



# Lamplighter Weekly

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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## Week of December 31<sup>st</sup>

BASE is in session M-F 5:30 am - 6:00 pm  
No Preschool on Monday

### Sunday

Contemporary Worship 10:00 am  
Food For Families 11:10 am  
12 Step NA Meeting 6:00 pm

### Monday

New Year's Day  
++ Office closed ++

### Tuesday

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am  
Pastor's Bible Study 10:00am  
Quiet Communion 11:45am  
Ladies' Bible Study 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Preschool 9:00am  
Quilters 9:00am  
TOPS Meeting 6:00pm  
Choir Practice TOPS 7:00pm

### Thursday

Text Study at the Wise's 3:00 pm

### Friday

Preschool 9:00am

### Saturday

Food For Families Pick Up 12:00pm  
12 Step Meetings 4pm & 6pm



## Worship Assistants for next Sunday, January 7, 2018

Assisting Minister Dale Kraus  
Lector Kaylin Aponte  
Communion Sarah Briebl & Judy Burwell  
Acolyte Volunteers  
Children's Time Tracy Nieto  
Altar Guild Connie Carlson  
Ushers Doug & Anne Briebl  
Greeters Volunteers  
Control Booth John & Mary Herem  
Coffee Hour Ladies Sunday School Class

## Readings for January 7, 2018

**Genesis 1:1-5**

*Creation: the First Day*

**Psalm 29**

*The voice of the LORD is is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

**Acts 19:1-7**

*On Baptism in the Holy Spirit*

**Mark 1:4-11**

*The presentation of the child*

## Next Week's Food for Families Volunteers

Sat., Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pickup	Howes
Sat., Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Set Up	Glen, Judy
Sun., Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Set Up	SLC Volunteers
Sun., Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Distriubute	SLC Volunteers

## Birthdays!

Katherine Hall January 5



**Join us on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am at the Gateway Cottage as we celebrate our birthday lunch!**

## **Table Talk Returns this Thursday**

Table Talk series resumes this Thursday at 6pm with dinner and the presentation of the recently released PBS documentary on the life of Martin Luther, *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. Owing to the length of the Documentary we will begin the documentary during dinner.

## **Ladies' Sunday School Class Resumes next Sunday**

The Ladies Sunday School Class will pick up where it left off in December. We hope to see both familiar and new faces join us next Sunday

## **\* Important Congregational Meeting! \***

We will be having a brief Congregational Meeting to ratify the revised Constitution and Bylaws following worship on **Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, in the sanctuary. Bylaw and Constitution documents are posted on our webpage [www.spanawaylutheran.org](http://www.spanawaylutheran.org) and digital versions have been email to all members who have an email account. ***Please take note additional changes were email to you Thursday.*** If you wish, you can stop by the office to pick up a hard copy for review. Mark your calendars and don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions or concerns. Thank You.

*~submitted by Office Admin*

## **\*\* Who's responsible? \*\***

Have you ever wondered who's responsible for making sure the seasonal color changes happen in the sanctuary? Although church season color changes with paraments and pastoral stoles have been happening for centuries, this particular project all started at SLC in 1997 with a vision for more color in the sanctuary and a proposal to Pastor Don Melchert to find funds for new seasonal rafter banners. I was given \$350 to purchase 384ft of fabric in 4 different colors at half price so I could design and create 12 8ft banners of each color. Later that year a member donated 96ft of white fabric to be appropriately

designed for use during our festival worship services after use for a family wedding. All are still used to date.

After my hands began to fail in 2010, Phil, Angela, and Kaylin Aponte have faithfully made themselves available to see to it that the appropriate colors are hung in the sanctuary for worship. This includes changing the paraments, large and small wall banners, as well as the banners that hang from the organ and rafters. These changes take place 15 times every year. When you enter the sanctuary to a new season color change please take a moment to thank them for their faithful service to God.

*~Submitted by a forever grateful Laurie Howe.*

## **\* Can you help? \***

A family of 3 (Grandpa, Grandma and Grandson), who have come to our church for worship for a while now, just received a 30 day notice to vacate their rental. They are looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom house or apartment for up to \$900. If you know of any availabilities, please speak with Marilouise Petersen or contact the office and we will forward your message. Thank you.

*~submitted by Office Admin for Marilouise Petersen*

## **Giving Advanced Gifts in 2017 for 2018 may be a Smart Move**

Today is the last day to make an offering of record for 2017. Considering the new lax law, you may want to consider donating in 2017 since some will no longer realize a tax advantage by itemizing deductions with the standard deduction doubling.

## **Mortgage Update**

Mortgage Numbers:	as of 12-17-17
received	\$640.00
Total to date	<b>\$110,131.81</b>

# Thank You

## Advent and Christmas

We are grateful to so many people who expended their time and talents to make our Advent and Christmas such a wonderful experience. We would be remiss if we failed to thank the Congregational Life committee for arranging our Advent Soup Suppers, the Wednesday Warriors for setting up the Christmas trees, Phil Aponte for hanging our banners, and Charlotte Surridge for collating and stapling an enormous number of bulletins. For our wonderful Christmas Children's Program we owe a debt of gratitude to Cheryl Drewes and Stefanie DeZarn for coordinating the event, to Sara and Sophia Schier-Hanson for costuming the entire ensemble, to Elois Macdonald for organizing and directing the fellowship. So many contributed musically to make both Advent and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist a special occasion: Jeris Ockfen, John Herem, Dale Kraus, Steve Howe and Gregg Wright Osborn (*the instrumental quartet*); Steve Hower, Angela Aponte, Kaylin Aponte, Jeanette Frieson, John Herem, Mitch Murray, Laurie Howe, Emily DeZarn and Tom Weathers (*the Music Team*); Kaylin Aponte, Kathy Creso, Elois Macdonald, Ealane Wollin, Pat Jorgenson, Erica Lustig, Alicia Johnson, Lydia Wise, Sarah Briehl, Sara Schier-Hanson, Diane Kraus, Dixie Matthias, Jeris Ockfen, John Schier-Hanson, Frank Wise, Diane Parsons, Ron Jorgenson, Dale Kraus, Paul Matthias, Ron Morris, Chuck Nelson, Gregg W. Osborn (*the Choir*). Thanks are due to Laurie and Steve Howe for poinsettia coordinating, to Jeanette Frieson and Pastor Schier-Hanson for Sanctuary decoration, and to Doug Briehl for candle preparation. I'm certain that there are many more who are not named, but many thanks to all the helping hands.

## From Pastor

*I would like to thank all those who showered Christmas blessing on the Schier-Hanson this holiday season. Your thought and expressions for love and friendship made our holiday season warmer and brighter. Thank you so much for your kindness.*

*Peace,*

*Pastor Schier-Hanson*

## A Personal Thank you

*December 22, 2017*

*I would like to give much thanks to Pastor Schier-Hanson and Glen Ruediger for helping my family with our heating problem. My furnace went out and we had only small space heaters for our house.*

*When pastor found out, he made it possible to get a new furnace. Within a few days we had a furnace again. Pastor spent two days of his time with help from Glen and my son Brian preparing and installing the furnace. The furnace has been in for a week, and is working great. Pastor's generosity has blessed our home with heat. My family and I feel truly blessed and are very thankful.*

*Thank you for Everything,*

*Lisa Corey*

## **\* Thank You \***

During our "Adopt-a-Family" Ministry this year we had 62 ornaments with needs and wants from 8 different children on our Giving Tree in the foyer. You have all been extraordinarily generous in supporting to this wonderful ministry. With your help we are able to provide Christmas gifts (most likely the ONLY Christmas gifts!) to Nico (age 3), Fred (1), Noa (4), Azmera (2), Jaeleigh (11), Jared (9), Will (16) and Anna (16). They are the children of 3 single moms and one single grandmother. Because of your generosity twelve lives will know the joy of Christmas, and my heart is full of thanks to have you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

*~submitted by Stefanie DeZarn*

## **\*\* Thank You \*\***

To our members who so willingly have volunteered their time to participate in the worship services this year, I so appreciate the jobs you do; assisting ministers, lectors and communion servers.

To our young people who step in to serve as acolytes, you are a blessing to this congregation.

I am ever grateful,

*Elois Macdonald*



<i>This week we are praying for...</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayers about...</i>	<i>The latest update is...</i>	<i>The person is...</i>
<b>Amanda Billings</b>	Stage 4 breast cancer	Clear margins, hallelujah!	Paula Oty's daughter-in-law
<b>June Broeckel</b>	continuous health issues	in hospice care, June is a little weaker, but does walk a little	a member of the congregation
<b>Lori Nelson</b>	Cancer	Cancer is on pause	A member of the congregation and Chuck Nelson's daughter-in-law
<b>Gail Bohannon</b>	brain tumor	health is declining	a member of the congregation
<b>Olivia Baker &amp; Parents Bob &amp; Amy</b>	ongoing health issues due to cystic fibrosis		the Luberts' granddaughter
<b>Homer Lowery</b>	3rd time diagnosed with leukemia	Home from Chemo, he will need a bone marrow transplant	Rob DeZarn's father
<b>Helen Boyle</b>	Pancreatic Cancer	in treatment	Friend of Doug and Anne Briehl
<b>Kim Cleveland</b>	return of lung cancer and new diagnosis of MS	starting MS infusions, had 1/3 of her lung removed	Angela Aponte's sister
<b>Tim Bailey</b>	health issues due to diabetes	goes for weekly infusions	Kris Salter's friend/neighbor
<b>Kathleen Keeton</b>	failing health due to age	taking it day by day	a member of the congregation
<b>Burton Nettet</b>	continuing health issues	Recovering from a stroke	a member of the congregation
<b>Elaine &amp; Glen Borchart</b>	both have aggressive health issues		Elaine is Dick Wollin's cousin
<b>Genevieve Hovey</b>	health issues	memory loss and balance issues	a member of the congregation
<b>Sara Jackson</b>	anxiety, depression		a member of the congregation
<b>Faye Keller</b>	Cardiac issues	was in hospital but is home now	a member of the congregation
<b>Dave Percy</b>	Parkinson's		Doug Hedlund's friend
<b>Morey Gunderson</b>	fluid around his heart		Nietos family friend
<b>Hannah Wright Osborn</b>	1 year mission in Jerusalem	Hannah is OK	a member of the congregation
<b>Randy Fugere (FEW-SHER)</b>	6 month deployment on USS San Diego	in Greece right now	Diane & Larry Parson's nephew
<b>George Frey</b>	Recovery from emergency heart surgery on December 19 <sup>th</sup>	returned home December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friend of Mary Herem
<b>Paul Matthias</b>	Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery on Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Returned home Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Former pastor of SLC and friend to all.

*If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request and hand it to an usher or contact the office during our office hours. Thank You.*

**How to submit material for the Lamplighter:** The deadline for submissions is Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm; submissions received after the deadline will be printed in the following edition of the Lamplighter. Submissions are strongly preferred in writing. Digital material should be sent to [office@spanawaylutheran.org](mailto:office@spanawaylutheran.org), while physical writings may be dropped off in the office. Office staff are not to be held responsible for late submissions. ~Spanaway Lutheran Church Council