

The

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December 2018

A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

Worship Schedule

Saturday – 4:00 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM

Advent Midweek

December 5, 12, 19

4:00 PM

Christmas Eve

4:00 & 7:00 PM

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

New Year's Eve w/Holy Communion

4:00 PM



What's After Christmas?

by Pastor Phill, Senior Pastor

Yeah, I know, Christmas. Everywhere you look. The stores – any store, Home Goods to Home Depot – is full of Christmas. And listen: you can hear it playing in the background. In the Crown of Life office, Christmas music has been playing since sometime in October I think. Decorations are up everywhere. I appreciate what our Trustees did a couple of years ago with the outside nativity scene, in white lights – beautiful. So, Christmas is not avoidable.

Let's just fast forward to the end of the month, shall we? The weekend of the 29th and 30th of December we recognize, in our gospel reading, two events early in the life of Jesus. First, Luke 2:21, His day of circumcision up at the temple, a part of the life of every Jew since God first ordained that sacrifice in Genesis (17:10) to mark the descendants of Abraham as His people, people of the covenant.

The next event in the baby's life is told from Luke 2:22-38, the story of the ritual purification of Mary together with the consecration of their firstborn to the Lord (Leviticus 12). Simeon, a man we do not know except for this scene at the temple, is present in the temple courts, waiting in the Holy Spirit, as Luke says, "for the consolation of Israel." This aged Simeon waiting we do not know how long at the temple for this moment, sees the baby Jesus and knows in the Holy Spirit that this little person is also fully God, and is indeed the savior, the consolation, of us all.

That word "consolation" or paraclasis (*παράκλησις*, as Luke would have it) is a form of the word Scripture uses to describe the completion of messianic prophecy. The same word group is descriptive of the work of the Holy Spirit (Comforter, Helper, sent by the Father and the Son). That's what Simeon was waiting for, the One, the Redeemer, that in faith in that infant that would grow to be the One on the cross, the whole world would see God's grace and gift of salvation.

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Your Invitation to Christmas Dinner

Don't spend Christmas alone! Once again the COL church family will enjoy Christmas dinner together. If you are all alone, or a couple alone, or you have a small group of family or friends, join us for a great Christmas gathering. We will enjoy traditional main dishes of turkey or ham with all the trimmings followed by pie topped with whipped topping – all you can eat. The team of chefs will be lead by Dave and Linda Sawyer.

Sign ups begin in December. Don't delay, we need an early count!

From Your President

During this Christmas season you may find it interesting how our Savior's name was changed. The name "Jesus" is less than 400 years old. How was this name created, and what was the original name of our Messiah?

In the Bible names have significant meanings. The name Abram means "exalted father," but the name Abraham means "father of a multitude" (see Genesis 17:5).

The name of our Messiah has a significant meaning as well. When the Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph about his son, he told Joseph what to name the child. "And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Yeshua (Hebrew) for he shall save His people from their sins."

This is significant because "Yeshua" means "salvation". The Angel said, call Him "Salvation" because he will save His people from their sins. The name "Jesus" came from what? When Greeks translated His name, it became "Iesous". The "le" represents the "Ye" sound, the "s" represents the "sh" sound, and the "ou" represents the "ua" sound.

The 1611 King James version of the Bible still spelled His name "Iesous," not "Jesus". The name "Iesous" was used in Greek, Latin and English until the 17th century when the letter "J" was introduced as a replacement for the letter "I". However, it was still pronounced "Yea-soos" for many years before it eventually took on the "g" sound that we know today in the word "Jesus". This explains that the pronunciation of the name "Jesus" is a very recent development in the English language.

Yes, we call Him "Jesus" although it is a phonetically created word. The Hebrew name "Yeshua" is so powerful in meaning and significance, it means "salvation". He is salvation and His name IS "Salvation".

Feliz Navidad
(Merry Christmas)
La paz sea con vosotros
(Peace be with you)

Jay Nelson

Board for Missions by Gene Axelson, Board Chairman

Recently several of our Board members were able to visit and tour the new campus of North Valley Christian Academy (NVCA) located near I-17 and Carefree Blvd. This Lutheran school provides Christian education to over 300 students in grades pre-school, elementary school, middle school, and high school. This is their second year of operation in a new facility that has lots of technology and space to grow.

The only Lutheran pre-school and elementary school in the city of Detroit, MI is Evergreen Lutheran Church & Pre-school who sent an invitation to their Christmas program and requested donations to provide tuition scholarships for some of their students. We had helped this school last year with funds for a new computer. Our Board approved a grant of \$1,000 to help cover tuition expenses for some of their students.

We also received a letter and brochure from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, MI outlining their growing campaign. A Crown of Life former member David Krause served this school for 23 years starting in 1976 before retiring to Arizona and joining Crown of Life. They fondly remember his infectious personality that instilled an attitude that can best be described as a positive ministry. After the first of the year in honor and in memory of David Krause we will look to how we can best support the school he was so involved with.



It's All Your Fault! by Carol Stefcek, Parish Nurse

Do you have any idea what position you put yourself in when you are pouring medications for someone and you are not a HIRED legal professional? Yours is the LIABILITY! Here are the reasons: 1) You need physician's written orders to follow to make sure the medications are the correct ones and so are the doses. 2) When a patient goes to a physician's appointment he may change the dose. Even if the person tells you what it is, you cannot give it accurately without it being in writing and changed on the label. The label is what is legal. Their memory may be faulty. 3) If the person is taking over-the-counter meds, vitamins, and herbs, do you know the possible side effects and interactions with other medications the person is on? 4) If the person has an adverse side effect to a new medication and you are not present then what? What if they didn't tell the physician all of their allergies? You let them take the med without checking. You have assumed responsibility because you are overseeing the medications. 5) What if the person is taking a medication that isn't even theirs because a friend gave them the same med after they had run out. What if it's a cardiac or blood pressure med or something that shouldn't be skipped? What do you do?

These are only a few of the things to consider. You are putting yourself in **LEGAL DANGER** if you are doing this. I wouldn't even do this as a licensed nurse without operating under the direct order of a physician like a home care nurse does.

Think about this! Don't go beyond your boundaries. The life you save may be your own as well as the person you love!

What Song Shall We Sing? 2018 Musical Christmas Celebration Worship Services – December 8 & 9

Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 9:00 AM

Celebration Choir – Ablaze – Brass – Percussion – Organ – Piano
Congregational Singing – Narration and Holy Scripture

Board for Community Outreach *by Karen Block, Board Chairman*

The Board for Community Outreach has scheduled a very exciting opportunity for Crown of Life members, friends, neighbors and youth. On January 20 at 1:00 PM Russ Breault will present and explain the Shroud of Turin.

It is said that the Shroud of Turin "is a length of linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man who is alleged to be Jesus of Nazareth". The cloth itself is believed by some to be the burial shroud that Jesus was wrapped in when he was buried after crucifixion. It is also said that it is the single most studied artifact in history.

Mr. Breault has been researching and lecturing on the Shroud of Turin for over 25 years. His presentation makes use of over 150 superb images and unfolds like a CSI investigation.

Immediately following a short break, a presentation on Unmasking Evolution will begin at 3:00. Mr. Breault will discuss what can science determine regarding origins and what remains a matter of faith. This presentation should be especially informative for the youth of today. All are welcome to attend one or both of these sessions.

As always, we would *love* to have additional members on our committee! If you are interested in joining, I would love to hear from you. The board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM. Come join us or feel free to email me at kblock50@gmail.com.



Ushers Needed! *by Ron Schumann, Head Usher*

We are in need of additional people (BOTH men and women) to usher at our 8 AM or 10:30 AM Sunday Worship services. Please consider getting involved in this part of our Worship services. You will only be on duty one month out of every four and it only requires about two hours of your time on a Sunday morning. If you are an Associate Member we can use your help during the time you are here.

If this interests you, please call Ron Schumann (623-374-7809) to discuss your involvement in this ministry. Thank you!!!



From the Flower Committee *by Florella Denzin*

Lady Bird Johnson wrote "Where flowers bloom so does hope". Hope is a motto for Christmas! Our Savior is born!

The Poinsettia sign ups continue. Sunday, December 9 is the last day to sign up. The cost is \$10 each. We truly appreciate our church family.

My committee and I also want to recognize Pat Fronk for all her wisdom and work with us. She will be retiring on December 8. She is truly a pillar for our Altar Flower Committee. Please give her your thanks also.

We wish everyone a Blessed Advent and Christmas season!



Free Books! *by Diane Hammann*

The COL Library is blessed with donations from our members. Our shelves are beginning to overflow and contain duplicates of wonderful Christian books that would be best in the hands of believers...and non-believers...rather than sitting on shelves in the Parish Hall.

Therefore, following the services on Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9, tables will be set up once again in the Narthex. The gentle-used books placed on these tables are for you to take, read, and hopefully pass on to others.

Please continue to donate books from your library that are collecting dust. Share them with COL, your family, your neighbors, friends, or others. Spread God's Word as a way of keeping with Jesus' words of "teaching others."

Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

The October financials show our budgeted income was projected to be \$631,508 with our actual of \$722,424. Expenditures were projected to be \$666,667 but expenses to date are only \$642,980. October by itself came in as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Receipts	\$ 50,122	\$ 59,438
Expenses	\$ 67,875	\$ 68,319

December Altar Flowers

1 & 2	Roger & Gayle Wehrli, in celebration of their 50 th wedding anniversary
1 & 2	Ed & Gloria Michel, in celebration of their 50 th wedding anniversary
8 & 9	Cora Weiss, in loving memory of her husband's 26 th year with our Lord
15 & 16	Gary & Vicki Mork, in celebration of their 42 nd wedding anniversary
15 & 16	Bill Norberg, in loving memory of his and Kay's 63 rd wedding anniversary
29 & 30	Ron & Nora Mara, for God's blessings into the New Year

Stephen Ministry

by Ken Grover, StephenCare

Christ caring for people through people

"The love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him".

1 John 4:9

The B times of December are busy, busy times: baking goodies, beautifying our homes inside and out, beverage and snack parties, buying things, and a bunch of other activities to keep us busy. Yes, the B times of December are here. Now is the time for giving and receiving gifts. The most important gift we can ever receive is God's gift of His beloved Son, the baby Jesus our beautiful Savior. What a gift! God sent His only Son, who died for our salvation, the gift of eternal life, and many other bountiful blessings. The most important gift we can give to our Lord Jesus is our heart. Christina G. Roberts wrote, "If I were wise, I would do my part, yet what can I give Him—give Him my heart."

God has blessed all of us with spiritual gifts, gifts that will equip us for God's service. Many of these gifts are found in Romans Chapter 12 and in 1Corinthians Chapter 12. God has given us these gifts, so that we can help others by sharing our gifts with them. We are all given different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. All members do not have the same gifts through God's grace. God gave us these gifts to exercise care for others. How are you using your gifts? "There are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works in us all." 1Corinthians 12:6. Do you need someone, a Stephen Minister to share these gifts with you?

For more information about the Stephen Ministry program contact: Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228. May God continue to bless, protect, and keep you in His Grace.

Merry Christmas to all! May you know the Peace of Christmas every day of the year.

Thoughts by Pastor Gary

One of my favorite verses in Scripture is Galatians 5:1. It reads: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." What beautiful words!

Some people think Christianity is essentially living according to the golden rule and other rules. In their rule-mindedness, they are apt to do one of two things: either elevate man's rule to the level of divine law or treat God's commandments as though they were from man.

Many people at Christ's time, notably the Pharisees, tried to bind human mandates and "the tradition of the elders" on people's consciences, equating them with God's Law. The reverse of this is to take God's Ten Commandments and give them human standing, that is, regard them as social mores that may become outdated and can be ignored. One need look no farther than the TV screen to see where this belief has led.

In spite of what many think, the Ten Commandments have a place in life. We cannot get along without them. Nor should we add to or take away from them.

The sure way of getting away from legalism or the rules-mentality in our religious beliefs is to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ central in our lives. Salvation is a matter of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, not of keeping rules. The Scripture teaches that "God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7).

My prayer for each of us is that God grant us this faith, and let the Words of the Holy Spirit be poured out upon us richly, so that we may grow more and more in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Holidays are Great Times to Invite

Consider that new neighbor ... or the person you've struck a friendship with at the craft shop ... or ... Does that person have a church home? If you don't know, why not ask. Why not make this holiday season your opportunity to invite someone to join you. It's one great way to let your love for God shine through!

Ponder This...

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it is in the heart of man.

Another year gone by already! Here are some things to remember when closing out this year: God has forgiven all my sins and remembers them no more! I have gained wisdom from my experiences this year. God promises to get me through the coming year just as He has done this year. I can close the door on this year and have a lot to look forward to in the next year. I can focus on living a healthier year by how I live - taking care of my body, mind and spirit. I can be thankful for all of the blessings God showers upon my life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nurse Carol

Focusing on the Blessings of Christ

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

During this Christmas Season, if we are in the midst of grieving the loss of a loved one, we may be overwhelmed by grief, rather than filled with gratitude for all the gifts with which the Lord has blessed us. However, if we ask God to help us change our focus to all of His blessings in our lives, He will help us to continue our journey of healing in a way that honors Him and honors our loved one. We are instructed in 2 Corinthians 10:5b to "...take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." We do this in gratitude and reverence for the immense sacrifice Christ made for us by entering our broken world and showing us how to live our lives.

During this Advent season leading up to Christ's birth, let us focus on what Christ's birth means to us. God's gift to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, brings us forgiveness of our sins and a promise of eternal life to all who believe His Son was born, lived and died for us. Because of God's gift of His only son, we, and our loved ones, have eternal life. Jesus said, "... I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). God's Word tells us "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23b)

If you feel alone in your grief this Christmas, remember Jesus' words: "I am not alone, for the Father is with me." (John 16:32). God does not intend for us to be alone in our grief. He has a plan for healing. Jeremiah 29:11 states "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

If you are grieving the loss of your spouse this Christmas, please join us on Wednesday, December 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, in the Chapel for our "Loss of a Spouse Seminar." At this encouraging seminar you will gain insight into: How to handle overwhelming emotions; where to find the strength to go on; what to expect in the days to come; how to grieve in a way that's healthy and suited to you; and Biblical principles that help you deal with your grief.

Our 13-week GriefCare program "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy," will start Wednesday January 2, 2019. This program will provide ongoing support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week, we will cover a different aspect of grief Christian experts deem essential to address to fully heal and move forward. *There is no requirement to share. Those who do not wish to share can benefit greatly from listening to others in the group.*

You will receive workbooks in both the Loss of a Spouse Seminar and our 13-week session that will help you place your life into perspective and determine priorities as you work through this difficult, overwhelming and often disorienting time.

For more information and to register for these sessions, please call Christine Escobar at 623.218.6793 or email griefcare@colchurch.com.

God's Peace, Love and Joy to you this Christmas

COL Book Club

Discontinued! *by Judy Brodzeller*

Due to lack of participation, the Book Club has been discontinued. If there is more interest in the future, we will try to revive it next year.

Thanks to those who have supported the Book Club!

Angel Tree *by Rita Grover, LWML*

This year Crown of Life will gather gift cards for Family Promise of Greater Phoenix. Family Promise gives families the tools and training to care for their children, find employment and housing, and become independent and successful. They strive to provide a safety net for children and their families before they drop into a cycle of endless shelters, loss of school attendance, unemployment, family instability and foster care.

Family Promise provides basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, but they also provide a safe, encouraging, and constructive environment for families that feel lost and scared. Family Promise's long-term goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and create a sense of community for the families that participate in the program.

The biggest blessings we can give them are gift cards. That way their needs, whatever they may be, can be satisfied. They would really appreciate gift cards from Walmart or Fry's.

Look for the Angel Tree table in the Narthex, pick up a flyer, and please drop off your gift card BEFORE December 11. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Rita Grover at 623-247-9604.

A Christmas Prayer *submitted by Ken Grover, Stephen Ministry*

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

Twas the Night Before Christmas, the Eve of Christ's Birth

'Twas the night before Christmas,
the eve of Christ's birth;
Many people were resting
all over the earth.
The Shepherds were watching
their sheep in the night,
When all of a sudden
they saw a bright light.
And what to their wondering
eyes should appear,
But a beautiful Angel,
high up in the air.
His face was all shining;
his garment so bright,
The shepherds began
to tremble with fright.
But as he came nearer,
the words that he said,
Soon gave them to know
there was nothing to dread.
He told them of "Peace,"
with no fear or danger,
For their Wonderful Gift,
they would find in a manger.
So leaving their sheep,
they went into town,
To seek for this Gift,
they would look all around.
They came to the stable,
the covers they lift,
And there in the Manger,
God's wonderful Gift.
So pure and so holy,
so full of God's love,
They knew it was Jesus,
God's Gift from above.
And so as we think
of this Savior again,
May our worship this Christmas
not be in vain.
Let us love Him and trust Him;
there's none that's too small;
May the Lord richly bless you.
Merry Christmas to all!

*Merry Christmas
From the COL Staff*

Assimilation Committee Update by Judith Axelson, Chairman

The purpose of the Assimilation Committee is to provide activities to assist new and current members to socialize and become active in the church. I like to call us the "worker bees" because of the many responsibilities that we have.

We are responsible for: The new member brunch and a call to each new member. We provide for the greeters, guest book, a gift for the guests, the children's activity bags, and the Information Center. We provide the coffee and donuts between Sunday services. We offer outings. In 2019 we are going to the AZ Opry, the AZ Broadway Theater and the Lake Pleasant Sunset Cruise. We offer in house parties including the Advent Potluck, the Ice Cream Social, Ash Wednesday dinner, Friday games, and this year, a Valentine Luncheon. We organize Dinners for 6 (or 8, couples and singles). We also assist with the Christmas dinner, and snacks for Outreach events.

Dinners for 6 is a 3-month rotating gathering where each couple takes a month to host the group. Most often it is for dinner but breakfast, lunch or eating out are options also. The host makes the arrangements. It is a wonderful way to make friends in your church family. The rotations are from October through December and new groups are formed for January through March.

So you see, we are busy. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in the Conference Room. Come join us.

2019 Upcoming Events

- Barleen's Arizona Opry matinee (bus trip): Wed., January 23
- Valentine Luncheon: Thurs., February 14
- Ash Wednesday Dinner: March 6
- Arizona Broadway Theater matinee: Sun., March 24th
- Lake Pleasant Sunset Cruise: Early April



Joining the Church Triumphant

Members recently called home to Heaven are:

George Dempsey - October 27

Betty Eatinger - November 2

Jay Miller - October 25

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

SAVE THE DATE ... February 9, 2019

**Grand Canyon District, LHM Rally
Come meet the new Lutheran Hour Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

At Apostles Lutheran Church

7020 W. Cactus Road – Peoria, AZ



God Hears Us, one and all *by Kathe Schmidt, Prayer Team Member*

Last month a question was asked "Does prayer work?" The answer is it does, because it goes to Holy God, and it will work if prayed in a manner worthy. God is pleased when we come boldly to Him as His beloved children. Jesus opened that door for us and showed us how. We approach Him as the King of kings, with reverent awe, in true humility, remembering He is the Creator, who gave us life. The following, adapted from my prayer journal, is a useful guide:

Praise – Celebrate the splendor of God before asking of Him.

"I will praise the LORD at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt his name together!"

Psalm 34:1-3

Repent – Confess any sin and be restored by God's forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!"

Psalm 66:18-20

Ask – Reveal your needs and wants before God without fear.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Yield – Thank God for His answers to prayer, and then follow His will.

"And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him; Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us."

1 John 3:22, 24



Voters Approve 2019 Budget

At the November Voters' Assembly, the budget for 2019 was approved. Your Finance Committee proposed a budget of \$828,500, an increase of \$28,500 over the 2018 budget. There will be unspent monies from our budget in 2018. The Church Council will fulfill its responsibility by allocating any surplus funds to dedicated funds.

LWML Update

by Rita Grover

Christmas is surely a season of the senses. We see the beautiful lights and the Christmas trees, and are able to sing and hear our favorite carols. We also enjoy special times with family and friends, along with the smells of Christmas cookies baking, and tasting the treats given and received. Jesus invites us to use our senses to listen to His Word, lift up the sweet fragrance of our prayers, touch those around us with Jesus' love, look for ways we can help those in need, and taste His body and blood in remembrance of Him. May you experience the real meaning of Christmas.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good..."

Psalm 34:8a NIV

We will be celebrating the Advent season on Tuesday, December 11th, at 1:00 PM. Please plan to come and bring a friend to the Advent Celebration where you will hear The Word, share the joy by singing some special songs, touch those who need your prayers and support, and then enjoy some smells and taste some "special treats". Hope to see you there. We will share the real meaning of Christmas.



2019 Contribution Envelopes and 2018 Statements

2019 contribution envelopes will be available on December 8 & 9 at the west end of the Narthex. Please note that new envelope numbers have been assigned again for 2019.

Please use your envelopes when at all possible even though you are contributing by check. The counting team greatly appreciates your use of envelopes to facilitate the crediting of your contributions to your annual statement.

Please remember that all contributions received by Crown of Life PRIOR to midnight December 31 will be reflected in the 2018 contribution statement. All contributions received AFTER December 31 will be recorded for 2019. This applies regardless of which envelope you use.

December Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phillip Robbins

Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith

Pastoral Assistants

Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,
Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirly

ELDERS

(Sat) Paul Brown, Marty Irwin,
Ron Mara

(Sun) Paul Brown, Tom Leshney

TRUSTEES

(Sat) Emil Tomazin

(Sun) Dave DuRocher

ALTAR GUILD

(Sat) Marlene Peterson, Nada Workman

(Sun) Anne Hagen, Gail Lindley,
Mary Sorenson, Joan Thiese

GREETERS

(Sat) Pat Coyle, Bill & Joyce Nance

(Sun) Barbie Aden, Gene Axelson,
Lynn Bates, Lillian Holen,
John & Sue Thomas

GUEST BOOK

(Sat) Barbara Seyferth

(Sun) Cora Weiss

FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake, Pat Fronk,
Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen
Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Denise
Teverarrow, Jan Tvinneireim, Cora Weiss

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator

(Sat) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer

(Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,
Gerry Harpt, Tom Mertins,
Ron Schumann, Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

TELLERS - Ken Warren, MaryAnn Cate,

Sheila Mecham, Ben Snyder,
Marilyn Waldron, Chuck
Wasem; Subs - Ken Grover,
Duane Neal, Orv Neal,
Sandy Warren

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Darlene & Wiley McAfee

USHERS

(Sat) Duane & Cookie Rawson,
Reg & Sue Trevison

(Sun) Cap: Dick Anderson

Tim Aden, Arlin Bates,
Cheryl Bernhardt, Bev Bristow,
Ken & Laurel Coffman,
Gary Frankeberger, Bob Mansfield,
Henry & Dene Munzinger,
Don Nicolay, Sue Warwick

Happy Birthday

- 1 Donna Braatz
- 1 Mary Striewing
- 2 Marilyn Dreyer
- 3 Jack Coyle
- 3 Suzanne Gates
- 3 Linda Sawyer
- 3 Ginger Stribling
- 4 Louis Garippo
- 4 Carol Kleinschmidt
- 4 Bob Lohse
- 4 Bob Swinko
- 6 Rob Senkbeil
- 7 Flo Froland
- 7 David Roberts
- 8 George Duffey
- 8 Lee Gregoire
- 8 Jean Pohlman
- 10 Randy Winfrey
- 11 Bev Bender
- 11 Ron Wynkoop
- 13 Mike Dill
- 13 Marilyn Matz
- 14 Twila Deeren
- 15 Helen Kohn
- 15 Lydia Thompson
- 16 Bonnie Kimble
- 16 Carolyn Kinney
- 17 Bob Turk
- 18 Nola Gehn
- 18 Ken Stinar
- 18 Steve Worster
- 19 Beverly Bristow
- 21 Robert Barden
- 21 Chuck Eddleman
- 23 Sharel Bartow
- 23 Jan Barden
- 23 Dave Wallin
- 24 Gloria Burkhardt
- 24 Chris Grundy
- 24 Ginett Janssen
- 25 Marty Irwin
- 28 Ken Christensen
- 30 Bob Hammann
- 31 Diane Bodjanac
- 31 Jamie Kunzie
- 31 Linda Mann



Happy Anniversary

- 4 Gene & Shirley Koester
- 6 Bob & Kathy Labus
- 9 Gerry & Audry Harpt
- 16 Larry & Victoria Mills
- 18 Gary & Vicki Mork
- 18 Don & Marilyn Swanson
- 19 John & Gail Lindley
- 20 Jim & Ginger Stribling
- 22 David & Janet Lemp
- 25 Heinz & Trudy Piontek
- 26 Al & Marilyn Waldron
- 27 Mike & Gracie Dill
- 27 Richard & Marilyn Dreyer
- 27 Bob & Verdella Emerson
- 27 James & Joanna Kunzie
- 27 Merv & Cynthia Schmidt
- 27 James & Barbara Shumate
- 28 Scott & Sharon Michael
- 30 Larry & Mary Bonrud
- 30 Bill & Becky Schulzetenberg
- 30 Bob & Kristine Weber
- 30 Tom & Valerie VanNess



Voter Election Results

Congratulations to all who were chosen to lead the parish during 2019. We pray the Lord's blessings upon your leadership and upon your spiritual growth as you take your respective positions in the midst of God's people. Elected (or re-elected) include:

Vice President - Ken Grover

Financial Secretary - Ken Warren

Assistant Treasurer - Dan Mehner

Board for Missions Chairman -

Gene Kuebler

Board of Elders -

Chris Beck

Tom Mertins

Ed Michel

Duane Rawson

Board of Trustees -

Myron Holen

Willie Lundquist

Rollie Mann

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December 2018

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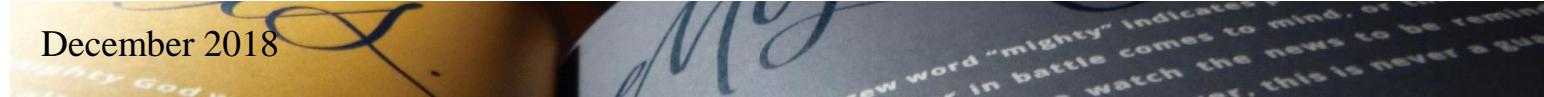
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What's After Christmas? continued from cover

You waiting for anything? This past election season we waited for the ones who would be the solution to all our nation's troubles. Kinda waited in vain, didn't we? No person on a ballot, in the media, down the street, anywhere, will ever be The One to make wrong things right in this world. The fallen nature of all mankind (and nature) simply renders powerless any man or woman to fix things – human sin will always get in the way, and we will always be disappointed.

Not Simeon. He was not disappointed, his quest was fulfilled. Read how he reacts as he holds the baby Jesus – Simeon's song is Luke 2:29-32. We'll sing it in the services that last weekend of December, gratefully acknowledging that for all of us, together with Simeon, The One was born and lived, lives still in our hearts, and awaits the time to call us to Him forever.

Yeah, I know, Christmas. We all know that. This month we see also the future in that baby, the future that begins with His consecration at the temple so long ago. We join Simeon in recognizing the Savior, in a baby.

Pastor Phill