

The Parish Notes

Jan. 6 & 7, 2018

Sat. (Jan. 6) Epiphany Weekend 9:00 a.m. PEO GU/RmA 10:00 a.m. Memorial service for Jonathan Carson 5:30 p.m. Worship
Sun. (Jan. 7) 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:40 a.m. World Hunger Team/RmB 9:40 a.m. Confirmation/LB (No Adult Ed) 10:45 a.m. Worship
Monday (Jan. 8) 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Christmas UN-decorating! 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl/LB
Tuesday (Jan. 9) 9:30 a.m. Mountain Song Music(MSMT)/RmC
Wednesday (Jan. 10) 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. MSMT/RmC 12:00 p.m. Peace Circle/FR 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday (Jan. 11) 7:00 a.m. Sonrisers/Perkins 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/FR
Friday (Jan. 12)
Sat. (Jan. 13) Habitat Work Day 9:00 a.m. Band Rehearsal/Centrum 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sons of Norway lunch/FR 5:30 p.m. Worship
Sun. (Jan. 14) Band Liturgy Service 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:40 a.m. Education Hour 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch/OS



It's time for Christmas UN-Decorating! Please join in helping to take down the decorations **this Monday, Jan. 8 at 10:00AM.** No need to sign up, just show up! Thank you so much!

Thank You, Faithful Stewards!

After learning that we experienced a deficit of income versus expenses for the first 11 months of 2017, you expressed your faithful gratitude for God's blessings in your own life and in this congregation by giving an astounding \$87,237 of general contributions in December! This restores our reserves and enables ministry to continue and grow in 2018.

Check out the bulletin board across from the main door to the worship space for details of what ministry your contributions make possible here and throughout the larger church. Stewardship is not just about money, it's about gratitude and mission. It reflects how we faithfully respond to God's blessings. **THANK YOU for hearing God's call to discipleship and responding!**

Bridge Ministries - January 21, 2018 Potluck Lunch and Discussion: Topic-Palliative Care -- We will be privileged to hear a talk regarding palliative care at our next Bridge Ministries meeting presented by Dr. Helen Kilzer, Medical Director of the Palliative Care Program at McKee Hospital. It will be **January 21** following our potluck at 12:00PM.

To Our Poinsettia Sponsors - Thank you! Please take your plants home with you today.

Important Giving Information for 2018

Our Financial Secretary has assigned **new envelopes/numbers for 2018, which can now be picked up from the table in the concourse.** If you did not receive a box and would like one, please let the church office/Barb know. Thank you!
*** Please Destroy or discard your old/previous year's giving envelopes - DO NOT use them in 2018! This can be a problem for bookkeeping. Thank you!**

Save the Date: February 15 – Colorado Lutheran Lobby Day. Join advocates and community leaders for a morning of learning and action! Discover the history of advocacy in the Lutheran tradition, and get the latest updates on our work at the state capitol. Lobbying 101 training will be offered and a hot breakfast will be served. **Register On-line at: www.lam-co.org.**

KOG Lenten Devotional

During the season of Lent it's lovely to have a devotional as a Lenten discipline. This year, we'd like to return to a practice KOG has had in the past – **produce our own devotional!** Wouldn't it be fun to get to know one another in this way?

We are inviting anyone from the congregation to submit a piece. Share a favorite Scripture and then put down on paper what it has meant to your life, or why it is important to you. Keep your piece to around 300-350 words. The Bible text can be anything – it doesn't need to be related to Lent.

If you'd like to participate but struggle with writing, Cathy Simmering can help you get started. Adults, youth, even families could write one together.

Please contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Cathy Simmering if you wish to participate. **Devotions need to be returned by February 1.**

Current Prayer Concerns

Kathy Cisar – Healing from surgery at home
Dale Anderson – brother-in-law of Charles Gottsch, hospitalized from a stroke
Shelley Stafford - Recovery and strength
Bill West - brother of Nancy Krebs with cancer
David - Son-in-law of Joe Hoberman, in hospice care from cancer
Friend of Sayers' –recovering from prostate cancer surgery
Friend of Sayers' – recovering from reconstructive surgery
Tracy Rudolph - friend of Sandy Lusky, surgery for brain tumors
Eugenia – mother of Eugenia Zuhlke, health concerns
Betty & Alvie – Sister & brother-in-law of Sylvia Bevans
Diana Williams – comfort in sudden loss of friend, Jacque Medina
Nina Gurule - friend of Barb Braken Bartel, had miscarriage and complications. Transferred to a hospital in Denver and her husband is flying home from his unit.
Chester Dalton – at NoCo Rehab with health issues
Mark & Kim Carson family – upon the death of son Jonathan on Jan. 1.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joyce Tyson – cancer treatment
Chris Bryan relatives – diagnosed with cancer: Louis, Brian
Daniel – Treva Heiser's grandson, strength & courage in new transitions
Marie-Paule – Salazar's friend, for cancer
Ted – husband of Jim Williams' granddaughter, stroke

Recommended January Donation for HNS is canned vegetables. Please drop off your donations in the "House" in the Octagon. *Thank you!*



Happy New Year! God watch over and bless us in this coming year. Protect our families, community, nation and world. We praise you for new life in Christ. Amen.

