



# The JEWELS



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## New Member Information Class

Pastor Phill's Bible study designed for people desiring to join our church as membs begins on February 4 at 9:15 AM in the Chapel. Current members are invited to attend this "Christian basics" refresher. As Lutheran Christians we have an unique view of scripture that informs our practice and theology, and these classes will introduce those topics. March 25 (Palm Sunday) will be New Member Sunday for those "graduates" who desire to become members of our church.

## Installation of Officers

On Sunday, January 7, the elected and appointed officers of our boards, committees, and organizations will all be recognized and installed into service for the year 2018. The Installation will take place at the 10:30 service and will include officers and leaders of our boards and Church Council, our auxiliary organizations and committees, and our care ministries.

Crown of Life is incredibly blessed with many talented men and women who have set aside a significant amount of their time and energy in providing the outstanding leadership Crown of Life has come to enjoy. We praise God for these people, and indeed do ask God's guidance and blessing on them.

## Little help please! by Pastor Phill, Senior Pastor

Remember that phrase? The ball went over the fence, too long to walk around, there were people there anyway, why not ask? It didn't work so well when the ball crashed into the picnic and knocked over the lemonade but hey, still worth a try. Mostly worked, too, didn't it? Occasionally some grump would throw the thing the other direction but not often. So - little help please!

**Greeters:** easiest job in the church. Not to mention the way to get to know people, at least at "your" service (and "your" door, if you don't move around in the Narthex). **Downside:** occasionally, when you welcome folks with a "Are you new to our church?" you get a "What! I've belonged here 20 years!" - the functional equivalent to throwing the ball the other direction... But we're known for having greeters, and we could use you. Good job for couples or singletons.

**Ushers:** second easiest job in the church, but a vital one. You've noticed how they function - a month at a time, at the service of your choice, only takes an hour (unless I talk too long, then maybe 75 minutes). Ushers welcome people, set out and collect the sign-in books in the pews, distribute bulletins, some carry collection trays. Men and women are ushers in our church; another good job for couples or singletons. Oh, you have to be able to count, too.

**Choir:** OK, this one is tougher - you have to be a concert-quality vocal musician, highly trained and experienced, able to read complex musical notation and follow the direction of the concert master. All of that is bunk, of course, except for the part about following Roger's lead. He'll train you if you've never been in a choir before. I'd be in it if I had a little more time.

**Altar Guild:** This one does take a little training, I'll admit. It is one of those jobs in the church that no one notices when all goes well, but when something goes wrong, everyone clucks their tongue and says "When I was on the guild that never happened!" One of the unsung, yet vital, duties in the church, caring for the altar, setting out and cleaning up communion. Gotta be able to count for this one, too.

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## Sunday Ushers by Ron Schumann, Sunday Head Usher

We are still in need of Ushers (both men and women) to usher at our 8 AM and 10:30 AM services. Please consider getting involved in this part of our Worship services. You are only on duty one month out of four for approximately two hours on a Sunday morning. IF you are interested, please call me (Ron Schumann) at 623-374-7809. SNOWBIRDS ... please consider getting involved during the time of year you are here. Thank you!

## An Introduction to your NEW Congregational President ...

### Meet Jay Nelson ... your new president!

I still call Minnesota home and yes, I still remain a Vikings fan. Prior to moving to Sun City Festival, we lived 30 miles east of Nashville, TN. I retired as Executive Director of Child Nutrition for Nashville Public Schools. My wife, Jan, retired as Executive Administrative Assistant to the CEO and Chairman of the Board for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store (headquartered in Lebanon, TN).

I was (and remain) the chief of sinners. Meeting my wife, Jan, and her family introduced me to my Savior Jesus Christ and the promise of life everlasting through God's grace and my faith through the Holy Spirit. During times of confusion and lack of faith, Psalm 27 gave me confidence.

My goal for Crown of Life is to remain strong in God's word through sermons, Bible study and the belief that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and be wary of misrepresentations by mortal man.

I pray that your faith remains strong and that Yahweh walks with you always.

*Jay*

## Altar Flowers

Jan 6-7 Bob & Kris Weber,  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.

Jan 20-21 Reg Trevisan,  
Sue's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

Jan 27-28 Evelin Lackey,  
In loving memory of  
husband Mike

Jan 27-28 Sheila Mecham,  
51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniv.

## Stephen Ministry *by Ken Grover*

### Christ caring for people through people

*"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."*

Proverbs 16:9

Happy New Year! The year 2018 is here. What happened to the year 2017? Time goes by quickly. In with the new, out with the old; new adventures, new beginnings; new ideas, new opportunities, new resolutions. Are you looking for a new opportunity to serve the Lord? Check out the Stephen Ministry program. Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, PH.D., Pastor and Clinical Psychologist, is the founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries. As the pastor of a St. Louis congregation in the year 1975, he found that there was no way he alone could meet all the needs for care in his congregation and community. So he equipped nine members of that congregation as the first group of Stephen Ministers. He intended this caring ministry only for his own congregation, but other churches quickly became interested. From that point on, the Stephen Ministry program has grown

to what it is today. Congregations from more than 150 denominations throughout the nation have enrolled in the Stephen Ministry program. Hundreds of Lay persons have been trained as Stephen Ministers. More than a million people have received Christ's hope and healing through a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister. The mission of Stephen Ministries is to help congregations equip God's people for spiritual growth and a Christ-Centered practical ministry in today's world. For more information about the Stephen Ministry program contact Elmer Faser at 623-210-7494 or Gloria Michel at 623-544-4569. May God continue to bless, protect, and keep you in His grace.

*"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*

#### REFLECTIONS:

"Sharing your blessings helps you make room for more." Gina Rodriguez

*Find a sunny spot. Close your eyes in prayer and quietly receive the love of Jesus. Then watch for the opportunity to send it on.*

## Your Mission Board at Work *by Gene Axelson, Board Chairman*

In our December meeting we were able grant \$2,000 in response to a request from Valley Lutheran High School in Phoenix for additional support of their annual fund drive to provide financial aid to deserving students needing tuition assistance. We also were able to grant \$2,000 to Mission Central in response to a request from "NOT NORMAL" Old Missionary, Gary Thies, who asked for additional prayers and financial support for a number of missionaries.

We reviewed a number of e-mails recently received from missionaries we help support in a variety of countries such as Taiwan, South Korea, Papua New Guinea, Beijing China, Sierra Leone Africa, Spain, and Kenya Africa. Each are very thankful for our continued support and specifically request our prayers for safety and success in their outreach.

We also heard from Tyler McMiller, Adopt-A-Student at Fort Wayne Seminary who wrote: "Thank you so very much. Crown of Life has been incredibly generous to, first my missionary work, and now my seminary education. Please extend my most sincere appreciation to your entire congregation".

Closer to home we awarded \$1,000 to Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry in San Diego for their efforts in building adequate housing for people in need. South of the border is headed up by Dennis & Rose Flynn, a long time friend of our Board.

## California Excursion 2018 by Rev. Vern Ermeling

A little background about me. I live at La Loma Village in Litchfield Park and have been asked by Sun Health Senior Living to plan and organize another "Masterpiece Living Excursion" to California for the Sun Health campuses. A number of folks from Crown of Life went on the 2016 and 2017 trips. This year's focus is on the Solvang area - also known as the "Danish capital" of California.

Once again, I have received permission to invite members and friends of COL to participate in this "excursion". The first question you might have is: "What is "masterpiece living"? It is a life style that promotes "healthy living" for senior adults through participation in a balance of four developmental areas: physical, social, spiritual and intellectual.

This goal of the "excursion" is to touch all four of these areas.

- The "physical" goal is met by all the "walking" that will take place on the excursion.
- The "social" goal is met by being on a bus and living with forty folks for five days. - You will no doubt make some new friends. We will also have social time at *The Firestone Vineyards*.
- The "spiritual" goal will be accomplished daily devotions and visits to *Mission Santa Inez and historic Bethania Danish Lutheran Church - both of which are in Solvang*.
- The "intellect" will be challenged and informed by visits to places like the *The Morton Simon Museum in Pasadena, The Getty Center in LA, The Mendenhall Racing Museum*, and more.

The excursion is scheduled for Monday through Friday, April 23-27. (Another excursion is scheduled for September 24-28). The cost (including almost everything, except 1 meal) is \$820 double occupancy. For details and a look at the itinerary, you are invited to attend an "information meeting" on Wednesday, January 17 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions you can contact me, Pastor Vern Ermeling at 623-476-5377.

## Joining the Church Triumphant

Robert Hlatky  
November 24

Sue Koltz  
December 8

We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

## New Year's Resolutions You can REALLY Keep!

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

If you made New Year's resolutions, chances are you've broken one or more already. Here are some you don't have to do every day but if you keep them in mind you'll get through this year on a more even keel - Jesus, Savior, pilot me through this life!

- Laugh more often as it is good for body and soul.
- Feed daily on the Word of God and skip one snack you don't need anyway.
- Clean your closet and donate the clothes that don't fit to the Lutheran Thrift Shop.
- Phone at least one friend or family member each week.
- Spend a whole day with yourself doing what you like.
- Send a card to someone (not everyone likes just the internet).
- Eat well, drink lots of water and walk daily. You'll enjoy a healthier life style!

## Cancer Companions

This next session of Cancer Companions starts on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Chapel. If you are dealing with cancer or know someone who is this course is for your support. Share this information with friends and neighbors. There is a great book provided for free. God is bigger than cancer!!!

## Parish Nurse Programs for 2018

### The Doctor Will See You Now

Don't forget the informative inservice scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00 AM. Paul Fredericks of Emblem Health Care will give a presentation on how to prepare for your doctor visits -- what questions you need to ask and what you need to know. You won't want to miss Paul!

### Sign Chi Do

Sign Chi Do or the Art of Moving Prayer is returning for a 4-week session beginning Thursday, January 11 from 11:00 AM to Noon in the Parish Hall. This is a great way to meditate while exercising. Dress casually, bring water and a friend. See you there!

## Prayer Team Update

by *Kathe Schmidt, Team Member*

The prayer ministry at Crown of Life can be supported in two ways: either by being on the e-mail prayer chain, or by attending in person during an hour set aside on Wednesday mornings at church as a member of the Prayer Team, where those in attendance offer petitions to our Triune God for needs brought to their attention, as well as for personal burdens and concerns.

Like the other care ministries at Crown of Life, the prayer ministry is comprised of lay people with a willing spirit to serve the Lord. It differs from the others in that no formal training is required to join the prayer team, except a willingness to approach God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with an open heart on behalf of those lifted up in prayer.

As we gather, we ask first for forgiveness for ourselves, then with a cleansed heart honor and praise God's name, trusting He will graciously accept our petitions to act on them in his infinite wisdom. We do this with joy and confidence that God is pleased to hear from us, reminded through scripture "to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let (y)our requests be made known to God" Phil. 4:6 ff.

With the new year upon us, this is a good time to ask for your participation in this vital, joyful service to our God, whether done privately in your own home, or open participation. He is sure to bless you, as you use the talents given to you.

## Treasurer's Report

by *Dan Mehner*

The November financial statement shows budgeted year-to-date income of \$673,475 with actual of \$741,004. Budgeted expenditures were \$710,417 with actual of \$643,781. Here are the figures for the month of November:

|          | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>RECEIPTS</u> |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Receipts | \$72,075      | \$72,058        |
| Expenses | \$64,583      | \$55,075        |

## Thoughts by Pastor Gary

In Acts 9:3 we read "As he (Saul) neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him."

When I was the General Manager of a golf resort, I had a member who had undergone heart replacement surgery. He told me that he always celebrated two birthdays. His own and the birthday of the young girl whose heart he had received.

Saul also had two birthdays. The first was his natural one in Tarsus. We know that he was born into a well-known family and was a Roman citizen. Like his father, Saul became a Pharisee. As a zealous young man, he persecuted the Christians, witnessing and heartily approving the stoning of Stephen.

It was during a journey to Damascus, with the intent to persecute Christians there that Saul was converted to Christianity and was called into the apostleship. This encounter with the exalted Jesus is described in Acts 22:3-21. It was his second birthday. (I encourage you to take a few minutes to read this account)

Saul the Pharisee became St. Paul the apostle. His conversion was a major event in Christendom and his spiritual birthday is observed during the month of January. No person did as much as Paul to bring the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

Paul exemplified the meaning of conversion, or regeneration. Paul wrote, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel, as Paul experienced and then proclaimed it, still brings about this spiritual birthday. The Holy Spirit has made us a new creation, a people committed to Christ Jesus our Lord, who for us and for the whole world died on a cross and rose again. As Saul the Pharisee was baptized and put on Christ, so also we came to faith, emerging from the water of our own Holy Baptism as a new person who follows Jesus from the cradle to the grave.

My prayer is that we all ask the Holy Spirit to keep us in the faith so the Savior Jesus Christ may be glorified in and through each and every one of us this day and each day until we worship our Lord for all eternity in heaven.

Have a blessed New Year and always celebrate your two birthdays!



## Quilter Update by Marlene Peterson

The COL quilters want to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy 2018 New Year.

We had a very successful year, especially the quilt sale – the best year ever!! In June we donated 22 blankets to Jane's Food Bank in Wittmann; in December 29 lap quilts went to the veterans in California; and an additional 50 blankets to Jane's Food Bank; and Val knitted 17 hats and Bonnie donated 10 pair of mittens to the Native American Indian Children in Belcourt, ND. Anyone who would like to join our quilting circle, old or new members are welcome! And, we always have quilts ready to sell all year long!

For more information, please call me (Marlene Peterson) at 623-556-1055 OR Jan Tvinnereim at 623-533-3610.

Happy Holidays to all!

## Lutheran Women in Mission by Barbie Aden

What in the world is Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? That question is still asked among many of our members. It is the women's auxiliary arm of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (like Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is for the men). By virtue of being a Crown of Life member, you are a "member" of the LWML.

The primary focus of LWML is to help bring Christ to the lost and hurting through mission projects. That is why LWML is often called Lutheran Women in Mission. Each time

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## Living our Lives with an Eternal Perspective

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

As Christians, we thank our Lord for the gift of the Holy Spirit who opens our hearts and minds to God's way of life and the "assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (*Hebrews 11:1*) Through our faith, we are able to weather difficult times in our lives and take hold of God's promises, love, comfort and strength and find peace, serenity and even joy in the midst of pain.

We also have an example in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. "He was ... a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief..." (*Isaiah 53:3*) Because of the sacrifice of our Savior for our eternal salvation, we are able to place our lives into the perspective of people who see our greatest reward is yet to come when we return home to Heaven and live in peace and joy with God, our Savior and our loved ones who have gone home to Heaven before us.

It is through our time in God's Word and with our Christian family and friends that we replenish our souls with God's perspective on our lives and how He wants us to live on a daily and moment-by-moment basis. God assures us, "I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (*Genesis 28:15*)

The daily replenishment of our souls is extremely important to staying encouraged and motivated to move forward in our walk with God and to staying within God's purpose for our lives when we are in the midst of grief, pain and difficulties.

Our GriefCare support groups provide such an opportunity for Christian fellowship, comfort, healing and walking with God through the tough and painful time of grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week we cover a different aspect of grief until we have covered all areas that professionals in the field of grief believe we must address to heal and move forward in a way that honors God and our loved one.

Our winter group begins January 3, 2018. We will be meeting in the Chapel on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Please call Christine at 623-218-6793 or email [griefcare@colchurch.com](mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com) for more information and to register. You may also pick up a GriefCare pamphlet at the Information Center. We welcome Crown of Life members and non-members. If you know anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, please reach out and let them know of our GriefCare group.

*In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time. Lord, please show me every day, As You're teaching me Your way, That You do just what You say, in Your time. (Diane Ball)*

## Altar Flowers

by Florella Denzin, Flower Chairperson

With your generosity, the Sanctuary Altar was extra special adoring our Savior's birth. The 2018 monthly sign-up sheets are ready for your celebrations and memories.

We wish everyone a new year filled with love, joy, peace & health!

## Coming Soon

by Judy McCall, Assimilation Committee

**January 28, 2018**

Organ Stop Pizza  
Bus departs from church  
at 10:30 AM  
Includes salad, pizza,  
soft drink and bus.

**February 14**

Ash Wednesday Dinner  
Details to be announced.

**March (undecided)**

**April 11**

Arizona Opry (Barleens)  
Details to be announced.

## In the Mailbag!

I wish to thank all who visited me while I was in the hospital and to those who sent me so many get-well cards. I especially want to thank Gloria Michel, Duane & Cookie Rawson, and Cora Weiss who visited me in my home and helped me with what I could not do myself. They were so helpful in all that they did for me.

A special thank you to Pastor Phill and Pastor Ron for your visits and prayers while I was hospitalized.

*Twila Deeren*

## Lutheran Women in Mission continued from page 4

you give to Mites, you support mission projects that bring Christ and His love into the lives of others. We honor and glorify God when we give mites, lift up our mission speakers and each other, and participate in LWML's mission projects.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to the one-hour monthly meetings (Oct-Apr) on the second Tuesday at 1 PM in the Chapel. These meetings feature mission speakers, hands-on mission projects, short Bible studies, and opportunities to serve Christ through congregational projects and at off-site mission stations. Each meeting's focus is listed in the Church bulletin the weekend before the meeting. Drop by when you see something interesting or just want to enjoy the company of your fellow sisters in Christ.

# January 2018

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 7:30AM-3:30PM, E-MAIL: OFFICE@COLCHURCH.COM, PH: 623.546.6228

## January Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins  
 Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith  
 Pastoral Assistants  
 Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,  
 Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirlly

### ELDERS

(4:00) Ron Christ, Ed Kristof  
 (8:00) Ed Kristof, Tom Leshney  
 (10:30) Henry Munzinger, Ernie Schmidt

### TRUSTEES

(4:00) Reg Trevisan  
 (8:00) Dave DuRocher  
 (10:30) Bob Hammann

### ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Arline Orchowski,  
 Nada Workman  
 (8:00) Lola Leshney, Yvonne Stone  
 (10:30) Ruth Anderson,  
 Becky Schulzetenberg

### GREETERS

(4:00) Pat Coyle, Susie Tomaszewski,  
 Candace Warner  
 (8:00) Bonnie Kimble, Ingrid  
 Oberdieck, Yvonne Stone  
 (10:30) Jim & Jan Drake, Virginia Mehl,  
 Sue Thomas

### GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Addy Schott  
 (8:00) Lee Gregoire  
 (10:30) Marilyn Waldron

### FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake, Pat Fronk,  
 Vicki Jolin, Pat King, Sheila Mecham,  
 Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee,  
 Jan Tvinnereim, Cora Weiss

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator  
 (Sa) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer  
 (Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave  
 Brodzeller, Gerry Harpt,  
 Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,  
 Paul Stuempfig

### SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

### VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Bob Murray, Darlene & Wiley McAfee

### USHERS

(4:00) No Information  
 (8:00) Merv Tvinnereim (cap),  
 Mike & Sue Krischler, Wayne &  
 Carol Leiner, Barbara Murray,  
 Jan Tvinnereim, Carolyn Ziegler  
 (10:30) John Thomas (cap), Paul Brown,  
 Jerry Denzin, Mark Gosseck,  
 George Schwartz,  
 Bill Schulzetenberg

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Diane Thoene
- 3 Neal Abraham
- 3 Bob Thanepohn
- 3 Ethel Zimmerer
- 4 Wilma Schwandt
- 4 David Wentworth
- 5 Desi Stewart
- 6 Don Abrahamson
- 6 Nancy Lorenzen
- 6 Donna Roeker
- 8 Connie Rau
- 9 Byron Brown
- 9 Sue Krischler
- 10 Gene Axelson
- 10 Marilyn Kurvers
- 10 George Maul
- 10 Dorian Pfeifer
- 11 Cheryl Bernhardt
- 11 Johanna Springman
- 12 Maria Winfrey
- 15 Martha Plapp
- 16 Larry Bublitz
- 17 Gloria Andersen
- 17 Ed Michel
- 18 Loretta Ebel
- 18 Carolyn Sauter
- 18 Denise Steffens
- 19 Pat Coyle
- 21 Sue Trevisan
- 22 Willard Mears
- 22 Richard Ziert
- 24 Harriet Krueger
- 25 Carolyn Goedecke
- 26 Sandra Barbeau
- 26 Judy Harwood
- 26 Otto Hass
- 26 Hollis Robbins
- 28 Lillian Holen
- 29 Bob Emerson
- 29 Karen Myers
- 29 Al Stoudemire
- 30 Diana Hammann
- 31 Kathleen Hauck
- 31 John Orr

### TELLERS

Ken Warren, MaryAnn Cate,  
 Shiela Mecham, Duane Neal,  
 Orv Neal, Ben Snyder, Marilyn  
 Waldron, Chuck Wasen

## Happy Anniversary

- 19 Kim & Sue Warwick
- 24 Gary & Kim Gertsen
- 24 Ken & Jeanette Hagemann
- 24 Jack & Marcia Meyer
- 25 Jim & Jan Drake
- 27 Rev. Ron & Anne Luedemann
- 30 Tim & Barbie Aden

## How Do I Join the Choir?

*by Roger Hicks, Choir Director*

A question every choir director loves to hear is "How do I join the choir?" I've been asked this question a couple of times in recent days. Ah! Music to my ears!

Well, the answer to this question is pretty simple here at Crown of Life Church; simply show up for rehearsal at 3:30 on a Thursday afternoon. The first rehearsal of the 2018 COL Choir Season is Thursday, January 4 at 3:30 in the Music Room.

Attending a first rehearsal can be a simple matter of "checking things out" with no implied choir commitment. After "checking things out" a person may decide to either pass on choir membership, or decide to commit to regular choir ministry for the current singing season.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that I've had people say to me, "you would not want me in the choir!?" Well.....come, check us out and then following rehearsal you may ask me, "Do you want me in the choir?"

I'll be on the lookout for you.

## Thank You!

A special thank you to Roger Hicks and all the participants of the Comfort and Joy celebration. Crown of Life is blessed to have these people using their talents, voices, and musical ability to praise and honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Jay Nelson*

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### The Jewels

January 2018

#### Little Help Please! *continued from front*

Flower Committee: NO, you don't have to grow them – the group maintains the sign-up book, sets out the flowers the florist delivers, carries them to the office after the last service, etc. Twice a year, Christmas and Easter, the job gets a little busier because of poinsettias and lilies.

Assimilation Team: and it is a Team. This group does everything from planning bus outings to organizing dinners and pot-lucks, organizing the New Member brunches twice a year, etc. There is even a guy or three in this group. Can't do without this Team, and if you're a team player, you could play too.

So there is plenty to be done this New Year, and we could use you, winter visitor or full-timer, experienced or no. And all this is without even touching on the Trustees, Council, Elders, etc., the elected positions in the church. Nope, all those listed are walk-ons – and we could use Little Help, Please!

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please call the Church Office and we will direct you to the appropriate leader(s).

Pastor Phill