



January 2020

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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Happy New Year

- 1-5 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Installation of New Council Members
Chili-Cook-Off-Noon
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 1-6 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
- 1-7 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 1-8 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 1-12 Council Mtg 8:45 a.m.
SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5 p.m.
- 1-14 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 1-15 Oaks Hymn Sing 10:30
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 1-19 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Family Day Meal
Mutual Ministry
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline
- 1-21 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 1-22 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 1-26 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.
- 1-28 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 1-29 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Ring In the New Year!

This is a traditional saying when the New Year comes around, but do you know where this saying comes from? In England, it was traditional to ring the church bells at midnight in a muted tone, as in a funeral, symbolizing the passing of the *old* year, then ringing them full and bright to welcome in the *new* year. One year, upon hearing the bells, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, penned this poem from which the phrase is taken. When I look back over 2019, I find the same things *I* would like to “ring out” and “ring in” in 2020 as Lord *Tennyson* did in 1850! Read on and see if you agree!

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
 Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
 Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife;
 Ring in the nobler modes of life,
 With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
 Ring out false pride in place and blood,
 The civic slander and the spite;
 Ring in the love of truth and right,
 Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
 Ring in the valiant man and free,
 The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
 Ring out the darkness of the land,
 Ring in the Christ that is to be.



May your New Year ring in full and bright with God’s blessings! Pastor Barb <><
*So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
 see, everything has become new. 1 Corinthians 5:17*

Serving Our Lord in January

Communion Assistant	Tommy Martin
Ushers	Brenden Fitzgerald and Ted Robinson
Altar Guild	Joe & Joy McNutt and Tommy Martin
Lectors	Jon Coogle and Wendi Martin
Kyrie	Katie Felker
Acolytes:	Sam Choppla

1-19 Family Day: Billy and Ginny Martin, Julia Snipes, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jeremey and Susan Martin

Coffee Hour:

1-5 Ginny Martin	1-12 Tommy & Wendi Martin
1-19 Katie Felker	1-26 Jenny Brannan

Flowers:

1-5 Jim & Tricia Trask in loving memory John and Sara Trask
1-12 Jimmy & Mary Kay Watson in honor of Daniel
1-19 Grady & Patsy English in memory of Miss Ruth Kleckley
1-26 David and Mary Haigler in honor of Will and Katie

Soup Kitchen: January No Soup Kitchen

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon **6th – 12th Grade** – Katie Felker

Adult Class Lingle Room – David Haigler/Jon Coogle

Adult Class Conference Room – Wendi Martin

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1-2 DC Williams	1-23 Angela (Angie) Summer
1-9 Angie Collier	1-27 Freddy Virden
1-12 DC & Bill Williams	1-29 Richard Collier
1-19 Jenny Brannan	1-30 Gulshanprem & Neelima Choppla
1-19 Aiden Coogle	1-30 Mrytle Joiner
1-22 Lelan Moretz	1-31 Max Wood

Epiphany Celebration – 2020 Chili Cook Off!

Christmas is not just a day – it is a season! There are twelve days of Christmas, from December 25th thru January 6th, the Day of the Epiphany. On that day we celebrate that Three Wise Kings from the east, led by a star, finally found the baby Jesus and worshipped him, bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. On that day, God revealed himself to those outside the Jewish faith, paving the way for all people, including you and me, to be drawn into the circle of God’s family.

This year, Epiphany falls on a Monday, but we will observe the day in worship on January 5th, and gather for a *Chili Cook-Off* following the service. Mary Lynn Robinson is defending her Crown and Apron! She won the Cook-Off last year with her traditional, bean-based chili. Everyone is encouraged to make their favorite chili and let it simmer all through worship, after which we will have a taste test for the winning entry! This has always been a good time. You won’t want to miss it! See you there!

NEWS FROM GRACE CIRCLE!

Grace Circle is a small group of church members who meet once a month for Bible study. At our December meeting, we elected to make a donation to the youth group’s Noisy Offering Fund, which is collected every third Sunday. Each December, our youth decide which worthwhile project they want to support. We also elected to make a contribution to Lutheran World Relief in support of the Postage Fund. This fund is used for mailing the quilts that our church members and many others make throughout the year.

We also want to thank everyone who contributed to The Pulaski State Women’s Prison effort. The Chaplain was so appreciative of our gifts for the women who have little family or community support.

Any member is welcome to join Grace Circle. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Our current study is “50 Women Every Christian Should Know”. *Julia Snipes*

Notes from 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting

Mt. Zion - St. Luke held its annual congregational meeting on December 8, 2019 and after a quorum was observed the following actions were taken:

- 1) The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Barb Koch.
- 2) Minutes of the previous annual meeting were read by Wendi Martin and accepted as presented;
- 3) Max Wood presented 2020 budget to congregational indicating approximately \$3,000.00 increase over previous budget. Motion was made and seconded and the budget was approved as presented;
- 4) Tommy Martin asked for approval of draw down from the Foundation Fund in amount of \$12,000.00 for new computers and repairs at the parsonage; Motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously;
- 5) Renee Collier and Mary Lynn Robinson’s (as well as Max Wood’s) terms were expiring and Karen Hatten and Angela Cannon were offered as candidates. Chair asked for any other nominations—none were offered and Motion and Second was made to elect Karen Hatten and Angela Cannon by acclamation and Motion passed unanimously; Max Wood will continue to do the work of the treasurer.
- 6) Lastly, Joe McNutt gave update on progress to renovate the Parish House to remodel and make the bathrooms ADA compliant—this process is moving forward and the architect has AS BUILT 3-D drawings and preparing an estimate.
- 7) Having no further business, Pastor Barb closed us with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

In conclusion, 2019 was a very busy year with the formation of Vitality Team and Prayer Team and looking ahead to a fruitful and spiritually invigorating New Year.

In Christ Alone, Jon Coogle, Council President

Congregation Vitality

The next step in our Congregation Vitality process is *40 days of Prayer*. This is our way of beginning the *Three Listeners*: Listening to God, Listening to each other, and Listening to our community to hear where God may be leading our congregation. We will read a Bible verse together, then each of us will go home and pray every day, listening to what *God* has revealed to us individually in that prayer. Then, we will gather to listen to *each other* by sharing our insights from our prayer time. We will do this for 40 days, and then we will be ready for our *third* Listening – to the needs in our community. Our Vitality Team is meeting to decide when it will be best to begin our 40 days of prayer. Stay tuned!

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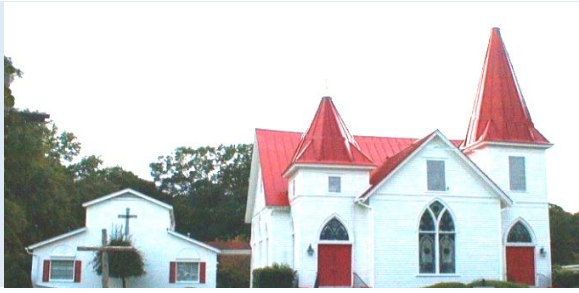
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Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Tommy Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Angie Summer, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

For Friends and Family: Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Cuyler Barr, Gene Bradley, Charles Cannon, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, John “Soup Bone” Corley; Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Bob Futrell, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Diane Greg; Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Janice Haugabook, Ricky Haugabook, Joseph Hill, Larry Hobbes, Elizabeth Homer, Bobby Hosley, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Corby McClure; Bob Melvin; Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Leigh Powel, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, Celeste Trilla and Joanne Waymon, Jacob Webb

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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