

# HERE AND NOW!

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## TREE OF LOVE

The Outreach Committee has again, set up the Tree of Love with much gratitude for your past loving actions.

The Tree of Love will be in the Narthex from **November 19th through December 3rd**. Each paper ornament on the tree contains a gift request. Please take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item, and return the ornament and gift item to the church by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th**. Please wrap your gift (or use a gift bag) and tape the ornament to the gift. If your ornament requests a gift certificate, please place the gift card with the ornament taped to it in the box at the base of the tree. Your generous gift donations are for families with limited financial resources who attend the FPC Child Care Center and the Ministry on the Margins Sleeping Bag Project. The Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity!



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*And whatever  
you do, whether  
in word or deed,  
do it all in the  
name of the  
Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to  
God the Father  
through him.*

*Colossians 3:17*

*Train a child in  
the way he  
should go, and  
when he is old he  
will not turn  
from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

*And whoever  
welcomes a little  
child like this in  
my name  
welcomes me.*

*Matthew 18:5*



*Join the Child Care Board in saying "thank you" to all of the childcare staff  
who give so much of themselves to our littlest members!*

*We will be collecting cash and gift card donations for staff meeting dinners  
– any amount (or pizza place!) welcome ~our goal is \$200.00!*

*~Donations accepted at the front office – make checks to FPC and specify  
"staff meeting funds"~*



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

What are your *expectations of God*?

Does that sound like an unusual, odd, or even, presumptuous question?

Our inclination is to think the opposite instead. What are God's expectations of us? Doesn't God want and expect us to be faithful, loving, obedient people? God-believing, God-following people. Respectful and tolerant, kind and generous people, and more...?

Certainly God has high hopes for us, and maybe expectations. Most of all God wants the very best *for* us. God created each of us in God's own image. And, more than anything God wants us to be in a close, personal, life-sharing relationship with our loving Creator.

But do you know what? As we begin the season of Advent—as we wait and hope and prepare for the Coming of Jesus into our world and into our lives—I am totally convinced that God also wants us to have the *highest expectations...of God*. A clear example is found in the words of Mary in Luke 1, when as the expectant mother of Jesus she sings,

*“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.*

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his  
name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the  
thoughts of their hearts.*

*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the  
lowly;*

*he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and  
to his descendants forever.” (Luke 1:46-55)*

These words from the youthful Mary signal to us, or actually proclaim to us all, that God wants us to have the *highest of expectations* of God's actions on our behalf. For the turbulent world. For the church in transition. For each and every one of us in the challenges and the joys of our lives.

Christ is Coming...to make things right, and good, and glorious! You and I can *expect it!*

Wishing you a spectacularly  
Hope-filled Christmas,

*David*



## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### **First Presbyterian Members Show Joyful Generosity**

At last report, 47 families increased their pledge amounts over last year during the recent Stewardship Campaign. This shows the strong support and generosity of our church family. Thank you to those who returned pledge cards for the next year.

However, the campaign is behind in the number of pledges. The Stewardship Committee encourages members to provide a 2018 Estimate of Giving to help keep FPC's programs and lights shining bright.



### **Advent Candle Lighters**

**December 3rd**  
**Engel Family**

**December 10th**  
**Svihovec Family**

**December 17th**  
**Gutzke Family**

**December 21**  
**Jensen Family**

**December 24th ~**  
**10:00 am**  
**Jensen Family**

**December 24 ~**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Henriksen**  
**Family**



## **WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT**

With Winter and it's wonderful weather just around the corner, we wanted to remind you of our policies. Any time Bismarck Public Schools close, First Presbyterian Church and Child Care Center closes as well. So any scheduled meetings or events will be cancelled automatically if the church closes due to weather. If you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you for your understanding!

## **RED & GREEN POTLUCK**

***Following the Youth Christmas Program on December 10th.***

The Membership Committee invites you to the Annual "Red & Green" Potluck to be held in Ramstad Hall after the Worship Service on **Sunday, December 10th**. Our service this day will feature the presentation of the Youth Christmas Pageant. Please join us in the opportunity for food and fellowship with our



church family. Guests, including family and friends, are especially encouraged to attend. When you come please bring food to share if you are able. To enhance the Christmas Spirit, if you like, bring a red or green main dish, salad, vegetables or a dessert. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Help cleaning up after the meal will be appreciated.

## ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL

The Administrative and Personnel Committee approved the hiring of Arvy Smith as Organist. Since July of this year, we have hired a Parish Nurse and Arvy Smith as new staff members for FPC. At our November meeting we have put the final touches on our Membership Roll review. Letters will be going out early December to those individuals who we have not heard from in some time. We will be welcoming them back to our church first of all, and if they have joined

another church or wish to drop their membership with FPC Bismarck, we then will recommend to Session removal from the Membership Rolls. The review of Membership Rolls is a yearly process which allows us to give more accurate information to Presbytery on the size of our congregation.

Dale Hoerauf, chair

## PRAYER CHAIN

A prayer chain provides the power and strength of collective prayer for those in need. If you would like to join the prayer chain, or have a prayer need, please contact:

Nanc Skaret at  
[skaret@bis.midco.net](mailto:skaret@bis.midco.net)  
or 258-4703

You may also call the church office  
at 223-6091



## WELCOME OUR NEW ORGANIST!



Arvy has recently retired from the State of North Dakota after 36 years of employment in management, budget analysis and auditing. She spent the last 16 years in executive management as the Deputy State Health Officer for the Department of Health. During her employment for the State she has received national awards for both budget analysis and serving as deputy state health officer. Arvy received her undergraduate degree in accounting from University of Minnesota Moorhead and her graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of North Dakota in 2008.

While Arvy spent her professional career in business/management, she continued to use her musical skills in the Bismarck community. For the last 20 years Arvy has been a music liturgist for the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, playing piano and flute and singing at Masses, weddings and funerals. She also plays piano for Friday morning Cathedral School children's Masses and is also a member of the Bismarck/Mandan Civic Chorus.

Arvy is married to Gordy Smith, who is also retired from the State of North Dakota, and they have two children - Sarah who is married to Dan Owens with twin daughters Victoria and Elizabeth; and David who is a student at NDSU in engineering. Arvy is originally from New England, North Dakota and is a graduate of Saint Mary's Central High School, Bismarck.





## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

As we enter the Advent Season, it is important to remember all the people who have devoted their careers to the work of the church. Just as we honor the gift of Jesus Christ to all of us, our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering honor the current and retired church workers. A portion of our gifts also go to developing leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools. We will collect the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



## **CHRISTMAS BELLS**

*Save the Date* for a concert welcoming Advent and Christmas!

Westminster Chimes will be joining other area musicians for a non-denominational Christmas Concert taking place on

***Saturday, December 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.***

At the Bismarck LDS Chapel at 1500 Country West Road.

The program will be open to the public with no admission charge. Come and begin your Christmas Season with music!



## **DRIVERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to transport church members who need rides for Sunday worship services. A new driver's schedule and passenger list will be issued in mid January. You will drive approximately six times a year. For more information please call Clyde Johnson at 425-2351.

## **TRANSPORTATION FOR MEMBERS**

Our church provides transportation for members who are unable to transport themselves to and from church services. If you would like a ride to church, a schedule of Sunday drivers will be provided. You will call the designated driver on Saturday to inform him or her that you need a ride.

The church will also pay for Bis-Man Transit rides to and from church for members not able to use a regular vehicle. Transit system applications are available in the Narthex.

Contact Clyde Johnson at 701-425-2351 for more information.



FREE CLASS  
STARTING  
IN  
JANUARY  
2018!



**JOIN US!** Every Monday and Thursday

## **Fit ~ Faithful ~ Fun**

Join our Parish Nurse, Wanona Goetz,

For a ***FREE*** Senior Exercise class

**Every Monday and Thursday at**

**10:00 a.m. in the Parlor**

She will work with you to help your balance, strength and improve your overall quality of life.

The exercises are low risk, will boost your mood and strengthen your posture, improve your balance and increase mobility.

All you need is comfortable, loose fitting and breathable clothing, good supportive shoes, and a full water bottle to help hydrate throughout the class!







## *NURSES NOTES...*

### *Holiday Greetings to you all!*

Wishing you and your families health, happiness, peace and prosperity this holiday season and in the coming year. May the magic of Christmas fill your hearts all year long! Merry Christmas to you all!

There has been interest to start a senior exercise class to help with balance, strength and overall improve quality of life. I have developed a class of chair exercises using a resistance band called a Theraband and walking. The Theraband is a 5 foot rubber band that helps give 2 to 2 1/2 pounds of resistance when used during an exercise.

These exercises are low risk, boost your mood and strengthen your posture, improve your balance and increase your mobility.

**The free class will start Thursday, January 4th, 2018. It will be every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. The class will last 1 hour.** All you need is comfortable loose fitting and breathable clothing and good supportive shoes. You will need to bring a water bottle to help hydrate during the class. You go at your own pace and only move as far as you feel comfortable. You must remember to stay hydrated during the exercise consult your physician before starting any new exercise program.

We will start out with prayer. Start some music. Begin with stretching exercises in the chair. These exercises will strengthen your lower back, hands, arms, ankles and legs. Then gradually increase to aerobic type exercises using the chair and the Theraband. Then we will walk in our church for 10 minutes returning to cool down. Oh...humor also brings out the best in us so you may hear some interesting stories and fun facts throughout class. So come join me and start 2018 with a new focus on moving. Let the class begin with companionships, friendships, laughter and building up our quality of life.

There will also be a free senior citizen self-defense presentation in January 2018. Details are being worked out, so read your Sunday bulletin on date, time and location.

## *December* is national awareness for Crohn's Disease and Colitis

1. Crohn's Disease is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in which an abnormal immune system response causes chronic inflammation in the digestive tract. Crohn's is often confused with Ulcerative Colitis, a similar IBD that only affects the large intestine.
2. In the United States, males and females get Crohn's at about the same rate. While Crohn's disease most often starts between the ages of 15 and 35, it can affect people of any age. Caucasians and Ashkenazi Jews develop Crohn's at a higher rate than other ethnicities.
3. **Causes** include:
  - \* Heredity: You may inherit genes that make you more susceptible to developing Crohn's.
  - \* The Immune System: When triggered, it affects the gastrointestinal tract, causing inflammation that contributes to symptoms.
  - \* Environmental Factors: Bacteria, a virus, or some unidentified factor in the environment that triggers an abnormal immune response. Foreign substances (antigens) in the environment may also be a cause of inflammation, or they may stimulate the body's defenses to produce inflammation that continues without control.
4. **Tests to diagnose** Crohn's Disease:
  - \* Blood Tests: Although blood tests alone cannot diagnose Crohn's Disease, they're an important tool in diagnosis and monitoring of this disease. Several different kinds of blood tests are used.
    - A) Routine Blood Tests: These are used to detect infection, anemia, indicators of inflammation, and to identify deficiencies of vitamins or minerals.



# **NURSES NOTES...**

B) Fecal Blood Test

C) Antibody Blood Test: These tests help your doctor determine whether you have Crohn's or UC. They look for antibodies, proteins produced by the immune system that indicate the presence of one disease or the other. These tests, however, are not conclusive by themselves. A positive finding doesn't mean you have Crohn's, and a negative finding doesn't mean that you don't have it.

\* Image Tests: These are tests that take pictures of different parts of your body to provide a clearer picture of your condition. They show your doctor areas of disease activity and identify possible complications. These are only some of the imaging tests used for Crohn's—there are others your doctor may recommend.

A) Conventional X-Rays: A standard X-ray of your abdominal area can show narrowing of the intestines or an intestinal blockage, possibly from inflammation or scarring. It may also be done to rule out certain Crohn's complications.

B) Contract X-rays

C) Computerized Tomography (CT Scan)

D) Leukocyte Scintigraphy (White Blood Cell Scan)

E) Endoscopy (includes Colonoscopy)

F) Endoscopic Ultrasound

G) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

5. Symptoms: How severe are your Crohn's Disease symptoms?

\* **Mild to Moderate:** Frequent diarrhea; abdominal pain (but can walk and eat normally); no signs of dehydration, high fever, abdominal tenderness, painful mass, intestinal obstruction, weight loss of more than 10%.

\* **Moderate to Severe:** Frequent diarrhea; abnormal pain or tenderness; fever; significant weight loss; significant anemia (a few of these symptoms may include fatigue, shortness of breath, dizziness and headache)

\* **Very Severe:** Persistent symptoms despite appropriate treatment for moderate to severe Crohn's and you may also experience high fever; persistent vomiting; evidence of intestinal obstruction (blockage) or abscess (localized infection or collection of pus); more severe weight loss.

6. Treatment:

\* **Medications** that treat Crohn's disease strive to help control the inflammation that plays a role in your Crohn's symptoms and induce remission. It's quite possible that you may try multiple medications before finding the one that works best. So talk to your doctor if you feel like your medication isn't meeting your treatment goals. It's also important to note that the medication your doctor prescribes may depend on whether you have mild, moderate, or severe Crohn's and/or where in your GI tract your disease is active.

\* **Avoid Problem Foods:** Keep a diary of what you're eating is part of the problem. Some things may only be a problem during flares. These often cause trouble for people with Crohn's:

A) High-fat, greasy, and fried foods. People with Crohn's often find these hard to digest: Cream sauces, butter, margarine, anything deep-fried.

B) High-fiber foods like: corn, popcorn, seeds and nuts

\* **Try these tips to calm your symptoms and stay healthy when your disease is acting up:** Eat soft, bland foods. Avoid dishes that are spicy or high in fiber.

Eat smaller meals, and eat more often. Instead of 3 large meals, eat 5 small ones.

Drink plenty of fluids. Chronic diarrhea can make you lose body fluids, which makes you feel weak and tired. It can also affect your kidneys and lead to kidney stones. Talk to your doctor about what fluids to drink and how much. Avoid sodas and drinks with caffeine. They can bother your stomach.

\* You need to boost your diet with vitamins, minerals, and nutritional supplements. Talk to your doctor first.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Events:

### Christmas Pageant and Red & Green Potluck! Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

All PAC and PresbyTeens youth taking part in the Christmas Pageant are to be at Church by 8:00 am on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Pageant will be during 10 am Worship, with a “Red and Green” Potluck hosted by the Membership Committee following Worship in Ramstad Hall.



### Bring a Friend Christmas Party

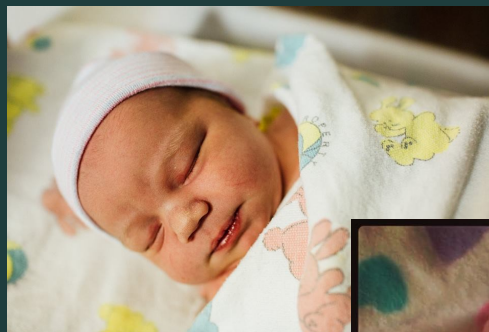
It's “Bring a Friend” Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13th at PAC and PresbyTeens! All friends are welcome to join us for dinner and Christmas party FUN from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

### Christmas Break

Sunday School, PAC, and PresbyTeens will not meet after December 18th. Sunday School resumes January 7th with PAC and PresbyTeens resuming Wednesday, January 10th.



## SIGNE MARIE GREENWOOD





# *GRATITUDE OVERFLOWED IN RAMSTAD HALL*

Gratefulness is such a positive emotion, it's right up there with the feeling of joy. Our Outreach Committee set the stage for our free Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner planning team worked so well together to produce this day of gratitude. We served 348 meals with loving hearts, 100 more than last year. All would not have been possible without the giving of over 80 volunteers. We extend deep appreciation to the First Presbyterian volunteers: Sue Sorlie, Karen and Duane Ehrens, Nanc, Jim and Matt Skaret, Neva and Ron Carlisle, Becky and Dennis Rosenkranz, Joe Bachmeier, Kathy Wachter, Damita and Matt Engel, Lynn Dodge, Alice and Dave Nix, Gladys Cairns, and Alice and Stan Halling. Thanks to Les Hornbacher, Maintenance Manager, for his assistance with the set-up. Special Thanks to Charee Linton, Administrative Assistant, for her guidance throughout the planning and all of Thanksgiving Day. Those that served out of Ramstad Hall with such warm feelings of appreciation. They gave and received. Looking forward to 2018 Thanksgiving Day.





# PARLOR RE-FURBISHING COMMITTEE

Your Parlor Re-furbishing Committee is finishing up their work and we hope that you are all enjoying the new changes. Recently, we needed help hanging some of the new decorative pieces and a couple of familiar “angels” volunteered!



## How Loving Yourself Can Change the World

Did you know you have the power to change the world every single day? All you need to do is love yourself, and that positivity will radiate. You have a unique gift to give, and once you see the value in your smile and self-esteem, the world around you changes. Self-esteem is an overall reflection of one's worth. Unfortunately, low self-esteem prevents people from gaining healthy friendships, living a positive life and contributing to the community. Maxwell Maltz, an American cosmetic surgeon, said, “Low self-esteem is like driving through life with your hand-break on.” Stop pumping the brakes on life and become more altruistic simply by loving yourself. Here are 3 side effects you'll enjoy:

- ♦ **Become kinder**—When you learn to accept everything about yourself, flaws and all, you develop a more positive attitude which permeates through your everyday actions. You smile more, and you're more likely to do more small deeds. You really can change someone else's day for the better with just a smile and a kind word.
- ♦ **Relationships improve**—With a positive and unconditional self-love, relationships naturally become more supporting and loving. Not only does your optimism spread to those closest to you, but you become more accepting of your family members' and friends' flaws.
- ♦ **More involved**—Unconditional self-esteem is infectious, and you're likely to spread it to your family and friends, but also to those you help in the community. You'll be more likely to volunteer and make an impact in the community while bettering the lives of others just with self-esteem.



## December Facts

The 12th month of the year is an outstanding one!

December is the last month in the Gregorian calendar. Its name is based on the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of January and February at the beginning of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere, as it is the beginning of summer. December is a month home to many religious holidays.

Below are some fun facts about December:

1. The birthstone of December is turquoise.
2. Zodiac signs for December are Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 - January 19).
3. The birth flower of December is the Narcissus.
4. World's AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st.
5. December 3 - International Day of the Disabled Person
6. Universal Human Rights Month
7. National Read a New Book Month
8. In December, Nobel Prizes are awarded.
9. On December 4, 1791, The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain.
10. Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th.
11. On December 7, 1941, The United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes.
12. On December 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed.
13. Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26 - January 1 every year.
14. National Stress Free Family Holiday Month
15. December 27th is National Chocolate Day
16. On December 29, 1862, the bowling bowl was invented.
17. Poinsettia Day is on December 12th.
18. On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed.
19. On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.
20. On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed.



## **December 2017 Ushers/Greeters/Reception Host**

### **December 3rd:**

**Captain:** Olivia Bachmeier

**Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Dennis Rosenkranz, Becky Rosenkranz, Cindy Cross, Don Cross

**Reception Host:** Jan Gilchrist

### **December 10th:**

**Captain:** Jenni Boeckel

**Ushers:** Alice Nix, Don Bigwood, Wendy Skager, JoAnn Hodny, David Massey

**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood

### **December 17th:**

**Captain:** Lynne Bigwood

**Ushers:** Abby Bjornson, John Richter, John Bjornson, Joe Satrom, Duane Ehrens

**Reception Host:** Gladys Cairns

### **December 24th ~ 10:00 am:**

**Captain:** Letha Lewis

**Ushers:** Vern Spitzer, Don Bigwood, Ann Lynch, Bill Jensen, Vi Spitzer

**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood

### **December 24th ~ 5:00 pm:**

**Captain:** Mark Jensen

**Ushers:** Jenni Boeckel, Dick Weber, Vic Sonneman, **2 More Volunteers Needed**

### **December 31st:**

**Captain:** Neva Carlisle

**Ushers:** Becky Rosenkranz, Matt Engel, Dennis Rosenkranz, Ron Carlisle, Lynn Dodge

**Reception Host:** Audre Goll



### **LAY READERS**

*If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please find a replacement and then contact the office with the changes.*

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|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Dec. 3rd  | Ann Gallup                      |
| Dec. 10th | Carole Watrel                   |
| Dec. 17th | Donna Richter                   |
| Dec. 24th | 10:00 am<br>Jim Skaret          |
| Dec. 24th | 5:00 p.m.<br>Tedd & Ella Gutzke |
| Dec. 31st | <b>Volunteer Needed</b>         |

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

#### **Sunday, December 3rd**

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Jenni Boeckel | Bob Kinnischtzke  |
| Bill Jensen   | Mark Jensen       |
| Tedd Gutzke   | Ella Gutzke       |
| Matt Engel    | Jim Rambo         |
| Steve Adair   | Dennis Rosenkranz |

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### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

#### **Sunday, December 24th 5:00 p.m. Service**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Jim Skaret    | Nanc Skaret   |
| Clyde Johnson | Diann Johnson |

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## ***This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays***

### **BIRTHDAYS**

### **DECEMBER**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Linda Tonolli       | 1st  |
| Stan Halling        | 4th  |
| Hailee Bitz         | 4th  |
| Laken Gratz         | 8th  |
| Bert Asselin, Jr.   | 8th  |
| David Shockman      | 9th  |
| Audre Goll          | 9th  |
| Linda Stensrud      | 11th |
| Danette Pengilly    | 11th |
| Arne Arneson        | 12th |
| JoAnn Hodny         | 12th |
| Richard Belisle     | 15th |
| Janice Mayer        | 16th |
| Chris Hellman       | 17th |
| Laura Adair         | 18th |
| David Bachmeier     | 18th |
| Arley Gallup        | 19th |
| Caitlin Van Voorhis | 20th |
| Bob Kinnischtzke    | 20th |
| Kade Massey         | 20th |
| Jae Reile           | 21st |
| Ella Gutzke         | 22nd |
| Bob Tonolli         | 22nd |
| Patricia Keller     | 27th |
| Doug Sturlaugson    | 28th |
| Shiny Mahlum        | 30th |
| Kaye Halvorson      | 31st |
| Caroline Barks      | 31st |

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>John &amp; Kim Dixon</i>        | <i>5th</i>  |
| <i>Paul &amp; Kristi Ronningen</i> | <i>18th</i> |
| <i>Jim &amp; Nanc Skaret</i>       | <i>21st</i> |
| <i>William &amp; JoAnn Hodny</i>   | <i>30th</i> |

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the church's membership database. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!*





| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                             | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
|   |   |   |   |  | 1                               | 2<br>8:30am Circle<br>9:00am Yoga<br>9:00am Advent<br>Church Decorating |
| 3<br>9:00am Blood Pressure Clinic (Conf. Rm.)<br>10:00am Worship ~ Baptism of Brynn Lea Asselin<br>10:30am Sunday School<br>11:00am BP Clinic | 4<br>5:00pm Suzuki Music Recital (Sanc./Parlor)<br>6:00pm PNC (201)<br>6:45pm Session (201)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts                | 5<br>5:15pm Suzuki Music<br>5:30pm Property & Equipment Committee (201)<br>5:30pm Yoga (202)<br>6:30pm Lay Ministers (Parlor) | 6<br>5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens Pageant Rehearsal<br>6:30pm Westminster Chimes<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                    | 7<br>12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm)<br>6:00pm Membership Comm. (Conf. Rm.)<br>6:00pm Outreach Comm. (Parlor) | 8                               | 9<br>9:00am Yoga (202)  |
| 10<br>8:00am Pageant Arrival Time/Rehearsal<br>10:00am Christmas Pageant ~ Worship<br>11:00am Red & Green Potluck (Ramstad)                   | 11<br>5:00pm Admin. & Personnel Comm. (Parlor)<br>5:30pm Worship & Music Comm. (Conf.Rm)<br>6:30pm PNC (?)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts | 12<br>5:15pm Suzuki Music<br>5:30pm CCC Board Meeting (Conf. Rm)<br>5:30pm Yoga (202)   | 13<br>12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Rankota)<br>5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens<br>6:30pm Westminster Chimes<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir | 14<br>7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)  | 15                              | 16<br>9:00am Yoga (202)   |
| 17<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:30am Sunday School  | 18<br>6:30pm PNC (?)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts   | 19<br>12:00pm Business & Finance Committee<br>5:30pm Yoga (202)<br>6:00pm Session (Parlor)<br>7:00pm Bridge (Ramstad)         | 20<br>6:30pm Westminster Chimes<br>7:30pm Choir   | 21   | 22<br>Office Closed             | 23<br>Church Closed   |
| 24<br>10:00am Worship<br>5:00pm Candle Light Worship Service  | 25<br>Office Closed<br>MERRY CHRISTMAS!   | 26  | 27<br>7:30pm Choir  | 28   | 29<br>Office Closed at 12:00 pm | 30  |
| 31<br>10:00am Worship   |   |   |   |  |                                 |   |



## **FAMILY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



\*\* On December 3rd 2017 we will be celebrating the Baptism of :

**Brynn Lea Asselin**, born to Bert & Ashlee Asselin on  
9/27/2017.

***The Session meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th did not have enough attendees for a quorum, so there are no highlights in this issue. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, December 4th at 6:45 pm in Room 201 (downstairs).***

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

(Closed over Noon Hour on Friday)

### **Church Staff**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor                       | Rev. Dr. David Reiter |
| Administrative Assistant     | Charee Linton         |
| Finance                      | Vickie Haas           |
| Christian Education Director | Ashley Greenwood      |
| Parish Nurse                 | Wanona Goetz          |
| Organist                     | Arvy Smith            |
| Choir Director               | Debi Rogers           |
| Handbell Ensemble Director   | Lael Hoerauf          |
| Maintenance Manager          | Les Hornbacher        |
| Child Care Director          | Shawn Stettner        |
| Asst. Child Care Director    | Vanessa Hein          |
| Membership Services          | Judy Lentz            |
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