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“Where Everybody Is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!”



DECEMBER 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Mark your January 2019 calendar—with the NEW Sunday Worship time to 11:00 am.						
2	Worship—9am ADVENT FAIR after Worship. Help bring up Christmas Décor & Deck the Halls. Soup & Bread meal, Children's activities.					8
9	Worship—9am <i>Raul Blanco Cuban Jazz Band</i> to perform @ 1pm. Welcome to all.					15
16	17	13	14	15	16	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship—9am	Christmas Eve Worship 7pm	Christmas Day				
30 <i>Worship 9am</i> <i>The First Day of Christmas</i>						
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Happy 2019!</i>						
			CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held on the second & fourth Wednesday beginning January 9. Pastor Gail is bringing pizza to the first meeting.			

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PRAYERS FOR CLUSTER I—Each month of the year we are going to pray for a different cluster of our Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. During the month of December we are praying for Cluster I: The Big Bend Cluster. It is composed of the following congregations: Emmanuel Lutheran, Rear-dan, WA; Zion Lutheran, Davenport, WA; St. John Lutheran, Sprague, WA; Emanuel Lutheran, Ritzville, WA; Good Hope Lutheran, Lind, WA; Gideon Lutheran, Connell, WA; Immanuel Lutheran, Moses Lake, WA; Wilbur Lutheran, Wilbur, WA; Christ Lutheran, Egypt, WA. Thank you for your prayers.

PREPARES stands for **Pregnancy and Parenting Support**. We are partnering with St. Patrick's Church in this effort. During the school year we will be collecting diapers and other items for the "PREPARES Bags", such as pacifiers, wipes, lotion, socks, onesies, etc. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping to mentor parents of young children. There will be a meeting to further discuss the process. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Miller at 509-338-2276 or by

A **Call Committee** is being formed for calling a new pastor. If you would possibly like to serve on that committee or want more information, please talk to Scot Cocking (208-668-1004 or scocking59@gmail.com) or Kent Miller (509-288-1431 or dkmillerler1992@centurylink.net). We hope to have the committee in place soon.

COUNCIL MEETING—Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30pm.

"**Save the Date**" of Sat. Jan. 5, 2019. Pastor Gail & her husband, David, are hosting a "**Night of the Three Kings**" **open house** at the at the parsonage in Endicott. The open house will be from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The night of Jan. 5 is the Eve of Epiphany. In many European countries, this evening is celebrated like our Christmas Eve, only the Three Wise Men bring the gifts. Come and see where Pastor Gail hangs out when she is in Endicott and Colfax serving as your Interim Minister.



Growing into God's Future—Campaign News

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES - Since we now have a paved & lighted Parking Lot, here is the list of campaign projects in prioritized order: Repayment of Furnace Loan, Sealing of the Stucco, Youth Fund, Building Fund, Window Replacement, Part-time staff position for a Faith Formation Director, The Endowment Fund (growing it to \$25,000), Community Garden Fund, Basement Remodel, Future Roof Repairs, and a tithe to benevolences. Please note, if you designate offerings for any of these funds, they will be directed into the general campaign fund unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thanks for your generosity.

GROWING INTO GOD'S FUTURE CAMPAIGN has been off to a great start. We've collected \$ 47,628.85 of the \$148,140 committed.

Pastor Gail Duba's home number in Spokane is : 509-921-9862 Her cell phone is: 509-951-6688. Her time will be divided in the following way: Sun. church service at 9 & 11. As of the 1st of Jan. we will return to the 9 a.m. service at Endicott & the 11:00 service at Colfax. She will be working from home on Mon. & Tues., but is available for a phone call. She will drive to Colfax on Wed.morning, working there until about 4 p.m. Then she will drive to the parsonage and will be in Endicott until afternoon of Thursday. If there are parishioners who need to be visited in the hospital or at home, please let her know and she will do visits when she in in town. Her e-mail address is: gailduba@gmail.com

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

Nov 4 35
Nov 11 24
Nov 18 28
Nov 25 32

Average Attendance -- 30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 2—Rebecca Berdal
Dec 4—Brandy Wigen
Dec 6—Sandy Jamison
Dec 8—Calum Larkin
Dec 9—Barbara Henderson
Dec 13—Gary Feldman
Dec 16—Georgie Leinweber
Dec 18—Marne Maki
 Alyssa Teade
Dec 30—Maximus Phillips

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 12—Tom & Alice Barlass
Dec 20—Marvin & Marilyn Wigen
Dec 21—David & Lyndell Repp
Dec 27—Sten & Judy Larkin

Pastor Gail will be starting a **"Eucharistic Ministry Training"** session. This will be a **3-session training** in how to do visitation to parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing home, or unable to come to church. It will involve how to take communion to these individuals. If you are interested in becoming a "Eucharistic Minister" please let Pastor Gail know. **These training sessions will take place in January** and will be beneficial to both the "Eucharistic Minister" and the person you will be visiting. 'Share one another's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ.' If you like to do hospital or nursing home visits this might just be the class for you!"

Deck the Halls

December 7-9

at Lutherhaven

Come experience the wonder & joy of the Holidays at Lutherhaven! Deck the Halls is our winter family & friends retreat with plenty of hot cocoa, crackling fires, Christmas carols & crafting. Deck the Halls is our Family & Friends Christmas Retreat. Come and experience the wonder and joy of the holidays!

Come with your household or bring another family along to spend a beautiful winter weekend sharing memories, laughter, joy & creativity. Make new traditions and strengthen your faith as a family.

It's Christmas...at Camp!

Simple. Festive. Holy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Toll Free 1.866.729.8372 ext. 119

Local 667.3459 ext. 119

Email: registrar@lutherhaven.com



OUR PIANIST RAUL BLANCO AND HIS CUBAN JAZZ BAND WILL FILL THE HOUSE WITH SOME WONDERFUL MUSIC ON DECEMBER 9 AT 1PM. PLEASE JOIN MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS FOR SOME HAPPY FUN! THE BAND WILL HAVE COPIES OF THEIR CDs FOR SALE.



The Musical

There's a visitor from the North Pole in town, and we aren't talking about Santa. Buddy the Elf hits Spokane this winter to spread his festive cheer, loud and clear! Based on the 2003 New Line cinema hit starring Will Ferrel, and directed by Kathie Doyle-Lipe, the Spokane Civic Theatre throws open its doors to the all-singing, all-dancing, larger-than-normal Elf! Elf: The Musical has fast become a theatrical Christmas tradition among families worldwide - it's fun for all ages to enjoy!

Playing at Spokane Civic Theatre. until December 5.





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The Birth of Jesus--Little Things Mean a Lot

From the book of John we read, *"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."* John 1:14

We love the calm, cosmic view of the Word becoming flesh given to us by John's mystic vision. Yes, we also cherish the details of the birth of the baby Jesus in the manger and hold close the words which Luke shares of Jesus' birth: *"In those days a decree went out from the Emperor Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered...Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."* Luke 21:1-7. We need both versions to tell the story completely--the divinity and the humanity of Jesus.

The grace of God was delivered to earth in the package of a tiny, squirmy baby boy. He was a child, yet he split open time and began a journey to the cross where death was defeated once and for all. The strain, haste and worry in the very human story of Jesus' birth reminds us of our own human lives. It is a story that draws us in irresistibly even as we are drawn into all the many ways that we create to celebrate this Holy Birth.

This is why in the Lutheran tradition, we make a very concerted effort to practice the season of Advent, a time of reflection and quietude. Advent season is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve. During the season of Advent we sing the familiar *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,"* increasing the number of verses each week. We will light the candles on the Advent wreath each week, reminding us of the reason we are anticipating the birth of our Messiah and Lord. Remember the pins we have worn? *"Jesus is the Reason for the Season."*

Each Sunday of Advent we will emphasize a different way of remembering how blessed we are in the birth of the Christ Child. _

Some highlights of Advent will be on December 9, our pianist at Peace, Raul Blanco, will be presenting a concert with his Cuban jazz band at 1 p.m. Come and support this excellent WSU student by listening to the concert and then maybe purchasing a CD his band has recorded.

On December 24, we will continue the tradition of having our Christmas Eve services at 5:00 at Trinity in Endicott and then 7:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran in Colfax. Come and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child in our midst.

In January, the service times will switch. The 9:00 a.m. service will be at Trinity in Endicott and the 11:00 will be at Peace in Colfax. This is being done to accommodate Pastor Gail who will be staying most Saturdays at the parsonage in Endicott. Hopefully this will not disrupt anyone's schedule too much.

Blessings,
Pastor Gail

