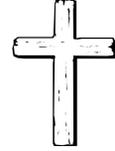


Voice of One

In Faith



Parish

January 2019

One in Faith Parish

St. Paul 8:30 a.m.
Hope 10:30 a.m.

St. Sebald 8:30 a.m.
St. John 10:30 a.m.

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Heads up! Pay attention! It's Epiphany!

Have you ever experienced one? An epiphany that is? Have you ever been on a walk or talking with someone or watching a movie or

reading a book or been in worship and had a sudden understanding of something? Then you, my friend have had an epiphany!

It doesn't hurt, not usually anyway but in the realm of spiritual things, it will help you to see the world differently, to see God differently, to see the church in a new light!

Maybe you helped out at the Shepherd of the Hills Christmas give away, or helped shelve food at a food pantry or helped to prepare and serve a Community Meal. Maybe you heard a young person from your church tell about their tremendous experience of growing in faith at camp EWALU, or read an article from Eli, our Young Adult in Global Mission and had the light go on in your head as you thought, "Right! This, this is a God thing! This is how God is alive now in our world! And every time I put money in the offering plate at church, I'm helping this ministry to happen."

I love this season of the church year – Epiphany – the season that stretches from just after Christmas until Lent. With the joy and excitement of the Christmas season behind us, some may view this time as a low note in the church year. Yet this time helps us to continue focusing on the One we celebrate during the Christmas season – Jesus – and the many ways we see Jesus alive and active in our world and through the church.

Keep your eyes and ears open and alert in the next several months as we hear about some of the many, many ways that our church offering money is at work supporting God's mission and ministry work here on earth – even right in our neighborhoods. You may just have an epiphany about how Jesus is real and on the move in the world. I can promise you, it won't hurt. In fact, the light and the warmth you'll experience might even feel pretty good!



In the light and the warmth of our Savior Jesus,
Pastor Margaret



Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN

St. John's 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service will meet in the Fellowship Hall in January and February for a more intimate worship. Coffee and goodies will be served starting at 9:45 a.m. Plans are also being made for a soup and sandwich lunch after worship on January 13.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS AT HOPE

Fellowship with a noon meal will follow the 10:30 worship at Hope every Sunday during the winter months: January, February and March. Anyone interested in providing food for fellowship may contact Joyce Thurn.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Hope – January 27, following worship.

St. Paul – January 27, following worship.

St. Sebald – February 3 following worship.

LENTEN SERVICES

Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – Hope w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
March 13	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – St. John w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
March 20	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
March 27	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – Hope w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
April 3	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – St. John w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
April 10	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – St. Sebald w/ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
April 18 Maundy Thursday	2:00 p.m. – St. John w/Coffee following 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul w/ 6:00 pm Seder Meal
April 19 Good Friday	7:00 p.m. – St. Sebald

April 21 Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m. – Hope with Communion w/ Breakfast following 8:30 a.m. – St. John With Communion 10:30 a.m. – St. Paul and St. Sebald with Communion
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News from Eli, our Young Adult in Global Mission

All for the Best: In the shadow of the Mount of the Beatitudes

Growing up, one of my favorite parts of the Bible was the beatitudes. You know, the famous scene from the New Testament where Jesus gives His sermon on the mount. He doesn't call a press conference for all of the political news channels to broadcast. He doesn't whiten His teeth, tease His hair, and do stupid crap on YouTube. Instead, He is followed up to the top of a large hill near the Sea of Galilee where He uses the power vested in Him by the Creator and Sustainer of the universe to grant blessings on the undesirables of the time. The people that the rest of the world wouldn't even give a second glance are not only admired by Jesus but blessed. This kind of stuff drove the empire mad. The chief priests, the tax collectors, and anyone else with power were all wetting themselves and no one so much as lifted a sword in rebellion. None of them needed swords because of what Jesus instilled in them: Hope.

Author Mitri Raheb brilliantly describes hope in his book Faith in the Face of Empire when he writes, "Hope is putting what we see into action today. Hope is the power to keep focusing on the larger vision while taking small, often undramatic, steps toward the future [...] Hope doesn't wait for vision to appear. Hope is vision in action today." Jesus doesn't say anyone *will be* blessed. Rather, he says they *are* blessed right there in that moment. This is the kind of Hope that people who are overpowered and abused by an empire need.

Some of my friends and I spent a considerable amount of time discussing the implications of the beatitudes. Specifically, we discussed the idea of the blessings being conditional. That one needs to be meek, poor in spirit, a peacemaker, one who mourns, pure, or persecuted to receive these blessings. The general consensus was an interesting one. After a considerably long discussion, we decided that the point Jesus was making was that all are blessed regardless of things like religious beliefs, social standing, ethnicity, gender, vocation, etc. We also understand those blessings to be unconditional,

requiring no effort on our part. But that definitely doesn't mean He was calling for complacency.

Stones

I had skipped maybe a handful of stones in my life. Before arriving at the sea of Galilea, I really hadn't taken serious time to just wade and throw. as it should rightfully be known) welcomed stone skipping Somehow, the still waters of the sea (or pretty big lake more than any other I had seen. Maybe it was the numerous black, volcanic choices that had washed up before our feet as we waded knee deep. These smooth, black stones were so perfect for skipping. It was as if the lake was begging us to throw them. I had never known peace and tranquility quite like when I launched stone after stone across the surface of the Galilea.

My YAGM cohort and I noticed stones in many places during our week-long retreat after Thanksgiving. First, at the ancient city of Caesarea where Herod laid them high in the forms of an amphitheater, aqueduct, harbor, and many other structures consistent with Roman cities of the time. We then saw them in the city of Nazareth, where they were stacked to staggering heights in commemoration of Mother Mary. The Basilica of the Annunciation was a spectacular sight to see. The cold surface of the stone beneath our feet was matched by the bitter silence of spectators and worshipers from every corner of the world.

Each day during our retreat was filled with discussions and sightseeing as well as ample time for reflection. I am grateful for what I saw and heard. It gave me the chance to reflect upon stones and what they mean to us as people. Walls were built with stone. But the stone crumbled. I saw direct evidence of this very fact in Caesarea and again at Nimrod, the castle on the hill in the Golan Heights. Walls are built with concrete today. The impermanence of stone and concrete is visible in this place. You can see much more of the landscape over a fallen wall than a standing one.

I will long remember the moments I shared with the other volunteers and my cohort a couple weeks ago. I will remember how we stood, pants rolled up past the knees, skipping stones across the Lake of Galilea. We could see the sun set as we hung out on the shore. There was something deeply comforting about the whole experience. While we had all spent time viewing locations of former and current ideological unrest, the water remained calming. I wonder what the water was like to the people in the time of Jesus. Was it just as smooth and reflective as

it is today? Did Roman soldiers pal around between patrols, splashing in the water? Did the disciples skip stones like us? Did Jesus? I know how ridiculous that may sound. Yet, at the same time, why wouldn't they?



HOPE

The Hope council met Dec. 11, 2018 at the home of Pastor Margaret. Attending were Pastor Margaret, Jamie Burgin, Joddy Roys, John Hunt, Gary Thurn, Ron Kuehl, Richard Thurn and Joyce Thurn.

President Richard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Margaret led devotions based on Luke 1:78-79.

Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved. Income for the month was \$3,719. Expenses were \$2,770. Pastor Margaret presented her written report. She had officiated at the baptism of Carter Pritchard on Nov. 25. She presented a Stewardship Proposal developed by Pastor Mark Anderson. The proposal was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business: Necessary repairs have been made to the furnace and the bills have been paid.

The budget committee presented a proposed budget for 2019. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the proposed budget and present it to the congregation at the annual meeting.

There was a recap of the Thanksgiving Service. It was very successful.

The WELCA will be providing Splash packets for families with newly baptized children.

New Business: It was suggested that guidelines be set for funeral fees.

The annual meeting will be held Jan. 27 following the 10:30 worship. A complementary meal will follow the meeting.

Fellowship will follow the worship each Sunday during the winter months.

For weather cancellations, watch Channels 7 & 9.

Jamie reported helping with the set-up for the Holiday Shop at St. Olaf. The food shelf is much in need of food.

The next meeting was set for Jan. 15, 6:30 pm at Pastor Margaret's. The meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Thurn, secretary

HOPE'S ANNUAL MEETING

**January 27, following
8:30 am worship with complementary meal after
the meeting**

ST. PAUL

St. Paul Council met on December 18, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Members present were John Moore, Joe and Mike Knipper, Joyce Erickson, Roger Bushkofsky, Shelley Bushkofsky, Dee Coan, Dennis Christeleit, and Pastor Margaret. Pastor Margaret held devotions. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. John presented the Treasurer's report: General fund balance, \$12,478.81, Sunday school has \$853.97, and Memorial fund balance is \$5604.66. Report accepted.

Pastor's report: On December 30th there will be a service of Lessons and Carols. St Paul will hold their own service with volunteers from the council leading the service. Pastor Margaret would like to host a gathering sometime this winter in a local establishment. More on this later.

We received the free food box from the Synod and will decide where it should be put. Pastor will be on vacation December 25 – January 7th.

The youth trip this summer will be to Kansas City July 14 – 20. "One in Faith" has requested help with paying for internet/phone expense for the Parish. Motion made by Dee Coan, seconded by Joe Knipper that we pay our share at about \$33.00 per month, motion carried.

Old business: We are still looking for a snow shovel for Mike, and Pastor Margaret may have one. Snow removal will be the same as last year.

New business: Dee Coan is chairman of the nominating committee and has the information for the new council members. They will meet soon. The ballot must be posted by January 13, 2019. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following church and followed by a potluck meal. We request all annual reports be to Joe or Kris by January 13, 2019.

Our next council meeting will be on January 22, 2019. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Erickson, Secretary

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

**January 27, following
8:30 am worship**

St. Sebald

St Sebald Church Council December 10th, 2018. Present: Vicar Clark, Kris Morarend, Marjorie Lewis, Pastor Margaret, Wayne Yelden, Bill Hunt, Tracy Yelden, & Randy Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and devotions were led by Pastor. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Kris motioned to approve the November council minutes, 2nd by Wayne, motion passed. The treasurer's report was provided with a year to date ending balance of \$-1313.45.

Pastor provided her report; noting that "Splash" packets will be mailed out soon and the St. John food pantry is going well. Stewardship was discussed at length with more discussion to follow at future meetings. The Christmas program for the kids is on December 16th with a 5 pm soup supper and 6 pm program with offering.

Bill will ensure the ceiling tiles are repaired that fell by the kitchen. Vicar Clark noted that during Holy Week the camp might do a mime production, more information to come.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Randy; motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

A special meeting was held after church on 12/16/2018 led by Marjorie. Those present included Marjorie Lewis, Bill Hunt, Wayne Yelden, and Kris Morarend. The group discussed the request to help pay for monthly expenses regarding internet and phone usage at the parsonage. St. Sebald was asked to pay \$27.25/month to the parish to help with expenses. Wayne made the motion to pay the amount to the parish each month, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Special meeting adjourned.

ST. SEBALD'S ANNUAL MEETING

**February 3 following
8:30 am worship**



have through Jesus Christ

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Dale Harvey,

May they be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, which we



FAITH FORMATION

Hope Education Notes

On Dec. 12, the children packed 31 Christmas bags which were delivered to ailing or elderly friends in the community. A big thank you to Owen Sylvester for helping with the deliveries. The gifts were much appreciated.

The children presented their Christmas program, "The Story of Christmas," on Dec. 14 to a full house. They did an awesome job. Thank you, kids. Thanks to Ellie, Emma and Isabelle for their part in the program. Thank you to Verna for helping with costumes, bell choir director, LuAnn, and pianist, Judy, and of course, the teachers--Kim, Barb, Darcy, Brad and Joyce.

Classes will resume Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Kids' Night at St. Sebald

During Kids' Night at St. Sebald on November 28, we continued to learn the books of the Old Testament. Our Bible Story was about Zechariah and Elizabeth and the angel's visit to announce that they would finally be parents of a baby boy whose name was to be John. The prophecy foretelling Jesus birth would be fulfilled. God would use John to prepare the way for Jesus.

St. Sebald Christmas Program

Sunday evening, December 16, The Greatest Gift of Christmas was opened by the children of St. Sebald. Prior to the program, a soup supper was enjoyed by those present.

When the program started, the children helped to spread the story blanket on the altar steps to sit on and a large, colorfully wrapped package was set in the middle. Christmas Carols were sung by the congregation during the unwrapping of the gift and telling the story.

Inside the box were the individual figurines of the nativity that the children took turns unwrapping and holding up high for everyone to see as we talked about each of them. Quinn said, (out of the mouths of babes) "This gift is for everyone!" He was/is so right!

What a privilege it is to share the love of Jesus and his birth at Christmas with our children (we are all

children of God, no matter our age) and the Christmas Gift is the same as John 3:16: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.'

Men's Bible Study



All men are invited to the Men's Bible study held Tuesday, January 15, at 6:30 a.m. at the **Camp EWALU Stone Center**. Vicar Clark will be leading the studies using the Master Builders Bible for Men.

**Come for coffee, rolls and fellowship.
Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 am**



Prayer Shawls for the People of God - Prayer Shawl Ministry !

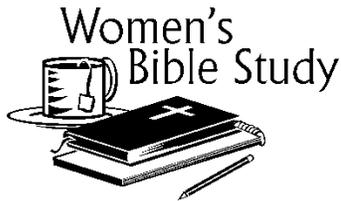
"Prayer Shawls for the People of God," the One in Faith Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet January 24th in the lounge at St John. If you would like to participate or have questions contact Shiloy Baldwin (563-929-6910) or Pastor Margaret (563-329-1366).

Strawberry Point Lutheran Home Volunteer Schedule for 2019

The Strawberry Point Lutheran Home thanks you for your continued support each year. Your visits are beneficial to the residents of the Lutheran Home. In addition to visiting and reminiscing about the good old days, we have also had groups do sing-a-longs, which were also successful. If you need ideas or supplies, notify the Life Events Department at 563-933-6037 or email the office at office@splh.org.

**St. John is scheduled for 11 a.m. January 22, 2019.
St. Sebald is scheduled for 11 a.m. February 19, 2019.**





Hope WELCA

Thursday, January 3rd, 9:30 am.
Potluck lunch – Everyone invited!!

St. Sebald WELCA

Tuesday, January 8th, 1:30 pm
Gernand Center.

Members bring goodies to share.

St. Paul WELCA will

Host the Parish Quarterly meeting

February 5, 2018, 1:30 pm

Hope WELCA

The Hope WELCA met Dec. 7. President Annette Dahling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Monetary donations will be sent to eight non-profit organizations.

The WELCA will provide "Splash" packets to be sent to the parents of newly baptized children between the ages of birth to 2 years old.

The WELCA will sponsor fellowship following the Dec. 30 service of carols and readings. The meal will consist of New Year's Eve type foods. Bring a snack, if you wish and maybe a game, if you would like to stay a while. (A pre-New Year's Eve party)

The Bible study topic was fear. The meeting adjourned, followed by the birthday song, table prayer and Lord's Prayer. Several guests joined us for the Christmas potluck dinner.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch.

St. John WELCA

Ruth Circle met Thursday, December 6, in the lounge. Session 4 was "Fear not God is at work beyond our ability to imagine." Pastor Margaret opened with prayer and presented the Bible Study. There was discussion as to our fears. We read from Luke and Matthew as the angels announced to Mary and Elizabeth about the birth of their babies and the Christmas story. We closed with prayer.

The offering for the month will be given to God's Good Gifts: \$10 for chicks, \$25 for farming tools and seeds.

Snacks of Christmas goodies were served. Those attending were Pastor Margaret, Janann Bachtell, Jan Hamlett, Elgene Kamper, and Dolores Boehm.

St. Sebald WELCA

St. Sebald WELCA members met on December 11 at 1:30 pm in the Gernand Center Activity Room. President Marjorie Lewis presided at the business meeting. Treasurer, Nancy Klingman, reported a balance of \$178.74 in the treasury, however, that does not include monies taken in from Thankoffering and the No-Bake Sale. Marjorie will be printing the 2019 program book and everything will remain the same unless someone notifies her of changes. She also reported on the "Splash" newsletters for parents of children 0-3 years old. After much discussion, it was tabled until more information is acquired.

Thank you notes were read from Pastor Margaret and Marcia Hanson of the Strawberry Point Food Shelf. A note was received from the Lutheran Home regarding our scheduled time to reminisce with the residents on February 19 at 2 p.m.

Margaret Harvey moved to give \$75 to EWALU for their Christmas campaign, seconded by Mary. Nancy reported that those who attended the EWALU meal, purchased by Gerald Brooks at the fall auction, had enjoyed a delicious meal and a delightful evening in front of the fireplace.

The Sunday School Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 16, preceded by a soup supper at 5 p.m. Our ladies will be preparing soup, sandwiches, and Christmas goodies.

Mary Knehans lead the Bible Study entitled, "Fear Not", while everyone enjoyed Christmas goodies and hot drinks.

Christmas bags were filled for the Sunday School children. The next meeting will be January 8 at 1 p.m. at the Gernand Center, bring snacks to share.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Knehans

Shepherd of the Hills Notes

Christmas Just 4 Kids helped 520 children from 183 families have a merrier Christmas this year. Thank you to the generous donors and volunteers for their continued support.

Shepherd of the Hills Conference Assembly meeting will be February 17, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Volga.

One in Faith Parish Meeting November 12, 2018 at St. Paul

Present: Tracy Yelden, Nancy Yelden, Judy Meisner, Marcia Rueber, Brad Bockenstedt, Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen, Kris Morarend, Patty Klingman and Clark Baldwin. Absent: Karla Duff and John Hunt.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Tracy Yelden. For devotions everyone shared something positive happening in their church and a prayer.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion by Marsha to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Brad, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Patty, seconded by Brad, motion carried..

Pastor's Report: Highlights of report:

**A musical is being put together and will be performed at St. Paul on December 23.

**A little Free Food Pantry is set up in the back entry at St. John's. Door is open 24/7. Take what you need and leave what you can! Pass the word.

**Pastor would like each congregation to look into mailing out "Splash" packets to the parents of newly baptized children. This would be a way to reach families of our parish with helpful faith growth information between birth and 2 years old.

**Kris, Vicar Clark and Pastor have begun meeting once a week on Tuesday mornings for devotions and planning time.

**Three confirmations have been performed this fall. One at Hope and two at St. John. Confirmation class is working on servant projects. St. Sebald hosted September, Bethany October, S.O.T.H. November, St. Paul will be in December. St. John and Hope will host sometime in 2019.

**2019 Youth trip will be July 14 – July 20 to Kansas City, MO with the Youthworks organization.

Old Business:

**All councils approved Parish budget. With discussion regarding giving, it was decided to work on Stewardship in 2019 and see where all the churches budgets are at next fall.

New Business:

**Discussion was held regarding 2019 5th Sunday Schedule. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

**Discussion was held regarding phone/internet usage and billing. It was discussed this bill should

be divided between all 4 churches. This will be brought to each council for approval.

**Lenten Service Schedule was set:

St. John will have a service every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm.

Evening Schedule: Soup will be served at 6:00 with service at 7:00 pm. 3/6 Ash Wednesday at Hope; 3/13 St. John; 3/20 St. Paul; 3/27 Hope; 4/3 St. John; 4/10 St. Sebald; 4/18 Maundy Thursday St. Paul; 4/19 Good Friday St. Sebald.

Reminders:

**Thanksgiving Services: St. John Community November 18 10:30; Hope November 20 7:00 pm.; and Strawberry Point Community Emanuel November 20.

**Tentative Christmas Service times: St. John: Children's Christmas Program with communion 7:00 p.m.; St. Sebald 8:30 pm.; Hope 5:00 pm. and St. Paul 7:00 pm.

**December 30 supply Pastor will be needed for St. Paul and Hope.

Our next meeting will be March 6, 5:00 pm. before Soup and Ash Wednesday Service at Hope.

Motion to adjourn by Marcia, seconded by Patty, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Meisner, Secretary



Christmas Thank You to: LuAnn, Paula, Jamie, and Jerri Kay for providing the delicious festive holiday meal on Dec. 1 to start the Advent Season. The decorations provided a wonderful atmosphere.

To the tree decorating crew – Gary, Ron, Marvin, Annette, Gene, Jamie, Richard and Joyce. And to Richard for providing the tree.

To those who donate poinsettias to enhance our worship, and to LuAnn and John for the lovely altar arrangements.



LITTLE PANTRIES FEED NEIGHBORS AND BUILD COMMUNITY

Little free food pantries are popping up around the Northeastern Iowa Synod thanks to the synod's Hunger Network, a group of volunteers and some committed congregations.

Each little free pantry is stocked with nonperishable food items, personal care products and household items for anyone who needs them. The pantries are placed in accessible locations where people can easily bring items to share or take items they need - 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round.

The Hunger Network is supplying six little pantries for congregations that have made a commitment to install, display and maintain a pantry on church property. The pantries will be located at Our Saviors', Mason City; Redeemer, Waverly; Emmanuel, Strawberry Point; St. Paul, Volga; Lord of Life, Dubuque; and Bethesda, Jewell.

Four congregations have made their own pantries – Our Savior's, Waterloo; St. John American, Arlington; St. Peter, Garnavillo, and West Clermont, Clermont.

Our Savior's in Waterloo opened their little pantry in April 2017. A note left in the pantry just two months later affirmed the pantry's value in serving others. According to Pastor Megan Graves, the note indicated that it was written by someone who recently went on disability, but hadn't received funding assistance yet. "This has helped me get through it, the note said. "Thank you for this blessing."

The Little Free Pantry project is part of a nationwide initiative based on the "Little Free Libraries" project, in which people can take a book and share a book. The pantries are small, so they do not provide the quantity and variety found at other food pantries, but the little pantries can be accessed at any time.

"This project is about feeding neighbors and building community," says Pastor Mark Anderson, assistant to Bishop Ullestad. "The pantries don't replace other food security services in the community, but they can serve as a safety net for families in a pinch."

The six pantries provided by the Hunger Network were built by volunteers from the Waverly area, including members of Redeemer Lutheran and

students from Wartburg College and Lutheran Services in Iowa's Bremwood campus. The Men's Small Group from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School helped build the pantries as part of their study of the book, *Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty*.

Neighbors and community members are encouraged to bring nonperishable items to help keep the pantries stocked. Recommended items include canned vegetables, boxed meals, paper goods, and personal care items. People may want to share kid-friendly snacks in the summer or school supplies in the fall. Suggested items to donate in the winter are:

Nonperishable Foods: Dry pasta, boxed pasta meals, pasta sauce in plastic, cereal – cold and hot, peanut butter, snack crackers, applesauce, dried fruits, granola bars.

Personal Care items: shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste toothbrushes, moisturizer, diapers, wipes deodorant Chapstick, hats, scarves, gloves, and handwarmers.

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex.

High Rating for Northeast Iowa Food Bank

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank, based in Waterloo was recently rated 19th best in the country.

Charity Navigator rated the 40 best food banks in the country and gave the Northeast Iowa Food Bank a rating of 97.17 out of 100. The scores are based on accountability, transparency and financial health, and also take into account money that went to programs and services. The food bank has raised \$14,490,487 in funds and uses 96.8 percent of that for the programs and services it delivers, rather than on administrative-type costs. For every dollar the Food Bank receives, four meals can be provided back the community.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank provides meals to 5,800 people weekly with the help of over 200 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, churches, and non-profit groups in 16 Northeast Iowa counties. In recent years, the food bank has received funding through ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants to support the food bank's Mobile Food Pantry Program. It also includes distribution of food and grocery products to some 200 nonprofit organizations in 16 Northeast Iowa Counties.



Serving in January at Hope

Acolytes Isabelle Groth, Ellie Bockenstedt,
 Ushers:
 Jan. 6 Richard Thurn, Gene West
 Jan. 13 WesLee Gould, Hunter Thompson,
 Zander Purman
 Jan. 20 Richard Thurn, Gene West
 Jan. 27 WesLee Gould, Hunter Thompson,
 Zander Purman
 Communion Assistant John Hunt
 Altar Comm.Helen Rowell, Joyce Thurn,
 Lu Ann Hunt
 Church Cleaning Annette & Marvin Dahling
 Special Offering Lutheran Chaplaincy



Serving in January at St. Sebald

Acolyte Confirmation Student/Usher
 Ushers:
 Jan. 6 Mace & Kristin Klingman
 Jan. 13 Les & Elaine Peterson
 Jan. 20 Jerry & Margaret Harvey
 Jan. 27 Dave & Kris Morarend
 Reader(s):
 Jan. 6 Kristin Klingman
 Jan. 13 Jerry & Margaret Harvey
 Jan. 20 Shiloy Baldwin
 Jan. 27 Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer
 Church Cleaning Week of:
 Jan. 6 Tracy Yelden
 Jan. 13 Jessica Haynes
 Jan. 20 Tracy Yelden
 Jan. 27 Dave & Kris Morarend
 Flowers:
 Jan. 6 Poinsettias
 Jan. 13 Poinsettias
 Jan. 20 Poinsettias
 Jan. 27 Marjorie Lewis



Serving in January at St. Paul

Acolyte Dennis & Lorna Christeleit
 Ushers Marcus Evans

Serving in January at St. John

Acolyte Andrew Harkin
 Ushers Dustin & Kayleen Schott
 Altar Guild Art & Dorothy Eckheart
 Flowers Sharon Reed
 Communion Assistant Joyce Knickerbocker
 Readers:
 Jan. 6 Dennis Nus
 Jan. 13 Deatra O'Dell
 Jan. 20 Tia Shaffer
 Jan. 27 Kayleen Schott



(Please contact the church office when family members and friends can be removed from the Prayer List.)

Prayer requests may be phoned (563-633-3885) or e-mailed to the One in Faith office - oneinfaith@windstream.net

In our prayers: Luther Pugh, Clair & Maxine Kruger, Jane Sparrgrove & Circle of Life Mission, Arlene Thurn, Kay Schaffer, Clarence Groth, Bev Sannon, Jon Mitchell, Jennifer Yarrow, Kristy Hunt, Fred Stroschein, Dixie Harvey, Rick Breitsprecher, Kay Hayes (June Blue's sister), Leo Wickman, David Turner, Adeline Andreae, Lucas Baker, Kelly Bolsinger, Cindy Nus, Barbara Garms, Marsha Thomas, Brad Scherf, Gary Northrop, Bonnie Hayes, Marilyn Pugh, Ruth Coonfare, Joe Knipper, Jerry Harbaugh, Dorothy Bushkofsky, Pastor Martin Osterloh, Jim Miller, Wayne Coonfare, Norb Butikofer.

Service people: Cody Bennington, Justin Minger, Patrick Pryer, Justin Pryer, Jesse Gossett, Tabitha Lambert, and other service men and women.



Hope Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Brian Stewart
- Jan. 2 Kay Nagel, Ricky Thurn, Debra Wagner
- Jan. 3 Larissa Shaw, Noel Steenhard
- Jan. 4 Kaycee Bright
- Jan. 6 Hannah Chamberlin
- Jan. 7 Nicole Smith
- Jan. 9 Jill Kulper
- Jan. 10 Lynn Rowell, Donald Davis
- Jan. 13 Mildred Beck, Dexter Kuehl,
Becky Voshell
- Jan. 14 Christina Kuehl
- Jan. 15 Lee Lenth
- Jan. 17 Heidi Meyer, Cheryl Scott
- Jan. 18 Owen Sylvester, Kyle Kramer
- Jan. 19 Peter Purman, Danielle Wagner
Tina Kuehl
- Jan. 22 Brian Minger
- Jan. 24 Ashley Clinton, Adriane McClintock
- Jan. 27 Patty Hankins, Sandy Ashline
- Jan. 29 Dustin Smith
- Jan. 30 Brett Nagel

St. John Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Hunter Bachtell
- Jan. 3 Cynthia Hamlett, Kenneth Chappell,
Olivia Thomas
- Jan. 4 Duncan Schott
- Jan. 5 Dick Wells
- Jan. 7 Karen Glass
- Jan. 8 Dale Adams, Janice Breitsprecher
- Jan. 12 Ruth Gamm, Karen Hamlett
- Jan. 14 Blake Meisner, Jon Mitchell
Tom Knickerbocker
- Jan. 16 Maria Gruman
- Jan. 20 Adeline Andreae, Louis Hamlett
- Jan. 22 Hannah Andreae
- Jan. 24 Jeff Watson
- Jan. 31 Jaren Evans

St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Allen Coan, Mikayla Evans
- Jan. 3 Kevin Hakert
- Jan. 4 Caitlin Howard
- Jan. 8 Jason Corell
- Jan. 12 Kenneth Faust, Janice Moore
- Jan. 15 Mary Kay Hummel
- Jan. 17 Logan Everitt
- Jan. 19 Marisa Baker
- Jan. 23 Carol Leonard, Marcus Evans
- Jan. 25 Kristin Klingman
- Jan. 26 Meghan Bergan, Mike Leonard
- Jan. 30 Karen Trautman



St. John Anniversaries

- Jan. 15 John & Clara Pleis
- Jan. 16 Chuck & Jan Hamlett
- Jan. 17 Fred & Rose Hilsenbeck
- Jan. 27 Ron & Sheila Corbin

Hope Anniversaries

- Jan. 15 Lester & Una Groth
- Jan. 30 Mike & Julie English

St. Paul Anniversaries

No anniversaries in January



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