

The Visitor - January 2019



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January

Happy New Year! This is the time of year when I usually give an uplifting message about making New Year resolutions and offer-up some of the most popular ones. Those suggestions usually revolve around exercise or lowering our cholesterol or blood pressure; things that are good for us physically. I don't have a problem with those, except that I stink at them.



The last 40 pounds I put on should be a wake-up call as to how I have broken those resolutions. The word resolution comes from resolute, and some synonyms for that word are determined, single-minded, unwavering, stalwart or steadfast. This year I have decided that all those healthy resolutions are between you and your doctor. Let's talk about a new kind of set of resolutions.

We at St. James, are community with each other, with Jackson, and with Lutherans around the world. Here are some New Year resolutions that speak to how

we can strengthen these community ties and live out our Mission Statement that we profess each week at the end of Worship; *"We Are a Family of Faith that Seeks to Know Christ and Make Him Known."*

- Make it a point to pick out someone in the congregation that you normally don't sit on a committee with or get the chance to speak with during coffee hour and get to know them.
- Take home your bulletins so you have the list of our prayer requests. Pray for those people listed at least a few times a week, even if you do not know them. They are loved by someone in our congregation.
- Though we do not take ownership of a Saturday at Immanuel Food Pantry, consider volunteering once-in-a-while anyway.
- If you notice someone wasn't in Worship, don't be afraid to call and check on them. A caring call to say I missed you goes a long way.
- If you are tapped with a request to share your talents, and even if you aren't, consider coming forward in whatever way you can. Scripture tells us that we have our own unique gifts to share and each gift is important to the building of the body of Christ.

- Some of you have been mixing it up with where you sit on Sunday mornings. Keep it up; never become complacent or set in your ways. Share your voices in prayer and song with new people sitting around you.
- Tell your friends about us. You are our best advertising to invite others in.
- Consider ways that you can help with the plight of people around the world and how you can contribute to their health, welfare, and spiritual growth through the ELCA.

This list could go on, but it is about building the Body of Christ. We work hard at doing this; let us make a resolution to keep at it. I wish you all a Happy New Year and I wish St. James a Happy New Year.

Pastor Martha

THE INTERFAITH SHELTER

is looking for men's women's and children's winter coats, socks, laundry soap, twin size sheets, pillowcases, blankets, and new pillows. Items can be brought to church and will be taken to the shelter, and please continue to bring food containers with lids for leftovers. They have been appreciated.



MAKE A NOISY OFFERING: "JOYFUL NOISE!"

Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, December 16th, we were able to collect \$106.78 to go toward the Interfaith Shelter

Our next Noisy Offering will be on **Sunday, January 20th** and will be designated to Alzheimers. Don't forget to bring your loose change!

OUTREACH

At Work at St. James God's Plans...Our Hands in December

Type of Outreach/Fellowship	December
Communion Visit	3
Hospital Visit	2
Summit Worship	10
Confirmation	2
Gifts to John George Home	44
Gifts to Friendly Home	37
Funeral/Funeral Lunch	1/1
Prayer Shawls	1

Please send us the stats for what you would like to report each week, so we can recognize the great work done by St. James members.

EDUCATION

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Led by Susan Thornton

Please note the change in date for the Thursday Study Group! We will be meeting on **Thursday, January 10th, at 1:30** in the church sanctuary. This month we will be studying the 14th Century. We will begin by looking at Dante's Divine Comedy which gave us our understanding of heaven and hell. It is after all a book of fiction. Two brilliant women, Catherine of Siena and Julian of Norwich, will grace us with their presence. Toward the end of the century, John Wycliffe stood before his bishop to answer to the charge of heresy for translating the Bible into English. In the world at that time, the claim of heresy does not bode well for anyone yet his work helped to form the reformation. Our reference books this year are The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History by Curtis, Land and Petersen, Turning Points by Mark A. Noll, and The Story of the Bible by Larry Stone, as well as other sources. Please bring a friend. We will be done by 2:30.

FELLOWSHIP

DINING OUT GROUP

will be resuming on **Thursday, January 17th** at China House at 2161 Ferguson Rd in the Polly's plaza next to church. We will meet at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Chris Zebarah by Monday, January 14th at 734-790-0671 or czebarah@gmail.com. Join in for a night out of fun and fellowship.

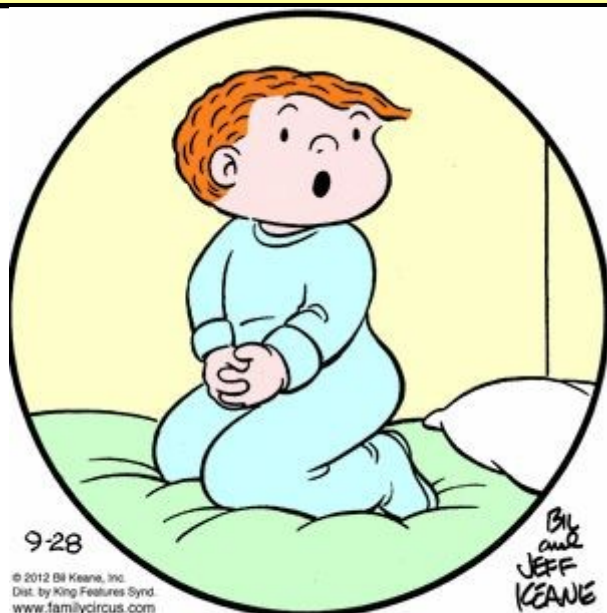


- 1/05 Jack & Sue Noren (56)
- 1/19 Don & Shirley Pomeroy (73)
- 1/27 Doug & Karen Ernst-Kendall (12)



- 1/01 Kevin King
- 1/09 Joan Wiegman
- 1/13 Doug Brewer
- 1/13 Pam Thomas
- 1/14 Brett Trombley
- 1/19 Joyce Anderson
- 1/20 Emily Ernst

JUST FOR FUN



"I'm glad God hasn't decided to retire yet."

"Careful, Eve, you might spend all of your time on it."

Servant List - January 2019–February 2019

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Greeter(s)	Rae Anne Tolonen & Ida Anderson	Joyce & Bill Anderson	Karlyn Blank	Nancy DeGryse
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Ken Zebarah & Chuck Thor	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly
Assisting Minister	Mike Tackett	DeAnna McMillin	Pat Reynolds	Laura Trombley
Reader	Jack Noren	Joyce Anderson	Help Needed	Laura Trombley
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Fellowship Time	Neil & Melinda Robb	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen
Altar Care	Sara Tackett	Pat Reynolds	Sara Tackett	Pat Reynolds
	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Greeter(s)	Lois & Roy Kelly	Pat Reynolds	Neil & Melinda Robb	DeAnna McMillin
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Ken Zebarah & Chuck Thor	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am-- Worship 10:45am-- Adult Forum	7 7:00pm-- Church Council	8 9:00am-- Men's Break- fast	9	10 1:30pm-- Thursday Study Group	11	12
13 9:30am-- Worship 10:45am-- Adult Forum 3:30pm-- Confirmation @ Immanuel	14 9:00am-- Prayer Shawl Group	15 9:00am-- Men's Break- fast 7:00pm-- Pub Theology	16	17 6:00pm-- Dining Out @ China House in Polly's Plaza	18	19
20 9:30am-- Worship 10:45am-- Adult Forum Noisy Offering	21 1:00pm-- Life Changes	22 9:00am-- Men's Break- fast	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am-- Worship 10:45am-- Adult Forum 2:00pm-- Summit Wor- ship 3:30pm-- Confirmation @ Immanuel	28	29 9:00am-- Men's Break- fast	30	<u>31</u>	1	2



Worship with us:
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Staff Listing:

Rev. Martha Porter-Reid	Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel
Anna Pedrotte	Jim Skrocki
Pastor	Organist
Parish Administrator	Custodians

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