



# The Parish Post

JANUARY 2018

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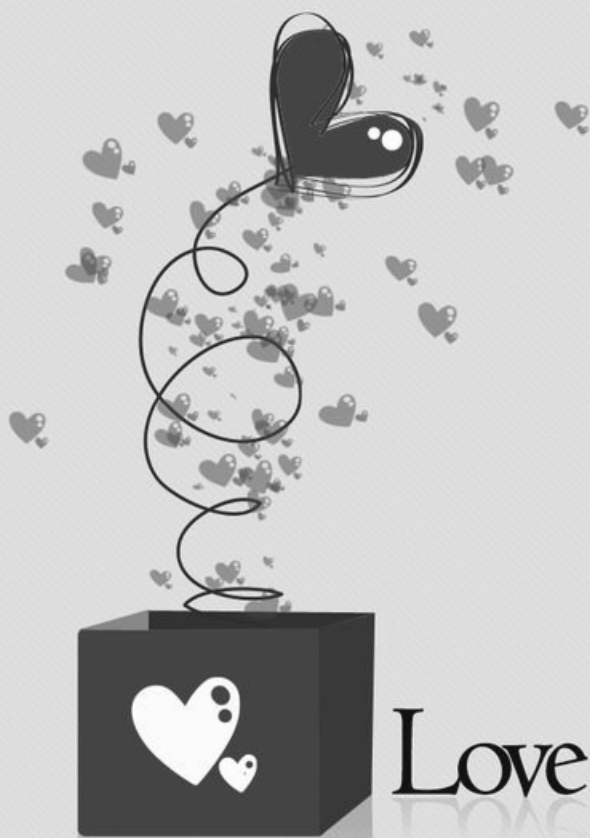
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The Rev. James E. Person, 717-712-8191

The **Social Services Ministry** is asking for the names and addresses of those attending a trade school, 2 year college, 4 year college, or are serving in the military. We will be sending the Love Boxes out the first week of February. Names and Addresses are due no later than Friday,

January 28. We will also be asking for donations of items to be placed in the boxes, such as: Travel-size tissue packs, hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal Packets, Snack size chips, pretzels, cookies, cough drops, gum, snack crackers, candy (no chocolate) small, individual boxes of cereal (usually come in packages of 8), cereal bars. We would appreciate monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Social Services Ministry: Molly Stanton, Barb Heym, Cal Smith, Carolyn Shadle, Emma Mink, Gitta May, Jan Smith, Pr. Jim, Judee Leiser, Judy Horton, Margie Stouffer, Ruth Cheng, Stephanie Carl, and Sue Senft.



## Love Box

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

## FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I sit down to write you this month it is the end of 2017. What an extraordinary year it has been locally, nationally, and globally! It's remarkable to think about how much and how often news reaches us today. How is our perception of the world shaped by the information we receive from various media and technology? Certainly our time allows us to know more about more things than any other time in history, and it can feel overwhelming. Isn't it amazing that only 100 years ago most people got their information from a handful of radio, books, and newspaper. Another four centuries before that it was word of mouth, letters, and a very limited number of print manuscripts. But yet, five hundred, even two thousand years ago believers took the Word of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ and spread it across the world. And they did it without Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, cable TV, billboards, robocalls, or electronic signs.

When it comes to totality of media consumption worldwide, I don't know what is the ideal ratio of messaging about God compared to other news. Seems to me the message about God's love is getting drowned out by everything else, and as Christians we need to do more. Those of us who use Facebook, including myself, can easily see how often we've shared the Good News compared to other stories, videos, pictures, and status updates. If early Christians could spread the Gospel given all the obstacles they faced, why can't we do better now? That's our shared challenge in 2018 and beyond. The Congregation Council of St. Mark's is committed to being one of many congregations lifting our voices to proclaim the Gospel to a world that needs to hear it.

That being said, you can look to the elected leaders of this Congregation to chart the course to take us where we're going. Of particular note are the individuals serving as officers of the Congregation Council this year. I have the honor of serving a second year as President with Stephanie Carl stepping in as Vice President. Loraine Mariner and Calvin Smith will continue to serve as Secretary, Calvin Smith as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Also 2018 will see the installation of a new Director of Youth & Family Ministry. Following several months of consideration, a specially-formed selection committee recommended and Council subsequently accepted Mr.

Kellen Michalowski to assume the position. Kellen is expected to begin transitioning into the role in June when he will become a paid staff member, assuming full responsibility of the position on September 1, 2018. Mr. Bennett Williams will remain in the position through the end of August after which time he will remain on staff serving our music ministry. I especially want to express gratitude to the individuals who Gave their time to serve on the selection committee for the next Director of Youth & Family Ministry - Deb Banks, Lisa Hand, Tracy Ingram, Sandy Dinger, Maddi Swartzlander, and Pastor Person.

We want to hear your questions or concerns. Please speak with any member of Council, join us the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm for our Council meetings, or e-mail me at [nzingone@verizon.net](mailto:nzingone@verizon.net).

Faithfully Yours,  
*Nick Zingone*

**MEDITATION GARDEN UPDATES:** You may have noticed work being done on the meditation garden on the west side of our church. The garden was originally developed by Julia Rowe in memory of her husband, Norman, and updated in memory of Julia and Norman by daughter Nancy. New work is being done in memory of Robin Mammola by her father, Bob Zeigler.



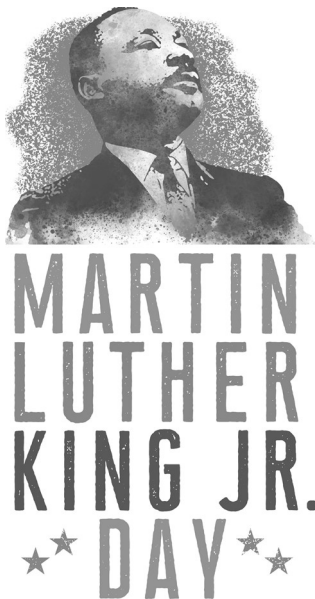
14th - LYF Meeting - 5-8:30 pm  
19th - 20th - LYF Sleepover - 6:30 pm - 10 am  
28th - LYF Jr - 12:30 - 3 pm  
LYF Meeting - 5 - 8:30 pm



## Birthdays of the Month

2	Phyllis Mengel
3	Troy Spencer Roberta Wege
4	Alice Graham
5	Kenny Baranowski
6	Elizabeth Baranowski
7	Courtney Miller
8	Andrew Simpler
9	Samuel Flook
11	Pearl Engleman
12	Marcia Forlizzi
13	Clay Spencer Brent Spencer Fritz Ulrich
15	Deb Banks Christina Dinger Jeffrey Weldon
21	Sue Smithers
22	Teaghan Davis
27	Rebekah Hengst
28	Bonita Lengel

If your birthday is in January and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.



January 15, 2018

## JANUARY COMMUNION ASST.

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
7 Men in Mission	Men in Mission
14 Jeanne Flickinger Lauren Zaccarelli	Tracy Ingram Sandy Sherwood
21 Alice Graham Roberta Wege	Dennis DeFrank Sara Jane DeFrank
28 Laurie Womer Paul Deibler	Lore-Lee Walak Elliott Walak

## JANUARY LECTORS CARE

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
7 Men in Mission	Men in Mission
14 Bill Shook	Calvin Smith
21 Janice Alloway	Sara Jane DeFrank
28 Lisa Hand	Judy Horton

## JANUARY ALTAR CARE

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
7 Sue Bennick	Sara Jane DeFrank
14 Laurie Womer	Barb Dudek
21 Laura Young	Marian Person
28 Barb Heym	Sara Jane DeFrank

## JANUARY GREETERS

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
7 Men in Mission	Men in Mission
14 Don Flickinger Jeanne Flickinger	Christian McClain Katie McClain
21 Bill Van Nieuwkuyk	Barb Dudek
28 Kevin Spencer Michele Spencer	George Kaufman

## JANUARY FLOWER DELIVERY

7 Tom & Terry Stohler
14 Tracy Ingram
21 June Miller
28 Bill & Betty Shook

# **Treasurer's Report Summary 12 Months (Jan. – Dec.) 2017**

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Operating	\$286,994	Operating	\$286,803
Benevolence	26,075	Benevolence	25,285
Subtotal	313,069	Subtotal	312,088
Capital Campaign	9,382	Capital Campaign	5,500
Hunger	1,505	Hunger	1,455
Building Fund	9,299	Building Fund	11,300
Youth Designated	8,076	Youth Designated	7,869
Transportation Fd	0	Transportation Fd	2,132
Memorial Funds	3,625	Memorial Funds	5,945
Evangelism	864	Evangelism	1,209
Seasonal Flowers	2,262	Seasonal Flowers	1,610
Fellowship	8,357	Fellowship	4,707
Nursery Sch Payroll	34,218	Nursery Sch Payroll	32,629
Extravaganza	7,865	Extravaganza	5,192
Gift Cards	56,680	Gift Cards	55,005
Food Pantry	768	Food Pantry	773
Transportation Fd	0	Transportation Fd	2,132
Agape Fund	1,152	Agape Fund	250
Senior Trips	6,160	Senior Trips	8,234
Outside Play/Gym Areas	7,903	Outside Play/Gym Areas	7,275
Mellinger Interest Fd	3,500	Mellinger Interest Fd	2,594
Grant-Fellowship Hall renov	10,000	Grant-Fellowship Hall	0
Other Designated Funds	1,244	Other Designated Funds	4,312
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 485,928</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$478,479</b>

Calvin Smith, Treasurer

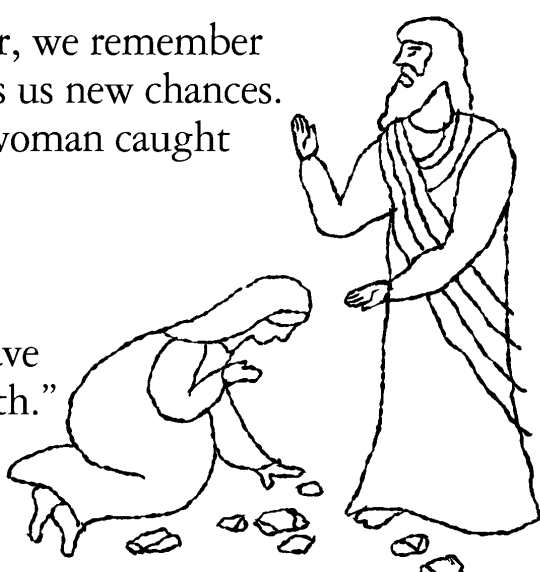
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## Bible Quiz

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At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."



Answer: A (See John 8:11.)

## THANK YOU NOTES

St. Mark's Family,

The Social Services Ministry would like to thank you for your donations of food and gifts for our families in need this year. As always, your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you for making their holidays brighter.

*Molly Stanton*  
Ministry Chairperson

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Ecumenical Food Pantry, and those who benefit by your generosity, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$53.00 we received in November 2017.

Sincerely,  
*Jacqueline Young*  
Corresponding Secretary



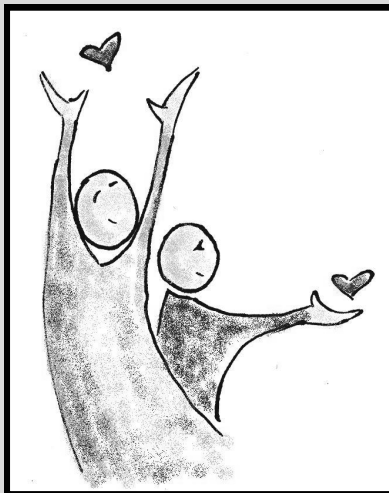
Tuesday, January 2 - 9 am Projects Day  
Monday, January 8 - 4 pm W/ELCA Board  
Tuesday, January 9 - 10 am Esther Circle  
Tuesday, January 23 - 6:30 pm Eve Circle

## EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT FOR 2017

The Extravaganza was open in March, September and December. The total income for 2017 was 10,486.84. St. Mark's received \$7865.11. Dog TAGS, Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministries and Vickie's Angel Foundation received \$2,621.72.

Since 2009, the Extravaganza had made \$89,724.41. St. Mark's received \$67,270.19, while other groups have received \$22,454.22.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Donna Lee, treasurer*



## The freedom of forgiveness

Martin Luther King Jr. called forgiveness "a permanent attitude," as opposed to "an occasional act." Maintaining a forgiveness mind-set leads to peace and freedom.

Author and pastor Max Anders experienced that freedom in seminary. After cheating on a Hebrew final, he was distraught and confessed his sin to God and the professor. "I felt deeply cleaned. Pure. Holy," Anders writes in 21 Unbreakable Laws of Life. "I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I wanted to run and jump and dance. The burden was lifted. ... I was free!"

By contrast, he writes, "If we don't ask for forgiveness when we wrong someone, we lose our moral authority; the debris of sin begins to accumulate in our hearts, choking our conscience .... Others know when we sin against them, and if we don't make it right, it hurts our reputation as well as God's."

## Resolve to "be there"

Let our New Year's resolution be this:  
We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

## SPECIAL DATES

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2018
- Epiphany, January 6, 2018
- Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2018
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 15, 2018
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2018

# STEPHEN MINISTRY by the NUMBERS

## St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Since enrollment, we've sent 5 members to be trained as Stephen Leaders at Stephen Ministries' regional

In 2017, hurting people received approximately 210 hours of

Christ-centered care from St. Mark's Stephen Ministers.

210

27

St. Mark's has been enrolled as a Stephen Ministry congregation since 1990. That's a total of 27 years of ministry!



The Stephen Leader team estimates that Stephen Ministry at St. Mark's has provided about 7,000 hours of care!

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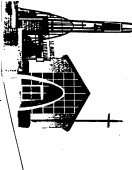
Our Stephen Leaders have trained 27 lay Stephen Ministers to provide high quality, one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in our congregation and community.

Two of our Stephen Ministers began serving the same year St. Mark's began Stephen Ministry. Now, 27 years later, they're still active and caring for people.

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To learn more about our Stephen Ministry, contact the church office.

# JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:15 am <b>Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School 11:00 am <b>Worship</b> 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Port &amp; Sauerkraut Dinner 6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 am Projects Day 6:00 pm Family Worship/Music/ Arts 6:30 pm <b>ALANON</b> 7:00 pm Social Services Ministry</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Family Support Group (FH) 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00 am Community Breakfast</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:15 am <b>Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School 11:00 am <b>Worship</b> 4:00 pm ACA Study Group 5:00 pm LYT Meeting 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Pax Christi</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 pm <b>ALANON</b> 7:00 pm Council</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm ChoirChymes 6:00 pm Family Support Group 6:00 pm Family Support Group (FH) 6:30 pm Advent Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm LYT Sleepover 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
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