

St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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Heads Up Regarding Worship Cancellations

Worship is rarely cancelled at St. Thomas. If you see/hear on Saturday evening or Sunday morning that ice (or heavy snow) is or is likely to be a problem, please check your email, phone messages, Facebook, or our website for possible cancellations. Email is likely the best option.

If you would like a phone call regarding cancellations, please contact the office. If you have other suggestions, please let us know.

Your Congregation Council



Dance Unto the Light

I read many poems today, looking for a hint of Epiphany. This one is chosen. It's by Katrina S. Lucas.

Dance unto the light,
Sway to the sounds of time,
Watch the angels bright,
As they dance within your mind.
Dance my friends and sway,
To beauty, to laughter, to love,
For this is the most perfect day,
A perfect gift from above!
Dance unto the light,
Catch the stars bright,
For perfect are the angels love,
From the One Most High above!
Dance, dance, dance

As the music plays on,
Dance, Dance, Dance,
As we listen to their song.
Dance unto the light,
Star light, star bright,
Watch as the baby is born,
On a most glorious morn?
Dance unto the light,
Catch the stars so bright,
Yes He died on a tree,
But He died for Victory!
dance unto the light,
We dance unto the night,
The song has been sung,
For He has finally won!
Dance Unto The Light

I like this image of dancing from the manger into Epiphany, even carrying the dance beyond and into Lent and Easter. In the days of growing light, both seasonal and spiritual, may our dance grow too in vigor, beauty, and love.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lyle



Congratulations to Amy Balcam!!

Amy started as our Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture last summer in the midst of discerning a call to ordained ministry. Since then, Amy has decided to pursue ordination to Word & Sacrament ministry.

As a first step in that direction, Amy has engaged the synodical process (Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA) of being certified as a candidate for ministry. That process is now coming along well, and the Congregation Council voted to endorse her candidacy. This involved completing forms related to her readiness as well as pledging to provide financial support (\$500) over the years of her studies and training. The Mission Endowment Fund was the source of initial funds, for which we give thanks.

Amy also engaged the process of applying to seminary, and she was accepted in November. She will begin her Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in January, 2018. But, never fear, she will not need to leave us except for brief periods. The program is called "distributed learning."

Amy will be attending a J-Term (January Term) session, where she will be on campus for one week for an intensive course. She will then take a full load of classes during spring semester, working both online and independently. She is the recipient of a scholarship and anticipates completing coursework in four years, with a fifth year as an internship year. She will be working on a concentration in Youth and Family Ministry (surprise, surprise!).



Visions of Hope in a Time of Fear: Extending the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 7, 2017, at 4 PM,
First Christian Church
205 East Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington

Join more than a dozen faith communities as we come together to celebrate and continue the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In order to minimize conflict with other MLK, Jr. Day events, the interfaith celebration is scheduled a week early.



Hola!

The forthcoming St. Thomas visit to our Sisters and Brothers in Chichipate, Guatemala is fast approaching! But don't fret yet.

In fact, rejoice! An anonymous donor has gifted a spot for our trip to Guatemala! What a thoughtful gift!

If you can't go, but want to help, gifting a spot is a fantastic way to support the relationship of St. Thomas and Santo Domingo de Guzman. Whether you can gift all or a portion of a spot, please talk to me or Suzanne Halverson.

For those of you interested in visiting Guatemala with me, the **deadline to sign up and pay your deposit is January 15.** If you have questions, please contact me.

Dios te bendiga!
Peter Iversen



Updates from our Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture:

Adult Forums in January:

January 7: No education classes today

January 14: Rev. Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod (she will also be preaching at both services)

January 21: Living the Questions

January 28: Pamela Smith: Attending to Scripture in the Anthropocene: Noah & the Great Flood

A big THANK YOU to Catharine Rademacher and Melissa de Graaf for their wonderful direction of the Christmas Pageant! We appreciate all your hard work for the STLC family!

Rev. Dan Fugate, Assistant to the Bishop for Discipleship for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, visited STLC in December. He met with Amy Balcam, our Minister of Youth and Family Ministry, to learn more about our congregation and youth ministry. He is also working with Amy on the Synod Day Worship and Learning Service that will be held at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer! Amy has been appointed Synod Day Director for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod for this event. We are grateful for Rev. Fugate's support!



Make a Resolution to Make a Difference in 2018. Monroe County CASA Now Accepting Applications for February Training

Monroe County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is now accepting applications for the February 2018 advocate training. This training is two intensive weekends, including February 8th, 10th, 11th and the 22nd, 24th, and 25th (5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays).

CASA is a volunteer-powered program, which provides representation in juvenile court for child victims of abuse and neglect. They provide support to these children to ensure that they remain at the forefront of the court proceedings and find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA has been assigned to over 700 children in 2017, and there are still over 100 children in Monroe County waiting for an advocate. To learn more about how you can give a child a voice, please visit www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer or call 812-333-CASA. Applications are due by January 22nd, 2018.



2018 Year End Record Keeping

The church will be closing its 2017 financial records very soon. If you have purchases that need to be reimbursed please turn your receipts in to the office by Sunday, January 14th.

If you have contributions that you would like to be reported on your 2017 contribution record, please have those in by Sunday, January 7th. Your record of contributions to St. Thomas will include all regular giving, Capital Campaign gifts as well as all pass through contributions for the year. Your report will be available for pick-up on January 14th.

January Birthdays

- 1/5 Tim Kirsch, Ryan McKee
- 1/10 Paul Smith
- 1/12 Phil May
- 1/14 Gwen Caudill
- 1/16 Jim Doering
- 1/17 Sandy Arnold
- 1/20 Dean Arnold
- 1/23 John Isaacson
- 1/25 Susan Krieg
- 1/28 Linus Mundy, Paula Ionescu

MCUM *January Food Needs*

FOOD ITEMS:

Canned chili, tuna, chicken,
salmon
Hamburger Helper
Canned vegetables
Jelly & pancake syrup

NON FOOD ITEMS:

Toilet Paper
Shampoo & Conditioner

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2018

	January 7*	January 14	January 21*	January 28	February 4*	February 11	February 18*
	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM
ASST MINISTER	David Rohlfing	Gail Seegert	R Hershberger	Kris Stewart	K Boggess	Gail Seegert	David Rohlfing
LECTOR	Lynn Coyne	Sacha Arterberry	Kris Stewart	Judy Bush	Matt Marsh	David Ellies	Pauline Caldwell
ACOLYTE	Natalie Schacht	Max Arterberry	Matt Schacht	Lilly Rademacher	Natalie Schacht	Matt Schacht	Max Arterberry
SERVER	Del Newkirk	ML Nierzwicki	Judy Bush	Martha Selk	Mary Sasse	John Bush	David Ellies
USHERS	F/ML Nierzwicki	L/U Coyne	G/G Laughman	D/D Nixon	F/ML Nierzwicki	Gallien/	J/M Doering
GREETERS	Bob Cutter	D/L Newkirk	Mary Sasse	Evelyn Niemeyer	Gail Seegert	G/G Laughman	J/J Bush
CRUCIFER							
FLOWERS							
BREAD/WINE	Jean Brown	D/L Newkirk	J/Betty Smith	F/ML Nierzwicki	M/C Braun	D/S Arnold	G Moehlmann
COUNCIL CO	Sam Eichmiller	Dean Arnold	Cindy Gallien	Cindy Gallien	Dean Arnold		Cindy Gallien
	Dennis Baurle	Ashley Ahlbrand	G Moehlmann	Kim Filiatrault	Ashley Ahlbrand	Charles Sweet	
ALTAR GUILD	Ute Coyne						
	Pauline Caldwell						
	January 7	January 14*	January 21	January 28*	February 4	February 11*	February 18
	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
ASST MINISTER	Lindsey Smith	Tim Smith	Ashley Ahlbrand	Gary Ingersoll	Lindsey Smith	Lyman Hitchcock	Tim Smith
LECTOR	Susan Koutiel	David Daleke	Chris Ogan	Vicki Polansky	Jennifer Garl	G Moehlmann	Kathy McDonald
ACOLYTE	Irene Fogleman	Molly Wyatt	Truman Daleke	Sam Polansky	Audrey Knipstein	Leah Knipstein	Nina Daleke
SERVER	David Daleke	Chris Ogan	Drew Balcam	Deb Moore	G Moehlmann	Gary Ingersoll	M O'Connor
USHERS	Kaye Hill	P/L May	Filiatrault/Baurle	Dean Arnold	Kaye Hill	Ohslund/McDonald	P/L May
GREETER	Baurle/Filiatrault	Deb Moore	R/N Nye	D/A Balcam	Chris Ogan	Kari Esarey	J/B Smith
CRUCIFER							

JANUARY 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Community Band 7P	2 UClub Yoga 10am	3 Education Com 6:30 p	4 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	5	6
7 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Martin Luther King Day Celebration 4:00 p Pipers Society 4:00 p	8 Community Band 7P	9 UClub Yoga 10am Book of Faith 7:00p	10 Worship Com 6:30 p	11 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	12	13 Bach Rehearsal 1:30p
14 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 am Adult Forum Rev Nancy Nyland 9:45a Bach Cantata 2:30 p	15 Community Band 7P	16 UClub Yoga 10am	17	18 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	19	20
21 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 a Living the Questions 9:45 a	22 IU Docents 10:00a Community Band 7P	23 UClub Yoga 10am	24	25 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	26	27
28 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 Education Hour 9:45 am Adult Forum: Pamela Smith- Noah & the Great Flood 9:45 a	29 Community Band 7P	30 UClub Yoga 10am	31			