

January 2017

the Disciple

Happy New Year.



Mark Your Calendar

- 1.1
New Year's Day
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
- 1.3
Food Pantry
- 1.9
NEM Meeting
Elders Meeting
- 1.10
Community Meal
- 1.15
Voters Meeting
- 1.16
Council Meeting
- 1.17, 18
Western Pastoral Conference
- 1.22
Gideon Presentation
- 1.28
LWML Meeting

Dear friends of Holy Cross,

Happy New Year to you! We are happy, aren't we, that a new year is upon us? We are moving on to a new year with new prospects, potentials, and hopes. Perhaps we are happy to be moving from the past year to 2017. We can say "good-bye" to some disappointments, frustrations and hardships of the past year. So, we look forward to the new year.

2016 wasn't all bad though, was it? There are good things that happened. We were blessed by God in 2016. We can be thankful to God for 2016. Individually and as a congregation, the Holy Spirit has kept us in faith in Jesus- the only Savior given among men by which we must be saved. Our sins have been forgiven through the sacrament of Holy Communion. The promises of an eternal inheritance awaiting all believers still applies to us. God has watched over us with His angelic security force preventing us from fatal missteps. He has given us our daily bread - our jobs and income are His gifts of love that haven't stopped. His Word reminds us of the presence of His everlasting love. The Word of God's salvation has been shared through the church and its many members to people who might otherwise have never heard or believed. We are thankful to God for the many blessings we have received and by God's power have given others in 2016.

In 2017 we will face many challenges as a church and individually as Christians. We may not know what they will be but we do know where our Lord will be - right in the middle of them with us. Jesus tells His disciples of all ages in Matthew 28 - "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the age." With us when the prognosis isn't good? YES! With us when we are laid off from work? YES!

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With us when we can't pay our bills? YES!
With us when our child goes wayward? YES!
With us when someone close dies? YES!
With us when we are praying to the Lord for guidance in Christian ministries? YES!
With us when we share Jesus to listening ears? YES!
With us when we share Jesus to closed ears? YES!
With us in our Council meetings? YES!
With us in our voters' meetings? YES!
With us all the time? ABSOLUTELY!
He is always with us to instruct and guide us through His Holy Word.
He is always with us to hear our soul's complaint in prayer.
He is always with us to satisfy our deepest longings.
He is always with us to forgive.
So, we can go forward with large steps of faith into 2017.

Thank God for 2016! Praise God for His presence in 2017! Happy New Year!

Pastor Chris D. Ongstad

*Look back and thank God.
Look forward and trust God.*



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Vrshek (7)
George Minet (14)
Pauline Griffin (27)

JANUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Jonathan Ongstad (8)
Kenneth Rheinwald (24)
Walter Fabry (26)



Joe Bradley
Joanne Kernahan (*hospice*)
John Knoska
Doris Kracht
Marilyn Long
Joy Maddox
Judy Meilahn
Kathy Ridder
Erna Sherman
Edna Wendt



Disciple Newsletter

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Bible Class/Sunday School 9:15am



November 14, 2016



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council meeting opened at 7:33pm with a devotion. The following attended: Jim Boltz, Greg Beukema, Tom & Pauline Griffin, Dorothy Lux, Pat & George Minet, Pastor Chris Ongstad, Joan Opyd via skype, Terry Vrshek, and Liz Wilczynski.

A motion was made and approved to accept the October minutes.

Pastor's Report- Christmas trees will be sold on our property December 1 to 24. The church will get 5% of the sales. The council approved of this via telephone vote. The new furnace was installed. The theme for the Advent Midweek Services will be "From Heaven Above." The Gideons Society will have a presentation Sunday, January 22 during Bible Study and after services.

Treasurer's Report- Envelope offerings are under budget. Members are contributing to the Parking Lot Fund which is over \$5,000 now. The free will offering for the Liberian Children's Ministry now totals \$1,016. The Food Pantry Fund is \$3,241.52. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Elders Report- There will be two Christmas Day Services this year since Christmas Day falls on Sunday.

Education Report- We will participate in the 4th Annual Holiday on Pulaski December 9.

Stewardship/Finance Report- Offering envelopes were distributed. School supplies and clothing will be collected for the Liberian children in December, details will be in the DISCIPLE.

Social Ministry Report- A motion was made and approved to have a **clothing and school supply collection for the Liberian Children Ministry.**

Community Meals Report- 28 people were at the November meal.

New Business Report- A motion was made and approved to **pay for the new furnace (purchased from Windy City Heating) by taking \$2266 each from the Memorial Fund, the undesignated Trustees Repair Fund and the Emergency Fund.**

A motion was made and approved to send **Joe Boway a check for traveling expenses** (approximately 316 miles @ .54 a mile). This will come out of Evangelism.

2017 Preliminary Budget Fund- a motion was made and approved to **eliminate the Flower Fund and to add \$100 monthly to the Emergency Fund** (it was previously an additional \$50) for the 2017 Budget.

The next Council meeting is December 12, at 7:30 pm.



Nutritious Meals Delivered to Seniors' Homes

PLOWS Council on Aging's Home Delivered Meals (HDM) can provide the nutrition necessary for seniors to remain healthy and independent. Seniors, age 60 and over, who have difficulty preparing nourishing meals or grocery shopping may be eligible for the HDM program. Meals are delivered by trusted volunteers Monday through Friday in the morning. Meal delivery also serves as a wellbeing check for homebound seniors. There is a suggested donation for meals, but seniors will not be terminated if the client is unable to meet that contribution.

Requesting meals is as simple as calling PLOWS at 708-361-0219. Our intake caseworker can explain the process and get it started.

The PLOWS Council on Aging is a 501(c)3 organization serving seniors and their families throughout suburban Cook County in Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth Townships. Those living outside the PLOWS area can find their agency by calling the Illinois Senior Help Line at 1-800-252-8966.

Calendar of Events



SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN CHORUS would like to cordially invite everyone to the Epiphany Christmas Concert held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th St., Oak Lawn, IL. Mrs. Ruth Sievers (conductor), on Sunday January 8 at 3:00PM.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 305 Circle Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois, invites you to an Epiphany Music Feast (Madrigal Dinner) on Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 4 p.m. Tickets (\$25 each) must be reserved in advance. The Madrigal Dinner begins with an opening concert that chronicles the healing Light of the eastern star with motets and hymns in festive settings for choir, instruments and congregation.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - the longest continual running Christian radio program in America can be heard on WGN - 720 am Sundays at 6 a.m.

HOLY CROSS VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 15, NOON. The 2017 budget will be finalized.



The Gideons International

THE GIDEONS will be visiting Holy Cross Sunday January 22. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in

strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS is a 30-minute traditional Lutheran worship service, broadcast weekly to nourish the souls of those who cannot attend church in a traditional setting. It is broadcast on TV for Chicago, Northwest Indiana (includes Rockford, Central Illinois & Southwest Michigan) Sunday 11:30 am - Comcast 138 (Total Living).



Join area Lutherans at **MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO** on January 15, 2017. Meet on Federal Plaza (50 W. Adams Street, Chicago) at 1:55 p.m. under the LOVE AFFIRMS LIFE banner - look for people wearing RED Lutherans for Life hats or ride the bus leaving from Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberley Way in Lisle, at 1:15 p.m. (free will donations will be received to cover cost for the round trip bus ride). Call Kris Blackwell at 630-234-1491 to reserve your seat on the bus. Space is limited.

WE CELEBRATED JESUS' BIRTH, WHAT NOW!

By Tom Griffin



Now that January is here and the stress of the Christmas season is over, I remember what happened to me some years back as I prepared to lead a Life Light Bible class on the Gospel of Luke. I found new heroes who taught me how to respond to – we celebrated Christmas, now what. Here were my thoughts.

Chicago was blessed to have had the greatest basketball player who ever lived play for their beloved Bulls. Michael Jordan! You probably remember the phrase “I want to be like Mike”. And what’s not to admire. A multi-millionaire super hero with six NBA championship rings, two Olympic Gold Medals, a gazillion other trophies and his picture on a WHEATIES box.

Well, maybe it wasn’t Mike who you wanted to be like. Maybe it was someone else. For as long as I can remember I have loved music. And I dreamed of being a composer. Can you imagine being the person who wrote “Pop goes the Weasel? But as I was preparing for that Bible class I discovered new heroes to look up to. Mentors, people I wanted to be like. They were not new to me. I knew them since I was a child. And yet, I now saw them in a different light. You see, we were studying the birth of Christ in the Gospel of Luke, when I fully realized how special these people were.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
(LK 2:8)

That’s right! My new heroes were the shepherds living out in the fields near Bethlehem. Why? I like being outside, but I don’t want to live there. Bad things happen when I go camping. The warmest feeling I have toward sheep involves my favorite sweater. Even the people of their time did not look up to them. In fact, since their job often prevented them from observing some of the ceremonial laws, they became social outcasts. So, why are they so special to me? It is because of what God did for them, and how they responded. You remember what happened. An angel sent from God came to those shepherds and told them the great news that the Savior of the world had arrived. And then (and maybe you hadn’t thought of this before) they were shown a “snapshot” of heaven itself.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (LK 2:13-14)

Yes, we know from the book of Revelation that angels continually sing their praises to God in heaven, and that is what the shepherds were witnessing. What a wonderful gift and privilege they received. They were blessed. And that is the first part of being someone others can look up to, being blessed by God. The next part is knowing what to do with the blessing. What did the shepherds do? Well, first they sought out Jesus. Then they redid their priorities. They left their sheep for a while and went around the countryside telling the Good News. Then finally, they returned to their routine. But they continued to praise and glorify God. Their lives would never be the same again.

Did you ever stop to think about how you and I have been given the blessings those shepherds had. Like the shepherds, there is nothing about us that should make us special to God. But, just as the shepherds were sent an angel, we were sent God’s Word. And from God’s Word we have learned that our Savior has come. And from God’s Word we too see a “snapshot” of heaven. We are truly blessed.

What do we do with those blessings? Well, here is where those shepherds have become the kind of heroes I want to be like. How about you? Can we set our priorities so we first seek Jesus and tell others what He did for us and for them? Do we feel that our lives have been changed forever and do we praise and glorify God as they did? Do we see that “snapshot” of heaven, and see it as a promise?

I suppose it would be great to “be like Mike.” But how could we be more special than we already are?

Rev. John Henry and Family Must Replace Most Belongings Due to High Levels of Lead in Parsonage

Reverend John Henry is Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran in Whiting, Indiana. He conducts services in English and Spanish, and also ministers to and conducts services in Spanish at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther in Chicago, Illinois. English and Spanish outreach is ongoing from both congregations, which are members of the SELC District. He lives in a beautiful, 93-year-old parsonage with his wife, Laura, and their four children, Johnny (7), Luke (5), Silas (3) and Molly (1).

The church had scheduled some work to be done at the parsonage and it was discovered that many of the doors, windows, and surfaces in need of repair were coated in lead paint. Young children are at the highest risk for lead poisoning and long term complications to lead exposure. At this point, it was advised that the Henry's have their children's blood tested. The tests showed that 2 of their 4 children had elevated levels. Toddlers between age 1-2 are the highest risk for lead poisoning, and Molly had lead levels in her blood that were serious cause for alarm. At this point, the Henry family was evacuated from the home until it can be appropriately remediated and all repairs and cleaning completed.

Pastor Speckhardt of St. Paul Lutheran in Munster, Indiana, where the Henry children attend the Lutheran grade school, was quick to respond to the need for immediate housing. The Henry family has been very grateful for a safe place to stay with temporary furnishings and such willing and immediate response to their housing crisis.

St. Paul Whiting has been pursuing all avenues to see that every environmental concern is addressed and fully remediated so that the Henry's may return as quickly as possible.

Advanced environmental testing was performed that revealed that, in addition to lead based paint, due to chipping and friction on many of the lead based paint surfaces, and also due to construction, lead dust was pervasive throughout the home. The dust is very fine and heavy and can settle into the tiniest of any soft woods and porous surfaces.

The family was left to make a judgement call about most of their personal belongings. Due to the fact that their children already present with high exposure levels, and the high cost of professional cleaning, they have decided to replace most of the items especially in the areas with the highest concentrations of lead dust. This includes all the mattresses, upholstered furniture (couches, chairs, etc.), soft wood bed frames, kitchen and bath towels, curtains, baby swings, strollers and rocking chair, many kitchen items, décor, and the majority of the children's books and toys. They hope to be back in a fully restored parsonage by February or March 2017, at which point they will begin replacing the lost items.

The Henry family is very grateful for the generous outpouring of support from their home congregation in Whiting, and from other brothers and sisters in Christ around the SELC District and Missouri Synod. Please consider donating to help the Henry family replace most of their belongings.

At Holy Cross toys and clothes are being accepted in the blue bin under the bulletin board. Monetary donations can be made in your weekly church envelope so marked. Thank you for your help!





“O Little Town” By Dr. Peter Meier

The favorite Christmas Carol celebrates the Little Town of Bethlehem. It was from this little town that God brought about the greatest miracle of all time – the Incarnation. In this Little Town, God became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

The United States is full of little towns like Bethlehem. Many of them feel forgotten, “the least” among cities. In these little towns there are perhaps one or more churches. Often these churches are a focal point in the community, a gathering place, a sign of perseverance, a place of unchanging values and hope.

From these little towns and from their churches, God continues to be about His work of reconciliation, reclaiming the lost, serving the least and the lowest along with the leaders and the rulers.

At Christmas of all times, we remember that God is the champion of the “small things.” From the least of all the clans of Judah, from a lowly cattle trough, through a poor carpenter and his young wife, God is doing His work. From a smooth small stone in a shepherd boy’s sling, in a bit of yeast in a batch of flour, in the smallest mustard seed which grows to become the nesting place of many birds, God is at work. From a cup of cold water given to a little child, to the widow’s mite, God uses the little things of this world for His purposes. From two small fish and five loaves to twelve disciples, God multiplies His kingdom far beyond what the average eye can see or even imagine.

From a tiny infant born in a manger, God is doing an amazing, miraculous work.

What could God do in every little town, through every little congregation (and every large congregation)? What could God do through you?

God calls His people, from little towns to world-class cities, to be His witnesses, to make disciples who make more disciples. He calls His people to “go” – to get out into their communities and neighborhoods, to get out into their schools and workplaces, to partner with Him in His mission, to seek and to save the lost. You don’t need a theological education or degree; just love Jesus and live life as His disciple.

Let’s be careful not to despise the little things which our Great God has chosen to use for Kingdom expansion. From little towns and small churches, from rural and farming communities, through immigrant men and women, and through those who have little of this world’s wealth, God works through personal relationships to accomplish His great mission. His Word and Sacraments bring about their intended impact in the lives of men and women, boys and girls in every corner of every county.

Church multiplication begins with the making of disciples, one at a time. These disciples make more disciples who make still more disciples. Out of one, many! And from many, a movement. Disciples gather in groups of disciples, large and small. These groups grow strong and healthy using the small, but mighty means God Himself has given – the Word and Sacraments. And then... they multiply! That’s what God designed them to do. And that’s how God intends to accomplish His mission.

God’s big idea is really quite simple. In a little town, God sent a tiny baby to save the world. He continues to use disciples from every little town and every little neighborhood to do His mighty work.

Faithful STEWARDSHIP

“Don't Let the Past Define You”

Celebrating New Years is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in the hope and anticipation and perhaps even worry of what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be; what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Years is our own version of Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents, and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving of years past, which will help you to change what needs to be changed, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness, and feast of the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you-all of you (Matt 22:20-22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

Third, consider what the Church is and what the Church does. The Church is a mercy place. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward the neighbor. You are a member of the Church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy in showing mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the Church in and for the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev 27:1-34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the Church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.



Nurturing creativity in children

January 2017

Creativity is a gift found in most children, and it can be stifled or expanded by the adults around them. It must be encouraged at an early age in order to nurture optimum potential in children.

A walk in the park or around the block is a wonderful time to encourage curiosity, which is the beginning of creativity. Explore nature with your children. Listen to their questions and give them answers immediately or talk about how they can find the answers later.

Bath time is a time to allow parents and children to use their imaginations. Help the children tell stories and build their ability to create new stories. Bedtime stories can be a time for parents to talk about when the children were young. Children like to hear stories about themselves when they were first born and when they were toddlers.

When your four-year-old draws a picture you can't recognize, try inviting, "Tell me about your picture" instead of asking "What is it?" She will feel free to use her imagination. Allowing your children to climb on playground equipment or help gather groceries in the store can be an excellent way to encourage creativity.



Creativity in children is not necessarily a product of intelligence, but a product of feeling self-confident and safe from criticism for being different. Most children enjoy playing with things like blocks and paper and crayons to make their own stories. Pressure from parents, teachers and peers to do what is expected of them and not make mistakes can shut down creativity.

So parents, allow your creativity to run wild as you encourage and model creativity to your children.

You and your family do not have to struggle alone. LCFS counselors help families generate hope and cope with life's challenges. Most insurance plans accepted; sliding-scale fees are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact us at lcfs_info@lcfs.org or 800-363-LCFS (5237). Discover LCFS and the services we offer at www.lcfs.org and www.facebook.com/LCFSIL.



CONGREGATIONAL BALLOT FROM SYNOD

Below you will find the ballot that our Synod has sent out to each congregation. The ballot must be returned by March 15, 2017. The ballot represents changes to our Synod's constitution and therefore must be approved by 2/3 of voting congregations in the Synod to go into effect. We will be voting on this ballot January 15 at our voters' meeting. Please read through and be ready to vote on that date. Thank you!

— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A —

Resolution 11-09, "To Allow Voting Privilege for Assistant Pastors," received the required two-thirds vote during Session 8 of the 2016 convention [Yes: 921; No: 58]. It amends Article V B and Article XII 10 B by removing "assistant pastors" from the two lists of "advisory members [only]."

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

Article V Membership

B. Advisory Members

Advisory members only are the following:

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in the Synod
- ~~2. Assistant pastors~~
- ~~3. Ministers not in charge of congregations~~
- ~~4. Professors at the Synod's educational institutions~~
- ~~5. Teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church ...~~

Article XII Districts of the Synod and Their Regulation

10. The meetings of the districts of the Synod are composed of the following:

B. Advisory Members

Advisory members are:

- a. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in the Synod
- ~~b. Assistant pastors~~
- ~~c. Ministers not in charge of congregations~~
- ~~d. Professors at the Synod's educational institutions~~
- ~~e. Teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church ...~~

— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT B —

Resolution 11-18, "To Clarify and Confirm the Distinction between Synod and Corporate Synod and to Provide Consistency for the Meaning of 'Property of the Synod' Regarding Article IV Powers," received the required two-thirds vote during Session 8 of the 2016 convention, being adopted without any opposing votes. It amends Article IV by inserting, after "Synod," the words "in convention is empowered to and has formed corporate entities which."

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

Article IV Powers

The Synod in convention is empowered to and has formed corporate entities which shall have legal powers:

1. To purchase, hold, administer, and sell property of every description in the interest of the Synod;
2. To accept, hold, administer, and, if deemed advisable, dispose of legacies, donations, commercial papers, and legal documents of every description in the interest of its work.

— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT C —

Resolution 11-19, "To Clarify and Confirm the Distinction between Synod and Corporate Synod and to Provide Consistency for the Meaning of 'Property of the Synod' Regarding Article XI," received the required two-thirds vote during Session 8 of the 2016 convention [Yes: 903; No: 66]. It amends Article XI E 2 to replace instances of "Synod" with "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" and to clarify that "for the purposes of this article, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod includes both the Synod formed by this Constitution and the Missouri corporation formed by the Synod."

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

Article XI Rights and Duties of Officers

E. Composition and Duties of the Board of Directors

2. The Board of Directors is the legal representative ~~of the Synod. It is the~~ and custodian of all the property of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ~~the Synod~~, directly or by its delegation of such authority to an agency of the Synod. It shall exercise supervision over ~~all the property of the Synod and business affairs of the Synod~~ The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod except in those areas where it has delegated such authority to an agency of the Synod or where the voting members of the Synod through the adoption of bylaws or by other convention action have assigned specific areas of responsibility to separate corporate or trust entities, and as to those the Board of Directors shall have general oversight responsibility as set forth in the Bylaws. For the purposes of this article, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod includes both the Synod formed by this Constitution and the Missouri corporation formed by the Synod.

SERVANTS IN WORSHIP -JANUARY, 2017

DATE	TIME	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTER	GREETER	PROJECTIONIST
1	8:00 am	Martha Stevens	Jim Boltz	Donna Judd	TBA	Donna Meilahn	Sue Boltz	Mike Meilahn
	10:30 am	Ron Wedster		Donna Meilahn	Carole Vrshek	Faith Schulz	Carole Vrshek	Theresa Boltz
8	8:00 am	Martha Stevens			TBA	Terry Vrshek	Sue Boltz	Mike Meilahn
	10:30 am	Ron Wedster	Jim Bahr	Liz Wilczynski	Carole Vrshek	Carole Vrshek	Carole Vrshek	Theresa Boltz
15	8:00 am	Martha Stevens	Jim Boltz	Donna Judd	TBA	Pam Rutkowski	Sue Boltz	Mike Meilahn
	10:30 am	Ron Wedster		Sue Wilczynski	Carole Vrshek	Marye Meyer	Carole Vrshek	Theresa Boltz
22	8:00 am	Martha Stevens			TBA	Dorothy Lux	Sue Boltz	Mike Meilahn
	10:30 am	Ron Wedster	Jim Bahr	Aimee Wilczynski	Carole Vrshek	Doris Kracht	Carole Vrshek	Theresa Boltz
29	8:00 am	Martha Stevens			TBA	Pauline Griffin	Sue Boltz	Mike Meilahn
	10:30 am	Ron Wedster		Pam Rutkowski	Carole Vrshek	Nancy Fehser	Carole Vrshek	Theresa Boltz

Thank you for all you do for Christ and His Church!



Grow
in Christ

January, 2017

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 708.597.5209 hclc@hc-lc.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:00AM Worship/Traditional (C) 9:15AM Bible Class 10:30AM Worship/Contemporary	2	3 4:30PM Food Pantry	4	5 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 10:30AM Food Pantry 2:00PM Musicians Karen Vrshek (b)
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