

First Lutheran – St. John Episcopal

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Prayer Ventures

These petitions – one for each day this week – are offered as a guide for your own prayer life as together we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of our church.

Sunday, January 24

We ask God to help us stay connected with and immersed in Scripture so that we might be encouraged, guided, challenged and inspired in our faith and life.

Monday, January 25

God chose Paul and turned him from a life of violence to a life of service and proclaiming the gospel. On this Conversion of Paul day, we ask God to remind us that all things are possible through Christ and to not give up on or withhold the good news from people who test our patience or faith.

Tuesday, January 26

ELCA Global Mission Gathering musicians inspire participants with their diverse, spirited musical gifts. We remember them in our prayers as they gather for their annual training this week.

Wednesday, January 27

Today we remember Lydia, Phoebe and Dorcas, faithful partners in Paul's ministry. We give thanks for women of all ages who respond to God's calling with the use of their skills, experiences and spiritual gifts for ministry in the world.

Thursday, January 28

We give thanks and praise to God for the ways in which the gift of the Holy Spirit flows upon people of every nation and background – without discrimination or favoritism.

Friday, January 29

We remember in our prayers the ELCA's response to the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe and our work with The Lutheran World Federation and companion churches in Hungary and Serbia to provide for the basic needs of those who have fled their homes.

Saturday, January 30

We give thanks for the hope-filled witness and work of congregations and ministries committed to serving low-income and economically depressed communities.

Backpack Program



DONATIONS WELCOME

For those of you who'd like to purchase items for our pantry, here are some more suggestions:

Small jars of peanut butter (to be included on long weekends and school holidays); single serve bags/packs of crackers, popcorn, pretzels, nuts, or other snack mixes that are not primarily candy; or 100% juice single serve boxes/pouches.

On the calendar....

Birthdays

January 24Fred Dracobly

January 27Helen Flemetis

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know and we will update our directory.

AA Meetings Mondays and Fridays at 12 Noon

Maranatha Estudio de la Biblia Tuesdays 7 PM

Legacy Food Bank Open Wednesdays 2-5:30 PM

Transition Team -- Thursday, Jan. 28 at 4 PM – with
Bishop's Associate, Kim Latterell

Special Council Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 31 after worship

Noteworthy

There will be a potluck meal following worship on **February 14** after which we will hold the annual meeting for First Lutheran Church. You are invited to bring a salad, dessert or a favorite side dish to accompany the ham which Faith Guild is providing. The agenda for the meeting includes election of council members and officers, approval of the 2016 operating budget and review of the 2015 reports of the congregation. All members and friends of FLC are welcome to share in the meal and participate in the meeting. We do note that voting members of FLC are the only ones eligible to vote and run for office. If you have a question about your membership status, please speak with Pastor Janeen as soon as possible.

Did you know you can see these weekly inserts online? Go to <http://www.harborlutheran.org> and click on the heading "WEEKLY NOTES & NEWS" in the left taskbar.

Call Process

The Transition Team submitted the Ministry Site Profile for First Lutheran Church on January 3, 2016. It has been reviewed by the bishop of Southwestern Washington Synod and approved for submission to the ELCA. A copy is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Here are some highlights:

THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT:

CURRENT PROGRAMS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY:

- Community food bank housed on church property
- Community garden housed on church property
- Backpack program serving children at neighborhood elementary school

PRIMARY GOALS OF MINISTRY SITE:

- to reach out into our community with the Gospel message
- to nurture the faith of our members and their families
- to be the hands of Christ to the least ones in our community
- to develop a strategic plan

WHAT OUR CONGREGATION IS EXCITED ABOUT NOW:

We are currently involved with the local elementary school to institute a backpack program to feed selected students during weekends and school closures. We are partnering with Northwest Harvest, the Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, St. John Episcopal, and local stores to provide the food.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK



Commemorations for the Week

Conversion of Paul

Monday, January 25, 2016

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Thursday, January 28, 2016

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

Worship Schedule

*introducing sung *Eucharistic Acclamations*

^introducing *Lamb of God*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Setting</u>	<u>Musician</u>	<u>Presider</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Weekly Team Leader</u>
1/24 Epiphany 3	Now the Feast*	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Patricia Neve
1/31 Epiphany 4	Now the Feast*	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	5 th week – volunteer?
2/7 Transfiguration	Episcopal/on organ	Mary Lee C.	Gretchen G.	Gretchen G.	Andy Carlson
2/14 Lent 1	Now the Feast^	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Deb Sturgill
2/21 Lent 2	Now the Feast	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Patricia N.	Kitty Turner
2/28 Lent 3	Now the Feast	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Patricia Neve
3/6 Lent 4	Episcopal/on organ	Mary Lee C.	Gretchen G.	Gretchen G.	Andy Carlson
3/13 Lent 5	Now the Feast	Annette O.	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Deb Sturgill
3/20 Palm Sunday	tbd	tbd	shared	tbd	Kitty Turner