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Tidings

The Monthly Newsletter of
House of Prayer Lutheran Church

January 2018

Dear House of Prayer family and friends,

As a new calendar year begins, we've all been shivering our way into it! My favorite strategy to fend off the cold is to make soup – like delicious, beautiful butternut squash soup and rich, dark, sweet onion soup – to enjoy and to put in my freezer for other winter days. Maybe your go-to warmup favorites include hot chocolate or a cozy place by the fire. I'm hoping your heart also gets warmed by the company of family or friends, by music or a good book that lifts your spirits, or by the example of people whose lives move you to acts of kindness or service or justice. The world needs the warmth that love and mercy offer!

At our last council meeting, Janet Waters, who works part-time for Ascentria, told us about being at Ascentria's Worcester office as gifts for many of their clients were ready to be delivered. In a space the size of a warehouse, gifts were absolutely everywhere, she said. It was stunning to see the abundance of gifts for teen mothers and their babies at Ruth House, for clients with disabilities, for residents in Ascentria-managed facilities, for children and youth in foster care, and more. And in the middle of all of it stood the program manager with a huge handful of gift cards. As tears ran down her face, she said, "Who does this? Who buys a hundred-dollar gift card for a total stranger and never asks their race or gender or age or how they got into the predicament they're in? Who does this?"

Really, who does this? People who've experienced grace and generosity themselves. People who hear or long to hear something that draws them into a life of purpose and meaning beyond themselves. People who've been to the manger and to the cross. People who love Jesus and love those whom Jesus loves. People like us who provided some of those gifts for children and teens in foster care.

Warmth and generosity are some of the defining characteristics of this congregation, and both qualities are gifts to a world that lately seems more cold and dark and selfish than we (and surely God) might hope for. In the year ahead, we will have opportunities to shine with the light of God's own Son, putting our faith into action and witnessing to the warmth and generosity we ourselves experience from God.

In John's gospel, we hear that "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." At this time of year, we remember that the Wise Men followed the light of a star that led them to Jesus, and we enjoy the season after Epiphany as a season of light. May God's own light and warmth envelop us despite the darkness and the chill, and may we share that light and warmth in the year ahead.

Grace and peace,
Pastor

Weekly Worship

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
10:45 - 11:30/11:45

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Dates to Note

Epiphany Dinner
January 4

Children's Choir Musical
January 7

Church Council Retreat
January 19-20

Congregational Meeting
January 21

Deadline for February Tidings
January 25



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HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT

*To share and spread Christ's message of love.
To nurture a vigorous and compassionate
church family, open to all.
To provide meaningful worship and Christian education.
And to actively reach out to help and serve others.*



ELCA MISSION STATEMENT

*"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed,
gathered and sent for the sake of the world"*



ALTAR FLOWERS

January 6 & 7 Boyd family
January 13 & 14
January 20 & 21
January 27 & 28

Flowers cost \$56.00 for two vases.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns to the glory of God,
given by Kristen Croke in memory of Haukom and
Croke family loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is \$20.00 for the month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Christian Education June Fontaine & Kim Boyd
Evangelism Ginny Just
Facilities Scott Morad
Finance & Stewardship open
Parish Life Brandy Hugo
Shepherds Barbara Buntrock & Linda Lundin

Adult Forums

The popular Adult Forum series continues on selected Sundays after worship in 2018 - in January/February Sandy Swanson will lead sessions on prayer. In March/April, Lenae Badger and Naomi Just will co-lead a series on the visual and musical arts- bulletins will have specific dates and times – please join us!

Confirmation updates:

We are moving our weekend in January to February - with great apologies to all, but have learned we just can't get the curriculum planned in time. So our first weekend in 2018 will be February 9/10 with the topic of Ten Commandments. The next dates for you to keep on your schedule are: March 2/3 - topic the Bible (backup weekend March 9/10). May 4/5 will be the topic of Communion (with back up dates of May 11/12). Calumet is June 22 thru June 26.

If any questions, please contact Vicki Oman, Phoebe Morad, Pastor Henry or Sandy Swanson.

Shepherds Meeting: Thursday January 18, 2018, 11 AM at HOP

Capital Campaign Update:

The first major project of HOP's capital campaign is complete – our beautiful, durable fellowship hall floor was installed in early December! Thanks to all who helped throughout the process for making the project happen. Still to come are repainting and installing the baseboards and the purchase of new chairs for the hall. Next in the lineup is the exterior wall project scheduled for spring.

SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT

(Kathleen Almand, Cathy Martin, Co –Chairpersons)



Due to the generosity of the congregation all the December projects were successful, 26 boxes were delivered to Wellspring, close to 50 contributions were made to the “Let That Little Light Shine” lantern project, Ascentria Giving Tree was completed and the ELCA Good Gifts project continues.

During the year the congregation supported through the Social Ministry Committee Habitat Building Day, lunch and dinner at Father Bill’s, backpacks and school supplies for Ascentria, God’s Work our Hands Community Work Day, ELCA Garden Gifts, Sunday School Drive for Sowing Seeds in Marshfield, Hingham Senior Center Halloween Lunch and dinners for the Hingham Veterans Home.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The Social Ministry Committee will meet on Sunday, January 7, after worship to formulate projects for 2018.

PHOTOS! GET YOUR PHOTOS! Taken, that is!

A new photo directory is being compiled, and I need your smiling faces. Meet Kim Boyd after church (or any time I might be there) in the foyer, in the little alcove with the grey fabric hanging up on the wall. It is to the left of the front doors of the church if you are standing in the foyer, facing the circle outside in the front of the church. Gather your family, and say cheese! Be prepared to give me your names, address, phone numbers, and email addresses as you would like them to appear in the directory. The goal is to have all the photos taken by FEBRUARY. Help me achieve this goal the council has set.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here is to hoping it is a year filled with health, happiness, and JOY! It's hard to believe that all the work we did to get ready for Jesus' coming (and the whole year) is over. Now is the time when we transition to the new testament in our lessons. In Godly Play

we were telling the stories of advent. In the older classrooms we were preparing a Christmas dinner box for Wellspring and shopping for those items, cutting out pictures for a project we're working on (making voice boards for those who cannot speak at South Shore Collaborative), making manger scenes and talking of the advent stories as well. Lots of projects to work on! See the pictures from our Christmas dinner box work.

Speaking of projects, please help us collect gently used or new children's books for those displaced from their homes and staying in hotels. A collection bin is in the foyer under the tables. If you would like to help make bags out of re-purposed leaf collection bags, please let Kim Boyd know. Waiting to hear from the church who sent them to us to also send along a pattern for us to follow.

Now that Advent is over, we are collecting the advent wreaths that we made in November so we can re-use them net year at the Advent event. Please place them in the green bin under the table in the foyer.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Children's Musical, "A Night of Dancing" performed by 9 of our youth on Sunday, January 7th during the worship service. Should be a wonderful performance. Good luck to all our friends who are sharing the good news through this story. See Lenae's notes for more details on this.

Due to the congregational meeting on Sunday, Jan 21st, there will be no Sunday School. There will be a movie in the hallway for all our non-confirmed younger members to watch during the meeting.

Sunday School calendar dates we will have Sunday School: Jan 7, 14, 28

Our next Christian Education committee meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14th after Sunday School. Feel free to pack a lunch so you can stay with us to share your thoughts and ideas. We always welcome new faces and suggestions!

Enjoy your Epiphany and look forward to seeing you back in Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Boyd and June Fontaine

MUSIC NOTES FROM LENA E

Happy New Year, Everyone!



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. What beautiful Christmas Eve services we had at HOP! Special thanks to all the instrumentalists who shared their talents during the prelude and during the 5:30 service -- **Kathleen Almand** and **Liam Toeks** (Kathleen's grandson!) on violin, **Madison Hugo** on flute, **Timothy Warneck** on piano, our flute quartet with **Kim and Emily Boyd, Madison, and Donna Hudson-Bryant, Christopher Warneck** on harp, and **Christian Koertje** on trumpet! Everyone played beautifully and it really added a special touch to that service. I also loved how quiet and attentive the congregation was while you were playing. They were all very impressed, I know! There are even more instrumentalists who'll be able to play next year, so I'm looking forward to that. Many thanks also to the 14 singers who sang in our Family Choir for the 5:30 service that night as well! You sounded great! Pastor said our anthem "was perfect for that service"! Thanks for making that happen!

Special thanks to **Emily Boyd** for sharing her lovely voice as the cantor for two of our Holden Evening Prayer mid-week Advent Services in December, and to **Carla Hill** for subbing for me for the 1st Advent service. Thanks also to Carla for playing two piano/organ duets with me for the Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 31st! Thanks to **Kathleen Almand** and **Kim Boyd** for adding some flute and violin to give some of our service music during Advent a different sound. Hope I'm not forgetting anyone!

Remember to mark your calendars for the **Children's Choir's short opera**, "A Night for Dancing" on Sunday, Jan. 7th! Please consider inviting some family and friends to join you! Nine children will be participating in this portrayal of the animals, led by a shepherd boy, who went to the stable to visit Mary and Joseph and worship the newborn King. The children have been working very hard to prepare for this, and we would love to have a full church that day!

Because of the children's presentation on Jan. 7th, there will be no Adult Choir rehearsal that morning. We will pick up again on **Sun., Jan. 14th at 8:30 a.m.**

Ramblings from Ed

January 2018

Happy New Year!

I hope this letter finds you healthy and still enjoying the afterglow of Christmas. And I hope you are staying warm! Baby, its cold outside!

New Years is a time for resolutions. Did you make any? The YMCA will be crazy for about a month until the "I am going to lose 10 pounds "wears off. What are some of the other "resolutions" out there?



Here is one for you. I resolve to work to make House of Prayer an even stronger, thriving congregation.

This resolution is about all of us spreading God's word through our many missions, in many different ways!

How do we do it? I know it starts with each of us. Its starts not only with our monetary gifts, but more importantly our time and talent! What do you do or know that can help us make this resolution? What is your special something?

Making House of Prayer a stronger, thriving congregation has been on the council agenda and we will again wrestle with this at our retreat later in January. Hopefully we will pick up more pieces of the puzzle and add in your pieces to really see some positive movement in this resolution.

Ed Martin
President of the Congregation

	Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary
January 2	Michaela Johnson	January 8	Ken & Barbara Buntrock
January 3	Cathy Martin	January 14	Kristin & Bob Golden
January 6	Ursula Hackemer		
January 12	Donna Hudson-Bryant		
January 18	Gene Lancaster		
January 20	Glen Olsson		
January 24	Dee Davidson		
January 21	Camden Vassallo		
January 25	Tim Linscott		

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the calendar, contact Kristen in the office.

January 2018

Saturday	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
Usher				
Communion Asst		Ann Moegle		
Reader				

Worship coordinator	Naomi	Phoebe	Sandy	
Sunday	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Ushers	Ken & Barbara Buntrock	1. 2.	Ken & Barbara Buntrock	1. 2.
Acolyte				
Communion Asst/ Cross Bearer	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Reader	Ken Buntrock		Ken Buntrock	
Coffee	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Kids snack				

Altar Guild – Barbara Buntrock

****Ushers please arrive by 9am; Communion Assistants please arrive by 9:20. If you are unable to be at worship, please arrange to swap with someone else on the chart or ask a friend in the congregation to substitute for you. If possible inform the church office before Thursday of that week. Or you may contact the Sunday morning coordinator listed above the Sunday you are signed up to assist if you cannot find a replacement.**

Prayer List

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."
Proverbs 3:27*

Adams, Maureen (friend of Grays)
Ahlstrom, Nancy (friend of Gerda Hall)
Anderson, Arlene (friend of Diezemann's)
Armstrong, Sophie (Bergman's granddaughter)
B., John (friend of Gray's)
Badger, Tim
Bernard, Jamie (friend of Chris Hayes)
Bryson, Caitlin (friend of Chris Hayes)
Bush, Nancy (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Carlson, Joanne (Linda Lundin's sister)
Clifford, Kathy (friend of Kim Boyd)
Collins/Nava family (friends of Dana Abbott)
D'Allesandro, Diane (friend of Leah McGaughey)
D'Arcy, Peggy
Daley, Katie (friend of Chris Hayes)
Dauber, Lynda (friend of Parsekians)
Denehy, Tom (brother of Kate Bergman)
Dleon, Lucia (friend of Karen Nilsson)
Dresser family (friends of Leah McGaughey)
Everett, Glenn (friend of Lenae)
Ferdinand, George (friend of Mary Jane P.)
Fichtner, Shirley (sister of Vicki Haukom)
Foley, Marylou (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Forrest, Liz (friend of Kim Boyd)
Fraser, Jack (friend of Linda Lundin)
Gifford, Bill (friend of Chris Hayes)
Gilarde, Vinny friend of Chris Hayes)
Gilmore, Lois (sister of Vicki Haukom)
Glennon, Tom (friend of Parsekian's)
Hackemer, Henry
Hall, Christopher (friend of Vicki Oman)
Hall, Kevin (nephew of Rae & Gerda Hall) ☆
Hammerquist family
Harmon, Rose (friend of Chris Hayes)
Higginbottom, Sophia (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Hussey, Brendan (friend of Croke family) ☆
Husted, Susan (friend of Ruth & Gus Diezemann)
Isles, Andrea (sister of Katie Linscott)
Kalla, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)
Kiely, Mary (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Kroll, Gertrude (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Lawless, Pat (friend of Joan Philipon)
Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)
Leary, Kris (daughter of Millie Hill)
Lewis, Mary Ellen & Paul (friends of Bill & Chris Hayes)
Lombard, Dan (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Lundin, Kurt
MacKennon, Linnie (friend of Lundins)
Mears, Les
Mitchell, Marcia
Mulcahy, Jennifer (niece of Diezemanns)
Mulkern, Carol (LCC member, friend of many)
Newcomb, Erin (friend of Mabel Ericson)
Nickele, John (friend of Parsekians)
Occhipinti family (friends of Dana Abbott)
O'Donnell, Kathleen (friend of Rita LaPlante)
Oliveira, Andrew (friend of Croke family) ☆
Olsson, Adam (Doris' grandson) ☆
Olsson, Emily (Doris' granddaughter) ☆
Olsson, Todd (Doris' grandson) ☆
Paresky, David (friend of Parsekians)
Parker, Marilyn (friend of Dorothy Flett)
Parsekian, David
Patterson, Betty
Pearson, Everett (father of Suzanne Vaughan)
Pitman family (friends of Pastor Henry)
Rawlins, Betty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Rawlins, Patty (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Renee & John (friends of Dana Abbott)
Richardson, Al (friend of Kristen Croke)
Richardson, David (Victoria's uncle)
Roger & Audrey (friends of Naomi Just)
Scott-Rawlins, Cherese (friend of Myrtle Hickman)
Sheehan, Alice
Street, Bill
Street, Marcy
Sullivan, Elizabeth (daughter of Alice Sheehan)
Sullivan, George (friend of Bill Hayes)
Surprenant, Louise (sister of Joan Philipon)
Trubiano, Norma (friend of Diezemanns)
Varraso, Margaret (friend of Rae & Gerda Hall)
Vaughan & Pearson families
von Lange, Hans-Jochen (friend of Ursula Hackemer)
Warhaftig, Andrew (friend of Victoria Warneck)
Wilson, Matthew Leary, Erin (Millie's granddaughter)
Winiewicz, Judy (friend of Bill & Chris Hayes)
Wood, Ann (friend of Chris Hayes)

☆ Denotes serving in military



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 11:30AM Staff meeting	4 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal 6PM Ladies Epiphany dinner	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 9AM Youth Choir Dress rehearsal 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
7 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour 11AM Social Min Ctee meets	8	9	10	11 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	12	13 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
14 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour 12PM Christian Education ctee meets	15 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Church Office closed</i>	16 1PM "In Stitches" meets	17	18 11:00AM Shepherd committee meets 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	19 6-9PM Council Retreat at the home of Kathleen Almand	20 9-2PM Council meeting & Retreat 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
21 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service – Youth musical 10:50AM Coffee Hour & Congregational meeting	22	23	24	25 <i>Tidings Deadline</i> 9:30AM Bible study 6PM Youth Choir rehearsal	26	27 3PM Saturday Music rehearsal 4:30PM Worship Service
28 8:30AM Adult Choir rehearsal 9:30AM Worship Service 10:50AM Coffee & Education Hour	29	30	31			

Other groups meeting schedule
 7AM AA
 10:00AM OA
 6PM Good Grief
 7PM US
 7AM AA
 10AM OA
 5:30PM Alanon
 7PM ACOA
 7AM AA
 9:15 AM BCC
 7PM Men's AA
 7AM AA
 6:30PM Men's OA
 7PM Alanon
 7AM AA
 10AM OA

