NEEDED

January 8
 Judy Hagman & Sandy Kephart

January 15
 Bruce Peterson & Marian Veasen

January 22
 Craig Hagman & Charleen Dahlgren

January 29
 Ed Stukey & Dixie Peterson

February 5
 Bruce Peterson & Sandy Kephart

LECTORS

January 1
 Judy Waytashek

January 8
 Patti Hook

January 15
 Dixie Peterson

January 22
 Joan Straw

January 29
 Colleen Kightlinger

February 5
 Sandy Kephart

PIANISTS

January 1 Barb Bendson
January 8 Brienna Kightlinger
January 15 Barb Bendson
January 22 Joan Straw
January 29 Barb Bendson
February 5 Barb Bendson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

January 1
January 8
January 15 Hillman Group
January 22 Rejoice & Praise
January 29
February 5

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. THANK YOU!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

January 4th Lorraine McKenzie's Birthday
January 14th Zach Anderson's Birthday
January 17th Shirley Stukey's Birthday
January 25th Richard & Elaine Asmus' Anniversary



HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. THANK YOU!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130

DEADLINE for the February 2017 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, January 29th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for December 20, 2016 Council Meeting

These minutes will not be approved until the Jan. 17, 2017 meeting at which time they will be approved as is or with any additions or corrections.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Members present: R Kephart, Kim Kucera and Pastor John.

The November 2016 minutes were approved with the correction of the "Oct." minutes being approved. PJ/RK M/S/C

The agenda was approved. RK/PJ M/S/C

Treasurers Report/Financial Update: Nola gave the financial report for November. Pastor John's payroll expense has been corrected from the double journal error, so this will be correct going forward. Nola reported that Quickbooks online support is current through Nov. 2017. November financial statements show a net income of \$4,570.69

Basement Update: Floor will be installed in January. Motion was made to install Tile V209 Whisper as brought forth by the Mutual Ministry Team. RK/KK M/S/C. Looking at a cream or beige color for the walls. Plan pending for the rest of the basement.

Housing Allowance: Ray K. made a motion that Pastor John Lundberg may allocate up to \$12,000 of his 2017 salary as a housing allowance. RK/KK M/S/C

Next meeting is Jan. 17 at 5:30pm

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By: Kim Kucera, Acting Secretary

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 5:30 pm

The image shows the year '2017' in large, bold, gold-colored numbers with a dense, sparkling glitter texture. The numbers are centered horizontally and take up a significant portion of the lower half of the page.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - January 3rd at 4pm.

Quilting - Will resume January 21st from 9am-3pm.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17th at 5:30pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION



"SECOND SUNDAY SOUP SUPPER"
 You are invited to "Second Sunday Soup Supper" on Sunday Jan. 8 from 5-7 p.m. at Susan and Tom Bracken's home (306 Birch St., N., Onamia). "SSSS" will be hosted by Dale and Colleen Kightlinger, Tim and Darcy DeBoer and Tom and Susan Bracken. We hope that this event will be a chance for fellowship, fun, and a light but hearty supper together. Feel free to invite friends--ALL are welcome!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
 A "Feed my Starving Children" Service Project Day is scheduled for...
Saturday, January 7th - 9am-11am in Chanhassen
 We have room for 17 volunteers, please talk to Patti H. for more information.



THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

RUBY'S PANTRY
 Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning **at 10:30 am the FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**
Next three dates will be Jan. 2nd, Feb. 6th and Mar. 6th.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings
 There will be **no Sunday School on Sunday, January 1st.**

JANUARY 2017 MUSIC HAPPENINGS

REJOICE & PRAISE

JANUARY 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----|---|
| 1 9:30am Holy Communion | 2 10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY 4pm - Prayer Shawl | 3 | 4 | 5 5pm - Bible study at UMC | 6 | 7 9-11am - "Feed My Starving Children" in Chanhassen |
| 8 9:30am Holy Communion | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC |
| 5-7pm - "Second Sunday Soup Supper" at the Braeken's | 16 | 17 5:30pm - Council Meeting | 18 | 19 5pm - Bible study at UMC | 20 | 21 |
| 15 9:30am Holy Communion | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 22 9:30am Holy Communion | 29 | 31 7am - Prayer Breakfast at UMC | Feb. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 9:30am Holy Communion | 30 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 5 9:30am Holy Communion | 6 10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY 4pm - Prayer Shawl | | | | | |

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Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Council Members:

President - Kim Kucera

Vice President - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30am - Holy Communion

