



# The Parish Beacon

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the start of the New Year, many people set goals to work toward in the next year. Resolutions are made to be better in the next year than we have been in the past. These resolutions may be centered on our health, perhaps losing weight and getting into better shape. Sometimes these resolutions are centered on financial status; perhaps to pay off debt or work toward retirement.

These goals are usually accompanied by a plan of how to carry them out. Health plans typically include a food regimen and a weekly workout schedule to accomplish them. If you have the goal concerning a financial plan, it is usually paired with a budget that you keep to the letter. Often these goals focus only on ourselves. While it is good to focus on bettering ourselves, are there other goals we can work to accomplish in the next year?

What are ways that we can love our neighbor as ourselves? What if we had the goal to share our faith with someone? We can share the love that Jesus has for us with one another. We can share what has been given to us with our neighbor. Maybe this means looking for opportunities to share the Word of God with a friend at work. Maybe this means saying, “God Bless you” to the greeter at the big box store. We can look for these opportunities to witness.

As with health and financial goals, it helps to have a plan. We have been provided with valuable tools for the task we have been given. God gives us His Word to equip us for witness in the world. Daily reading of God’s Word prepares us to witness.

**“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

We can look for opportunities to always give witness to who Christ is and what He has done for us. As we celebrate His birth, His death on the cross and resurrection for us, we can have a plan to share the good news of what He did for us with others.

**“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Peter 3:15-16**

In Christ’s Name,  
*Vicar Andrew Wolfram*



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## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 1 Divine Service 9:30am  
***No Sunday School or Adult Class***
- 2 ***New Year's Day observed - Office Closed***
- 3 Human Care 6:00pm
- 4 Choir Rehearsal Resumes 6:45pm
- 5 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 6 Staff Epiphany Party 6:30pm
- 7 GGG 7:30am Iowa City Hy-Vee 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Board of Elders 9:00am
- 8 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am  
Kings Party - Confirmation 12:00pm
- 9 Outreach Committee 6:30pm  
Preschool Board 7:00pm  
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 10 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am  
Stephen Ministry Peers - Marcia/Skip 6:30pm
- 11 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Midweek Meal 6:00pm  
Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
Properties Committee 7:00pm
- 14 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 15 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
- 16 ***Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed***
- 17 Assimilation Committee 7:00pm
- 18 Midweek Classes 6:45pm
- 19 Women's Beth Moore 7:00pm
- 20-21 Marriage Retreat
- 22 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
- 23 Stephen Ministry Peers - Thompsons 6:00pm
- 24 Women's Beth Moore 9:30pm  
LLL Meeting 7:30pm
- 25 Bible Study 11:00am  
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm  
Midweek Classes 6:45pm  
College Care Packages 6:45pm
- 26 Theology 101 7:00pm

- 28 Men's Bible Study 8:00am  
Baby Kit Baby Shower 10:00am
- 29 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am

***Pastor out of the office  
January 17-27  
Class in St. Louis***



January 11  
6:00 pm

*Everyone is welcome! Freewill offering.*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Communion on January 14, 15, 28, 29**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**  
*Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon*  
*No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided*

**Choir meets Wednesdays—6:45pm**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—**  
**Contact Myrl Holida [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or**  
**Louise Klopp [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



Resume January 11  
Midweek Meal 6pm  
Classes 6:45pm



January 20-21



January 4  
6:45pm  
Room 206



January 28-29



Theology 101  
**January 26, 2017**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Board Room**



LLL Meeting  
January 24  
7:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



Baby Kit Baby Shower  
January 28 at 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall  
All women, young and old,  
are welcome!  
Traditional baby shower,  
but gifts go to Lutheran  
World Relief



Basics of the Faith  
February 3, 7-9pm  
February 4  
8:30 am-2:30pm



KINGS PARTY  
Confirmation  
Sunday, January 8  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



February 5  
12:00pm  
Fellowship Hall



January 8  
Following 10:30 am service



# Stephen Ministry

By Marcia Hulse

We care, Christ cures.

I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY!

God's love is always there, but sometimes it can be really hard to feel it, especially when you're going through a crisis. That's probably when people doubt God's presence the most, when their faith is the most vulnerable.

Karen, my Stephen Minister, had arranged to visit me in my home. I had drawn on lipstick before she came over, but no amount of make-up could cover the dark circles under my eyes. Nor could I hide the postpartum depression that had smothered my joy and cause my spiritual doubt. She and I sat together on the couch. I had mismatched socks and tried to hide the wardrobe malfunction by pulling my legs under me. I sat on my feet until they tingled and went numb.

My husband and I had been attending Karen's church regularly, but for me, the hymns felt like mouthed abstractions toward an unseen God. I was swimming in my depression and drowning under the guilt of my declining faith.

For some reason, my doubt felt like failure, like something that needed to be confessed. Like something I should feel terribly sorry for. So I kept my doubt bottled up, and I nodded with the pastor when he preached the gospel, and I closed my eyes when I sang hymns, like maybe I could will myself to believe sometime before the organist hit the final chord.

My wall crumbled that day Karen came by. I didn't intend to unzip my heart that day. Maybe my bone-tiredness had started to crumble my wall and I could no longer keep my secrets. I can't say for sure, but I just started to spill my scrambled thoughts.

I do remember the softness of her eyes. I remember the way she put her hand on my arm, like she was expressing God's love in a tangible way that I could feel. I remember, mostly, how my doubt came up and out, like it was air coming out of a balloon. I kept on talking, and she kept on listening and caring.

Before Karen, I had feared condemnation for my doubt. But she held it gently in her hands. She also reminded me that to be a Christian means to forgive ourselves because God has forgiven the inexcusable in us.

Asking for a Stephen Minister is one of the best things I could have done for myself. Karen was what I needed. She said that we aren't made to handle these things alone. Our Lord is a present friend and a ready ear. Trust Him. But also seek a steady shoulder to cry on and a sympathetic person to listen to you face-to-face. That is the power of Stephen Ministry to me. She was someone I could trust who didn't judge or gossip. She was a wise, older woman at church who survived my stage of life and learned valuable lessons in the process. She was that someone to talk to. She was my safe place.

During my meetings with Karen, I found a way out of my doubts. A few years later I began to teach Sunday School, and help with our Vacation Bible School program. Eventually this led to my faith walk and I became a Stephen Minister to encourage other Christian women who are also going through a difficult time trying to figure things out.

I would encourage anyone who is suffering, discouraged, or going through a difficult time to ask for a Stephen Minister. And if someone offers a Stephen Minister to you, say, "Yes!" It really is life-changing.

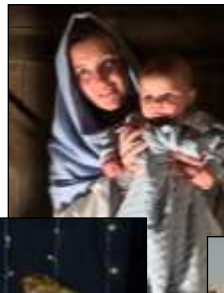
*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."* (Proverbs 3:5). Regardless of what goes wrong, always believe that God loves you and cares what happens to you.





A guest musician accompanied our members and guests as we sang Christmas carols.

The high school youth portrayed the Nativity scene with great reverence.



A huge thank you to all who helped with the Live Nativity! Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Cheryll & Vaughn Davisson  
Rick Gienapp  
Denise & Myrl Holida  
Rita & Gary Johnson  
Marilyn & Skip Kempnich  
Jennifer & Eric Kooker  
Lonne Loney  
The Murken Family  
Julie Nieland  
Denise Schwarting  
Kevin & Laurel Sellers  
Will Tollefson  
Julie & Joel Van Zante  
Vicar Wolfgram  
Pastor & Kara Hartwig  
And the High School Youth*



Every 30 minutes, Pastor read the account of Christ's birth from Luke, lead us in prayer and the singing of "Silent Night."

Pictures by Lonne Loney, Denise Schwarting, & Kevin Sellers



About 100 people attended. Members from Our Redeemer welcomed visitors and hosted the refreshments area.





Friday,  
December 16



Photos by Kara Hartwig &  
Vicar Wolfgram



# THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS



## 2016 Funded Action Teams

Parsonage-Paint, supplies  
 Quilts for Shelter House  
 Pancake Day  
 Quilt backs for Domestic Violence w/2 NM friends  
 Tasting Bee -Preschool  
 Stephen Ministry Retreat  
 Confirmation Trip bus  
 Lock Out  
 Hospital Worker Appreciation  
 Trivia Challenge  
 VBS  
 Sewing new bell table covers  
 NYG "Witnessing Buttons" for Youth  
 Christ Cares Sunday  
 UKANDU  
 NYG  
 Vicar Farewell  
 Seed money for new stoves  
 Faith Fest  
 Picnic in the Park  
 Remembering Abby: Light Up the Night  
 Rally Bracelets  
 LWML Sunday flowers  
 Hope Lodge need list for LWML Serving Event  
*Immeasurably More Inform event*  
*Immeasurably More Contribution Envelopes*  
 Parade Party  
 Thanksgiving Bread  
 Youth Sunday microphones  
 Prime Time  
 Basics of the Faith  
 Quilts for Haiti  
 Youth Skit - Microphone  
 Youth Pie Sale  
 Live Nativity  
 Quilters for baby blankets  
 Senior Blessing Blankets  
 College Care Packages  
 Christmas & Carols  
 Costumes  
 Canopy  
 Christmas & Cookies  
 Advent Meal

\$10,500

\$10,500!! Action Teams supported by Thrivent are making a huge difference and expanding the church budget! The projects listed to the left are the ones that have been reported to the office—there may be more. It is a simple online application for any Thrivent member over 16 years of age. You create a Thrivent Action account, describe what your team plans to do and how it might benefit the community or church or meet a need. If accepted (decision is usually within a couple of days), you will be sent a \$250 gift card along with any tee shirts or banners you might request. A short online follow-up report is expected after the project is completed and you cannot apply for another if you have a report outstanding. Each member is allowed two grants per calendar year and they must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the event.

If you have not used your opportunities, consider what you are doing or can do that could benefit from an Action Team Grant. If you have questions, call the church office.

The bread in the Thanksgiving Eve service (below) was purchased as a part of a Thrivent Action Team.







*November 27*



Photos courtesy of  
Kara Hartwig and  
Tom Strumpel





Every April and October the Mission Committee of the LWML organizes contributions into kits to send for Lutheran Word Relief. This spring baby kits will be the focus.

Each kit includes:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (no feet)
- receiving blankets (cotton, flannel, or lightweight crocheted or knitted, up to 52")
- cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred)
- jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods (or include a baby cap)
- baby socks
- dark-colored hand towels
- bars of gentle soap
- large diaper pins



Baby clothes should be sizes 6 to 24 months and can be gently used if in excellent condition. See <https://lwr.org/wp-content/uploads/Baby-Kit-Assembly-Instructions.pdf> for more details.

### Two Ways to help:

1. Women and girls of all ages are invited to attend the “Baby Kit Baby Shower” January 28 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. See details in coming *Reflections*.
2. Bring your new or gently used items and place in the blue tubs across from the kitchen. Get new baby items for Christmas? Clothes outgrown? If they are in good condition, give them a second life! Find a good after Christmas sale? Consider a purchase and donation.

MISSION	DECEMBER
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Fund	416.67
Consultation of Religious	375.00
Concordia Seminary	500.00
Food for the Poor	250.00
Lutheran Hour	625.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6333.34</b>
<b>Member Contributions</b>	
Crisis Center	\$25.00
Transforming Campus Ministry	\$210.00





Sunday,  
December 18



Directed by Allison Haack  
Gae Ellyn Gentsch, Accompanist

Pictures by Art Schwarting and  
Karyl Bohnsack







*We have the privilege to teach 3-5 year olds  
about letters, numbers, rhyming,  
and their Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## Enroll TODAY

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Please see Kaja Mueller for more information. REGISTER TODAY!

Contact [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org) or 319-338-3949.





# MULTI-AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Pictures from Kara Hartwig & Denise Schwarting





# Missionary UPDATE

Molly Christensen visited Our Redeemer on Labor Day weekend prior to leaving for the mission field.

Dear friends and family,

Greetings in Christ from Nairobi, Kenya where I am currently serving as a nurse missionary. My first month here has been wonderful and blessed by the Lord. He has been my constant source of hope and security as I learn how to live in a new country and culture. Jesus is and will forever be the reason I am here. Living in Africa during the Christmas season is a new experience for me. Every time I hear familiar Christmas carols being played, or sung, I feel a deep sense of peace in my heart. People all over the world are celebrating the birth of our Savior! I am reminded that Jesus came to earth to bring salvation for all nations.

My first month in Kenya has been a time of listening and learning. I have been blessed with a room mate who has been so helpful in patiently teaching me. Julie is also a missionary here who is kindly sharing her apartment with me. She has lived in Kenya for 15 months already and is a great source of cultural knowledge. She has gone home to Minnesota for Christmas, so I am getting to put all my new skills into practice. I have learned how to cook here, buy food, barter at the fruit market, take a crowded matatu (taxi bus) to the office, and have a hot shower, among many other things. Everyday is a wonderful adventure filled with lots of prayer and constant trust in Jesus.

Another blessing in my life here are the other missionary families whom I get to call my second family. We are able to get together often for holidays, Bible study, Advent and church services. I am looking forward to our Christmas activities together as we celebrate our Heavenly Father's love for us through His Son Jesus. I am also thankful for you, my friend and supporter in this endeavor. It would not be possible for me to serve here, and share Jesus love, without you. I hope you know just how grateful I am for you and for this opportunity to serve.

I am looking forward to some exciting new children's healthcare and outreach projects next year, and I can't wait to share with you how God is working here. Thank you for coming along with me as I serve God's people in East Africa.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas celebration!

In Christ's love,  
Molly



It was an honor to visit this family in their home to pray and encourage them in the Lord.

December 3  
9-11 am

Pictures by Beth Hargens &  
Karyl Bohnsack

The High School Class  
helps with set up



# Cookie Walk



Cookie Display



Workers



Weighing—\$6 per pound



People wait in  
line for over an  
hour to be first

Preparations



The money changers







Dawn on the Winter Solstice 2016, Alexandria, VA, USA

December 2016

Arise, shine, for your light  
has come.



Julie Lutz, with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
in Greater Asia for a time

### *The coming of the sun ...*

The days relentlessly darken earlier; the mornings wrap themselves in darkness, daring the dawn to encroach. We don't experience the seasonal changes in daylight in Papua New Guinea to the extent you do in latitudes further from the equator. This year with being in the US, I felt the darkness grow. So sorry for you ... But then, I became excited knowing the solstice had arrived and with it, the promise of more light each day.



Christmas worship in Papua New Guinea

I had not realized before what an apropos time of year (in the northern hemisphere) it is to celebrate the Light which has come into the world - Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

### *A change is coming ...*

I will be traveling to Hong Kong right after Christmas and will be based there for a spell. I will still be with LCMS. I will still be trying to find my way back to Papua New Guinea. In the meantime, I will be assisting with Human Care projects with Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. And ... that's about all I know. This is another venture into the unknown, in which the only certainty is that God is leading, and it is His light I will be sharing.

### *Please pray ...*

- ♦ In thankfulness that Christ, the Light of the world, has come, and that His children are beacons of His love in the dark world;
- ♦ For guidance, wisdom, and courage when darkness clouds the clear path forward;
- ♦ That my service with CWEF in Asia would be blessed, that I will learn aptly and serve effectively, and that at the right time, the door to PNG would open again.
- ♦ For an extra measure of "bel isi" (peace) to my family, friends, and colleagues in PNG, and for reconciliation within the Gutnius Lutheran Church.

With joy and peace in the Light -- Jesus Christ, our newborn King,  
Julie Lutz



God is able to do  
*Immeasurably*  
**M♥RE**  
 ...according to the power that works within us.  
 Ephesians 3:20  
 than we can imagine ...

**126 Pledges for  
 \$624,047.64**

**Cash in hand  
 \$93,599.41**

## Board of Directors Financial Report December

November ended with total income of \$67,169.39 with expenses of \$64,811.65 giving a cash flow of \$2,357.74.

Year to date income \$602,878.33 with expenses of \$619,937.01 giving a negative cash flow of \$(17,058.68). Normal December increase in giving should make end the year with balanced budget.



48 people from Our Redeemer attended the Newsboys Love Riot Tour concert in Cedar Rapids on December 11.



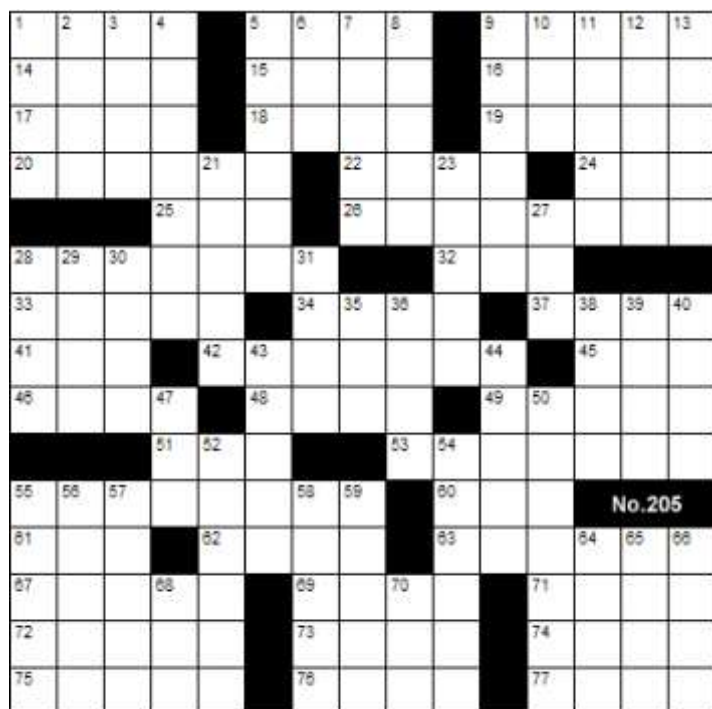
## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Transfer In</u>	
Harold & Shirley Losby	12-20-2016
<u>Death</u>	
Amy Gerard Buzalsky	11-25-2016
Dennis Kahler	12-5-2016



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## ACROSS

1. he said, \_\_\_\_, Father, all things are possible unto thee (Mark 14:36) KJV
5. made themselves an idol \_\_\_\_ in the shape of a calf (Exod 32:8)
9. until we all \_\_\_\_ unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God (Eph 4:13)
14. and called on the name of Baal from morning even until \_\_\_\_ (1 King 18:26)
15. Take a pot, and put an \_\_\_\_ full of manna therein (Exodus 16:33)
16. first letter of Greek alphabet (Rev 21:6)
17. Will you keep to the old path that evil men have \_\_\_\_? (Job 22:15)
18. Who shall change our \_\_\_\_ body, that it may be fashioned (Phil 3:21)
19. it bites like a snake and poisons like a \_\_\_\_ (Prov 23:32)
20. \_\_\_\_ matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court (Matt 5:25)
22. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, \_\_\_\_ sabachthani?" (Mark 15:34)
24. He trusted in God; \_\_\_\_ him deliver him now (Matt 27:43)
25. Moses, Aaron and \_\_\_\_ went to the top of the hill (Ex 17:10)
26. as a drunkard \_\_\_\_ around in his vomit (Isa 19:14)
28. All flying \_\_\_\_ that swarm are unclean (Deut 14:19)
32. we sailed to the \_\_\_\_ of Crete, opposite Salmone (Acts 27:7)
33. and the \_\_\_\_ shall cry to his fellow (Isa 34:14) (KJV)
34. drove the sea back with a strong \_\_\_\_ wind (Exod 14:21)
37. He will be like rain falling on a \_\_\_\_ field (Ps 72:6)
41. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot \_\_\_\_, promised (Titus 1:2)
42. Master, what shall I do to inherit \_\_\_\_ life? (Luke 10:25)
45. Even the \_\_\_\_ in the field deserts her newborn fawn (Jer 14:5)
46. under oaks and poplars and \_\_\_\_ (Hos 4:13) KJV
48. He came \_\_\_\_ his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11)
49. he sent out \_\_\_\_ to see if the water had receded (1,4) (Gen 8:8)
51. So God created man in his \_\_\_\_ image (Gen 1:27)
53. for out of that well they \_\_\_\_ the flocks (Gen 29:2)
55. and jeered at him. "Go on up, you \_\_\_\_" they said (2 Kings 2:23)
60. \_\_\_\_ rid of all bitterness, rage and anger (Eph 4:31)
61. Our forefathers \_\_\_\_ the manna in the desert (John 6:31)

62. if his hands are \_\_\_\_, the house leaks (Eccl 10:18)
63. Also there \_\_\_\_ olive trees by it (3,3) (Zech 4:3)
67. The lazy man does not \_\_\_\_ his game (Prov 12:27)
69. leave out (Jer.26.2)
71. \_\_\_\_ respect for the elderly and revere your God (Lev 19:32)
72. eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and \_\_\_\_ it (1 Pet 3:11) (KJV)
73. But he took \_\_\_\_ of their distress when he heard their cry (Ps 106:44)
74. he \_\_\_\_ his clothes and put on sackcloth (2 Kings 19:1)
75. John tried to \_\_\_\_ him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you (Matt 3:14)
76. son of Seth (Gen 4:26) KJV
77. for this \_\_\_\_ up the Law and the Prophets (Matt 7:12)

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_ are creatures of little strength (Prov 30:25)
2. He himself \_\_\_\_ our sins in his body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24)
3. Footwear (Isa 9:5)
4. they were filled with awe; \_\_\_\_ praised God (3,4) (Matt 9:8)
5. He lieth under the shady trees, in the \_\_\_\_ of the reed (Job 40:21) KJV
6. Moses said unto God, Who \_\_\_\_, that I should go (2,1) (Exod 3:11)
7. She makes linen garments and \_\_\_\_ them (Prov 31:24)
8. live with your wives, and \_\_\_\_ them with respect (1 Peter 3:7)
9. will be forgotten, and the famine will \_\_\_\_ the land (Gen 41:30)
10. the two sons of \_\_\_\_, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests (1 Sam 1:3)
11. Keep me as the \_\_\_\_ of your eye (Ps 17:8)
12. Get up and eat! \_\_\_\_ up. I'll get you the vineyard (1 Kings 21:7)
13. her princes are become like \_\_\_\_ that find no pasture (Lam 1:6) KJV
21. not greedy of filthy \_\_\_\_; but patient, not a brawler (1 Tim 3:3) KJV
23. we found out that the island was called \_\_\_\_ (Acts 28:1)
27. two stones the way a \_\_\_\_ cutter engraves a seal (Exod 28:11)
28. was in the \_\_\_\_ that is called Patmos (Rev 1:9)
29. Unless I see the \_\_\_\_ marks in his hands and put (John 20:25)
30. there shall come forth a rod out of the \_\_\_\_ of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1)
31. those men, when they had \_\_\_\_ the miracle that Jesus did (John 6:14)
35. How \_\_\_\_ thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12) KJV
36. white like wool, as white as \_\_\_\_ (Rev 1:14)
38. dead man, "by this time there is a bad \_\_\_\_ (John 11:39)
39. Delilah took the seven braids of his head, \_\_\_\_ them into the fabric (Judg 6:13)
40. Share with God's people who are in \_\_\_\_ (Rom 12:13)
43. My harp is \_\_\_\_ to mourning, and my flute to the sound of wailing (Job 30:31)
44. About ten days \_\_\_\_, the LORD struck Nabal and he died (1 Sam 25:38)
47. a layer or clump of earth, turf
50. The LORD \_\_\_\_ lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful (Prov 12:22)
52. wash me, and I will be \_\_\_\_ than snow (Ps 51:7)
54. I will make thy windows of \_\_\_\_, and thy gates of carbuncles (Isa 54:12) KJV
55. and with \_\_\_\_ arm prophesy against her (Ezek 4:7)
56. put an end to sin, to \_\_\_\_ for wickedness (Dan 9:24)
57. From the \_\_\_\_ to the greatest, all are greedy for gain (Jer 6:13)
58. Man does not live on bread \_\_\_\_ (Matt 4:4)
59. Jesus rebuked the \_\_\_\_, and it came out of the boy (Matt 17:18)
64. I commanded thee, saying, \_\_\_\_ shalt not eat of it: (Gen 3:17) (KJV)
65. their \_\_\_\_ does not die, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:48)
66. you must cancel any debt your brother \_\_\_\_ you (Deut 15:3)
68. if someone wants to \_\_\_\_ you and take your tunic (Matt 5:40)
70. What have \_\_\_\_ do with thee, Jesus (1,2) (Mark 5:7) KJV

# Youth

6th—12th Graders

## Confirmation Kings' Party

Sun, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

12:00 pm — 1:30 pm

Fellowship Hall



*Just as the three wise men came together after Jesus was born, we will gather together in His name after Christmas Celebrations. Our Annual Kings' Party has a special cake and fun games.*

**WHO:** All Confirmation students

**WHAT TO BRING:** A \$5.00 wrapped gift for the gift exchange (suitable for boy or girl; ex: gift card, candy, chocolate, DVD, book, deck of cards, earbuds...)

**RSVP:** on SignUp Genius or by contacting Kara

## January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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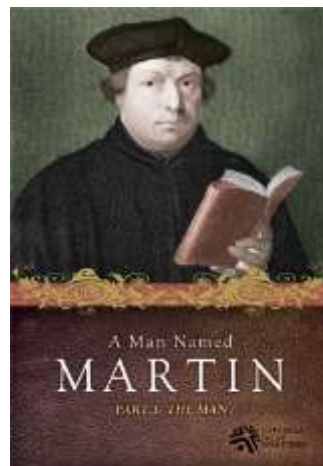
8	Coffee Hour Hosted by 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families	8:45 am
8	Kings' Party Confirmation Youth	12:00 pm
11	Midweek Meal for all Clean-up crew: 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families	6:00 pm
11	Midweek Classes resume Confirmation & High School	6:45 pm
11	Confirmation Verse Due 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	6:45 pm
25	College Care Packages High School	6:45 pm



Wednesday,  
January 11, 2017  
6:45 pm

Midweek Meal  
Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm

Potato Bar



## High School Youth Midweek

will begin Part 1 of the DVD series: "A Man Named Martin" January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Hear the details of Luther's life—his childhood, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his many writings, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father



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### DEADLINES

**Reflections** (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### TELEVISION ~ RADIO

**Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18** every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street"** is shown on Public Access Television Channel 18 on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

### VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.

## Within Reach

*Luke 8:47-48*

My husband,  
dozing in and out of a dream,  
Reaches out to touch me,  
to assure himself as to his whereabouts.

Thank you, Lord,  
for being  
Within my reach  
during my uncertain times.

*~Carol Schuldt*

