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MESSAGES FROM PARADISE

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MISSION STATEMENT

Worship God

Walk with Jesus

Welcome all to Paradise



Vision Statement

To be recognized by God and the community as the premier anchorage for those on the Gulf Beaches and St. Petersburg who seek to praise and serve God.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

What a busy month! Not only did we have five Sunday services, but also our Christmas Program and three special holiday services.

December 2	64
December 9	63
December 16	72
December 23	62
December 24 (5:00 pm)	90
December 24 (10:00 pm)	48
December 25	38
December 30	72

The grand total of 176 at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services exceeded last year's total by 21.

There are lots of people to thank, including all members of the Adult Choir, Linda Macy (cantor, soloist, and violinist), Steve Yost (drummer), Bell Choir, Donna Ostlund (pianist), Gail Clark (organist, pianist, and choir director), Debbie Yost (tambourine player), Jaci Mitchell (guitar player), all the ushers and readers. Pastor Rick Malivuk filled in for Pastor Tom on December 16 and so enjoyed the Christmas Program that he cut his sermon to about two minutes, noting that the readings during the pageant had said it all. Thanks also to David Leslie for transporting the signs announcing our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services to the Treasure Island Public Works Department for mounting on the small billboard on the causeway.

Thirty red poinsettias were purchased from Family Promise, one of the ministries to the homeless that PLC supports. A list of donors and dedications is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Participants in the Christmas Program included:

Narrator	Danell DeBerg
Mary	Christina Young
Joseph	Justin Leslie
Innkeeper	Richard Lyons

Angels Debbie Yost, Evelyn and Caroline Farrington (Nancy
Farrington's two grand-daughters)

Shepherds Nancy Farrington, George Rabey

Wise Men George Clark, Mark Leonard, Don Ostlund

Assistant Joan Kirschner

The Worship and Music Committee will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 16. Interested in helping ensure that rich, meaningful services are presented to our members and guests? Join us!

Sharon Koelsch

Member

Annual Congregation Meeting

The Congregation Council has scheduled the Annual Congregation Meeting. The 2018 Annual Congregation Report will be available by e-mail and hard copy on or about February 10, a week before the meeting.

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, February 17, 2019

11:00 am (between the 10:00 am and noon services)

Anyone available to undecorate the church and grounds is invited to meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5. Storage boxes will be placed next to each decoration on Wednesday afternoon in the event you want to do this earlier than Saturday. Just pack and leave the boxes where they are and they will be put back in storage on Saturday. Thanks to all!



POINSETTIAS CHECK LIST

<u>Name</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Carol Hoover	In Honor of Richard Hoover Family	1
Carol Mathews	1) In honor of Ruth Mathews 2) In Memory of my loving husband, Dave Mathews, Dave's Family, my parents, Rev. Valentine and Mrs. Sophie C. Grabek	2
Danell DeBerg	1)In Memory of Roy Griswold & 2) In Memory of Margaret Frey	2
Debbie Reiter	In Honor of My Family & Friends	1
Donna J. Alben	1) In Memory of Donald H. Alben 2) In Memory of Denise M. Alben	2
Dr. Charles Lake	In Memory of The Lake Family.	1
Gail Clark	1)In Memory of My parents, Elizabeth & Henry Peichert 2) In Memory of my godfather, Raymond Peichert.	2
George Clark	In Memory of Charlotte Clark	1
Herb & Marsha Karkheck	1) In Honor of Our Children 2) In Memory of Our Brothers	2
Joan Kirschner	In Memory of Elmer Kirschner	1
Larry & Doris Rudisill	In Memory of our parents, Kate & Ray Rudisill & Dorothy and Jim Willets	1
The Leslie Family	In Memory of Paul Hook	1

ELCA GOOD GIFTS RESULTS



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TYPE	PRICE	COUNT	TOTAL
Chicks	10.00	5	\$ 50
Feed a Refugee Family	25.00	1	\$ 25
Pair of Goats	50.00	7	\$ 350
Honey Bees	20.00	7	\$ 140
Pigs	30.00	5	\$ 150
Roosters	<u>15.00</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 45</u>
		28	\$ 760

We received a total of \$765 as someone paid an extra \$5. We want to thank everyone that participated.



Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee meeting will meet on Thursday, January 3 @ 5:30. We will be planning the Adult Vacation Bible School scheduled on Saturday, January 26.

If you can't come to the meeting, please let Deb know how you would like to participate. All are welcome!

Sincerely,

Deb Yost

PARADISE LUTHERAN HELPING TRINITY LUTHERAN HELP THE HOMELESS

The homeless program at Trinity Lutheran Church needs clothing and new underwear for men and women, especially knit caps and hoodies. Also, clothes, shoes, bath towels and wash cloths are needed. Please put your donations in the bin located in the fellowship hall to the right of the entrance. Thank you for your donations. They are very much appreciated by the people that this program serves. Also, if you would like to volunteer and spend some time with grateful people there are openings available. Please check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Sunday, January 6, 2018

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13, 2018

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20, 2018

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27, 2018

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Alben	1
Betty Keith	2
Mary McCormick	3
Sharon Koelsch	8
Donald Campagna	10
Herb Karkheck	14
George Clark	17
David Leslie	18
Catherine Rehberg	22



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert & Marsha Karkheck

27

Congratulations to all our January Celebrants



Income and Expense
December 2018

Income as of 12/31/2018	\$19,425.26
Expenses as of 12/31/2018	<u>\$14,091.13</u>
Net Income as of 12/31/2018	\$ 5,334.13

FROM THE PASTOR

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Happy New Year! Many people, in response to what happened the previous year, make New Year's resolutions. Often these resolutions are based on self-improvement, whether it is a resolution to get in better shape or learn something new.

And this past week, while I was looking in my Bible, I came across the reading above from Colossians. And it felt like a New Year's resolution. This passage from Colossians calls us to re-orient ourselves and our community on Christ. It calls us to remember that what defines us as a church community is that God chose us. To remember that each member of this congregation is called here by God. So, in response to that call, we prepare ourselves. And at the heart of that preparation is love. A love that we receive from God, a love we return to God, a love we share with others in our lives, and ourselves.

So, I invite you this coming year to add love to your New Year's resolution.

Happy New year, may it be filled with love.

-Pastor Tom

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the past 10 years I have been keeping a Daily/Monthly Planner. This year will be no different. In fact, I purchased my 2019 planner back in July of 2018 and already have numerous entries written into the appropriate date "boxes". Perhaps one day I'll replace this old-style way of managing my future with a computer and/or fancy cell phone. But, for now it will remain done in the old-style way of doing things - by hand.

Whether or not you keep a daily/monthly planner, somehow and/or in some fashion, please highlight a couple of dates in whatever way you choose to remember dates: Sunday, January 13th and Sunday, January 27th. On the 13th, after and between services, we plan to have a PLC Growth Information Meeting to share with all who are interested in how we, the church and your church council members, perceive the growth of this church to be (and what we can do about it). On the 27th, after and between services, we plan to have a church Expo. On both of these dates, we will set up in the Fellowship Hall.

The PLC Growth Information Meeting is to lay out the short, mid-range and long-range expansion plans for our church building and grounds. In 2018 we hired an architectural firm to assist us in determining what we can do with the current building (expansion-wise). This effort was deemed necessary so that any moderate to large expensive renovations and repairs needed to the building will not be completely undone by any future construction.

As for the Expo, this event will be very similar to our first expo that was held last year. Its purpose is to have the various committees set up (at tables/booths) for everyone to see, discuss and hopefully sign up to assist in these committee functions. We need you, our church members, to volunteer and be active in our church. For example, did you know that our grounds are managed by us - and not a lawn service. There are times when we, the Property Committee, need a few more helping hands!!!

Year 2019, here we come!!!!

Steve Yost

January 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Men's Breakfast 7:45 am Outreach Committee 2pm	3 Christian Education Committee 5:30 pm Bell Practice 6 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm	4 Friday Morning Market 9 am—2pm Steppers 5:30 pm Steppers 7:30 pm	5
6 Adult Sunday School Class 8:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship 11am— Noon Worship Service Noon	7	8 Council Meeting 1:15	9 Men's Breakfast 7:45 am	10 Bell Practice 6 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm	11 Steppers 5:30 pm Steppers 7:30 pm	12 Beach Clean-up 9 am
13 Adult Sunday School Class 8:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am PLC Growth Info. Mtn. & Fellowship 11am—Noon Worship Service Noon	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 7:45 am Worship & Music 2 pm	17 Bell Practice 6 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm	18 Friday Morning Market 9 am—2pm Steppers 5:30 pm Steppers 7:30 pm	19 Nokumbaya Pasta Dinner 5:00 pm
20 Adult Sunday School Class 8:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Fellowship 11am— Noon Worship Service Noon	21 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	22	23 Men's Breakfast 7:45 am	24 Bell Practice 6 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm	25 Steppers 5:30 pm Steppers 7:30 pm	26 Adult Vacation Bible School (VBS) 10 am
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