

The Friendly Communicator

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From the Pastor's Desk...

A young college freshman was tacking a new calendar to her dorm room wall. As she worked, she said, "It's going to be a great year!" "How do you know?" asked her roommate. "Well," she replied, "A day isn't a long time and I'm going to take each of the 365 days one at a time and make sure each day gets at least one beautiful thing in it through my efforts."

Our church annual meeting is soon upon us! This will be a great time for us as a congregation to set some goals for our church. In preparing for this meeting, don't be afraid to THINK BIG! Any worthy goal, no matter how large it seems, can be accomplished if we tackle it little by little; piece by piece; one day at a time.

As we work on our goals, what beautiful thing can you add each week through your efforts? Perhaps you can invite people to church on a regular basis; or get involved in our worship by reading scripture; join our choir; ring bells; keep a chair open at your table at fellowship time to welcome visitors; or attend Sunday School and worship on a regular basis.

Church growth is not a numbers game. It's working to do our best while taking one day at a time. It's striving for improvement in every area along the way. It's a process of moving forward for the sake of our Risen Lord! Thus, there's no room for complacency. We need the attitude of Thorwaldsen when he was asked, "Which is your greatest statue?" He replied, "The next one."

Pastor Mark

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FROM THE DIREKTR



There is a hymn in our hymnal (#811) that is specific to the new year. The words make a wonderful devotion that could be used to set the tone for 2017.

It begins with "Another year is dawning...." Sometimes, we say that with a sense of boredom or fear or disinterest. But the hymn goes on to tell us that this new year that is dawning should be another year..

Spent with the Lord

Making progress

Praising God

Showing mercy

Trusting in God

Serving others!!!!

You can find this in our hymnal and use it to start the new year with an attitude of hope and expectation, an attitude of joy in service to others. Look around the church - opportunities to serve are many. Start the new year off with a new way of service.

Mary Schecher



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Financial Income Report November, 2016

General Receipts		
Envelopes	\$	9,981.00
Loose Offerings		164.20
Project Focal point	\$	5.00
MCC		5.00
Church School		81.21
Thanksgiving	\$	115.00
Total	\$	10,351.41
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Stained Glass Restoration		800.00
POW WOW		50.00
Secret Place		2.00
Total	\$	852.00
Communion Offering		
Guest House		290.25
Total	\$	290.25
Memorial Fund		
Dena Henry	\$	50.00
Total	\$	50.00
Mission Offering		
WMO	\$	54.00
Love Gift	\$	110.00
Total		164.00
Deposited Total	\$	11,707.66



Prayer Concerns

Charles Graham, Michelle Caswell,
Anne Wyszowski

Sunday January 15th

SOCKS

BIG OR SMALL

PLAIN OR COLORFUL

ALL KINDS OF SOCKS ARE NEEDED

For Milwaukee Rescue Mission



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Tom Kirk
2	Raymond Paprocki
3	Sue Brown
4	Sara Byleen
8	William Thayer, Jr.
8	Bill Gellert
8	Jessica Sauer
10	Joy Gage
13	Norma Kennedy
14	Karl Byleen
15	Heather Leitner
17	Sharon Arnold
19	Kris Woods
23	Duane Kirk
23	Ted Hertel Jr.
24	Karen Sundland
25	Douglas Brown
27	Sarah Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

3	Evan Oleson
13	Jake Brophey
19	Audrey Fictum

ANNIVERSARIES

29	Robert & Trisha Sauer 21years
29	Jeff & Linda Bilton 15years

If we have inadvertently missed your special day, please accept our apologies, and let the office know so we can change our records.

We Welcome our new secretary:

Ms. Mariaelena Fontes

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be on Sunday January 15th following the morning worship service. A potluck meal will be enjoyed before the meeting begins Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Camp Tamarack Winter Youth Retreat!

Feb.10th-12th, 2017

Youth will be spending the weekend delving deeper into some of the stories of the Bible and sharing some of their own stories using specific prompts.

All youth in 7th-12th grade are invited!

\$90 if postmarked on or before January 15th, 2017, \$100 after.

You are encouraged to register on-line at: <http://www.camptamarack.org/reservations.shtm>

Registration forms are in the church office.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>9am</u> Sunday school/adult bible study <u>10:15</u> Worship	2	3	4 <u>6pm</u> Neshamah ringers <u>6:30pm</u> Jubilation ringers <u>7pm</u> midweek Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 <u>9am</u> Sunday school/adult bible study <u>10:15</u> worship	9 7pm boards 8pm council	10	11 <u>6pm</u> Neshamah ringers <u>6:30pm</u> Jubilation ringers <u>7pm</u> midweek Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15 <u>9am</u> Sunday school/adult bible study <u>10:15</u> worship Annual meeting/potluck after worship	16	17	18 <u>6pm</u> Neshamah ringers <u>6:30pm</u> Jubilation ringers <u>7pm</u> midweek Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir	19	20	21
22 <u>9am</u> Sunday school/adult bible study <u>10:15</u> worship	23	24	25 <u>6pm</u> Neshamah ringers <u>6:30pm</u> Jubilation ringers <u>7pm</u> midweek Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 <u>9am</u> Sunday school/adult bible study <u>10:15</u> worship	30	31				