

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16 — The next All Church Workday is Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The scheduled projects include painting, cleaning, and installation of energy-saving light fixtures. All are welcome. **NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED.** These workdays are key to keeping our beautiful building maintained and reducing our maintenance expenses. Please join us if you can.

URGENT REQUEST: Companion's Journeying Together MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by Sunday, March 3.

CHOCOLATE FOR LENT — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor, and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together. Please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

LENTEN AND EASTER — Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes.

In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, we are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion. Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.

2018 – WHAT A YEAR! I am delighted to announce that we closed 2018 with a balanced budget (-0-). This was an extraordinary improvement on our budgeted deficit of (\$13, 854) and required **NO CASH INFUSION FROM THE SUPPORT FUND!** Thanks to each and

every one of you who made and kept a pledge and even gave an extra month if you could. This result, coupled with our Capital Campaign Pledges of \$341,714 (to date), demonstrate the strength and vibrancy of our congregational commitment. Cheers to all – your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **February 17 – No Sunday School, February 24 – The Lord’s Prayer**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

2019 PER CAPITA is \$34.22 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

CARERS CORNER FEBRUARY— The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale’s office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!

PRESCHOOL NEWS — February is all about kindness and love! We’ll be celebrating Valentine’s Day by completing a kindness checklist, exchanging Valentines, and making heart crafts. We’ll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences. Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

CHANCEL FLOWERS— You can donate chancel flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. You have the choice of taking the flowers home after the service, or having the deacons deliver them to someone of your choice or the deacons’ choice. The cost is \$50.00 for two arrangements. If no one signs up, flowers will not be displayed in the chancel for that particular Sunday. If you have any questions, you can call the church office.

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP = FIESTA! — Ascension Lutheran Church and RPC are co-sponsoring a Taco Dinner fundraiser benefitting Refugee One on Saturday, February 23 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Ascension Church, 400 Nuttall Road, for the next refugee or refugee family that we will co-sponsor. Tickets are available in the RPC church office. Adult tickets are \$12.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$5.00.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED —Although the Deacons supervise Coffee Fellowship insofar as making sure beverage supplies are available and sponsoring periodic potlucks, the responsibility for providing anything other than beverages for Coffee Fellowship belongs to the entire congregation. If you want fellowship, please take a turn – it doesn't need to be fancy or enough to make a lunch. Store-bought or homemade, it doesn't matter — it's all a welcome treat during this social hour.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS
PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Ushers: The Staubus Family

Andrew Minister: Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Alfred Kitch and Cyril Friend

Flowers are given in celebration of Kemp Clarke's birthday with love from her family.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Allan Halline and Patti Perry.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/17

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Caledonia

Tuesday, 2/18

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday, 2/19

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:00 pm Session Meeting

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 2/20

6:30 am Women's Forum

Saturday, 2/23

5:00 pm Taco Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, 2/24

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting

3:00 pm The Boulevard

