

THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

December 2018

Pastor's Reflection

I love Advent. I love Christmas, too. But there's something about the build up to the big day that seems just right.

Maybe it's the way that Advent is steeped in tradition, and always seems to be a little different. Each year, we're in slightly different places in our lives. Each year, the kids are a new age, or we're living in a new place, or we're missing someone else who has gone on to glory. Each year, we have the same longing for Emmanuel to come, but often there's a different flavor to it.

Last year, I listed several ways to mark this Advent time in your homes. There are Advent calendars and wreaths, devotionals and books. There's a wealth of resources out there for you.

But I wonder what we might want to put down for Advent this year. What needs to be set aside for a while so that you can focus on what's most important? Some people are fasting from social media. Others might find a way to simplify Christmas cards or gift-giving. We recently agreed with some family members to make donations rather than give gifts this year. It saves on time and shipping as well as helping with things that are truly important.

Advent isn't quite like Lent. We're not focusing on our sin so much as we're looking to prepare the way for Jesus to come. We'll hear stories of Christ the Lord coming to judge the world and Christ the baby coming to be part of it. Both give us the opportunity to smooth the way in our own hearts and in our world. How can we get ourselves ready to meet Jesus again? What needs to be done to help our neighbors prepare?

As we wait, watch, pray, and sing this December, I invite you to prepare together for Jesus to come. Come hear the stories of the faith as we gather in worship and Sunday School. Come make a difference in our world through the many opportunities for giving and service. Come as the time draws near, to meet the Holy One of Israel, cradled in his mother's arms.

Peace,

Pastor Emily

ELCA VISION:

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.

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Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

Friday, November 30: Larry Dasher & Mona Henderson

Saturday, December 1: Mona Henderson & Walter Smith

Friday, December 7: Mona Henderson & Brenda Gantt

Saturday, December 8: Mona Henderson & Volunteer Needed

Friday, December 14: Charles & Ann Nichols

Saturday, December 15: Marti Burns, Doris Antley

Friday, December 21: Mona Henderson & Volunteer Needed

Saturday, December 22: Mona Henderson & Volunteer Needed

Friday, December 28: Larry Dasher & Mona Henderson

Saturday, December 29: Mona Henderson & Volunteer Needed



Serving In Worship This Month:

GREETERS:

Dorothy Mullins, Hazel Cooper

ALTAR GUILD:

Freida Banks, Hazel Cooper, Ann Nichols, Debbie Reynolds, Debbie Sawyer

USHERS:

Larry Lorick, Chip Spradley

LAY READER:

Brian Shealy

WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Robert Epting

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:

Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

2 Rhonda Bedenbaugh
 9 Samantha Trotter
 16 Margaret Caughman
 23 Barbie Rodgers
 30 Breakfast, No Nursery

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

2 Volunteers Needed
 9 Chancie & Todd Frick
 16 Betsy Dority, Kayce Shealy
 23 Debra & Grant McDonald
 30 Toshia & Freida Banks

NURSERY:

2 Rhonda & Dawn Bedenbaugh
 9 Barbie Rodgers
 16 Toshia Banks
 23 Rebecca Dasher
 30 Liz & Theo Walker

ACOLYTE:

2 Jaycob Banks
 9 Smith Kirby
 16 Susanna Reed
 23 Jayden Banks
 30 Tripp Smith

ALMSBEARER:

2 Marissa Spradley
 9 Pierce Kirby
 16 Sara Reed
 23 Benjamin Barnes
 30 Mady Smith

CRUCIFER:

2 Mason McInnis
 9 Sarah Hendrix
 16 Matthew Reed
 23 Reece Rawls
 30 James Banks

TELLERS:

2 Brian Shealy, Chip Spradley
 9 Margaret Caughman, Cher Davis
 16 Jay Hendrix, Crissie Kirby
 23 Liz Walker, Ricky Long
 30 Ann Nichols, Rebecca Reed

BBW:

2 Larry & Rebecca Dasher
 9 Wendy Epting
 16 Mike & Sally Sherman
 23 Volunteer Needed
 30 Last Sunday Breakfast

ALTAR FLOWERS:

2 By: Libby Garrett
 9 By: Crissie & Smith Kirby
 16 By: Mike & Sally Sherman
 23 By: Gregg Long & Brothers & Families
 30 By: Dean, Barbie, Nevin, & Aubrey Rodgers

CHRISTMAS EVE (10:30 PM)

Acolytes: Pierce Kirby, Smith Kirby
 Almsbearer: Marissa Spradley
 Crucifer: Emily Davis
 Banner Bearer: James Banks
 Bible Bearer: Brett Spradley

If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.

YOUTH

From Nevin Rodgers, Youth Leader

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Upcoming Activities

December 2nd

The youth will be helping with the Christmas play this year. Today's practice will be at 3:00 pm due to the Christmas Parade. Following play practice the youth group will be going to eat.

December 9th

Play Practice at 5pm. Supper after.

December 16th

The Christmas play will be at 6pm in the sanctuary followed by a Soup and Sandwich social. The youth are in charge of the soup and sandwiches.

December 22nd (Saturday)

The youth will help with the Soup Kitchen. It Starts at 9:30 and ends at 12. This is a great way for the youth to help give back to the community.

December 23rd

The youth group will be going Christmas Caroling. We will meet at 5pm and taking the bus. Adults are welcome to come along.

December 24th (Monday)

The youth will be putting out the luminarias at 10 am and going back to light them at 8:30 pm

If there are any Questions, feel free to contact me anytime at

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FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Monthly Witness Reporting

As of 10/31/2018

Offering Report	October	YTD
Regular Offering	\$ 20,949	\$ 210,965
Food Pantry Offering	<u>3,638</u>	<u>20,918</u>
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$ 24,587	\$ 231,883

Vision 20+20 Offering	695	18,390
Other Designated Offering/Income	5,325	77,770

Expense Report	October	YTD
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 23,376	\$ 251,292
Actual Expenses	<u>26,962</u>	<u>255,727</u>
Budget vs. Actual-Over/(Under)	\$ (3,586)	\$ (4,435)

Food Pantry Report	October	YTD
Expenses	\$ 2,690	\$ 18,693
Balance	\$ 6,283	

Soup Kitchen Report		
Balance	\$ 3,186	

Preschool Report	October	YTD
Offerings	\$ -	\$ 18,407
Operating Income	12,415	139,097
Expenses	<u>10,693</u>	<u>128,308</u>
Net	\$ 1,722	\$ 29,196

Parish Events & Announcements:

CONGREGATION MEETINGS: There will be two upcoming Congregation meetings on Sunday, December 2, 2018 and Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the 11 AM services. The first is the Annual Meeting and the second is a Special Meeting. Listed are the members that have agreed to be nominated for a 3-year term (elect 4): Emily Epting Barnes, Will Black, Ricky Frick, Billy Rauton and Brian Shealy. The following members have agreed to be nominated for a 2-year term (elect 2): Cricket Leaphart, Gregg Long and Chris Taylor.

POINSETTIA SPONSORS: The deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 9. Please complete the form, **place it in your offering envelope** and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the church office during the week.

SOUP KITCHEN: The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **DECEMBER 22**, 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

NOISY OFFERING: Thank you all who donated to our Noisy Offering! Our next Noisy Offering will take place on **DECEMBER 16**. Please remember to bring your change (or dollars) that day. All money donated will go to the food pantry.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Adult Bible study group meets on Monday mornings at 9am in the fellowship hall. **No Coffee & Conversation on December 24 and 31.**

DORCAS QUILTERS: Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

LUNCHTIME BOOK STUDY: We'll meet at 1pm on Tuesday, December 4 & 18 at Panera on 378 in Lexington, to read *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp. We'll be looking at chapters 4-5 on December 4. Bring your own book, grab a cup of coffee or some lunch, and join us for a chance to grow in faith together in the middle of the day.

TACO THEOLOGY: Each Tuesday at 7pm we meet for "Taco Theology" at Mi Rancho in Leesville. Interested adults are invited to share chips and conversation. **No Taco Theology on Dec. 25, 2018 or Jan. 1, 2019.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Flower Calendar for 2019 is located in the Narthex. Sign-ups are first come, first served. If you have a special date that you would like, be sure to sign up as soon as possible! The cost will still be \$52 this year. Remember to state who you would like to honor or remember when you sign up on the flower calendar.

CIRCLE INFORMATION:

Morning Circle will meet on Friday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. at church to go to Newberry. The leader is Dot Mullins. Circle IV will meet on Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas Deliveries and Finger foods. Circle L will meet on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doris Antley for a holiday celebration.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2019 offering envelopes will be available to pick up beginning Sunday, December 2. They will be located on a table in the concourse area to the left of the elevator. Please remember to pick up your envelopes by the end of the year and begin using them the first Sunday in January. Each new year most people will have a new envelope number. Just remember mailboxes in the commons area are in alphabetical order now, not by envelope number.

2019 WELCA HANDBOOK: The end of 2018 is coming soon, and we need to begin plans for 2019. Each active circle needs to provide updated information for the 2019 women's handbook to Connie Kramer by December 12. Please include changes in membership, officers, phone numbers, meeting dates, times and locations. Also include a summary of all the activities that your circle participated in during 2018. You can hand Connie your information when you see her at church, mail it to her, or email her at bgsu72scus@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We are collecting empty medicine bottles at the Food Pantry for Matthew 25 Ministries. For more information on this ministry, you may visit their website: <https://m25m.org/> or contact Mona Henderson.

PEE DEE INDIAN PROJECT SUNDAY: Sunday, December 30, 2018 will be designated as Pee Dee Indian Project Sunday hosted by Lutheran Men in Mission. The goal of this project would be to construct a building to be used for many things. The nearest medical facility to the tribe is 18 miles away. They would like to have a building to be used as a free medical clinic, an occasional shelter for the homeless, a place for children to come, play, and be tutored in a safe environment. The building would be used for meetings and gatherings with a small area set aside as a museum of their heritage. This would be a great improvement from the run-down mobile home they operate out of now. Please consider giving to the SCLMM for this project.

All Wittenberg members are invited to participate in a Christmas gift of money for Pastor Emily Edenfield.

Connie Kramer or Brian Shealy will accept your donations for this purpose. You can include your gift in your envelope. Just mark your envelope appropriately.

Thank you for your help.



DONATIONS FOR 2018

If you want your gifts to the church to be counted for 2018 please remember to make your donations to the church by Sunday, December 30, 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION CIRCLE IV

Circle IV will meet in the church Fellowship hall on Monday, December 10 at 6:30 P.M. Bring a finger food to share at our meeting. After eating we will sign cards and decide who will deliver to the shut-ins. Hope everyone can come. Any questions call Connie Kramer, 532-5558.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. The dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. Other rehearsals in December are as follows: Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 p.m. The Youth would like to invite everyone to a Soup & Sandwich Social after the Children's Christmas Program.

20+20 VISION SURVEY

The Strategic Planning Committee is seeking your input to help shape the future of Wittenberg's ministry. Please help us by completing this brief survey; there are 10 questions and the average estimated time of completion is only 10 minutes! We will use the results of the survey to help refine our strategic plan, Vision 20+20. To help us compile results, please use the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDDSCYM>. If you prefer a paper copy, please use the copy attached in this newsletter, or request a copy from the office. Paper surveys should be returned to any survey basket located in the narthex and fellowship hall. The survey will remain open until Sunday, December 9th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Strategic Planning Committee: Marti Burns, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Wendy Epting, Randy Fellers, Debra McDonald, Betsy McEwen, Michael Reed, Brian Shealy, or Rondoll Watson.



The church office will be closed December 31-January 4.

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Gary Barnes	12/1	Heather Smith	12/20
Andy Hendrix	12/1	Melvin Swygert	12/24
Ethan Cobb	12/3	Larry Wurtz	12/24
Pete Osment	12/6	John Banks	12/27
James Banks	12/7	Megan Brown	12/27
Pierce Kirby	12/7	Larry Lorick	12/27
Kevin Halsey	12/9	Earlene Swygert	12/28
Carter Shealy	12/9	Haven Banks	12/29
Anna-Claire Osment	12/14	Sue Nichols	12/31
Annette Caughman	12/17		



Melvin & Earlene Swygert	12/1
Chris & Robbin Swygert	12/21
Larry & Elwanda Lorick	12/28

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Shealy
 Tissy Price
 F.H. Hendrix III
 Billy Long
 John & Merlyn Watkins
 Sue Nichols
 Sybil Ergle
 Jackie Frick
 Ed Hoover
 Von Bickley
 Nelle Rinehart
 Sandy Spradley
 Jim Shealy

Sue Ruff
 Linda Almgren
 Donice Frick
 Benjy Watson
 Mary Cook
 Anne Shealy
 Doris Antley
 Letha Long

LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

John Ramlow (*Connie Kramer's Brother*)
 Teddy Kneece (*Brenda Howard's brother*)
 Brad & Susan Cary (*brother of Ross & Fowler Cary*)
 The Mayo Family (*friends of Marti Burns*)
 Heyward Bouknight (*father of Tripp Bouknight*)
 Scarlet Kasperbauer (*friend of Flora-Ann Kaiser*)
 Diane Smith
 Kathy & Keiley Webb (*family of Toshia Banks*)
 Laura Rikard (*sister of Robbin Swygert*)
 Lynwood Hyler (*friend of Robbin Swygert*)
 Chris Gunter (*cousin to Robbin Swygert*)
 Karen Ferry (*aunt of Lynne Rauton*)
 The Anderson and Salley Families (*friends of William and Emily Barnes*)
 Liz Florum (*friend of Margaret Caughman*)
 Bob Isenhower (*friend of Pastor Emily Edenfield*)
 Margaret Shuman (*mother of Sally Sherman*)
 Richard Wall (*grandson of Lavonia Frick*)
 Pastor Mike Shackelford (*friend of Pastor Emily Edenfield*)
 Walter Chandler (*friend of Hazel Cooper*)
 Carolyn Sosebee (*mother of Rebecca Dasher*)
 Kitty McCloud (*grandmother of Kayce Shealy*)
 Stephanie Lewis (*friend of Sue Nichols*)
 Chris Derrick (*church custodian*)
 Mike Nichols (*son of Sue Nichols*)
 Jeff Long

ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers

WE REMEMBER:

Buddy Hall (*friend of Barbie Rodgers and Brenda Howard*)
 Myrell Epting
 Neal Hall (*friend of Billy & Lynne Rauton*)
 Peggy Swygert (*mother of Chris Swygert*)
 Mark Lyvers
 Joe Whittle (*cousin of Nathan Shealy*)
 Brother Redfearn (*friend of Sue Nichols*)
 Ricky Leaphart
 Joan Caughman

If you have corrections, please email or the church office.



PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Across the ELCA: LDR responds to U.S. Wildfires

Wildfires are raging across California, destroying thousands of homes and wiping out the town of Paradise, located north of Sacramento. Multiple deaths have been confirmed and large-scale, mandatory evacuations are in place for multiple communities across the state's impacted areas as first responders work to gain control of the fires.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and the California synods to respond to this fire. As the fires are still raging, we continue to assess the ever-changing situation to determine the best ways to respond. Ways Lutherans can help include prayer, sharing resources, and giving to LDR.



Across the World: LWF regional meeting discusses migrants, secularization and nationalism

(LWI) - Representatives of the three European regions of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) meeting in Moravske Toplice, Slovenia, said the growing populism and climate of fear in Europe should challenge churches to demonstrate God's love.

The 5-7 November European Regions Meeting (ERM) discussed the new LWF Strategy 2019-2024,

"With passion for the church and for the world," which focuses on supporting churches' presence and vibrant witness in the world; and promoting human dignity, justice, and peace. Delegates also reflected on its implementation both in the global communion and the Communion Office.

The 54 delegates, who included nine youth, emphasized the importance of communion building and Lutheran identity and theology while addressing climate justice, refugees and migrants, secularization and nationalism.



Here in SC Synod: The 2018 Inquirer's Day of Reflection will be Saturday, December 1, 2018 at St. Stephen's, Lexington. This day retreat is sponsored by your SC Synod and hosted by the Invitation to Service Committee. It is designed for all Inquirers who are interested in attending seminary, and for those who will take this journey with them, including but not limited to spouse, pastor, and family members. Candidates are invited whether or not they have formally started the application process.

Come and spend this day learning more about what you might expect at seminary and what the candidacy process includes. Throughout the day candidates participate in conversation centered around a variety of presentations. You will learn about the different tracks rostered leaders may take; what life as a rostered leader could look like; and financial and family issues that most rostered leaders face. Please RSVP to Pastor Ginny Aebischer at g inny@scsynod.com.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2018:

Church Council Minutes Wittenberg Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Members Present: Cher Davis, Rebecca Reed, Brian Shealy, Ricky Long, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Ann Nichols, Liz Walker, Chip Spradley, Brent Shealy, Dean Rodgers, Jay Hendrix, Margaret Caughman, Connie Kramer
Members Absent: Crissie Kirby, Tom Sawyer.

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Devotion by Ann – Encountering God in Thanksgiving

Treasurer's Report: \$1,300 has been paid for the annual audit. \$1189 has been paid to Pastor for 5-6 months of auto expenses. Current checking balance is **\$15,531.07** (of that \$6283.28 is for food pantry, \$3,185.53 for soup kitchen). \$850 in offering has been given toward Frances St. Property at this point. Motion to approve: Jay, 2nd: Ricky, motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted ahead of time. No discussion. Motion to approve: Jay, 2nd: Ann, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastoral care 47, next candidacy meeting is 11/27-28. New luncheon book study to be started this Tuesday. New members to be approved and installed on 11/18 are Keith Wiley; Chris, Robin, Britt, and Chloe Taylor; Samantha and John Maroney, Scarlett Connolly, and Ariel Maroney; Gerrie and Heather Gresham and Ansley & Emma Kate. See report on file for more details. Motion to approve: Brian, 2nd: Chip, motion passed.

President's Report: Looking at/for nominees for council next year. The nominees for 3 year terms are: Emily Barnes, Will Black, Ricky Frick, Billy Rauton, and Brian Shealy. Four are needed. The nominees for 2 year terms are: Cricket Leaphart, Gregg Long and Chris Taylor. Two are needed. The Congregational meeting will be held December 2 at the start of the 11:00 service. Pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets will be received at both services that same Sunday. Yearly committee reports need to be turned into Becky by December 20th. Next month at 6p.m. the council and their spouses will share a pot luck meal with a brief council meeting to follow. This will include the new members and their spouses. Pastor and Cher will look at the committees that council members to serve on. Please let them know if you prefer a particular committee. Those that are leaving will need to bring their books that night to hand over to new council members.

Committee Reports

A/V & Technology: The spotlight on the Food Pantry was posted on line last Sunday, please share with others. The next spotlight will be done on the Soup Kitchen which will be done in December during the meal prep.

Cemetery: Two columns are up, they still need a light and topper. The fence was ordered last week and should arrive Nov. 27th. It will take about 2 weeks to put it up. Materials costs have increased since the quote and the cost of the fence is \$14,376. Clearing will start on the new property next week.

Christian Education: The children's Christmas program is being directed by Lynn Rauton.

Endowment: One member is going off of this committee and another needs to be approved.

Evangelism: No report.

Mutual Ministry: Met in October, next meeting is this Thursday. There will not be a meeting in December.

Preschool: \$96,586.63 total with \$45,095.43 in checking, savings \$39,472. There is an \$844.05 balance on the Visa card. The CD will be deposited this Thursday. DSS did visit unexpectedly Friday afternoon, Nov. 9th and wrote a citation because a child was sleeping alone by a door (this was done at the request of the parent who will be asked to write a letter of explanation to DSS). DSS will be doing a follow up.

Property: The Christmon tree will be put in the church on Nov. 29th at 5 p.m. and volunteers are needed to assist with putting up the tree. Two quotes have been received on painting; 1 - 2 Sunday School rooms on the 3rd floor 2 - for the preschool area the large conference room and the two classrooms. The motion was made to use Right Touch at the amount of \$3,350 by Brian and 2nd by Chip. The motion was approved. The elevator cost us \$370 per hour to check the telephone issue (took 2 hours). They found a battery corroded on a motherboard that now needs to be replaced at a cost of \$1,705. Property will go back with the question was not the replacement of said battery their responsibility during their maintenance checks and if it was then why are we being charged. We have a 5 year contract that runs out next July with the Thyssenkrup, but Kendall Elevator is much cheaper. Brian made a motion that we use Kendall for this replacement if we have to pay for it. 2nd by Jay. Approved. The maintenance contract for the yard maintenance is up and the new charge is \$1,216.25 per month for grass cutting. Motion to approve: Margaret, 2nd: Rebecca, motion passed. The Property Task Force met Oct 30 to discuss the following: Food Pantry relocation from the church to the parsonage garage. There is a monetary donation to start the move with any uncovered funds to come from Vision 20+20. They have a \$12,000 estimate on the garage renovation and it was decided that this was the best use of the property @ this time. Brian made a motion to renovate the parsonage garage for use as the food pantry using the money from the donor and future monies as needed will come from 20/20. Chip 2nd and motion approved. There was a discussion on the state of the preschool. The preschool was questioned on their needs/wants and would like to have 5 classrooms + bathrooms + gathering area and a kitchen. There is a need to contact an architect and give them a list of these needs. They are required to have 35² feet per child. A motion was made by Brian to seek advisement from a professional on a Preschool expansion. Liz 2nd. Motion approved.

Social Ministry: There will be a new bible study at Panera Bread in Lexington at 1:00 during lunch. There is a trip to Mepken Abbey planned for this Thursday. There were 145-175 served in the soup kitchen this month. Still have sufficient funds of \$3,185.53 in their budget but would like to have more contributions.

Strategic Planning: Congregational survey is on the website and in written form in the church narthex. So far they have received only 8 responses. It is open till December 2nd. The committee will meet on Dec 13th to analyze the results.

Stewardship & Finance: Proposed amendment to Wittenberg constitution to be read 1st at annual congregational meeting on Dec 2, with a second reading to follow at a brief congregational meeting Jan 6. The 2 readings will validate the change to our constitution, section C13.06 as follows:

(original) It shall also provide for annual audits of the accounts of the treasurer and the financial secretary, if there be one, as well as the accounts of the school and organizations within the congregation. It shall also provide for annual audits of the accounts of the treasurer, the financial secretary, and the school. It shall provide for audits of organizations within the congregation at the discretion of congregation council. (end of change)

~~This committee shall also be responsible for the annual Every Member Visit and other congregational efforts which lead to informed and grateful giving.~~ This committee shall also be responsible for congregational efforts which lead to informed and grateful giving.

Makes the following motions to council: 1-Requests HVAC CD matures in 2019. Requests fund to be returned and invested with South State. Rebecca 2nd. Approved. 2-Use of designated funds in cemetery checking account with the remainder coming from V 20/20. 2nd by Ricky. Approved. 3-Budget final reading. Jay made the motion to approve, Chip 2nd. Approved.

Worship & Music:

Christmon tree decorating will be Saturday 12/1. W&M will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. Homecoming went well with great attendance.

Youth: No report.

Upcoming Events: Next Sunday will be the Community Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. at St. John's Methodist church. The Bishop will be dedicating the new labyrinth at Camp Kinard December 2nd.

Other: Ricky made the motion to purchase an AED at a cost of \$1,856.51 which includes everything needed. Brian 2nd. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Caughman, Council Secretary.

WLPP

Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

November has been busy for us here at the preschool. We enjoyed a pancake lunch provided by Mrs. Betsy McEwen's Sunday school class. Our after-school kids have started learning to play the hand bells with Ms. Margaret and Mrs. MaryAnn. They look forward to each lesson! We hope to have them participate in the Christmas program playing the hand bells. Thank you to those who have taken their time to share their talents with the students here at the preschool program! For Thanksgiving the children enjoyed chicken noodle soup as their Thanksgiving lunch with cupcakes for dessert.

November and Thanksgiving lead people to thinking about helping others. This month the preschool is taking up monetary donations to help provide groceries, pay rent and other utilities for an orphanage in Ethiopia. Tsion Orphanage was once fully funded by adoptions but is now home to 8 children. Ethiopia does not allow children to be adopted any more and their funding was lost to care for the children in their home. It is our hope to raise \$50 to help these children and the adults that care for them daily.

We also had our fall picture day. Bphotographed wit Bert and Brenda Young came to take our photos this year. We had 80% of families participate in ordering with 10% of profits being given back to the preschool. Bphotographed also gave a donation to the preschool to show their support of our ministry here at the preschool.





We are looking forward to participating in the Christmas program with the church in December along with all the fun that comes with celebrating the birth of our Savior!

God Bless,

Lacye Oswalt
Preschool Director

December 2018

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - 8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30 AM Early Service/ Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:10 AM Last Sunday Breakfast 11:00 AM 11:00 Service 4:00 PM Handbell Practice 5:00 PM Children's Christmas Program Practice	26 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 7:30 PM Lutheran Men	27 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Taco Theology	28 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	29  5:00 PM Chrismon Tree Set-Up		1 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 9:00 AM: Chrismon Tree Decoration and Wreath 
2 8:30 AM Early Service/ Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:40 AM BBW 11:00 AM 11:00 Service & Congregation Meeting 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Program Practice	3 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation	4 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Lunchtime Book Study 7:00 PM Taco Theology	5 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 7:00 PM Executive Committee	7 8:00 AM Trip to Billy Graham Library- canceled 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 10:00 AM Morning Circle	8 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
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- # Join Us For Worship!
- Sunday Morning Worship Times...*
- Service of Word & Sacrament - 8:30am
 - Sunday School Assembly - 9:30am
 - Sunday School - 9:40am
 - BW (*Breakfast Before Worship*) - 10:40am
 - Worship - 11:00am

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