Leaves of Life

January 2019

Praying for unity

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical “octave,” or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus’ prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers “may all be one … so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn’t want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.”

Holy Trinity site

825 Forest Ave
Jamestown NY 14701
(716) 488-4235
Office: 9:30-1:30 TUES

Immanuel site

556 East Second St
Jamestown NY 14701
(716) 664-7104
Office: 8-12 M-F

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Tree of Life Worship Schedule

PASTOR TARA LAMONT EASTMAN

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY
are at our HOLY TRINITY SITE ..

Regular Schedule Sunday School 9am & Worship at 10:15

Holy Trinity

Immanuel

Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church
HT office 716 488-4235; ILC office 716 664-7104

Contact info: Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman
Email: pastor@toljamestown.com 716 969-3950 (call or text)
Pr at ILC office M & W (9:30am) & HT office T & TH (9:30am)

Note TREE OF LIFE has new emails:

admin@toljamestown.com – Rosemary DiDomenico
pastor@toljamestown.com – Pastor Tara Eastman
secretary@toljamestown.com – (emails forward to Rosemary)
income@toljamestown.com – Beryl Emley
expense@toljamestown.com – Jan Coleson
music@toljamestown.com – Eric Hester

TOL Website: www.toljamestown.com Tree of Life is on Facebook

Marilyn Isaacson [for mailing]
3296 Turner Rd, Jamestown

Roberta Graham
1500 Weaver Dr, Apt 212
Granville OH 43023

FINANCIAL PICTURE

NOTE CHANGE: When signing up for ***ALTAR FLOWERS FOR HOLY TRINITY SITE OR BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP FOR IMMANUEL SITE***, please ***contact the church office*** 716 664-7104 or email Rosemary at admin@toljamestown.com with requested date & what you would like printed in the bulletin that week and any specific request on choice of flowers or colors. I will have a chart with both schedules on board next to ILC's office door and will contact Jan at Holy Trinity who will in turn make sure flowers are ordered & delivered.

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH---GENERAL FUND

	NOVEMBER	Actual Y-T-D	Budget Y-T-D
Income	$13,811	$160,985	$164,221
Expense	19,603	200,131	212,084
Balance	-$5,792	-$39,146	-$47,863

SERVING TREE OF LIFE

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector so you are comfortable reading at both sites.

Note:

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

REMINDER: JAN is at HOLY TRINITY SS 9 & W 10:15

ASSISTING MINISTER

6TH: Lisa Gustafson
13TH: Carol Sorg
20TH: Darcy Whitney
27TH: Sue Priester

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

6TH: Cindy Swan, Carol Sorg
13TH: Sandy Stewart, Steve Sandberg
20TH: Dodie Erickson, Jane Engle
27TH: Darcy Whitney, David Eaker

COUNTERS

6TH: David E, Carol S
13TH: TBD
20TH: Deb M, Steve S
27TH: TBD

LECTORS

6TH: Marlene Hanson
13TH: Cindy Swan
20TH: Judy DuBois
27TH: Paula Hofgren

ACOLYTE:

6TH: Ella Storms
13TH: Sydney Moss
20TH: Allie Moss
27TH: Lilly Moss

GREETERS

6TH: Joyce Atkinson, Carole Dean
13TH: Dennis & Jan Bechmann
20TH: Jim & Anne Buffone
27TH: Dodie Erickson, George Hitchcock

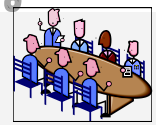
USHERS

6TH: Gary S., Paul H, Gary C, Sam M
13TH: Dennis B, Carrie M, George H, Deb M
20TH: Mike F, Dennis A, Roberto C, Brenda D.
27TH: Al J, Scott & Terra D, Matt K

HT (ALTAR CARE)

FOR JANAUARY

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you.



Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

President: **Carol Sorg**
Vice-Pres: **Cindy Swan**
Treasurer: **Deb Morlock**
Secretary: **Steve Sandberg**

Non-Officers:

- Chris Radack
- Thure Fransen
- Darcy Whitney
- Dorie Deyo
- Sue Priester
- David Eaker

NOTE:

If local schools are closed, be sure to call office prior to make sure we are open. Also will be on WGRZ & WIVB cancellations & closing & possible local radio stations as Tree of Life.

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 ***at whichever location worship is for the month ..***

To all volunteers who give their time to help out as needed. You are truly appreciated.

Tree of Life News

ESTHER CIRCLE meeting will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9th for this month•• Regular meetings are the First Wednesday of each month **at 1:30 at the Holy Trinity site in church library (Bible study will be from January/February GATHER Magazine this month)** unless change noted.

Any women from Tree of Life and their friends are welcome to attend.

We use the Bible study found in Gather Magazine and have refreshments and good conversations afterwards!

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WOMEN KNIT TOGETHER **Monday, January 7th and will meeting each first Monday of month at 10am in the Hamlin library at ILC site through May (Picnic in June)**

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LABOR OF LOVE will meet on ***Monday, January 7th 9am*** in **Anderson Hall** at the Holy Trinity site. They meet 1st Monday of month thru December, weekly January-May

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Men's Fellowship

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP meets every first and third Wednesday @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them! **January dates are: the 2nd & 16th AT Immanuel {group will be notified if needed at HT}**

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: *Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*

We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____ _____.
Romans 6:4, NIV

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAME REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

ILC: 716 664-7104—Rosemary

admin@toljamestown.com

JANUARY ELCA LECTIONARY C

Epiphany of Our Lord 1/6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of Our Lord 1/13

Isaiah 43:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-2

2nd Sun aft Epiphany 1/20

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

3rd Sun aft Epiphany 1/27

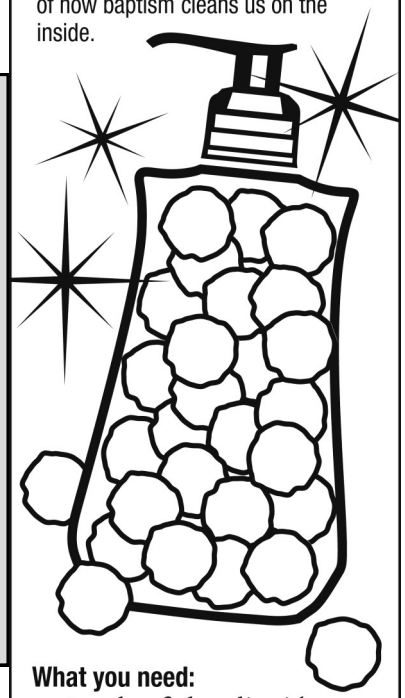
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

TOL CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET @ HT SITE AT 6:30PM

Jan 17th

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

Pastor's message..

You've gotta' move by Pastor Tara L. Eastman

It's a brand new year. It's a totally new day. The number for this new year 2019, reminds me of many science fiction movies filled with exciting plots and never-ending opportunities. I'm not suggesting that this year will be one filled with flying cars and robots, although that might be cool, but I have this gut feeling that 2019 is a year for forward looking and brave step-taking. While I write this note on the Eve of the new year, I find myself looking back to what 2018 was. I keep thinking those thoughts like: What if I did this, that or the other thing? Would this last year have turned out different if I'd done: this, that and the other?

If permitted to, I suppose I could spend all this upcoming year fussing over what could have been in 2018, but spending my time in this way would not be wise in light of the hope and newness of the year to come.

Isaiah 43: 16,18,19 says, **"This is what the Lord says, 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."**

God understands the human tendency to look to the past, to romanticize the past, and to strive to re-gain it. No doubt, the lessons we learn from life experiences are valuable. However, those past experiences are ones we can't return to. We may wish for a time machine to address all of our would-haves and could-haves, but the fact remains - the past is past.

One of my favorite sections of this verse in Isaiah is, "See, I am doing a new thing!" It is so inspiring that God, who created the universe, time and all of creation; gets excited and likes doing new things! So if God gets excited by new things and encourages us not to dwell on the past; shouldn't we get a little amped up over the New Year and the opportunities it holds?

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pastor con't..

So as the new year begins, I will do my best to stop looking to the past and trying to reclaim it. I will think optimistically, creatively and even (gasp!) outside the box that I call, “my life”.

We may have to move into some new, challenging and unfamiliar territory to meet this New Year with a smile; but I'd rather move forward into 2019 like W.H. Auden so beautifully expresses: **"I want to approach the future as a friend, without a wardrobe of excuses."**

Happy New Year 2019 to you and yours. May your days be filled with opportunity, possibility and the courage to keep moving forward. Come ‘on all, we've got to move!

“You gotta move, You gotta move, You gotta move, child, You gotta move
And when the Lord, get ready…You gotta move

You may be high. You may be low. You may be rich, child. You may be po'. But when the Lord gets ready
You gotta move.

You may be up. You may be down. You may be buried livin' in the ground. But when the Lord
get ready. You gotta move.”

Lyrics to "You've gotta move" by the band Lost Dogs.

Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you’ll find all the missing O’s.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,

LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since __o__ __o

__o__ __ __ us, we __ __ __ o

o__ __ __ __ __o __o__ __

o__ __ __ __ o __ __ __ __.

1 __ o __ __ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV

TREE OF LIFE

1/01 Darcy Whitney
1/02 Linda Scalise
1/03 Kristen Bentley
1/05 Karrie Swanson
1/06 Tara Eastman, Camryn Storms
1/08 Mike Mogenhan, Marilyn Isaacson
1/10 Roberta Graham
1/11 Cory Saullo
1/12 Matthew Kubinski, Brendon Devereaux
1/13 Jennifer Wolnik
1/16 Marian Leathers
1/18 Garth Swanson
1/19 Taylor Bennett, Shelby Hester
1/20 Janis Nelson
1/25 Phyllis Johnson, Charles Moss
1/28 Kristin Maloney
1/29 Sylvia Braley
1/30 Norma Carr
1/31 Melissa Storms

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW if this needs update

The second Sunday of the month is FOOD SUNDAY.. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry at the Forest Ave site. Any food will be welcome.

Worship ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 2ND –88
DECEMBER 9TH - 74
DEDEMBER 16TH - 115
DECEMBER 23RD—91
December 24—4pm—63
December 24—10pm—60

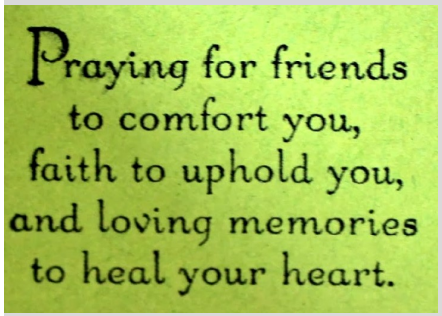
POWER of PRAYER

HT and ILC Prayer Chains have been consolidated into a **TOL email Prayer Chain**. Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; HT church office 488-4235; ILC church office 664-7104; or direct to Dodie 665-5062 her email is dodie2417@gmail.com. If you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance.

In case of hospital emergency, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 969-3950.



our prayers & sympathy to:

JoAnn (Don) Anderson on the death of *her brother John Holt.* John was a former active member of Holy Trinity. He passed away Dec. 9th at Lutheran.

George Hitchcock & family—George's mother, Ellen R Hitchcock, passed away December 23, 2018

Thure Fransen & family—Thure's father, Larry Fransen, passed away December 26, 2018

To the Congregation of the TREE OF LIFE Lutheran Church

Thank you for your continued support to the wonderful children in our community that we are blessed to be able to work with. You made Christmas a lot brighter because of your generous hearts and GOD is looking down, pleased with your unselfish hearts.

THANK YOU AND MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON BE BRIGHT!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Please note: the 2nd Annual Meeting of Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jamestown NY will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 following 10:15 Worship at our HOLY TRINITY site.

Please email all reports to Rosemary at admin@toljamestown.com by Friday, January 11, 2019. Reports will be available to the congregation 1 week prior to meeting.

NEEDED for 2018: (please look through these and send whichever your are responsible for– thank you!!)

Member changes, previous yr. minutes, Any congregation meeting minutes, Pastor's report (including Pastoral Acts), Children's Worship, Director of Music (including choir), Administrative Assistant Report, TOL council president report, Report of Bishop, Financial managers Reports, Treasurer's Report, Fund Activity, Eagle's Nest. WELCA, Loan Closet, Food Cupboard, Labor of Love, Rachel Circle, Esther Circle, Women's Knit Group, Worship & Music, Faith Formation, Finance, Evangelism & Outreach, Mutual Ministry, Property, Vision Team, Stewardship, VBS, Prayer Chain, God's Work our Hands 2018, Property, Tree of Life Social Group, Care Team (Home Communion), TOL Hospitality, Senior Men, Proposed/Approved Budget 2019, Auditor Report, any Resolutions.

Total donation from Tree of Life members for LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: U.S. WILFIRES was $332.00

Hello Movie-Goers!!! Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season. The movie showing in January will be *I Can Only Imagine* on January 12th, starting at 7pm. Bring your friends and some conversation. Hope to see many of you there!!!! [at 825 Forest Ave location}

Mission Message

GIFTS

As we celebrate the season of Epiphany, we remember the gifts the wise men brought to the baby Jesus. If you could give Jesus a gift, what would it be? You can, you know, and you actually already do. Because your congregation sends a portion of your offering to the Synod, you give gifts to Jesus all over the world. Jesus, in the form of a teenager from Central America who is in the United States because he fears for his life at home (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunity). Jesus, in the form of a family in California who just lost everything in the wild fires (Lutheran Disaster Relief). Jesus, who lives in Zimbabwe and has a school to go to thanks to you (World Hunger). Jesus, a student at college who is lonely and looking for guidance (Campus Ministry). Jesus, a refugee at the border (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). Jesus, a seminary student who can't pay her tuition (Fund for Leaders). All these ministries, and many more, are funded by Mission Support. If you'd like to learn more, go to ELCA.org and click on the "Our Work" tab.

May God bless this new year, and each congregation and member in their commitment to do God's Work with Our Hands.

We are church together for the sake of the world.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

Important Dates for Tree of Life Church: ***Date for affirmation of faith/membership Sunday:*** On Sunday January 13th, Tree of Life Lutheran Church will be celebrating the start of 2019, with an opportunity for individuals interested in being baptized or making an affirmation of faith to become a confirmed member of Tree of Life Lutheran Church. A meeting will be held with pastor on Sunday January 6th, immediately following worship, for those parties interested in making this profession of faith and becoming a church member. If you are not able to meet on the 6th, please contact Pastor to make arrangements.

Also please save the date, Sunday January 27th as it is Tree of Life's annual meeting following worship. If you have any questions concerning this opportunity, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 -969-3950 or pastor@toljamestown.com

Upcoming Congregational Vote: On Sunday January 20th, Tree of Life will be holding a vote to determine worship site of our church. **In order to be an eligible voting member, you must have completed the following actions by Sunday January 13th, 2019:**

Be listed as a confirmed member on the membership rolls. To be a confirmed member must have:

Been baptized and completed confirmation classes:

OR become a member by a recorded transfer from another church and been accepted as a member in worship.

OR make their affirmation of faith in worship and be 16 years of age.

Give a contribution of record within last calendar year. January 2018-January 13, 2019. (A contri-

Poinsettia donation list

Alice Carlson	*memory of all of my loved ones*
Donato, Brenda	*memory of Shane M Donato*
Donato, Brenda	*memory of Barbara C Ream*
Shirley & Clair Fletcher	*memory of our loved ones*
Michael & Karin Flynn	*memory of loved ones*
David, Michelle, Josh Gibson	*memory of Robert A Genberg*
David, Michelle, Josh Gibson	*memory of Jean Genberg*
David, Michelle, Josh Gibson	*memory of Anna J Carter*
David, Michelle, Josh Gibson	*memory of June Gibson*
Dan & Tom Gustafson	*memory of Jim & Coralyn Gustafson*
Rona Jennings	*memory of husband Richard Jennings*
Rona Jennings	*in honor of 3 Jennings' sons*
Lukach's	*memory of Robert Barney*
Ken & Gayle Lyon	*memory of loved ones*
Roberta McCardle	*memory of Erickson family: Andrew, Anna, Betty Jane, Andy*
Roberta McCardle	*in honor of Sylvia & George Oste*
Roberta McCardle	*in honor of Jim & Dodie Erickson*
Carol Sorg	*memory of husband, Jim Sorg & Parents, Art & Jean Larson*
Jeanne Wahlstrom & family	*husband, dad & grandpa*
	Art Wahlstrom

Building Hours for HT site (825 Forest Ave.) are as follows:

Mondays – CLOSED
Tuesdays: 9:30-1:30
Wednesdays: 10-2 for Food Pantry
Thursdays: 9-noon TOPS Group.
Fridays: 10-2 for food pantry.

Office phone will be set to call forward to the ILC (716) 664-7104) site of Tree of Life Church daily. Please contact administrative staff via email at:

admin@toljamestown.com or

secretary@toljamestown.com

ILC Site Office Hours at 556 East Second Street are M-F 8-Noon.
HT site number: (716) 488-4235

"Leaves of Life " DEADLINE
FOR February NEWS Is Sunday January 27th
Work party to assemble
will be 9am(at Immanuel)
Monday, February 4th

bution of record is cash in an envelope with member name on it or a check with name and address of member on it.)

Received communion of record. (Please fill out the attendance slip and place in offering plate with name and check box to confirm you have received communion.)

In addition to this information, a congregational letter will be mailed out the first week of January to provide all information needed explaining the responsibilities of eligible voting members by January 13th, 2019, so that your name will appear on eligible voting roster (confirmed, communed and contributed of record) for the worship site vote on January 20th, 2019.

In his days may
righteousness
flourish and
peace abound…

PSALM 72:7, NRSV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 NL mlg, 9 ILC: SR MEN, 9 Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Artful prayer, 6, Choir, 7	3 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC PEER SUPPORT, 7	4 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	5
6 at HT **Epiphany of Our Lord** SS 9, W 10:15	7 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Wm Knit, 10 Sr Cent. Bingo, 11:30 HT: LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM	8 Ministerium 10-3 ILC: Tai-chi, 10 **HT OFFICE open 9:30-1:30** **MHA –Gateway Chapel, 2**	9 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 *HT:* ESTHER CIRCLE 1:30 *Prayer Group 6,* *Choir 7*	10 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Tai chi, 10	11 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Deadline for Ann Reports HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	12 Movie night *"I Can Only Imagine"* *7pm HT*
13 at HT **Baptism of Our Lord** SS 9, W 10:15 FOOD SUNDAY	14 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Sr Cent. Bingo, 11:30 ILC: Tai-chi, 9-11:15 ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 **HT OFFICE open 9:30-1:30**	15 ILC: Tai-chi, 10 **HT OFFICE open 9:30-1:30** **MHA –Gateway Chapel, 2**	16 ILC: SR Men 9 Property Team 10:30 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Prayer Group, 6 Choir, 7	17 HT: TOPS 9-NOON Council, 6:30 ILC: Tai chi, 10	18 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	19 *WELCA* planning meeting, 10am at the Lutheran— Conference Rm
PASTOR AT SYNOD PASTOR EVENT						
20 at HT **2 Epiphany** SS 9, W 10:15 Service CONGREGATIONAL VOTE	21 CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr Day	22 ILC: Tai-chi, 10 Sr Center tureen **HT OFFICE open 9:30-1:30**	23 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Prayer Group, 6 Choir, 7	24 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Tai chi, 10	25 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	26
27 at HT **3 Epiphany** SS 9, W 10:15 **DEADLINE FOR Feb .NL** TOL ANNUAL MEETING	28 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Sr Cent. Bingo, 11:30 HT: LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM	29 ILC: Tai-chi, 10 **HT OFFICE open 9:30-1:30**	30 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Prayer Group, 6 Choir, 7	31 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Tai chi, 10		

February 2019

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