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Sunday – Worship – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Christian Education – 9:15 AM

Wednesday – Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Office Hours – Monday-Thursday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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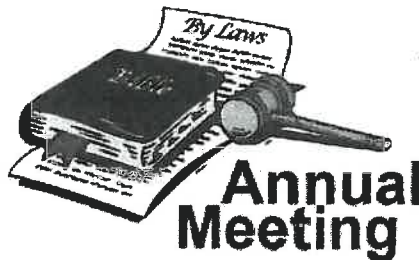
Our Mission Statement ...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving equipping and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 4th**
following the 10:30 AM worship service.
A light lunch will be served.



**Written and financial reports are due in the office
no later than Monday, January 8th in order to be
included in the Annual Report.**

If at all possible, please send your report via e-mail to
office@firstlutheran-gladstone.org. Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR ...**When We Say All Are Welcome Do We Mean
All Are Welcome?**

There are no limits to God's Love. Because of human sin, there are limits to our love. We are called to reach beyond our sinful nature to love as Jesus loved, to welcome as Jesus welcomed. At our council special training event we learned that this takes work. We believe that we are prepared to do this work. On January 28th we are going to have a conversation. We will use the "Thriving in Change" model for how to hold difficult conversations about things that matter.

We are called to love as Jesus loved and to welcome as Jesus welcomed. This call is focused on a more specific welcome in the ELCA Social Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust (2009)*, which, I quote: "*Calls(s) upon congregations and members of this church to welcome, care for, and support same-gender couples and their families,*" (p.19) and "*Recognize that (the church) has a pastoral responsibility to all children of God (p.19), which includes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.*". That's the call.

The reality is that most people hold deep and firm convictions when it comes to this topic. These deeply held convictions may contribute to creating conversations, discussions, or dialogues that are emotional and, at best, are often non-productive, or, at worst, damaging to the relationships of the participants. That is why we have spent time and training to prepare for this conversation. Council and other leaders have been trained to help us have a respectful and productive discussion about questions like these.

- Should we allow the weddings of same-gender couples in our church building?
- Is it OK for our pastor to conduct a wedding for a couple of the same gender? What if he or she does it at another site?
- How do we present a unified congregational welcome when significant numbers of members hold different viewpoints regarding this topic?

We are guided by this intended result: that congregation members will gain a collective understanding of how to proactively welcome and invite into common ministry all people, including our gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning sisters and brothers in Christ. And, **at the end of the process** by which this understanding is gained, **that the people in the congregation remain willing to respect those with different opinions and love one another as Christ loves them.**

According to John, chapter 13, as Jesus said goodbye to his disciples he gave them a new commandment, *to love one another as he had loved them. In this way, all would know that Jesus was their teacher.* Later, as Jesus prays for his disciples, he prays, “... *Holy Father, protect those whom you gave me in your name, so that they may be one, as we are one*”.

We believe that the congregations who maintain their love for one another by remaining united despite their differing convictions will provide for the world powerful witness to the deep, wide, and unconditional love of God.

We have an example of that from our Churchwide assembly in 2009:

The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was notable for its adoption of the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* and its accompanying “Recommendations for Ministry Policies.” Also of note at that assembly, however, was the prayer that marked the difficult and impassioned debate. Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson halted the proceedings every twenty minutes to lead the voting members of the assembly in prayer. Often members who were arguing on opposing sides would lay hands on and pray for each other in a demonstration of mutual respect and Christian love.

While there is still disagreement over the outcome of the debate, the witness of prayer across differences is powerful and still relevant. Especially as social media such as Facebook and Twitter increasingly polarize controversial conversations, this example can illuminate a different approach. (from *Sundays & Season*, Easter 7A)

We pray that this spirit of unity is the hallmark of the dialogues and conversations we may have concerning this topic.

What is the scope of the issue?

The ELCA Social Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, states:

“Although at this time this church lacks consensus on this matter, it encourages all people to live out their faith in the local and global community of the baptized with profound respect for the conscience-bound belief of the neighbor.”

The respect of “conscience-bound belief” is at the heart of our church’s position to allow different viewpoints regarding this topic. So let me say a word about this concept.

A Word about Respecting Differing Conscience-Bound Beliefs

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, Retired Professor of Reformation History and Lutheran Confessions at our Seminary in Philadelphia, addressed the 2009 ELCA General Assembly and spoke about the respect of bound conscience as a legacy that we have received from St. Paul and the early Lutheran reformers. His address concluded with these words:

*“The [Lutheran reformers] insisted that consciences also needed care and respect from the entire church. It is precisely this concern that lies at the heart of our proposal. Respect for bound conscience, you see, does not mean that one can simply declare one’s own conscience to be bound to a particular interpretation of scripture, and then make everybody else deal with it. Respecting bound conscience is not a form of selfishness or an excuse to sin. Instead it means the very people who hold different, opposing, viewpoints on a particular moral issue based on their understanding of scripture, tradition, and reason must recognize the bound conscience of the other, of their neighbor, who disagrees with them, **and then work in such ways as to not cause that other person to reject the faith and fellowship in Word and Sacrament.**”*

Dr. Wengert supported his conclusion by referring to St. Paul who faced a similar situation in the church at Corinth. In the 8th, 9th, and 10th

chapters of Paul's first letter to that church, we read his response to their question about whether or not to eat food that had been offered to idols. This was a very important issue because it directly related to the First Commandment. After discussing at length the two opposing viewpoints – to eat or not to eat – Paul sums the matter up in 10:23-11:1. He writes:

²³ *"All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.* ²⁴ *Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.* ²⁵ *Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience,* ²⁶ *for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's."* ²⁷ *If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.* ²⁸ *But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—* ²⁹ *I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience?* ³⁰ *If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?* ³¹ *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.* ³² *Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,* ³³ *just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.* ¹¹ ¹ *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (NRSV)*

So, to answer the Corinthian church's question, "Should we eat food offered to idols or not?" Paul answers, "Yes." Make your decision, he says, based on the conscience of the other and what builds up their faith and the church.

Given this history of respecting the conscience of others, our church, the ELCA, decided at its 2009 General Assembly that there are four viewpoints which the church supports as valid and faithful based on scripture, tradition, and reason. In other words, there are four different positions this church recognizes that, with conviction and integrity, a faithful person could hold.

These positions could be briefly summarized as follows:

- 1• Same-gender sexual behavior is sinful, contrary to biblical teaching, and contrary to natural law. Therefore, same-gender sexual behavior carries the grave danger of unrepentant sin and those engaged in this behavior best serve the neighbor and the community by repenting for that behavior and turning to a celibate lifestyle.

- 2• Homosexual behavior, even within a lifelong, monogamous, homosexual relationship, reflects a broken world in which some relationships do not pattern themselves after the creation God intended. Even though such relationships may be lived out with mutuality and care, they do not serve the well-being of the neighbor or community, and, therefore, should not be publicly recognized as traditional marriage.

- 3• Because the scriptural witness does not address the context of sexual orientation and lifelong loving and committed relationships that we experience today, the neighbor and community are best served when same-gender relationships are honored and held to high standards and public accountability. However, these relationships should not be equated with marriage. Congregations and pastors should provide community support and pastoral care and may wish to surround lifelong, monogamous relationships or covenant unions with prayer.

- 4• The scriptural witness does not address the context of sexual orientation and committed relationships that we experience today. The neighbor and community are best served when same-gender relationships are lived out with lifelong and monogamous commitments that are held to the same rigorous standards, sexual ethics, and status as heterosexual marriage.

[Note that these positions say nothing about the ordination or the calling of a pastor. Regarding calling a pastor who is homosexual or married to someone of the same gender: the ELCA, per our constitution, leaves the final decision about which person to call as pastor to the congregation.]

Conclusion

In conclusion, I want to be clear about what we are and what we are NOT. We are NOT promoting an agenda of any kind in relation to your position on this issue. We seek respectful and productive conversations around this topic. Because the Supreme Court of the United States decided that same sex marriages must be recognized, we need to reflect and come up with a mature response. What welcome do we want to extend as a congregation? Are we mature enough to have a majority decision that differs from our own personal position and still consider this our church home? That is to say if I hold the second or third position stated above, can I participate in a church that decides to hold position four? I think the answer is yes but it requires listening, speaking frankly without malice and a true care for those who are here. I invite you to join us in this conversation.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Otis



Worship Survey results

Last month we published the results of the Worship Survey. Thank you for your participation.

The December meeting of the Worship and Music Committee reviewed the survey results and made recommendations to the council.

At the December meeting, the council approved the following recommendations:

- Begin using the overhead screen on a regular basis for both services starting in January.
- Only use dramas occasionally for special seasons and events, but not on a regular basis.
- Continue to have Nancy Norberg play at the 10:30am service once per month. Kris McDonald will continue to fill in on organ on other weeks as needed for hymns she deems appropriate for organ.

If you have any other questions or comments, please address them to the pastor or a member of the congregational council.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 7 – Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 14 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51

January 21 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

January 28 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

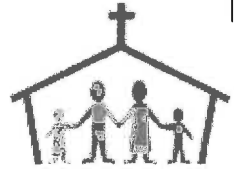
Deuteronomy 18, 15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

Sunday School – for ages 4 through 5th grade
Sundays at 9:15 am

Confirmation – for 6th through 8th grades
Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Bible Study –
Wednesdays at 9:30 am



Beginning Wednesday, January 10 and
continuing through February 14 (no Afterschool on Jan 17) ...

**The Wednesday Afterschool
Bible Experience**

3:45 – 5:00 PM
for kids in Kindergarten
through 5th grade



Join us for sharing, songs, skits,
snacks and games. Please pick up a
registration form from the church office.

****If school is cancelled, Afterschool is cancelled****

MARKEDI EVENT

First Lutheran will be hosting a Northern Great Lakes Synod Marked! event (for Confirmation students and leaders) on Sunday, February 25.

The youth will be collecting items for their local school backpack programs and the congregation is invited to donate the following items:

- Mac and cheese cups
- Granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- Chef Boyardee products
- Popcorn
- Peanut butter
- Applesauce or fruit cups
- Snack sandwich crackers (cheese or peanut butter)
- Individual cereal portions (oatmeal packets or cold cereal cups)



FORTUNE LAKE NEWS

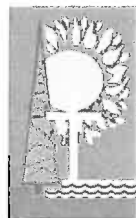
Upcoming Events:

January 12-14: **Winter Wonderland Retreat**

Enjoy winter activities at camp: sleeping, skating, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, warming up with new friends around the campfire, enjoying the sauna and much more.

This retreat is open to families, youth groups, and adults and all are sure to have a wonderful time!

For more information on Fortune Lake see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, go to www.fortunelake.org or check out Fortune Lake on Facebook.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our shoeboxes this year will go to Ghana. Shoebox gifts collected in the United States in 2017 will be delivered to **244,800 children** in Ghana.

Praise God that 2,524,155 children have received a shoebox since 1996, when Operation Christmas Child began distributing gifts here.

- Ghana has 27.5 million people and is located in the subregion of West Africa
- 38% of the population is 14 years old or younger



Here is a heart-warming story. I have heard of this happening over and over again.

Sharing the Greatest Gift

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” (James 1:17a, NIV)

While distributing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in a village in Ghana, a member of the National Leadership Team noticed the thickly calloused feet of a young boy. “Please, God, let this boy receive a pair of shoes in his box,” the woman prayed. The boy had never owned a pair of shoes and walked a total of six miles just to get to school every day. When the child opened his box, he found not just one pair of shoes, but two, and both pairs were just his size. The volunteer rejoiced when she saw that God had placed the perfect gift into the hands, and onto the feet, of this child.

All seniors, those 55 years young and older, are invited ...

**TRIED-N-TRUE
Luncheon and Program**

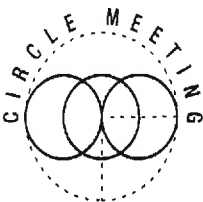


Faithful + Witnesses

**Friday, January 19th
at Noon**

All First Lutheran seniors and friends are welcome.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office (428-4565) to **RSVP by Wednesday, January 17th.**



GRACE CIRCLE

Grace Circle will meet at Fairview Manor at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 11th, 2018. Pastor Tom will join us for a message and the celebration of Holy Communion. Nora Smith will lead the Bible study by Max Lucado from Philippians: Guide to Joy, titled "It's

All In Your Mind" (Philippians 4:8-13). Nora will serve as hostess.

Guests are always welcome. If a ride is needed, please call the church office at 428-4565.

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. NEWS

Thank you to Connie Salmi, Pam Chouinard and Paula LaCrosse for helping to serve and for taking care of kitchen duties for the Grace Circle Christmas Luncheon and to Pastor Tom for bringing his guitar so we could sing Christmas carols.

Thank you for all who came to enjoy an evening of Crafty Christmas Creations. It was a festive, fun night for women and girls from First, Calvary and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Christmas Day dinner at Memorial United Methodist Church. A detailed report will be shared in the February newsletter.

Women of the E.L.C.A. extends an invitation to attend their February event of **SOUP and SEWING** on **Tuesday, February 6th**.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED!

Coffee hour fellowship is a wonderful way to encourage Christian community, bearing one another's burdens and sharing one another's joys! As a "Sneaky Visitor" to First Lutheran observed, it's a good way to engage and welcome visitors into our midst! Fellowship "goodies" do not need to be elaborate or complicated, it's the fellowship that's important. To host a coffee hour sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office: 428-3968. Need some assistance and/or encouragement? Connie Salmi (428-1696) or another member of the Welcome Team would be delighted to assist you. Entering the fellowship hour during a coffee hour you can sense Christian community at its best!

ANOTHER MEDAL FOR OUR BELL RINGERS

This year we won the Silver medal in our competition with ourselves. Our two day total this year for our ringers for the Salvation Army was (drum roll, please).....\$1,151.71!!



Last year we won the Gold with a total of \$1,166.36. A real photo finish in our race to maintain first place (just \$14.65 short). I just might write a check for \$14.66 so we can exchange our Silver for Gold. Stay tuned!

Way to go you Olympic level ding-a-lings! Huge thanks to the following saints among us: Barb Karas and Ira Goetsch

- Tom and Dotti Ford
- Sam Hewitt
- Raino and Maxine Maki
- Kathy Gudwer
- Sherri and Dewayne Ide
- Gerow family
- Connie and Rob Salmi
- Harvey and Betty Setter
- Dave and Vickie Ottensman
- Lloyd and Mary Tuskan
- Dogs and friends (Sophie Scholer)
- Anita and Danny Stockham
- Nora Smith
- The Stroms
- Pat Casteel
- Pam Brown and Austin

Sorry if I missed anyone. I copied the names from the master sign-up poster.

Your stewardship of time, energy and money is a wonderful witness to the love of Christ and your neighbor. Your faithful effort has yielded valuable resources for those in need. **TRULY YOUR HANDS DOING GOD'S WORK.**

Grateful and In Christ,
Dirk Manson

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2018 can be picked up in the narthex. Remember, those who use **Simply Giving** also have envelopes.

Offering Envelopes



GIVING STATEMENTS

2017 Giving Statements will be available in the narthex by Sunday, January 14. Please pick yours up, or, if you would like yours mailed, call the office at 428-4565.

THE SEMINARY JOURNEY - THE INTERNSHIP

After a couple of years of study there is a vitally important step on a seminarian's journey to receiving a call and ordination – THE INTERNSHIP. This is a time, usually a year in duration, for the student to leave campus to live and work and learn in a congregation and in its community. To quote from the internship description article on the Wartburg Theological Seminary website:

"The purpose of internship is to provide pastoral candidates a learning environment in which they can both engage in the practice of ministry and reflect on the quality of their involvements under the direction of a supervising pastor and a lay internship committee. Internship provides congregations a way to enhance and extend their ministries through the gifts of an intern. At the same time, internship brings the additional responsibility of providing honest and compassionate evaluation of an intern's abilities."



This experience, in education-speak, is called “contextual learning”.

A number of us at First Lutheran have been talking about the possibility of our community of faith becoming an internship site for some time now. We have been abundantly blessed over the past couple of decades to have had the chance to support and encourage so many seminarians that we have become known as “the mother of all pastors” in our synod. This site possibility is simply an extension and enhancement of our support for placing seminarians in the best learning environment possible.

A key question is do we have, or can we obtain, the resources necessary to make this happen? Some human resources are required: a supervisor (that would be Pastor Otis), a lay committee (5 to 8 of us willing to help evaluate the intern and, most importantly, a loving, encouraging and supportive congregational community.

Another significant question is, “can we afford it?” Luther Seminary’s internship site lists the following financial obligation expectations, “stipend, FICA, health insurance, housing or housing and utility allowance, work-related expenses, car/mileage reimbursement, cluster meeting expenses, new supervisor orientation registration fee (when applicable), travel pool fee, administration fee, moving expenses.” Experience has shown that the annual cost for an intern is estimated to be \$25,000 to \$30,000.

There are a number of possible funding sources that will be explored to help determine the feasibility and timing should we decide to apply to be an internship site. It would take up too much space here to list them all, but, rest assured, you will be kept updated as we evaluate the financial efficacy of this proposal.

Pastor Otis and I, along with Pam Durbin, Dale Skogman, Nora Smith and Chuck Thomas, have agreed to be a part of an internship site exploratory committee that hopes to convene its initial meeting in early January, 2018.

The conversation has begun. Most importantly of all, we pray that you will feel that this new possibility and challenge is spirit-driven and missional in its intent. It furthers that part of our mission statement of “..... inviting, involving, equipping and empowering” an intern” to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord”.

In Christ,
Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair

*if you think you would have an interest in helping with this proposed project please let Pastor or me know. Thanks.

SPECIAL GIVING ENVELOPE

This month’s special giving envelope will go to Bay Area Campus Ministries. BACM provides weekly Bible studies, meals and other resources to Bay College students.



HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Whether it’s an emergency, outpatient surgery, a hospital stay, or a move to a care facility; please remember to contact the church office (428-4565, office@firstlutheran-gladstone.org) or Pastor Tom (428-4565, 280-9997, pastor@firstlutheran-gladstone.org). Federal HIPAA guidelines do NOT allow hospitals, nursing homes, or other care facilities to contact the church or pastor, or give out any information. That means that **unless you call or e-mail us, we do not know that you or a loved one are hospitalized.**

We are eager to extend a ministry of healing in Jesus Christ to those in need; please call the office, Pastor Tom, or send us an e-mail. Thank you for your assistance!



... to those who helped with the December Messenger; Mary Bjorkquist, Judy Hammond, Chris Johnson, Paula LaCrosse, and Carole Wedell.

As always, your help is very much appreciated!

Many thanks to Sally Strom, Ellen Swenson, Ann Christiansen, Geri and Charlie George, Donna Schlemmer and Nora Smith for the December Tried-n-True meal.

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Thank you to the choir for such a beautiful story of Christmas. Thank you also to those who helped put on the coffee hour following the cantata: Dolly Salmi, Judy and Gary Larson, Sue Manson, Nora Smith, Geri George, and Rob and Connie Salmi.

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Dear Friends,

... Thank you for your gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response this year. Thanks to you, together we're working for justice and peace in the United States and more than 60 countries around the world. May God bless you this Christmas and always, even as you and your generosity are a blessing to others.

With gratitude,
Rev. Daniel Rift
Director; ELCA World Hunger
and Disaster Appeal

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A Great big THANK YOU to all who donated to the mitten tree this year. Two snowsuits, 64 hats, one headband, three scarves, 59 mitten/gloves and 16 pair of socks were taken to the Salvation Army. Praise God for all of you!

Thanks to everyone who donated to Operation Christmas Child this year. With your donations and the money received from the Mission Endowment Fund, Thrivent Action Dollars, Meijers and Walmart we were able to pack 126 boxes.

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Thank you to the Shopko Foundation for their generous grant that was split between Hope at the Inn and the Kiwanis Backpack program. We were able to buy winter boots and clothing for the guests at HATI for Christmas and we bought additional food for the children participating in the backpack program so they would have something to eat over the long holiday vacation.

Gifts to our congregation have been given ...

In honor of **Ira Goetch's** 90th birthday and in loving memory of **Shirley Goetsch** for the Altar Guild and the Choir by the Lang families

In loving memory of **Marie Clark** for Sewing and HATI by Nancy and Mike Standerfer

In loving memory of **Lena Tuskan Snowaert** for the National Youth Gathering by Sue and Dirk Manson for Seminarian Support by Jane and Scott Smith



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

1/2	Deb Koski	1/19	Pat Hewitt
	Abel Ellison		Dustin Lucier
	Benson Ellison	1/20	Peggy Austin
1/3	Gail McEachern		Jane Coyne-Smith
	Lisa Thomas	1/21	Ruth Botbyl
	Lisa Zuehlke	1/23	Erin Wickman
1/7	Michael Bilkey	1/24	Ellen Swenson
1/8	Bernice Marshall	1/25	Ray Brandt
1/11	David Gobert	1/26	Elvera Kallio
1/13	Jason Hanson	1/27	Bonnie Anderson
	Sally Hillman	1/28	Carlene Otis
1/16	Scarlett Caron	1/30	Mary Plante
1/17	Jason Swanson	1/31	Ava Menard
1/19	Kelly Coyne		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

1/12 Avis & Dewey Fairchild



(If we've missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know.)

HOPE AT THE INN

Our week for hosting HOPE AT THE INN is here (December 31, 2017 – January 7, 2018).

To volunteer for a shift please sign up at www.hopeattheinn.org and click on Volunteer for a Shift on the left hand side of the page. If you need help signing up please call the church office and we can help.

WOMEN AND JUSTICE

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice has published a Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. If you participated in the Women and Justice study group or if you are just interested in what the church has to say on this issue we have a copy of the statement available in the office. You can also download it at elca.org/womenandjustice.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on December 14 with President Marshall Seawright presiding. At this meeting the council ...

Approved a number of motions from the Worship and Music Committee (see page 9) ...

Set the date of the Annual Meeting as February 4, 2018 ...

Heard that an Internship Site Exploratory Committee will begin meeting in January ...

Learned that staff evaluations will take place on December 20th ...

Designated Bay Area Campus Ministries to receive the January Special Giving envelopes ...

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 pm.



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Jeff Gudwer, Vice President

Dotti Ford, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

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Carolyn Nelson

Dan Strom

Doris Sundstrom

Karleen Thorbahn

A congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Serving Us in January

Date	Time	Greeters	Readers	Acolytes	Communion
Jan 7	8:00	TBA	Chris Mineau	Maci M	Julie Sarville
	10:30	TBA	Sue Manson	Jesse O	Dirk Manson Lynn Thomas
Jan 14	8:00	TBA	Julie Sarville	Aaron S	Sally Pouliot
	10:30	TBA	Pam Bialik	Danny K	Jo Skogman Erin Wickman
Jan 21	8:00	TBA	Cooper Koski	Nick S	Dotti Ford
	10:30	TBA	Ann Christiansen	Austin B	Jane Coyne-Smith Jacob Siedlecki
Jan 28	8:00	TBA	Lori Shea	John R	Nora Smith
	10:30	TBA	Laura Coleman	Alison R	Carol Koscis Chuck Thomas

Ushers 8:00: Don Seeley, Dennis Hanson

Altar Guild: Pam Durbin, Marty Nelsen

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