



# ONE IN CHRIST

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## WORSHIP IN JANUARY

### Sundays in January

The Sundays in January are rich in the church year. It is a month where we move quickly through the childhood of Jesus and begin to hear of his ministry.

January 1 is the First Sunday of Christmas. We hear of Herod's reaction to the news of the birth of the Messiah. It is also the day of the Naming of Jesus. We hear of the baby Jesus being brought to the temple to be circumcised and to receive his name.

January 8 the day of The Baptism of our Lord. Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child. We remember that we are baptized in the name of Jesus.

On January 15, the second Sunday after the Epiphany, we reflect further on the baptism of Jesus. We hear John the Evangelist tell the implications of the baptism by John the Baptist. We hear Jesus begin his public ministry on January 22. After John the Baptist is imprisoned, Jesus proclaims that God is near and calls four fishermen to be his disciples.

Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount and names those who are blessed in the reign of God. We hear this message on January 29 as we prepare for the congregation's annual meeting to follow.

### Epiphany Potluck and Praise Family-Friendly Event Fri.. Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to an Epiphany Potluck and Praise event in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 6, at 6 p.m. Fried chicken will be provided and members are asked to bring sides to share. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Because Epiphany is the celebration of the Gospel being taken to the whole world and centers around the story of the Three Wise Men, this story will be part of the event, with children participating in the telling of the story. In addition, there will be an opportunity to re-

flect on how members celebrated the recent seasons of Advent, Christmas and the Twelve Days of Christmas. There will also be a short message, singing lead by Jesse Helton on guitar, and the blessing of the church doors for the new year. There may even be an opportunity to taste a Three Kings Cake!

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity culminates with an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday, January 22 at 7:00 p. m. at St. Justin Martyr Parish, 11910 Eddie and Park Rd., Sunset Hills, MO 63126. There is a Lutheran emphasis at the service this year in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Rev. Mike Malone, ELCA pastor in Cape Girardeau and Central States Synod Ecumenical Officer, will be the preacher. A reception will follow the service. All are welcome.

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 29, following the 10:30 A. M. service. The meeting will be in Fellowship Hall. At the meeting council members and officers will be elected, and a proposed budget for 2017 will be presented for adoption. Annual reports on the 2016 year will be available on January 22. The Fellowship Committee is organizing a soup and salad luncheon to follow the meeting. Come and have lunch with fellow members of the congregation.

### Congregation Honors Rev. Larry Neeb's Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination Jan. 15

The Rev. Larry Neeb will be honored during the 10:30 service on January 15 for fifty years in the ministry. Rev. Neeb was ordained January 1, 1967. There will be a reception in his honor following the 10:30 service.

# LIFE AROUND CHRIST

## Happy Birthday to You ...

Join us for a celebration of January anniversaries and birthdays on Sunday, January December 4th, during Fellowship at 9:00 and 11:35 a.m. We want to celebrate you!

## 22nd Annual

### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration & Parade

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual community celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on Sunday, January 15, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a march from Webster Groves City Hall (4 E. Lockwood) to Steger Sixth Grade Center (701 N. Rock Hill Rd.).

A shuttle will leave Steger for City Hall at 4:00 p.m. for those who want to walk and leave their cars at Steger. Walkers are asked to bring flashlights and dress warmly.

At 5:00 there will be a free dinner reception at Steger followed by a celebration and community program at 5:45. The program will feature keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Terrell Carter, Pastor of Webster Groves Baptist Church and Assistant Professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

Music will be provided by the Praise Band of Riverside Community Church, the Webster Community Choir, Hudson Harmonies, the Webster University Gospel Choir and Maria Ellis and The Vaughns.

Winners of the MLK Jr. essay contest will be awarded their \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds at the event.

### Christ Lutheran High School Youth Host Cluster Youth Event on Sun., Jan. 8

Christ Lutheran high school youth will host and serve refreshments at the monthly gathering of the Southside Cluster youth. Several Christ Lutheran parents are asked to be in attendance. Please let Sherri Swanson know that you can help and/or bring food. Shared youth director, Aaron Elliott, will lead activities. Friends are welcome. The gathering will be held in the Arden Mead Center.

### Cluster Youth Steering Team Meets Monday, January 30

Representatives from the five "cluster" congregations

serving on the Cluster Youth Steering Team will meet on Monday, January 30, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at Christ Lutheran Church. Our representatives are Anna and Deanne Bussler and Youth Chair, Sherri Swanson. With the help of shared youth director, Aaron Elliott, they will be planning details of youth events for the coming months.

### Sunday School Children to Tour Church Sunday, January 8

Sunday school children will not have regular class when they return after the Christmas break on Sunday, January 8, but will gather at the church to "tour" different parts of the church building to better understand what happens in worship on Sunday morning. Areas and topics may include the meaning of the parables, the role of presenters in the service, the preparation of Holy Communion by the Altar Guild, the work of the flower team and the church office.

### Sunday School Teachers to Meet Sunday, January 8

Sunday school teachers will meet with Superintendent Brent Wood after the 10:30 service in the Conference Room on Sunday, January 8 to evaluate the Sunday school program and plan for Children's Sunday, January 22, among other topics.

### Children to Participate During Worship On Children's Sunday, January 22

Children's Sunday will be held earlier this year, on January 22. On that Sunday, children will participate in the 10:30 worship service by greeting, helping to usher, and reading lessons. They may also sing and individual children may offer to play musical instruments.

### To the Congregation

Thank you for the prayers and the prayer shawl I received after and during the illness and death of my dear cousin who was a rock for me. I, too, have found Christ Lutheran to be a rock, and my church family has given me strength to help the rest of my family during this very difficult, sad time. I thank all of you.

Bev Thompson

# January Adult Education

## ADULT FORUM

*The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church building.*

**On January 1 there is no Adult Forum.**

**January 8 “The Emergence Christianity” series continues.** The discussion generated in December continues on into the new year. Video by Phyllis Tickle on the topic about changes in the church and culture gives food for thought. Tickle was an authority on religion in America who surveyed ten thousand years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500’s, the next is happening now. What are the implications of this “great emergence,” both culturally and spiritually? Where might we be headed next? Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

**January 15 – Guest speaker Rev. Martin Rafanan speaks on the topic, “The Gospel and Fast Food Workers.”** Rafanan works with [Missouri Jobs With Justice](#), which is a coalition of over 100 labor, community, faith and student groups and one of the strongest statewide organizations in support of working families and economic justice. They seek to bring minimum and low wages to a level that will support the current living standard. Rafanan will describe the current problem and solutions that might bring change.

**January 22 – Pastor Keith was the Area Ministry 10 delegate to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans last summer.** He will speak of the experience of attending the assembly and will describe significant changes adopted in the way the ELCA will view rostered ministry necessitating changes in congregational constitutions. He will relate his perceptions of Bishop Eaton’s leadership, the exceptional worship and preaching services, the interaction

with those leading the way towards Lutheran / Roman Catholic ecumenical relations, and thoughts about challenges to social change in partner international churches. Pastor Penny attended the co-terminus ELCA Grace Gathering, and together they were able to hear Ms. Leymah Gbowee, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. He will also relate some experiences they had while staying on a few days in New Orleans after the assembly.

**January 29 – “How The Bible Got Written”** The Bible is said to be the spiritual guide for one out of every three people in the world with an estimated six billion copies having been sold in the last two hundred years. How did the writing of the Bible begin and how were decisions made about which to include of the many writings made by Jesus’ followers? With the help of Bart Ehrman’s Great Courses’ video on the subject and other sources, Pastor Penny will offer possible answers to these questions.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

**Sunday Morning—9:15 a.m. Book and Film Discussion Group** You are welcome to join us for fellowship, conversation and spirit-filled relationship building on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. Please drop in any week for the discussion. Contact Katie Ciorba with any questions.

**Tuesday Morning, 10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall.** The Tuesday Morning Bible study group will resume on Tuesday, January 10th, as they continue to read and discuss the Book of Isaiah, an early prophet. Questions? Contact Carolyn at 314-277-2164.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study.** This study meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the 3rd floor lounge of the Laclede Groves senior living community at 701 S. Laclede Station Road. The pastors lead a study on upcoming Sunday lessons. .

**LET'S CELEBRATE!**



**CELEBRATING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! *Every month we will honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun and decorations* after the service.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
01/13 Kim & Dave Donermeyer

91/19

Jadee & Steve Lauer

**BIRTHDAYS**

01/03 Joyce Pederson  
01/05 Sharon Hornbeck  
01/08 Brian Hornbeck  
01/11 Flo Saeger  
01/13 Nancy Lissant  
01/15 Deanne Bussler  
01/15 James Knapp  
01/15 Alex Lindquist  
01/19 Kate Drollinger  
01/28 Alex Bennett  
01/29 Nina Wright

**BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS**



Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse and Director of Senior Adult Ministries, will do blood pressure and blood sugar screenings on Sunday, January 8th. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. You can also make an appointment with Carolyn for a blood pressure or blood sugar check up, by calling her at either the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.

Don't forget to get your FLU SHOT this month—flu is a dangerous disease that can be made less so by a simple shot, which is available at your doctor's office, hospitals and many pharmacies, including ones located in grocery stores.

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**Treasurer's Report – Financial Results Through November 30, 2016**

Below is a condensed report for the 11-month period for CLC's General Fund:

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
◆ Income All Sources	\$ 404,400	\$ 380,000
◆ Expenses	\$ 406,300	\$ 418,700
◆ Surplus/<Deficit>	\$ < 1,900>	\$ <38,700>

\*\* Income was above budget due to favorable member giving trends as compared to prior years' experience—thank you!

\*\* Facilities repair and maintenance expenses were below budget due to planned delays in the incurrence of selected work projects. Utilities and property and liability insurance costs were also well below budget.

\*\* All other costs have been kept under control and were 1% below budget.

\*\* We are most grateful for your generous giving to the General Fund, to the Special Assistance Fund in response to the Rook family tragedy, and to various Designated Funds throughout 2016 in support of specific missions and causes.

\*\* We have experienced a very good financial year overall. We are so very appreciative of your continued generous financial and prayerful support!

Larry M Hill, Treasurer

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# REFLECTIONS

## “On Being God for Others”

“Epiphany,” which many Christian church bodies celebrate on January 6 each year, comes from the Greek meaning “striking appearance” or “vision of God.” In our church body the season of Epiphany continues through Ash Wednesday.

Epiphany has come to mean several things. It refers to the appearance of God’s power in Jesus shown, for instance, when he was baptized, performed his first miracle and was transfigured into a glowing body speaking to long-dead prophets.

The Epiphany is also the day we commemorate the visit by magi or foreign wise men to Jesus sometime after his birth, as described in Matthew 2:1-12. The Magis’ visit is celebrated as the first time Jesus was introduced to Gentiles, or non-Jews.

Where do we catch a vision of God’s power and care for all people today? In an anonymous donor’s gift to help settle refugees? In the hug of sympathy for someone in grief? In a congregation where mistakes are forgiven and political differences accepted?

And how do we bring a “vision of God” to our family, neighbors and the strangers around us? A young man once got an anguished call from an out-of-town friend whose troubled marriage was ending in divorce. The man took off work, drove the better part of a day to be with his friend and drove back in time to work again. Even more than the words of comfort he may have given his grieving friend, his actions, his presence, revealed God. He might have told his friend that God forgave him for his part in the failed relationship. He might have said, “God will be with you in your loneliness.” I suspect, however that the greatest “epiphany” he could give his friend was his willingness to experience hardship in order to be with him.

In this new church season, may God give us the wisdom and strength to be “epiphanies” for loved ones, strangers and the world.

---Pastor Penny

## WOMEN'S GROUP

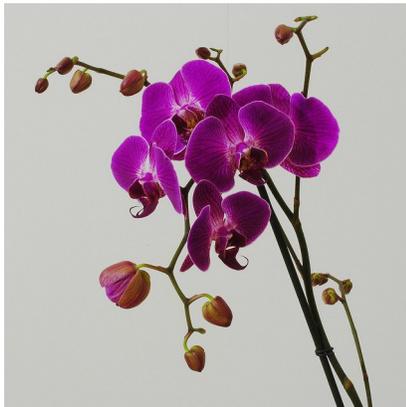
*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*

Revelation 21:1

January—a new year and a new beginning. Much like John, we make predictions: we hope our lives will improve in the coming year; we try to clean our minds, our closets, our homes, of that which we no longer need, want, or use.

The Women’s Group would like to thank all of you (bakes and buyers) who made our Cookie Sale a success. We

were able to contribute more than \$500 to the Special Assistance Fund of the church. Our contribution is designated for the Rook family.



Our next get together as a group will be to attend the Orchid Show at the Botanical Garden at a date to be determined.

Blessings to all in the coming New Year!

***See You in Church!***



# THE SHARING TREE

from your Christian Service Ministry Team

## LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES BENVOLENT CARE FUND – Green Envelope Recipient for January, 2017

A few years ago, this organization received licensure by the state of Missouri to begin operation of a hospice agency in the St. Louis Metro area. This extension of LSS's ministries offers a faith-driven resource for people who need end-of-life care.

LSS Hospice Care is a full-service hospice that provides specialized care for people with life-limiting illnesses and the supportive services for their families. It is care that may be considered when an individual chooses to no longer undergo medical treatments designed to cure. Pain control and symptom management for the person receiving care are the hallmarks of their hospice, as well as spiritual, psychological and social services for that individual and his or her family. LSS Hospice Care is available for LSS residents and others in the community who would benefit from these services. To offer your financial support for this and the many

other services of LSS, please make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, with LSS on the memo line. (If there are questions about LSS Hospice Care or the other services available, please call 314-446-2539).

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thanks to everyone who helped purchase gifts for the Christmas Giving Tree. The gifts were for children who are served by other school programs through Provident Counseling where Kevin Drollinger is the President and Executive Director. The children attend school in North county and are in areas that have been effected by violence and difficult economic challenges. Your gifts allowed them to receive something special for Christmas and know that people in the community care about them. Again, thanks!

Christian Service Committee

**WE COLLECT:** Did you know Christ Lutheran has a number of ongoing collections to benefit local charities that you can participate in ANY time of the year?! Here is the list as a refresher, feel free to drop off items to the designated spots in refreshment hall anytime:

- Box Tops for Education – local schools
- Meal-A-Month food items – WRMH & Feed My People (see list printed in each newsletter)
- Gently used and new shoes - Get the Word Out



## GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH

### JANUARY, 2017

Boxed whole grain pasta (penne, spaghetti, etc.)  
Canned spaghetti sauce w/ or w/o meat  
Canned beets, low sodium if available  
Canned fruit in light syrup/own juices  
Powdered milk or ground coffee

Return to Church by Sunday

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### FEBRUARY, 2017

Canned Tuna in water or olive oil  
Box of Tuna Helper, any variety  
Canned Carrots, low sodium or No salt  
Canned fruit in own juice or light syrup  
Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk  
Return to Church by Sunday,



Small, canned hams are often found at Walgreens, Walmart and Sam's Club.. A meal a month for you, a meal a month for your neighbor. Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated. Peanut butter, jelly, fruit rolls always welcome.

## Lutheran School of Theology Courses

Lutheran School of Theology will offer a course and a seminar in January. Course PD 127 "THE IMPACT OF LUTHER'S REFORMATION ON OTHERS" is taught by Rev. Warren Crews, Adjunct Faculty at Eden Seminary.

While Martin Luther is credited with having begun the Protestant Reformation by posting his Ninety-Five Theses in 1517, the major themes of the Lutheran Reformation impacted reforming efforts by the Roman Catholic, Reformed, and Anglican Churches in the 16th century as well. This class will explore these other reformations and the ecumenical possibilities for the present and future.



Rev. Warren Crews

The class meets four Tuesdays: January 24, 31 and February 7 and 14. 7:00 – 9:30 p. m. at St. George's Episcopal/St. Mark Lutheran Churches, 105 East D Street, Belleville, IL 62220. Tuition is \$59 if registered by January 10; \$64 after Jan. 10.

Course PD 128, "LUTHER: His Life, His Spiritual Quest, and the Multi-Faceted Reform He Inspired" is a one day workshop taught by the Rev. Dr. Kurt Hendel. Dr. Hendel will focus on three topics: Luther and his spiritual quest; theological reform as the heart of the Reformation movement; and public theology and social reforms.

He will invite discussion and conversation about other aspects of the 16th century Reformation. Exploring Luther's biography and the multifaceted nature of the Reformation that he inspired is the overall topic. The overview is designed to generate a good deal of discussion, which will allow exploring aspects of the sixteenth-century Reformation the class may find most applicable to our time and for our ministries.



The instructor is The Rev. Dr. Kurt K. Hendel, Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor Emeritus of Reformation History, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago,

The one-day Workshop is Thursday, Jan. 26 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Aquinas Institute of Theology, 23 Spring St., St. Louis, MO 63108. Parking is nearby at the St. Louis University Lot for visitors on Laclede Ave. at \$6 per day.

Tuition is \$37 by Jan. 12 and \$42 after Jan. 12 (fee includes lunch)

Register for either course at [www.lststl.org/courses](http://www.lststl.org/courses). Call 314-9180-2556 and leave a message. Send name and check with course selection to LST, 475 E. Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119. Or email your selection to [registrar@lststl.org](mailto:registrar@lststl.org).

### ANNUAL CROSSINGS SEMINAR

The Annual Crossings Seminar is January 22-24 at Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center, Belleville, IL. This year's topic is "Where is God Now? Tracking and Crossing Our World After November 8, 2016."

"This 'question/answer' (law/gospel) complex will serve as our starting point as we wrestle to cross the Word of God to our world after November 8, 2016. We will take seriously the conflict of concerns (from those encouraged to those discouraged) that this (November 8) moment raises as we think through it following the three step Crossings pattern: Tracking our world today with help from secular analysts and your observations; Grounding our thought in the Matthean Texts (Sermon on the Mount) for Epiphany; Crossing the two sets of data into each, exploring the possibilities for discipleship in our Post-November 8 World." Steve Kohl, Mike Hoy and Jerry Burce are the discussion leaders. Ed Schroeder will be on hand.

The full conference is from 7:00 p. m. on Sunday through noon on Tuesday. However, half-day registrations are available. Lodging is available at Our Lady of the Snows, or commuters are welcome. See full information at the website, [www.crossings.org](http://www.crossings.org). If you are interested in attending let the church office know and a group could commute together.

## December Council Highlights

At its December 20th meeting the Christ Lutheran Church Council:

- Christian Service reported** that 30 kids from Provident Counseling were adopted for Christmas gifts by Christ Lutheran families.
- Inreach is planning** a new member event.
- Properties reported** electrical repairs and updates at the Mead Center, progress on a serving area in the Mead lower level large room, estimates being received for roof repairs in both buildings, conversations with AmerenUE regarding cost saving methods, and the reception of the gift of a TV in the conference room.
- Worship noted** that Christmas wreaths will be updated next year. Budget items were considered considering the special events of 2017 around the congregation's 120th anniversary and the Lutheran Reformation 500th.
- Youth reported** on the chili supper, good turnout of high school youth at cluster Christmas party, and upcoming events in February. A revised contract is being offered to shared youth worker Aaron Elliott.
- Approved a payment** of \$250 towards the Webster Groves Martin Luther King Jr. Day annual weekend event.
- Council members were** reminded that 2016 reports are due Jan. 17.
- Treasurer reported** year to date income as of Nov. 30 at \$404,460 versus actual expenses of \$390,941 and budgeted expenses of \$418,733. Accounting for accrued benevolences to be paid in December, the current status is minus \$1,903.
- Prioritized the use of funds** in excess of actual expenses at the end of the year should there be any.
- **Adopted a budget** to propose to the annual meeting of the congregation in the amount of \$488,000.

### Using Christ Lutheran's Online Directory

Want to use the online directory? Go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)

- ✦ Click on "church member sign in"
- ✦ On the sign in page go to:
  - First time signing in? Create a login now
  - Type in the email (the one you've provided for church) and create a password; retype the pass word.
- You will then receive a "code" in your email that will allow you to log in to the website using your email and password.
- Want to get the app?
  - ✦ The app is great for being out and about. You can open it up and look up anyone's phone number or address. Find the app "instant church directory" in your favorite app store.
  - ✦ You can have more than 1 app registered per email address.

Want to change your information or picture on online directory? Email Katie Ciorba at [ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com) to make changes or email Susan Hunt at church

Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at anytime.

### **Lutheran Campus Ministry Trivia Night—Sat., February 4**

Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis is hosting its annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 4, 2017. We need you for our biggest fundraiser of the year! The cost is \$20/person with teams of eight. There are exciting questions, great prizes for the top three teams, and fun for all involved! Register in advance at [www.lcmstl.org/trivia](http://www.lcmstl.org/trivia) or by calling 314-863-8140. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 7001 Forsyth Blvd. Can't make it to trivia but still want to help out? Contact us about donating raffle prizes or using a Thrivent Action Grant for our event!

### **Laclede Groves Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary**

The January 23rd meeting of the Auxiliary will include a luncheon and have John Kotovsky, President-CEO of Lutheran Senior Services as speaker. His topic will be "What's Happening in 2017". It all begins at 11:30 a.m. Contact Willie Miesner at 314-942-7254 to make a reservation. Residents sign up in the book.

### **Luther College Symphony Orchestra To Perform Sunday, January 29th**

The Luther College Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Daniel Baldwin, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 327 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, Missouri. The concert is part of the Symphony Orchestra's 2017 Midwest Tour. The concert is open to the public with a freewill donation taken at the door. There is no charge for students.

The program begins with a suite of dances from Aaron Copeland's 1938 ballet "Billy the Kid," then features the strings and harp alone in "Five Variants of 'Dives and Lazarus'" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. After an intermission, the concert concludes with Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade" Op. 35, a symphonic suite based on the folk tales "Arabian Nights."

### **YWCA'S WOMAN'S PLACE**

The YWCA of St. Louis and St. Charles sponsors various workshops in our area for all women.

An introductory class for women covering the nature and dynamics of domestic abuse, safety planning strategies and community resources is Domestic Abuse 101 which is held throughout the year. All program services are free and confidential. Pre-registration is required. Class times are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is offered in both St. Louis and in St. Charles.

There are also several support groups. St. Louis information can be reached at 314-645-4848 at are located at 8300 Morganford Rod, St. Louis, 63123.

The January program will be held on the 21st, 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Self-Compassion and Mindfulness. Register at 314-645-4848.

There is a "How to Help—A workshop for Friends & Family", a 3-hour session packed with information and support for friends and family members of domestic violence survivors. Learn to support effectively, encourage safe choices and identify "red-flags." Call either location to schedule a session.

"Growing up with Family Violence Survivor Series (4 weeks). An in-person one-on-one meeting with an advocate is required before joining this series. Thursdays in St. Louis, 6:00-8:30 p.m., May 4-25, repeated in October.

Domestic Violence Support Group (8 weeks) An in-person one-on-one meeting with an advocate is required before joining a group. Mondays in St. Charles, 6:00-8:00 p.m. March 13- May 1.

## January, 2017 "WHO-DO" LIST

<b>DATE: Jan. 1st</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. 1st Sunday of Christmas</b>	
<b>Key Person</b>	Alan Richter	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Katrina Lynn	
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Bennett / Alan Richter	
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Bennett	
<b>Presenters</b>	Mike & Kristin Hill Family	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy & Keith Lissant	
<b>Flowers</b>	Poinsettias	
<b>Nursery</b>	No childcare this morning	
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Austin / TBA	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Melissa Allen / Katie Ciorba / Kate Dopuch / Jodi McCarty	
<b>DATE: Jan. 8th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Baptism of Our Lord</b>
<b>Key Person</b>	John Hoffmann	Keith Lissant
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Flo Saeger
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Paige Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>		Eric Deck / Ray McIntyre
<b>Lector</b>	John Hoffmann	Brett Bussler
<b>Presenters</b>	Jim & Sally Wachtman	Peter & Becca Jordan
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sally Wachtman / Sandra Hoyer
<b>Flowers</b>		Faith Moore
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Dan & Jessica Gunther
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ellen Mead / Flo Saeger /	Sharon Hornbeck / Carolyn Lange
<b>DATE: Jan. 15th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<b>Key Person</b>	Jerry Kuziel	Joan O'Brien
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Emma Austin
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	TBA
<b>Ushers</b>		Bob & Joan O'Brien
<b>Lector</b>	Flo Saeger	Kersten Horn
<b>Presenters</b>	Flo & Vic Saeger	Donna Munger / Larry Neeb
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Kathy Kuziel / Angela Bratcher
<b>Flowers</b>		TBA
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Ed Mansour / Joan O'Brien
<b>Refreshments</b>	Carolyn Crowe / John Hoffmann /	Sandra Hoyer
<b>DATE: Jan. 22nd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Griffith	Mike Hoyer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		John Hoffmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	San Allen
<b>Ushers</b>		Mike Hoyer / Bev Thompson
<b>Lector</b>	Larry Hill	Kim Donermeyer
<b>Presenters</b>	Larry Hill	Gale Nunn / Sylvia Rogers
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Janet Roock / Carolyn Lange
<b>Flowers</b>		TBA
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Susan DeBusk / Tore Stole
<b>Refreshments</b>	Suzie McIntyre / Janet Roock /	Judy Wessler
<b>DATE: Jan. 29th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Scholle	Matt Bender
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Mark Roock
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	TBA
<b>Ushers</b>		Peter & Becca Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Vic Saeger	Ray McIntyre
<b>Presenters</b>	Jim & Sally Wachtman	The Bender Family
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Matt & Sarah Bender
<b>Flowers</b>		Sarah Bender
<b>Counters</b>		Dave Austin / Sarah Bender
<b>Refreshments</b>	Alena Horn / Jadee Lauer /	Sarah Ringkor / Lynnae Tanner Ruff

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>1</b> 10:39a Worship 11:35aa Refreshments Anniversary & Birthday celebration	<b>2</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group	<b>3</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bible study	<b>4</b> 6p The Fitness Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6p Epiphany Potluck and Praise—Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 7:45a Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship and BP screenings 9:15a Education Hour 11:45a SS Teachers meet 6p Cluster Youth Event	<b>9</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group	<b>10</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bible study	<b>11</b> 10 Bible Study at Laclede Groves 6p The Fitness Group 7:30p Christ Choir rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 7:45a Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour	<b>16</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group	<b>17</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bible study 7p Church Council	<b>18</b> 10 Bible Study at Laclede Groves 6p The Fitness Group 7:30p Christ Choir rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7:45a Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Children's Service	<b>23</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group	<b>24</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bible study	<b>25</b> 10 Bible Study at Laclede Groves 6p The Fitness Group 7:30p Christ Choir rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 7:45a Childcare 8 & 10:30a Worship 9 & 11:35a Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour 11:45a Annual Meeting and potluck lunch 4p Luther College symphony	<b>30</b> 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Senior Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group 7p Cluster Youth Steering Team meets	<b>31</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bible study				



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
 MONDAY 9 A.M. - NOON  
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## **JANUARY 2017 Highlights**

- 01/01 No Childcare available; **10:30 a.m.:** 1st Sunday of Christmas—Worship w/ Holy Communion **11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time; celebrate the January anniversaries & birthdays.
- 01/06 **6:00 p.m. Epiphany Potluck and Praise**—Fried chicken provided, bring side dishes. Sign up in Fellowship Hall
- 01/08 **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion; **9:15 a.m.:** Education Hour; **10:30 a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion **9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time and blood pressure screenings..
- 01/15 **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion; **9:15 a.m.:** Education Hour; **9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time . Honor Pastor Larry Neeb. On 50th anniversary of ordination.
- 01/17 **7:00 p.m.** Church Council meets—Conference Room
- 01/22 **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion; Children's Sunday at the 10:30 service. **9:15 a.m.:** Education Hour; **9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship Hall
- 01/29 **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion; **9:15 a.m.:** Education Hour; **9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship Hsll followed by the Annual Meeting with a soup and salad potluck lunch.
- 1/30 **7:00 p.m.:** Cluster Youth Steering Team meets, Conference Room, Christ Lutheran