

January 2017

The "10585"



From the Pastor's Desk...

Hello, Wonderful People of Church in the Wildwood!

We had a beautiful Christmas season, didn't we? Our children/youth program, music by our bell choir and our sanctuary choir, two services on Christmas Eve, another on Christmas Day, lots of carol singing and wonderful fellowship—I could just see God smiling! Nathan and I want to thank all of you for the many cards and gifts, and especially for the generous Christmas gift we received from the congregation: a lovely dinner at the Mucky Duck between services on Christmas Eve, and a night's lodging at the elegant Outlook Lodge after the late Christmas Eve service. We felt very pampered and grateful, especially when we were greeted on Christmas morning by a fresh snowfall and the wind whistling wildly through the pine trees. It was beautiful, but we were glad to not have to be driving in it!

Let's see what's going on in worship in the next few weeks:

January 1, 2017 - "Looking Forward, Looking Back" We'll sing a custom-written version of Auld Lang Syne and reflect on the biggest events of the year 2016.

January 8 – Church School begins! Every Sunday our children and youth will be dismissed after the Kids' Corner to have their own special worship and learning experience. More details will come soon, but if you want to volunteer to be on the team, please let me know! We're hoping for a once-a-month teaching rotation, with two teachers on the schedule each Sunday.

January 8 – Annual Congregational Meeting after worship. Please see the article in this newsletter for details. Please plan to stay, even if you're not a member yet. If you're a current member but haven't turned in your Membership Affirmation card for 2017, please do so before this meeting.

January 8 - February 26 - "Little Things We Do" sermon series. Have you ever wondered why churches do some of the quirky things they do? We're going to explore them during our services for the first eight Sundays of the new year. We'll all get some helpful insight and inspiration. So far, these are the topics I'm thinking of (but I'm open to suggestions):

- Why we "share the peace of Christ"
- Why we say things together
- Why we receive Communion
- Why we sing together
- Why we stand up, sit down, rah rah rah!
- Why we give in the offering
- Why we listen to sermons

What else are you wondering about? Please let me know, and I'll work it in!

March 5 – Lent begins, and we start thinking ahead to Easter!
May God richly bless you in this new year. God is so good to us!

God's peace to you and your families,
Pastor Diane

TEAM TALK

The Administration Team met on December 21, 2016. Members of the Team present were Newman McAllister, Sunde King, Marsha Soyka and John Schwabe. Jeff Chapman and Pastor Diane Martin also attended. Rebecca Wujcik was excused. John gave the reflection.

The minutes from the November 30, 2016, meeting were approved without change. The financial report was reviewed. Income exceeded expenses by \$11,031 through November.

The septic tank has been pumped. Newman reported that all the bulbs in the choir loft have been replaced along with the five halogen lights that illuminate the altar. Newman will look into having an electrician look at the spotlights that illuminate the stained glass window in the rear of the sanctuary. There must be a short in the wiring. Newman installed weather stripping around the door in Tatter Hall on the east side. Permanent repair will await warmer weather. Marsha reported that programmable thermostats in Pastor and Rebecca's offices cannot be installed without further wiring. The matter was deferred. Jeff reported that the heat went off during worship recently and it was because the batteries in the thermostat needed replacing. Rebecca will develop a list of all thermostats and devices in the church that require batteries-they should all be replaced annually. The church needs exterior painting-John pointed out that the plexiglass covering the sanctuary windows should be replaced when the trim is painted. John turned in his church key #18 as this is his last Team meeting. The Team thanked him for his service.

Cost of living raises for staff were discussed. Sunde furnished extensive information. Newman McAllister moved and John Schwabe seconded, that the team recommend to the congregation that the 2017 Spending Plan be revised to give Lolita Hilbert, Rebecca Janecek, Mary Balin, Mary Ann Davis and Rebecca Wujcik cost of living raises of 5% per annum, to be effective January 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously. Stacie Okvath would like to replace John on the Team – Newman will speak with her and also one other member who has expressed interest.

Signature cards on the church's bank account are not current. Marsha moved and John seconded that: (a) Jeff, Marsha, Newman and Sunde be signers on certain accounts at Park State Bank, and (b) that the same persons, plus Pastor Diane, be signers on certain other accounts at Park State Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

The following are willing to serve again in 2017: Jeff and Sunde, as Moderator and Treasurer, respectively, Newman as Vice Moderator, and Marsha as a Team member. John moved and Marsha seconded that a special congregational meeting be called for Sunday, January 8, 2017, immediately after morning worship, and that the purposes of the meeting be to elect officers and Team members, and to consider revision of the 2017 Spending Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Diane reported extensively on her many activities since the last Team meeting. She will speak with Mary Balin about whether the choir should take a holiday in January and February. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2016, at 4:45 p.m.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Church in the Wildwood will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017, immediately following morning worship, for the following purposes: (a) electing officers and team members and (b) considering a revision of the 2017 spending plan that would increase the compensation of church staff (except Pastor Diane, as her contract was just signed in October). All members are encouraged to attend.

Westside CARES

WESTSIDE CARES 13TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us for his year's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, January 17

St Paul Catholic Church will host the event with the Knights of Columbus providing yet another delicious breakfast.

Address: 9 El Pomar Rd. 80906

Time: 7:30 AM – 9 AM

Guest Speaker: Executive Director of Westside CARES, Steve Brown

Topic: *"That We May All Be One"*

Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Please RSVP to Maryann Stadjuhar at 389-0759 Ext. 104 or Maryann.Stadjuhar@westsidecares.org no later than Tuesday, January 10.

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

We are in need of the following items:

Socks – Adult

Underpants – Women's size 5 – 8, Men's – all sizes, Girls – all sizes

Men's Jeans – size 30 -36

Men's shoes

Diapers sizes 1, 5 and 6

Tampons and pads

Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, lg bar soap, toothpaste

***No household items, please.

ScoutScope

Cub Scout Pack 33 will be celebrating: its second year Webelo, Jayson Schultze, is earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over into Troop 18 of Manitou Springs. We wish him success as he continues along the Scouting path to Eagle Scout. His crossing over ceremony will be at the Pack meeting in January.



Wildwood Food Pantry

The upcoming Wildwood Food Pantry dates this month are: Jan 10, Jan 24 and Jan 31 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Meals are served until 7:30 p.m. Please contact Craig at (761-0484) or the church office (684-9427) if you can help.

Thank you for your loyal support and contributions to the food pantry.

We can always use any non-perishable food. You are always welcome to join us for the weekly dinner, whether you need food assistance or not.

We would appreciate one or two more people helping us to better serve and support our guests - this need not be a weekly commitment. Please contact the church if you can assist in greeting our guests, serving or cooking the dinner, or putting together boxes of food.

You can also help by getting the word out in the community that we offer this service to our neighbors.

The pantry can always use the following items:

- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Macaroni and cheese
- Dry cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna or meat



CHOIR NEWS

Our choirs are on a break for the month of January.

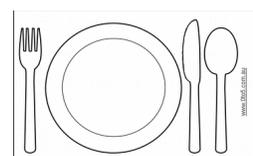
The UCC has a motto "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." That goes for the choir too! Come join us on Wednesday nights for practice and then on Sunday mornings to praise and glorify God through music. If you want to, you may come the Wednesday before the Sunday you want to sing, even if you only have one week a month to perform. Once the choir returns from break, practices are held Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for bells, and 7:00 p.m. for choir.

Music is a great and glorious gift from God - come share your gift from God with us.

Mary McInnis Balin, Music Director

Hospitality Team

Our monthly potluck lunch will be on January 29. The theme this month will be "New Year, New Dish" try out a new recipe. The Hospitality team could use a few more people to assist with monthly potlucks and similar events. If you have any questions contact Craig at 761-0484.



We are always in need of volunteers to host coffee hour.
Please contact the office if you would like to help!

Spanish Classes

Lolita teaches Spanish classes at our church. She has room in the Thursday class. They meet every Thursday afternoon or evening. (Ages 10 thru adult) Please contact Lolita at 719-687-4408 if you would like to join or if you need more information. A donation of \$5 per session is appreciated. They are on a break until January 19, 2017.

Yoga Classes

Diane Kremer teaches Hatha Yoga class here at the church. They meet every Wednesday from 10:15-11:30 am upstairs in fellowship hall. Please contact the office for additional information. A donation of \$5 per session is appreciated.

Important January Dates

Birthdays....

Sandy Patchell	Jan 3
Marybeth Wujcik	Jan 4
Diana Doyle	Jan 9
Bonny McAllister	Jan 14
Randy Cook	Jan 17
Josephine Shaw	Jan 20
Jeff Chapman	Jan 24
Beeper Smith	Jan 24

Wildwood Pantry/Dinner	Jan 10,24,31
Un-Hanging of the Greens	Jan 14
Monthly Potluck Lunch	Jan 29

	Attendance	Offering
December 4	52	\$1539
December 11	48	\$473
December 18	43	\$735
December 25	23	\$290
Special offering Christmas Eve	104	\$712
ACH (online giving)		\$850
Month to Date Offering		\$3887
Anticipated Expenses		\$10600



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Vaughn Drinen, Dave Erem, M.R. and family, Buddy Chapman, Patty (Chapman) Carbaugh, Agnes, Bobbie and Gerry Brazier.

We also pray for our country and our government as we seek to be instruments of God's will. Let us pray for more peace, more love, and more guidance to effect loving change in the world.

Pastor: Rev. Diane Martin
Bookkeeper: Sunde King
Custodian: Lolita Hilbert
Nursery Attendant: MaryAnn Davis
Music Director: Mary Balin
Accompanist: Rebecca Janecek
Administrator: Rebecca Wujcik
Ministers: All God's People