

# THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

January 2019

## *Pastor's Reflection*

I don't know about you, but I'm okay with letting 2018 go. There were some beautiful moments. We welcomed new members, had a few baptisms, celebrated a confirmation, and invited more of God's children to the communion table, for starters. There were also some hard and sad moments. This congregation had to say goodbye to a lot of God's saints, and proclaim the hope that we'll see them again through God's grace.

On the home front, 2018 had some challenges and some joys. Seeing the kids go off to kindergarten and hearing them sound out words on their own has been amazing. Our family's struggle with my husband's illnesses have been really tough; we're working our way onto the right track now. We have been blessed with our Wittenberg family, with people who help Ben and Olivia learn to worship and enjoy being silly with them.

No one knows yet what 2019 will bring, for Wittenberg or for us, our friends, and our family. One thing that I hope for us and for you is that 2019 will bring some Sabbath time. I know that some of our families plan out vacations for the year each January. I hope to do that with my family this year. Our council will also meet on January 4-5 to talk about our hopes and plans for 2019, as well as to take some time with God and each other.

I hope that your plans for the year include some time with family and friends, and some intentional time with God. Maybe that's a One Year to Live Retreat through Lutheran Men in Mission, a few minutes each day or an hour a week for journaling and prayer, or seeking out a spiritual director to walk with you on the paths of your life.

Whatever the new year will hold, I know that God will work in it and in us to invite us closer into his heart. We serve a patient and magnificent Lord who loves us beyond all telling. Whatever joys or sorrows come, we know that we have an anchor of hope in our mighty God.

In God's 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, January 4: Jim & Trish Tiffner

Saturday, January 5: Mike & Sally Sherman

Friday, January 11: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, January 12: Charles & Ann Nichols

Friday, January 18: Jim & Trish Tiffner

Saturday, January 19: Volunteers Needed

Friday, January 25: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, January 26: Volunteers Needed



## Serving In Worship This Month:

### GREETERS:

Mike & Sally Sherman

### ALTAR GUILD:

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

### USHERS:

Robert Epting, Michael Reed

### LAY READER:

Robert Epting

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Margaret Caughman

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:

Robert Epting

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

6 ..... Barbie Rodgers  
 13..... Marti Burns  
 20..... Ashley Bouknight  
 27..... Breakfast, No Nursery

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

6 ..... Volunteers Needed  
 13 ..... Chancie & Todd Frick  
 20..... Volunteers Needed  
 27..... Betsy Dority, Kayce Shealy

### NURSERY:

6 ..... Toshia & Freida Banks  
 13 ..... Barbie Rodgers  
 20..... Liz & Theo Walker  
 27..... Rebecca Dasher

### ACOLYTE:

6 ..... Zane Price  
 13 ..... Jack Bouknight  
 20..... Kate Shealy  
 27..... Wyatt Hendrix

### ALMSBEARER:

6 ..... Lilly Price  
 13 ..... Patrick Swygert  
 20..... Marissa Spradley  
 27..... Grace Hendrix

### CRUCIFER:

6 ..... Emily Halsey  
 13..... Reynolds Rawls  
 20..... Brayden Patrick  
 27..... Brett Spradley

### TELLERS:

6 ..... Emily Barnes, Cher Davis  
 13..... Ricky Frick, Jay Hendrix  
 20 ..... Gregg Long, Ann Nichols  
 27..... Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed

### BBW:

6 ..... Debbie Sawyer  
 13..... Jennifer Spradley  
 20..... The Shealys  
 27..... Last Sunday Breakfast

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

6 ..... By: Dennis & Rhonda Bedenbaugh  
 13..... By: Justin, Samantha, & Kai Trotter  
 20..... By: Henrietta Gill  
 27..... By: Henrietta Gill

*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

### Wittenberg Youth Events

#### January 6<sup>th</sup>

The youth Group will meet at the church at 6pm. We will eat supper, have a devotional, and a group activity.

#### January 13<sup>th</sup>

The youth will meet at the church at 1:30pm and go to The Plex in Irmo to go ice skating. The cost will be covered.

#### January 26<sup>th</sup> (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.

#### January 27<sup>th</sup>

The youth Group will meet at the church at 6pm. We will eat supper, have a devotional, and a group activity.

## Youth Synod Events

9th & 10th Grade Winter Retreat @ Camp Kinard, 1/18-20 (\$95 per youth registrant)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcy910wr>

11th & 12th Grade Winter Retreat @ Coastal Retreat Center, 2/15-17 (\$95 per youth registrant)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcy1112wr>

Spring into Action @ Coastal Retreat Center, 3/15-17 (\$95 per person)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcyspring>

Club 345 @ Mt. Horeb, Chapin, 3/30 — Adult Group Available (\$15 per person)

Individual Registration: <http://scsynod.us/lcyclub345>

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

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

### Monthly Witness Reporting as of 11/30/2018

<b>Offering Report</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Regular Offering	\$ 20,791	\$ 231,756
Food Pantry Offering	2,136	23,054
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$ 22,927	\$ 254,810
Vision 20 + 20 Offering	700	19,090
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 16,880	\$ 94,650
<b>Expense Report</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 23,376	\$ 274,668
Actual Expenses	32,280	287,666
Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)	\$ (8,904)	\$ (12,998)
<b>Food Pantry Report</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Expenses	\$ 2,341	\$ 21,034
Balance	\$ 6,078	
<b>Soup Kitchen Report</b>		
Balance	\$ 3,168	
<b>Preschool Report</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Offerings	\$ 70	\$ 18,477
Operating Income	14,042	140,724
Expenses	16,248	133,862
Net	\$ (2,136)	\$ 25,339

# Parish Events & Announcements:

**CONGREGATION MEETING CANCELED:** The Congregation Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2019 has been canceled due to the wording of our Constitution amendments. The change to the amendment regarding Stewardship and Finance will have the second reading at the next Annual meeting in December 2019. If anyone has any questions, please contact Brian Shealy or Cher Davis.

**COUNCIL RETREAT:** The Council will meet to plan for 2019 at Camp Kinard on Friday, January 4 from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY POSTPONED:** The pictorial directory has been postponed. Please disregard the announcements in the upcoming bulletins on Dec. 30 and Jan. 6, as they were printed early. If you have any questions, you may contact Cher Davis or Joann Wells.

**SOUP KITCHEN:** The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **JANUARY 26**, 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 **JANUARY 20**. 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.

**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, January 15 and 29 at Panera on 378 in Lexington, to read *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp. 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. **Taco Theology will resume on Jan. 8, 2019.**

**PRAISE BAND AND CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE:** Praise Band and Chancel Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

**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 Wednesday, January 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Angelo's. Circle IV will meet on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Circle L will meet on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doris Antley.

**LUTHERAN MEN:** Lutheran Men will hold its Western Conference Quarterly Meeting here at Wittenberg on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. The regular Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2019 offering envelopes have been placed in your mailboxes in the Commons Area. 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.

**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.



A Note from the President

January Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for another successful year of Wittenberg's ministry. At the 11am worship service on January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will officially install our Congregation Council: Emily Barnes, Cher Davis, Ricky Frick, Jay Hendrix, Gregg Long, Ann Nichols, Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed, Tom Sawyer, Brian Shealy, Chip Spradley, and Chris Taylor, install our 2019 officers: President Brian Shealy, Vice President Chip Spradley, Secretary Rebecca Reed, Financial Secretary Connie Kramer, and Treasurer Brent Shealy, and we will also recognize the service of our outgoing Council members, Margaret Caughman, Ricky Long, Crissie Kirby, Dean Rodgers, and Liz Walker. Please thank these individuals for their time and talents devoted to their service on Council.

The Congregation Council will meet for a Council retreat at Camp Kinard on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for orientation and planning. We look forward to the beginning of a new calendar year and the opportunity to continue to strengthen our faith and spread God's love.

Sincerely,

Brian Shealy



**TAKE NOTE**

**Pastor Emily will be out of the office December 28-January 3.**

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

# WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Connie Kramer	1/1	Jane Hare	1/18
Ross Shealy	1/1	Emily Horne	1/19
Sybil Ergle	1/3	Don Price	1/19
Shayla Bedenbaugh	1/5	Jack Shealy	1/19
Eileen Chapman	1/6	Todd Davis	1/20
Donice Frick	1/7	Rebecca Reed	1/24
Kim Hendrix	1/11	Ira Ruff, Sr.	1/27
Teresa Laws	1/11	Theo Walker II	1/27
John Ruff	1/11	Mary Dority	1/28
Josie Price	1/16	Avery Finger	1/31
Julie Rogers	1/17		



Johnny & Karla Powell Jr.	1/1
Jay & Kim Hendrix	1/13

## 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  
 Lynne Rauton

## 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 Hylar (*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*)  
 Stephanie Lewis (*friend of Sue Nichols*)  
 Chris Derrick (*church custodian*)  
 Mike Nichols (*son of Sue Nichols*)  
 Jeff Long  
 Malcolm Robinson (*friends of Barbie and Dean Rodgers*)  
 Oaklyn, Wrenley, Dakota & Kelsey Hall (*friends of Barbie & Dean Rodgers*)  
 The family of Jenny Yager: Bill, Owen & Charlie (*friends of the Rauton family*)  
 Betty Ann Webb (*cousin of Lynne Rauton*)

## ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers

## WE REMEMBER:

Bob Householder  
 Kitty McLeod (*grandmother of Kayce Shealy*)  
 Buddy Hall (*friend of Barbie Rodgers and Brenda Howard*)  
 Jan Parrish (*mother of Chancie Frick*)  
 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.**



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Christmas comes at a descending time. The old year is coming to an end, the new year is not yet here. It is too late to accomplish goals set on the previous New Year's Day, and just enough time to realize that whatever shape or state you are in will be the shape or state in which you end the year. There is a hefty dose of "what-might-have-been."

In the Northern Hemisphere the trees are bare, fields are barren, birds have migrated, animals are hibernating, the days are short and the nights are long. The earth's colors are muted, and when there is snow the world becomes silent. Sometimes during these short days and long nights I find myself thinking about the brevity of life. This conflicts with my tendency to believe that the possibility of self-improvement and renewal is limitless: there is always another day, more time, another chance. I remember watching our first child as she slept in her cradle, thinking about the future before her and, at the same time, the reality that there would be an end. The Ash Wednesday declaration, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," became more pointed and more poignant. The cradle-to-grave progression is our path; the inevitable decline of our strength.

"As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" (Psalm 103:15).

Maybe this is why the Christmas season can be so fraught. Of course, there is anticipation and celebration, but there is also pressure and stress. Perhaps we are trying to greet the Lord's birth with our best efforts (when I was a girl, Christmas preparations were not complete until the silver was polished, and that job fell to me), but desperation can creep into the urgency to get Christmas right, to hold back the night. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight" (ELW, 279). This is freight that Christmas can't carry when Christmas depends on us.

But Christmas also comes at an opportune time. God did not come to us that first Christmas when we were at the top of our game or when the world was perfect. Even the circumstances of Jesus' birth were a sharp reminder that all was not well – forced migration to Bethlehem, no room for the young family, born in a stall. Emmanuel – God with us – came to us and comes to us precisely at the time when our need is greatest. Our attempts to bring about perfection actually get in the way of receiving the gift. When we try to fit into an unrealistic ideal of who we ought to be instead of welcoming God into our real self, no matter how messy, then what is left on the 13th day of Christmas? Fatigue, certainly, but also the dull acceptance that life moves from cradle to grave.

On Christmas, God has reversed the cradle to grave progression. The angel announced to the shepherds: "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Here is the new reality. Here is the truth. Our lives are not a meaningless trudge from cradle to grave, but a joyful journey – true and lasting joy – from grave to cradle. All our brokenness and death meet life and healing and hope in the child in the manger. His cradle defeats the grave. We are loved. We are alive. Now we are free to greet this holy season.

Merry Christmas, dear church.  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



# Approved Council Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2018:

## Church Council Minutes Wittenberg Lutheran Church

Council Minutes  
Sunday, December 9, 2018

Members Present: Cher Davis, Rebecca Reed, Brian Shealy, Pastor Emily Edenfield, Ann Nichols, Liz Walker, Tom Sawyer, Chip Spradley, Brent Shealy, Dean Rodgers, Jay Hendrix, Margaret Caughman, Connie Kramer, 2019 in coming members: Chris Taylor, Ricky Frick, Billy Rauton.

Members Absent: Crissie Kirby, Ricky Long, Emily Barnes and Gregg Long.

Call to Order: 7:07 pm. Devotion by Dean – Coping with Holidays.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current checking balance is \$20,694.42 (of that \$16,246 is for restricted). Jay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann, motion passed. See full report on file in the office.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Submitted ahead of time. Motion to approve: Jay, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann, motion passed. 32 Time & Talent sheets received. \$90,330 pledged by 20 people. Gave out teller schedule for 2019.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastoral care 37. Confirmation Sunday School 3, Confirmation afternoon session 1. Taco Theology 2, Book Study 2, Coffee and Conversation 4, Confirmation Planning session with Pastor Lisa, attended budget information session 11/25, Met with staff members for bulletins, support, etc. Council Retreat will be January 4, 7-9 pm and January 5, 8:30-4:30pm. 13 new members were received in November. See full report on file in office.

Pastor has been nominated for "Leading Multi-staff Ministries: Flourishing in Complexity".

Week 1 – July 29-Aug 2019 – United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, PA

Week 2 – January 28-31, 2020 - San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, CA

Week 3 – August 3-6, 2020 – Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL.

The Synod will pay 1/3 of the tuition and 1/2 of the travel expenses for this training.

This was recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by Council.

**President's Report:** No report.

### Committee Reports

**A/V & Technology:** The spotlight on the Soup Kitchen which will be done in December during the meal prep.

**Cemetery:** Construction of the fence will continue when the rain stops and the ground is dry enough.

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

**Endowment:** Committee consists of Matt Shealy, Ashly Bouknight, Charlie Long, Brian Shealy, Brent Shealy and Pastor Emily Edenfield. Matt's term has expired and Gerrie Gresham is nominated to fill his position. Motion by Chip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay. Approved by council.

**Evangelism:** No report.

**Mutual Ministry:** No report. Will not meet in December.

**Preschool:** Will have a Christmas get together for staff at Angelo's. Two CDs have been set up. No further information on the DHEC citation.

**Property:** Preschool area and 2 Sunday School rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor have been painted. Chrismon tree was put up. The elevator is still waiting on the repair.

**Social Ministry:** The Billy Graham trip was cancelled.

**Strategic Planning:** Congregational survey is on the website and in written form in the church narthex. So far they have received only 68 responses. The committee will meet on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> to analyze the results.

**Stewardship & Finance:** No report.

### Worship & Music:

Chrismon tree was decorated on Saturday 12/1. W&M will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Pastor will meet with Lacy to assure that the Preschool is OK with live streaming or if it has to be private. If set up as private AV will need the email addresses of those who can view the program.

**Youth:** Will be hosting a soup and sandwich supper after the Children's Christmas program. They are getting ready to set up the Luminaries on Christmas Eve.

**Upcoming Events:** none

**Other:** The AED was purchased and will be installed. Installation for the new council officers will be on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Results of the election of 2019 officers: President: Brian Shealy, Vice President: Chip Spradley, Secretary: Rebecca Reed. Treasurer: Brent Shealy, Financial Secretary: Connie Kramer. All elected/approved by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Caughman, Council Secretary.

# WLPP

## Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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It is so hard to believe another year has come to an end and we are starting a new one. All of our students have been learning so much since August. Our four-year-old children have learned their letters through "M" and their numbers to 9. They have been working on lacing, tracing, wrapping yarn, and pinching to help with their fine motor skills. Our two-year old class is learning to become more independent washing their hands, putting their toys away in the right place, playing with friends, and some are starting to potty train while a few have mastered it.

During December our students had the opportunity to learn about the Chrismon Tree. Each week they learned the meaning of a new Chrismon and made one of their own. The students made many other ornaments to decorate the tree in the commons area, like gingerbread men. Our students had the opportunity to participate in the church Christmas program as angels and sheep. We had a total of 11 children participate, not including children who are church members. Our students had a day to wear their best Christmas dress or outfit, crazy Christmas socks day, and dress like a candy cane day where everyone got a candy cane to take home. Looking forward into the new year, we will be having a career week, picnic with parents, Valentine's Tea Party, and Teacher Appreciation week. If anyone would be interested in helping with these events please contact me through the church phone, ext. 204 or by email at [Lhartley0616@gmail.com](mailto:Lhartley0616@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the preschool program. I am reminded frequently of the impact we are having on the families we love on and care for each week. For some of them, it's the opportunity to pray with them through a situation in their lives, for others we help guide them in the best way to help their child grow to become successful in many different ways, and for others it takes a weight off of them knowing their child is somewhere safe while they are working to provide for their family. I cannot wait to see how God will continue to grow his mission here at Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program in 2019.

For the Children,

Lacye McLees



# January 2019

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
30 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:10 AM Last Sunday Breakfast 11:00 AM 11:00 Service Pastor Emily on vacation	31 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation-canceled Office Closed Pastor Emily on vacation	1 7:00 PM Taco Theology canceled Office Closed Pastor Emily on vacation	2 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Morning Circle 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice canceled 7:30 PM Choir Practice canceled Office Closed Pastor Emily on vacation	3 Office Closed Pastor Emily on vacation	4 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Office Closed 7:00-9:00 PM Council Retreat	5 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Council Retreat
6 8:30 AM Early Service/Communion/Council Installation 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:40 AM BBW 11:00 AM 11:00 Service/Communion/Council Installation 6:00 PM Youth Group	7 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation	8 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Taco Theology	9 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:00 PM Lutheran Men Western Conference Quarterly Mtg. 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	11 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open	12 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 11:00 AM Smith Reunion (Wendy Epting)
13 8:30 AM Early Service/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School Assembly 10:40 AM BBW 11:00 AM 11:00 Service 1:30 PM Youth to the Plex for Skating 5:00 PM Stewardship & Finance 6:00 PM Preschool	14 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 6:30 PM Circle IV 7:00 PM Circle L	15 8:45AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM Lunchtime Book Study 7:00 PM Taco Theology	16 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
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- 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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