



## Baptism of our Lord!

We celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John in the river Jordan on January 13<sup>th</sup>. God said to the Son, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." It's a day for all of us to remember our Baptisms and how much we are loved. Baptism is an outward tangible sign of God's invisible grace. We live out our Baptism each and every day as a response to God's incredible grace towards us.

**So....get ready for a Baptism party!** If you have your Baptismal certificate, either bring it to worship, or take a picture of it and then email it to [Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org). I'll make a slide show of them to share during service. We're going to celebrate walking wet!

## Music Notes...

Epiphany signifies light and that light gives great hope. With light piercing the darkness we not only see this manifest in the night sky with the stars and the moon, but also in an auditory sense through the word and music. Music has the power to not only present the Word, but also to activate parts in the brain that soothe the soul and enrich our cognition. Besides, it is just fun and one of the true areas of collaboration instead of competition. As our choir members prepare for Sunday services, we are now coming through the darkest part of the lunar year. The musicians help bring the light of Christ to our congregation with their hearts and voices. Thank you choir members, you help to shine the light.

Dr. Jane Andrews

## From the Pastor --

**Happy New Year! It's January 2019!** Remember when none of us knew what would happen when the years changed from 1999 to 2000? We didn't know if the computers would continue to run the next day on January 1<sup>st</sup>? As much panic as the computer programmers and businesses were having all over the world, today our world troubles seem much more complicated! Still the Lord God reigns no matter the time, no matter the year, which gives us great hope!

It's a new year not only for the world, but also for we as community and individuals. Now there's always much to-do about new years and resolutions. Think about this verse from St. Paul to the church at Corinth. *2 Corinthians 5:17-20:*

*<sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

We are new creations because God reconciled to us through Jesus! Our sin is not counted against us. We are new every day in the Lord. What a gift to give us hope for each day and the new year. How about this for a resolution? Ponder and pray these verses for the full month of January and see how that might change your whole year! Will you do it with me?

Blessings to you, dear King of Glory. I'm ready for another new year with you, forgiven and freed in Christ! *God's peace, Ruth Ann*

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Puzzle Palooza!** It's for you! It's for everyone! A puzzling hour of fun and laughter! Join in on **January 6, 12:00-2:00pm** at Zion. Whether you are a household of one or of many, start the New Year with friends. There will be a hot chocolate bar with many flavors! Grab a cup, grab a puzzle and go to it!

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## STUDY & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

**Sonrisers** – The men's theological book study group meets **every Thursday at 7:00am** year-round at Perkins on Eisenhower. For more information and the current book title, please contact Bill McDivitt (970-669-4090)

**Prayer Shawl** – Knitting & crocheting group welcomes all levels of crafters. Meets on the first Monday of the month, **January 7** at 1:00pm in the church library. Our snack hostess will be Joyce Tyson. For more info please contact Barb-Brackin Bartel (970-213-3256).

**Peace Circle** – Peace Circle will meet **at Noon** on **January 9** for a sack lunch, fellowship and 1:00pm Bible study in the church fellowship room. Please RSVP to Neva Gulliksen (970)669-2371. All ladies welcome!

**Glory Readers Book Club** – Book Club will meet on Thursday, **January 24** at 12:00pm in the office conference room. The book selection for January is My Heart Belongs in Glenwood Colorado, by Rebeca Jepson. For more information, call Barb Bartel (970-213-3256). New readers are welcome, please join us!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wind** – Retired men, this group is for you! They meet at 9:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (**January 18**) in the Fellowship Room. This group is open to any retired guy – newly retired or even if you've had the hang of this for years! Snacks and coffee are always supplied. Topics are varied and the conversation inspiring! Call Jerome Beckmann for more information. (970-669-0341).

## **Pastor's Thursday Bible Study**

Thursday morning Bible study continues at **9:30am weekly**. We examine the Bible texts for the upcoming week and we laugh a whole bunch! This is an easy Bible study to join. You don't need to know it all, or any of it! Just come – ask questions – and open yourself up to God who meets us always in God's Living Word!

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a special prayer request please contact the church office and indicate whether you want the prayer to be public or for the confidential prayer chain. You may call or email the church office (970-669-5983); [office@aplace2grow.org](mailto:office@aplace2grow.org), or Pr Ruth Ann at [Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org)

## January NEWS from Lutheran Campus Ministry: LuMIN

In this New Year of 2019 we are at the beginning of a new semester! Please pray for students, faculty and staff this month as classes begin again. You can be a part of our ministry by inviting young adults you know to join us. Then please make sure and pass their info on to us so that we can invite them to join our community as well. If you would like to refer a student or bring a meal this semester to feed students please contact us.

For Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado contact Pastor Deb Abbott – [pastor@lecmgreeley.org](mailto:pastor@lecmgreeley.org).



For Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University contact Pastor Paul Judson at [pastor@lcmcsu.org](mailto:pastor@lcmcsu.org).



**Once a month** during the school year we serve a meal and enjoy fellowship with the students who worship at Lutheran campus ministry. If you would like to help with the dinner, please contact Jan DesJardin. The next dinner will be **February 10**.

## FINANCIALS & COUNCIL NEWS

### Year-to-date Financial Update

Through the month of October, we have collected 74% of our budgeted contributions. Unfortunately, we have spent \$21,000 more than we have collected through general offerings and building use fees through the first ten months.

The coming days are critical to the financial health of this year's NON-DESIGNATED budget and the reserves to give us a good start on next year's increased spending plan. This is the money that pays salaries, utilities and other property expenses, the mortgage, faith formation activities, parish life activities, worship, outreach benevolence, etc. In many ways, these are the offerings that allow us to continue being a church!

Offerings designated for specific causes are wonderful...but the basic budget is equally important. Can you consider a special gift to general contributions between now and the end of December?



### Financial Summary thru Nov 30

	2017 MONTH	2017 YTD	2018 MONTH	2018 YTD
<b>INCOME:</b>				
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 24,864	\$ 304,273	\$ 21,452	\$ 306,613
BUILDING USE FEES	\$ 1,100	\$ 16,203	\$ 1,575	\$ 18,585
	<b>\$ 25,964</b>	<b>\$ 320,476</b>	<b>\$ 23,027</b>	<b>\$ 325,198</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND DEBT:</b>				
EXPENSES	\$ 29,096	\$ 304,655	\$ 29,328	\$ 315,318
DEBT PAYMENTS	\$ 3,677	\$ 40,040	\$ 3,770	\$ 41,105
	<b>\$ 32,773</b>	<b>\$ 344,695</b>	<b>\$ 32,773</b>	<b>\$ 356,423</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>				
World Hunger	\$ 408	\$ 23,842	\$ 201	\$ 19,050
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$ 600	\$ 3,985	\$ 250	\$ 700
Good Samaritan Fund		\$ 50		\$ 205
Memorials	\$ 40	\$ 140		\$ 2,570
Christmas Bazaar	\$ 11,690	\$ 14,240	\$ 14,094	\$ 16,464
Quilters/Debt Retirement		\$ 1,270		\$ 1,258
Rotary Club/Kid'sPak	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,040	-	\$ 100
	<b>\$ 13,778</b>	<b>\$ 44,567</b>	<b>\$ 14,545</b>	<b>\$ 40,347</b>

Net proceeds for 2017 Christmas Bazaar are \$13,810.07  
Net proceeds for 2018 Christmas Bazaar are \$15,742.51

### **New Year Business!**

If you use offering envelopes and have requested a new box, **please discard all of your envelopes from 2018 and previous years.** We always have to assign new envelope numbers for the New Year. Thank you!



**Recommended Donations for House of Neighborly Service (HNS) - January request is canned vegetables.** Please drop off your donation in the "House" in the center octagon. Thank you!

**The Next Messenger Deadline is January 20.** Please submit your articles for the next issue on time to [office@aplace2grow.org](mailto:office@aplace2grow.org). Thank you!

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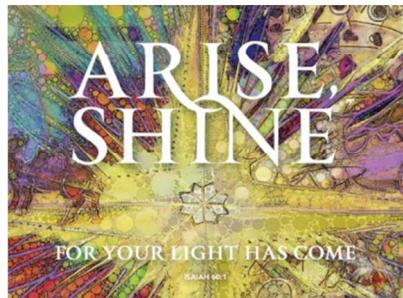
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*"As God's People, Graced by Differences, Nurtured by the Spirit, and Gifted to Serve, We Invite and Welcome All to Grow in Faith."*

The Messenger

# January 2019



**January 6 – Epiphany!**

12:00pm- Puzzle Palooza at Zion!  
**January 13** – Baptism Party at all  
three worship services!



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