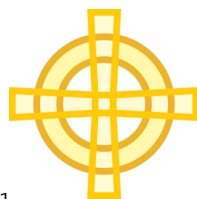




# HIGHLIGHTS



A Newsletter of  
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## January, 2019



**January Servers**  
**Thank you to our servers this month!**



Area of Service		Jan 6 Epiphany of Our Lord	Jan 13 Baptism of Jesus	Jan 20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Jan 27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Flowers		Claytons	Wohlfords	<b>Need Donor</b>	Casteeles
Nursery Attend.		S Conner	B Wingo	T Conner	K Castelee
Greeter		J & S Castelee	J & S Castelee	B Bowers	B Bowers
Ushers		J & S Castelee	J & S Castelee	M Barnett J Bain	M Barnett J Bain
Acolyte		J Haley G Brockmeyer	J Haley G Brockmeyer	M Dalton	M Dalton
Crucifer		J Haley	J Haley	M Dalton	M Dalton
Reader		S Bain	S Bain	S Bain	S Bain
Communion	Bread	K Wohlford		K Wohlford	
	Set Up	D Donald		D Donald	
	Presenter	S Brumagin		F & K Olesuk	
	Assistant	S Brumagin		E Hagar	
Teller		E L Frazier	E L Frazier	E L Frazier	E L Frazier

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23*

# Calendar for January



**\*\* Happy New Year! \*\***

## Week of Jan 6-12

Sun	6	9:45 am	Sunday School
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship - Holy Communion</b>
Tue	8	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Council</b>
Wed	9	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

## Week of Jan 13-19

Sun	13	9:45 am	Sunday School
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>12:15</b>	<b>Sparks! Children's class</b>
Mon	14	10:00 am	Piecemakers Quilting Group
Tue	15	6:30 pm	Men in Mission Supper & Program
Wed	16	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

## Week of Jan 20-26

Sun	20	9:45 am	Sunday School
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b>
		4:00 pm	Von Bora Circle Bible study (new date!)
Wed	23	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

## Week of Jan 27-31 *(Annual Reports are due – thank you)*

Sun	27	9:45 am	Sunday School
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>12:15</b>	<b>Sparks! Children's class</b>
Wed	30	12:30 pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice

### **Meeting Locations:**

Bible Study – Library; Adult S.S., Council, Von Bora Circle – Parlor; Men's Group, Circle of Ruth, Quilting – Fellowship Hall; Choir - Sanctuary

# NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**PRAYERS OF THE PARISH** are asked for: Lloyd & Donna Broadstreet, Todd Conner, Kathy Faller, Emma Gallimore, Bobby Harrell, Lewis & Jackie Pratt, Patti Sanders, Libby Sumner; **Friends and Family:** Jimmy Alley, Joan Antos, Salinda Arthur, Shirley Bandy, Jim Campbell, Pastor Gene Copenhaver, Stella Farley, Roger Gravely, Chris Hanks, Catherine Humphrey, John Nestor, Rita Owens, Ben Quesenberry, Linda Rea, Patsy Roope, Wayne Sutphin; **Law Enforcement, Peace Corps and Military:** Alvin Blankenship, Brett Downey, Michael Clayton, Caleb Dunford, Seth Elich, Ray Harrell, Jerry Martin, Chris Olesuk, Kevin Olesuk, Tyler Renn, Garrett Rich, Vicky Sands, Tyler Simpkins, Cody Slaughter, Jack Smith, Justin Smith, Lane Smith, Bronson Underwood, James & Lebreska Whitaker, Cody Wright.

**SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH** goes out to the family of Rickie Graham upon her death on December 31. Rickie's funeral will be held at St. John's Lutheran in Roanoke on Friday, January 11 at 10:30 am with interment at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 Lloyd Broadstreet, Christine Gill | 21 Kellen Wohlford              |
| 5 Emmy Lou Frazier                  | 25 Sherry Barnett, Jim Castelee |
| 6 Zachary Clayton                   | 29 Karen Martin                 |
| 16 Stephanie Benedict               | 31 Charlie Wade                 |

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10 Henry Fink, Michael Clayton | 11 Nelson Wert, Sr. |
| 27 Mary Jayne Hall             |                     |

## WORDS OF THANKS!

I want to express sincere thanks for the generous Christmas gift. I enjoy working in the office and appreciate the encouraging words from Pastor Terrie and from many of you over the years that I have been here.

Looking forward to working with each of you in 2019!

Your Office Assistant,  
Karen Taylor

## ALTAR FLOWERS –

Whenever there is a Sunday when the altar flowers are not being taken home or given to someone by the donor, Bill Thompson is happy to deliver them to Pulaski Hospital for their front desk! Just let him know.

Thank you, Bill!

# We LEARN

**WE BEGIN A NEW GOSPEL YEAR WITH THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.**

**Adult Education Opportunities to go deeper with Matthew's Gospel:**

*Mid-week Bible Study – Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30pm, Library*

*Sunday School – Sundays, 10am, Parlor*

## **READINGS FOR JANUARY:**

Jan. 6 – Day of Epiphany: Magi Visit

Matthew 2:1-23

Jan. 13 – Epiphany 1: Jesus' Baptism: Matthew

Matthew 3:1-17

Jan. 20– Epiphany 2: Tempted in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-17

Jan. 27 – Epiphany 3: Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-20

## **SPARKS SESSIONS THIS MONTH:**

JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> after worship



# We SHARE

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE WRAP UP**

Thanks to our bountiful team who helped assemble and distribute over 1,200 candy canes with the “Legend of the Candy Cane” card attached. We covered the parade route and gave this little bit of “good news” to spectators waiting for the parade to begin. A good time was had by all!

# We SERVE

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

On December 22, we shared Christmas food baskets with 13 households in Pulaski and Dublin. Many thanks to Emmy Lou Frazier of the Women of the ELCA for coordinating this effort, along with Thrivent members Linda Hawks and Kirk Castelee.

## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Donations to the Community Food Pantry at New River Community Action are always welcome. If you drop it into the collection box near the bulletin board we will be sure to deliver it to the food pantry.



# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

*WINTER CELEBRATION for youth in grades 9-12  
January 18-20, 2019. Registrations are due now!*

## Save the Dates!

### Chalk Art Party In February with Pastor Dwight Haynes

The exact Saturday evening in February is to be determined, but watch for news about this fun event! For a nominal fee, we will be able to learn how to create chalk art, taught by Evangelist Dwight



Haynes of Good News Chalk Art!

*We will extend an invitation to this event to our friends and neighbors at First Presbyterian, First Christian, and First UMC.*

## BINGO NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION March 23 – 6:00 pm



Donations of gently used fun stuff for Bingo prizes and nicer stuff for the Silent Auction are welcome any time from now until March 15. Drop your donations off in the Library. If an item is for the Silent Auction, please attach a donor form available on the library table. Thank you!

## WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS



### ***Circle Meetings in January -***

**Von Bora** – Sunday, January 20, 4pm – Parlor (Von Bora will now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted.)

**Circle of Ruth** – Saturday, January 19, 10am – Fellowship Hall to work on quilts. Barbara Wingo will be our leader and Karen Martin our hostess. We will make plans for 2019 at this meeting.

All are welcome to either or both circle meetings!



Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm for a pot-luck supper and program. We meet in the fellowship hall, and all men of the congregation are cordially invited to join us! We are usually finished by 8:00.

***By God's grace, Lutheran Men in Mission exists to help mens' leaders and congregations BUILD life-changing ministries to men; to STRENGTHEN men's faith and relationship for witness and service, and to EQUIP followers of Jesus Christ through events, resources, and leadership development.***

### ***A Note from Delegate Nick Rush:***

Dear Trinity Evangelical Lutheran:

During this holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to wish you congregation a very Merry Christmas with sincere appreciation for your continued outreach and service to the New River Valley community. I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and many blessings throughout the New Year.

If there is ever anything I or my office can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

L. Nick Rush – 7<sup>th</sup> House District

## ***PULASKI CHRISTMAS STORE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

I would like for all of you who supported the mission of the Pulaski County Christmas Store to know how much I appreciate your efforts! You helped make a huge difference in the lives of many children in our county. You contributed money, clothing and other gift items, handmade craft item and participation in the "Christmas in July" dinner and silent auction, and many hours of volunteer service for this organization. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! There are many silent sentiments of thanks from parents, grandparents, and other caregivers for your caring spirit.



Susan Bain



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### ***THRIVENT NEWS***

#### ***CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION***

Thrivent Members, please provide Barbara Wingo with a list of completed Thrivent Action Team projects from 2018 so that she can prepare a complete report for Trinity's 2018 annual report. Thank you.

#### ***2018 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS***

Now is the time to be sure that you have designated your 2018 Choice Dollars. Trinity is one of the many organizations that is listed to receive Choice Dollars at your discretion. Please do not let your 2018 Choice Dollars go to waste! If you need help with this, please speak with Barbara Wingo. Thank you!

## PASTOR'S PAGE

From Isaiah 60:1-7:

***Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.***

<sup>2</sup> *For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.*

<sup>3</sup> *Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*

<sup>4</sup> *Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.*

<sup>5</sup> *Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.*

<sup>6</sup> *A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup> *All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.*

I am struck by this prophecy from Isaiah that surely foretells the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah and Savior. The presence of God is as the light that shines upon Jerusalem, the presence and power to draw nations and kings to God's own self by way of the people of God dwelling in Jerusalem. It is such a promising, bright future for Jerusalem, a reversal of fortune for a people who had suffered exile for their faithlessness. They would be like a beacon, drawing people in from far away. Life would be wonderful!

The child is born who has been long-promised and the light of God has drawn the representatives of the "nations" to his place of birth. Surely Isaiah 60 is being fulfilled in the story as told by Matthew. Yet even Jerusalem shunned His light. Even they repudiated his election and manifestation. King Herod wishes the infant Jesus dead, and the religious leaders are alarmed and full of fear at his birth. In no time, there is a plot to snuff out this light that draws the nations and kings to the holy place of Jerusalem. Is this what Isaiah could foresee?

Does this make you shake your head? Where are we in this story? I believe that the human condition gives us cause for joy *and* fear at the birth of Jesus. Jesus' birth calls for our own death to self as well as resurrection to new life, and that can be scary and difficult to accept. But the rising is so worth it.