

## NOTICE OF: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (PART B) JANUARY 28, 2018

We will begin with a potluck following the  
10:30am service in the Fellowship Hall

A-N...Please bring a Dessert.

O-Z...Please Main Dish, Side Dish or Salad

The Annual Meeting will begin in the Fellowship Hall  
around 11:45 -12:00pm

### Hills and Valleys

—A note from Pastor Ken—

*But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the LORD your God looks after. The eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.*

Deuteronomy 11:11-12 (NRSV)

As we pass between December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> we move into a new year. We do not know what this year will hold and yet we move forward nonetheless. What will we find in this coming year? What new experiences or changes will come our way? What needs will arise? Who knows? What we do know is this – the eyes of the Lord are upon this coming year; from the beginning to the end.

There is comfort in this knowledge especially as can be certain the year we enter will be a land of hills and valleys. Life is not all flatlands, nor is it all downhill. While there are days I contemplate the enjoyment of such a life, I am certain I would succumb to boredom were that the case. For when I look back over my life I realize that it is in the hills and valleys that we are ultimately shaped.

This coming year four of our young people will head to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Twenty-six years ago, I attended my first gathering in Dallas, Texas. I still remember two of the speakers as though it were yesterday and while I can't draw a straight line, I know my experience upon that hill profoundly affected my life of faith. My hope is that our four-young people will be able to say something of the same thing 26 years from now in 2044.

The valleys are harder to talk about. It is harder to name a specific example to link to the coming year, as we don't know what valleys we will come to. However, as I look back over my life I do know the difficult shaping that has taken place in the darkness of the valleys I have been through. I can also say that very rarely was I aware of the shaping while it was taking place. It is hard to see what the loss, sorrow, grief and trials are accomplishing when we are in the valley itself. But we can trust in the promise that God is near us – leading us – on our way to a new day.

Again, who knows what this year will bring. What we do know is that God will be with us whatever hills and valleys, rivers and streams, storms and sunsets may come. And to that we say: thanks be to God!

Peace,

*Ken*

## Christmas Flowers

Don't forget to take your poinsettia home.  
Please pick up on January 1st.

### CHANGE OF PLANS

The Congregation Council has been engaged in conversation about how we might grow and deepen our relationships with one another. You will hear more about this at the January Semi-Annual Meeting, but in the meantime, Pastor Ken would like to invite the congregation to re-focus on our time of fellowship between worship.

We will be suspending the inter-generational learning until Lent. In its absence Pastor Ken would like to encourage people to consider spending an hour and 45 minutes on Sunday mornings with the community. One hour in worship and 45 minutes in fellowship. For our early worshipers that would be mean 8:30-10:15am. For late worshipers it would mean 9:45-11:30am.

Rekindle old friendships. Get to know someone you don't know quite as well. Share life together. Let this be a time for our community of growing and deepening relationships. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ken.

# THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Advent and Christmas seasons so wonderful. From those who helped with the worship space environment; to the midweek readers; to those who faithfully assisted in worship leadership (assisting ministers, acolytes and ushers); to those who read at Christmas Eve; to those who shoveled and salted the walkways; to those who took part in the Ensemble; to those who created the wreath; to those who helped green the church; to those who served on Altar Guild and made sure everything was ready; to those who lit candles; to those who folded bulletins; to those provided food for fellowship; to those who provided musical leadership; to those created the bulletins; to those who **prayed; to those who sang; to you... thank you for helping** make the Advent and Christmas seasons so special. Thank **you for your part in shining God's light into the darkness.**

## First Thursday Soup

**On Thursday, January 4th,  
come join us for a bowl (or two) of homemade soup,  
bread and dessert in the Fellowship Hall.  
Great food and fellowship!**



# Flowers and Fellowship for 2018

The Flower and Fellowship sign up sheet is up in the Fellowship Hall for the upcoming new year.



The Altar Guild will order your flowers at a cost of \$27 and place your dedication in the bulletin for the week selected. You can take your flowers home after the 10:30 worship service.

Please sign up to provide snacks for Fellowship hour. If you have not done it before, let the church office know. We will be sure you have a partner to help train you, or simply take a simple instruction sheet from the bulletin board.

## Volunteers Needed

Help is needed to remove Christmas decorations from the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

- Thursday, 1/4 after 1st Thurs. Soup (6 volunteers needed)
- Saturday, 1/6 (10am-11am) (4 volunteers needed)

Please contact  
Dannette to sign up:  
(208) 342-3028



*Thank you to all who helped with the “Hanging of the Greens”.*

# A Christmas Thank You !

Special thanks to all who contributed cookies for the home bound and our NA and AA groups who meet in the church. Thank you also those women who put the tins and plates of cookies together, prepared cards, and delivered the goodies to the home bound. You are all greatly appreciated and I know the cookies were welcomed.

## Esther ~ Naomi Circles



Circle will meet on

Wednesday, January 8th at 1:00p.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and use the Gather magazine Bible study. Copies will be made available. If you have a treat to share, please bring it.

Coffee and water will be provided.

## RUTH CIRCLE



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL  
FOR UPCOMING DAY/TIME  
CHANGES ALONG WITH  
JANUARY'S EVENT.**

## NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH (7:00 PM)

WHERE: SOCKEYE GRILL & BREWPUB  
(3019 N COLE RD. BOISE, ID)

### Questions -

In A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, the miserly curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by three Christmas spirits over the course of one evening. Mr. Scrooge is reformed by his experiences and in the end "it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that truly be said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, Every one!"

1. What event or tradition forms an important memory from your Christmas Past?
2. What was notable in this year's Christmas Present?
3. What vision do you have for a Christmas Yet to Come?

Also, any prayer concerns that you want to bring to the group.

Steve  
Acting Secretary

## BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME JANUARY 4TH, 2018

**11AM ON THURSDAYS**



The format for the study is quite simple. We open in prayer asking for the Spirit to guide us in our study. Then we read a passage and discuss.

- What stood out to us?
- What do we hear God saying to us today?
- What questions does it raise?

As the discussion lessens and time allows we continue by reading another passage. This type of study does not require any prep work to join. Simply come and we will read the bible together. Please consider joining us. All are welcome.

## Outreach Activities

112 people served of which 101 took diapers.

112 Laundry soap

112 ( pkgs. of 4) toilet paper

101 (pkgs. of 25) diapers

112 washcloths

112 bars of soap

### *Wash, Wipe, & Wear Distribution in December*



WWW found a little white stuff on the ground! Thanks to all who had everything all cleared off. Following folks need a pat on the back to bring 2017 to a close.

Picker uppers: Gary and Ruth M., and Thomas and Susie M.

Diaper Sorters: Carol G. and Ruth M.

Writers: Alice K., and Susie M.

Baggers: Terri L., Calvin L., and Ethan N.

Number passers: Ethan N., and Dominique I. ( also recorded country of origin)

Product passers: Terri L., Calvin L, Ethan N., and Ruth M.

Outreach meeting was called by our coordinator Carol G. Our budget will stay the same as it was in 2017. \$400.00 for laundry soap, toilet paper, and one extra item, and \$200.00 will be sent monthly to the Idaho Diaper Bank. Our list of participants will be merged using only names of those who came during the last 3 months making it much easier for the writers so they don't have to page through the little book that we currently have. The sign-up sheet will continue to be posted in the fellowship hall for all of you folks reading this newsletter! So look ahead on the 3 month sheet and sign up for a part to help with! Will be greatly appreciated!

The day went without a hitch! A new writer Susie M. filled in as that Bronco game caused interference! Ha! One new fellow came and gave me his name as he would like to not only be a receiver but a giver as well. So may have a new volunteer! The extra items passed this month were washcloths and a nice big bar of soap! They loved it! Nice treat bags were also passed to the children. Thanks also go to the anonymous donors of some diapers and toilet paper!

God certainly has blessed our program, and may he continue to do so in the upcoming year! And may each of you who helped in any way this year be showered with his blessings, love, and grace!

In the Kings service, Ruth Makovsky

## Ministry of the Month

### -November-

#### VA Warm Clothing, Thank-You!

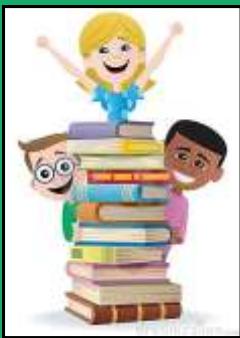


Thanks to everyone who donated money and warm clothing for our homeless veterans. When these items were dropped off we were told repeatedly how needed these donations are. Ritakay Youngblood and the rest of the staff at the VA expressed their sincerest gratitude.

### January/February

#### Chairs and Necessities for Church in Africa

Our goal is to raise money for chairs and other necessities for a church in Africa. Martina Ngabonziza from Redeemer's congregation is the contact person. We hope to send money for the purchase of chairs and other items by Easter 2018. We at Redeemer are so blessed to have a warm and inviting place of worship. For any questions please contact Martina.



### Operation Wish Book

The Redeemer congregation donated 4 books and \$115 to Operation Wish Book in November 2017. Thank you for your continued support to put a NEW book under the tree for Boise boys and girls.

University of Idaho  
Extension

*After the Harvest*

## Food Safety Preservation MADE SAFE!

### One-Day Home Food Preservation Workshop

**WHEN:** January 27 (Saturday)

**Learn about:**

- Hands-On Canning Basics
- Pressure Canning  
*(Hands-on Canning)*
- Boiling Water Canning  
*(Hands-on Canning)*



**WHERE:** Trinity Lutheran Church  
*(8 South Midland, Nampa, Idaho)*



**TIME:** 9:00-3:30 p.m.



**COST:** \$20.00 Early Bird Registration  
\$30.00 (after January 12)

A soup lunch will be provided.

**For Registration  
or Questions Contact:**

Amanda Hanson, 208-957-3913 • [www.nampatrinity.org](http://www.nampatrinity.org)

(Scholarships are available.)

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*By the grace of God  
And the call of the church*

*Anne Palma*

*Will be ordained into the ministry of  
Word and Sacrament  
at a service of  
Holy Communion  
on  
Epiphany 2018*

*January 6 at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
707 W. Fort Street, Boise, Idaho*

*Reception immediately following.*

*All clergy are invited to vest for worship.  
The color of the day is red.*

## Extra...Extra read all about it!



**Come to the 2018 Lutheran Community Services'**

**Annual Banquet**

**Sunday, February 25th,  
3:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Clubhouse Event Center**

(on Potomac Drive off of Cole Road across from Boise Town Square).

**The social hour and silent auction begins at 3:00  
dinner and program at 4:00.**

**Reserve your place by February 20th  
at [lcsnw.org/RSVP](http://lcsnw.org/RSVP) or call 208-323-0996 ext. 12.**

If you or someone you know would like to help by sponsoring this event or becoming a table host, please contact Charlotte Combe

Note: Table hosts supply the names of friends and family they would like to invite to join them at the event and the LCS Office sends out the invitations. There are several sponsorship levels available and a sponsorship pledge can be fulfilled over the year.

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

# January 2018

Sat

Thu

Wed

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Mon

Fri

Sun

1	Office Closed 10:00 Prayer Group 12:00 NA 8:00 AA	2 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA	3 12:00 NA	4 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 1st Thursday Soup 12:00 NA 7:00 NA	5 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA	6 12:00 NA 7:00 NA
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## Readings for Sundays in January

January 7	Jesus Says Come and See	John 1:35-51	Psalm 66:1-5
January 14	Wedding at Cana	John 2:1-11	Psalm 104:14-16
January 21	Jesus Cleanses the Temple	John 2:13-25	Psalm 127:1-2
January 28	Nicodemus	John 3:1-21	Psalm 139:13-18

January Altar Guild: Terri Lindemann & Connie Seymour

	Coffee and Fellowship Time:	Flowers:
Jan 7	<u>Blessing Son</u>	<u>Spencers</u>
Jan 14		<u>Epiphany (House plants)</u>
Jan 21		<u>Epiphany (House plants)</u>
Jan 28		<u>Epiphany (House plants)</u>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: New prayer requests are shown in bold print.



<b>Alanfora Family</b>	Family of Darrell Dorn	Patsy Horton	Mike Reynolds
Ryan Albers	Jennifer Draney	Julie Hulvey	Roberta Riegger
Dave Altman	Draney Family	Family of Ed Irons	Family of Maren Roisland
Michael Brown	Noah Dupree	Marlene Isensee	Sonia Safron
Peter Bond	Family of Burt Echtenkamp	Leia Jane	Sarah
David Boyington	Mike Edgekoski	Jen Jay	Art Schmidt
Joy Brizee	Erickson Family	Betty Kidd	Flora Schweitzer
Tiffani Burkett	Heidi Fejeran	Grace Kinsey	Scott and family
Penny Cady	Dale Frank	Ruth Makovsky	Silflow Family
Ron & Melanie Campbell	Karen Frank	Bob McDonald	<b>Family of Stoor/Smith</b>
Jim & BJ Caudell	Louise Gaedeke	Sean Michael	Sandy Spreier
Lois Child	Thom Garzone	Misner Family	<b>Alan Syron</b>
Chilcott Family	Jill Greene	Joe Mogen	Tom
Family of Susie Collett	Connie Hachquet	John Molchon	Leia Vogt
Janice Collins	Jonathon Haigh	Stephen Mucher	Dorcas Wang
Connor's Family	Willow Hahn	Bill Nary	Deanna Watson
Katie Davis	Don Harter	Kinnsley Oldenburg	Dorothy Ward
Kristi Davis	George Hess	Mia Patterson	Family of Michael Zipser
Debbie Reidhaar	David Hayward	Kitty Patton	
Lex Denen	Alice Holmes	<b>Tina Qualls</b>	
Logan Denen	Harold Horton	Anne Raffetto	
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<b>Military</b>	Seth Erickson	Jason Kinsey	Jonathan Negron
	Devan Irons	Carol Kohtz	Jon Savage
	Matthew Jay	Logan Kostick	Jim Schmeits

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