

The logo for the newsletter, featuring the word "spirit" in a large, white, lowercase, cursive font, with "NEWSLETTER" in a smaller, white, uppercase, sans-serif font below it. The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint, stylized starburst pattern.

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Sisters & brothers in Christ,

Greetings for the 2018 new year! And with this new year we decided to change up our monthly newsletter a bit, to make it slightly more modern and to-the-point. Now, don't worry, plenty of things stay the same in this setup (because we know us Lutherans can only handle so much change in a lifetime, let alone in a single newsletter): we will still include the minutes from our previous church council meeting, since that is a great way to keep up-to-date on all that's going on with our faith community. There will still be a monthly calendar, so you know what will be happening at the church and when it will happen. We will still provide a list of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, as well as sisters and brothers in Christ we should keep in prayer.

Now to the part the Lutherans love...the changes. Since our newsletters are now uploaded to our (new!) website, we have removed all personal phone numbers that would have been included in previous newsletters. Many of you already have the numbers you need to contact our congregation leadership (you can find them in your church directory as well), but to better avoid any lurkers on the world wide web, we will no longer publish those phone numbers. You can always call the church office; that phone number and e-mail contact will always be included (see to the left).

A couple of other “ministry” changes with the newsletter will be that we are going to make a more intentional effort to include an article from the wider church of the ELCA, to let everyone know all the good that's going on from sister congregations and our wider church leadership. Also, we will start publishing a list of people's baptismal anniversary, so that we take time to remember our own baptism, when God claimed us as God's very own, and will never let us go. If you ever see a mistake from that list, or from the other lists on the next page, or if you have further recommendations to improve our new newsletter, please let us know! Enjoy!

In Christ,
Pastor Brad



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God's work. Our hands.

Prayer Request

We ask you to keep the following sisters and brothers in Christ in your prayers:

Jenny Bennett	Trudy Weidman
Ken Hotz	Gary Weiss
Jonathan Lipton	Mardell Weiss
Hazel Schwab	Clara Wilcox
Ed Uhlir	Dave Wilcox

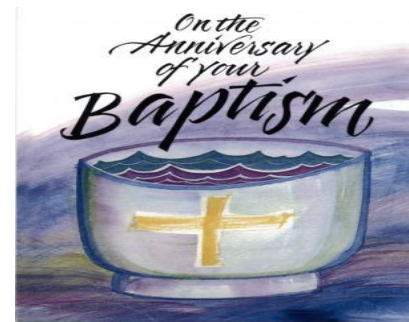
If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.

1 Dave Wilcox
30 Elyse Siggelkow



29 Dave & Clara Wilcox

13 Cody Schwab



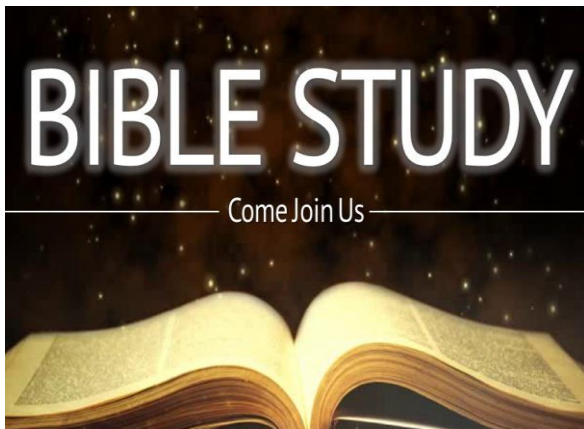
We mourn the loss of our beloved Lois DeViney, a cherished sister in Christ on this journey of faith. We ask you keep her entire family and close friends in prayers, that together we will lift each other up with the Great News of the cross and the empty tomb. Christ was born for this!



THE 2018 CHARTS FOR FLOWERS & ETERNAL CANDLE

ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SIGN-UP BY
THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR THOSE
WHO WISH TO FILL IN DATES FOR SPECIAL MEMORIES
THE FLOWERS ARE \$15.00 PER WEEK &
THE ETERNAL CANDLE IS \$10.00 PER MONTH

*****We are currently working on updating
our church directory for 2018. If anyone
has any changes that are needed, please
let us know.*****



Will Resume on Monday, January 15, 1:00 pm

to continue our discussion of the Gospel of John:
The Way to True Life
Hoping to see you then...Bring a friend!

Always welcoming new participants!

To order a study book, please contact the church office.

Two 30" X 14" X 70" bookshelves, in good
condition, are available for anyone who is
interested in picking them up from the
church, free of charge! Of course, we'll
always accept donations 😊



Minutes of Triune Lutheran Church Council Meeting of 04 December 2017

Meeting opened at 6:07 PM with a prayer by Pastor Brad.

Minutes of last meeting of 01 November were reviewed and approved. As with last several meetings, this was, actually, the October meeting, which was delayed. In connection with this, it was decided to have the monthly scheduled meetings on the first Monday of each month going forward. This will mean that our next meeting will be for the month of January 2018. So, now this being the minutes of the November meeting delayed, there will be no meeting defined as the December meeting, and so no December minutes.

Jack reported checking account balance of \$5,788, and a Thrivent Fund balance of \$156,474. Jack also reported a substantial reduction in our electric bill due to going to direct payment to First Energy, rather than going through an intermediary. The cancellation charge to the intermediary of \$200 is more than covered by the saving in the first direct-paid bill.

Jack also reported windows requiring repair, and lighting maintenance in pastor's office was discussed.

A reduced fee for Mathew Hunsiker's now-reduced activities for provision of Saturday music was discussed. A proposed new payment was agreed upon and will be reported after checking is done on the the extent of our stored Saturday music. It is already agreed that payment will be made monthly rather than weekly to save handling cost.

The question was raised as to rental fee for the sanctuary, regarding weddings in particular, which may sometimes occur in connection with Willmann hall rental. Since there is no security expense relative to sanctuary rental, the day rate of \$200 was decided upon. Rental of sanctuary at night is not expected.

Dale reported on some of his custodial work necessitated by our losing our custodian. At time of meeting we did not have word on whether our prospective new custodian will be able to take the position.

Pastor raised the possibility of advertising through Facebook, which offers flexible arrangement to place ads covering a radius around our location and on specific days and at specific levels, the lowest being at \$5 per day.

It was decided to try this for four days, on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as a single time trial with an effort to evaluate the response. Regarding the new website, we know how people visit the site, but do not how many are "new" people and how many are members checking to see what the web side is like. In the case of Facebook, if we can determent if the ads bring in substantial response, we can decide on more days and possibly higher level of advertising.

As indicated above, our new meeting schedule for each month will be first Monday of the month. However, because New Year's Day falls on the first Monday for January, it will be the second Monday, the 8th.

Meeting was closed at 7:15 PM

Next Meeting at 6:00 PM Monday 08 January 2018

Initial copies to attendees: Dale Kirk, Pastor Brad, Bonnie Piskac, Jack Schwab and Bill Weidman

Submitted 05 November 2017

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 AA @ 7pm	3	4 AA @ 8 pm	5	6 WORSHIP @ 5 PM <u>TIM MIZE</u>
7 WORSHIP @11 AM Pastor <u>Brad</u>	8	9 AA @ 7pm	10	11 AA @ 8 pm	12	13 WORSHIP @ 5 PM PASTOR <u>BRAD</u> W.H. Rented 12-6
14 WORSHIP @11 AM Pastor <u>Brad</u>	15 MLK JR. Day Bible Study @ 1 pm	16 AA @ 7pm	17	18 AA @ 8 pm	19	20 WORSHIP @ 5 PM <u>TIM MIZE</u>
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If you have something you would like to put in the newsletter, please let us know by email, written letter, phone call or stopping by the office.

A New Year's Reflection

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

When my sisters and I were young, every year on New Year's Day, my dad would bundle up against the cold and head into our backyard and prune the grape vines. It was a task he always gladly seemed to do alone — not that any one of us were jumping at the chance to work outside in the cold!

He later said it gave him a chance to clear his head after a rare late night out with friends. More than that, he said he used that quiet time and space to reflect on the year just past and to think ahead to what was before him in the year ahead. (Honestly, it may also have been just a welcome excuse to get out of the house for a little while: time apart from four little girls whose Christmas vacation had gone on too long!) Whatever mixed motives he may have had, it is a model that would serve us all well: to intentionally take stock and to consider where our "time" has gone and where we would like it to go in the months to come as one year passes into another. What better time would there be to consider how we might intentionally begin lining up how we spend our time with what, in fact, matters most to us?

Indeed, the words of Ecclesiastes 3 offer a wonderful model by which to measure all that has been and all that we hope to be and all that we yearn for the world to be as we measure birthing and dying, planting and harvesting. As we consider what needs to be "killed" — perhaps within us or in our daily habits or routines — and what or who or which relationship is in need of healing. As we measure our tears and the times we have laughed until we cried. To be sure, as we read through the preacher's list here we realize he has left nothing out.

Oh yes, as I read through these familiar words once more I find myself wondering how they apply to the life I'm leading.

What does it mean to be born to new life or to "die" with family members, among friends and neighbors, or with coworkers?

What might it mean to "plant or to harvest" in the daily tasks I am called to at home or at work? And how might I might be more discerning about which is most appropriate?

What does it mean in a time of mourning to remember that there will be dancing again?

That when I am laughing, others are grieving so much so they can't seem to remember the sound of such joy anymore?

How much would I (and all those who associate with me) benefit from my remembering that there is, in fact, a time to simply keep silent? And that there are times when my voice of courage and hope is desperately needed?

How do I understand when a "time for war" is appropriate and what does that mean, really, and what does peace look like in our world now?

And through all such times of reflection, what does it mean to us to remember that God holds it and all of us through it all, in all of our times? In fact, it is certainly so that such certainty of God's unending love is what allows me to explore and to wonder about these important questions in the first place. Otherwise, I'm not certain I'd have the courage to risk wondering at all.

And so for all of you who pause with me as we pass from one year into another:

What comes to mind as you reflect on what has been and as you begin to articulate your hopes for what will be?

How might the words of the preacher in Ecclesiastes inform your reflection this season?

Indeed, what grapevines need pruning — what solitary task might give you the time and space to look back with gratitude and to look forward with wonder now?

- Janet Hunt
Dancing with the World