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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

Well, Christmas and the 12 days of Christmas have almost come to an end (depending on when you have received this newsletter). And even with another year of the draining effect of anxiety and fear brought upon us with this Pandemic (that never seems to end), we still faithfully trust in God's mercy and providential care.

So, we sing and sing and be radiant over the goodness who has seen us through all of this and will continue to do so. We place our faithfulness and our hope that in all things God will work to bring out some good in our times of tribulations, to bring good out of evil, joy out of sorrow, and hope out of discouragement.

We celebrate every Christmas the light that the darkness cannot overcome, Jesus Christ our Lord. As one Bible scholar/theologian has pointed out, his coming to us is the most important thing that has ever happened to the world in which you and I live, for in him "we live and move and have our being", (St. Paul). Jesus is the crowning jewel and keystone in the vast cosmos God has brought into being.

Yes, the True Light has been made known and "enfleshed" or "incarnated" in the person of Jesus Christ. In the Word and Holy Communion, the Word is made flesh as well, that we may go forth from worship to share the Light of Christ in our daily lives.

Finally, let us live in that expectant hope of what joyous things God will enable us to accomplish in his name this new civil year of 2022.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don

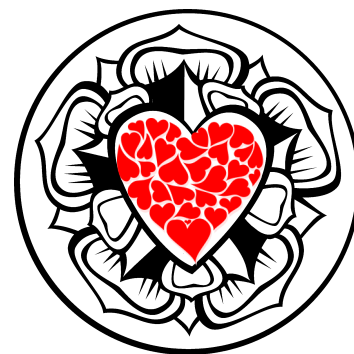


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*



From Our Council President

The kitchen Renovation team met and decided we need to:

- Install the new stove
- Replace broken cabinetry (Ellen Wilson has a possible supplier)
- Replace countertops
- Repair the ceiling
- Miscellaneous cosmetic updates
- Estimated cost less than \$20,000

Gerry Gebler and Sheila Sanchez were elected to serve three year terms on council. 2022 officers will be elected at our January meeting.

The budget was approved at the December Congregational Meeting.

Bill Hannigan was interred in the Columbarium after his memorial service last month.

Council approved the purchase of a Chromebook and associated software allowing our bookkeeper to work from home when she is needed to be at home.

The Yoga Boot Camp continues to rent St. Matthias Hall. Sheila Sanchez is the contact person for this group.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 23rd following the worship service. With a quorum, we will approve the Committee Annual Reports.

Council will evaluate changing our "passing of the peace" depending on the status of the pandemic. I look forward to the NEW YEAR with unlimited possibilities for St. John as we are led by Pastor Don.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Davidson, Council President

ANNUAL COOKIE PACK

Even with the pandemic, the Lutheran Women of Tidewater have continued the Annual Cookie Pack that began over 25 years ago. The *Virginia Beach Correctional Center* would not take home baked items at this time so we converted our efforts. As of last year, Thrivent Financial was contacted and the following congregations were able to receive \$250 grants for the project: Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, St. John, St. Timothy and Our Saviour. A private donation of \$200 came from Christ Lutheran also. With that money a number of snack items were bought for the 1300 prisoners as well as a number of stamps that helped them send holiday greetings to their families. Thanks go to Stephanie Chivers and Ellen Greene for coordinating the project at St. John.

Call Committee Update

The Committee currently has two profiles to consider. We are down by two members: Steve Chivers is currently serving a tour of duty in Japan and Jim Dollar has moved to Oklahoma.

Yours in Christ, Gail Davidson
Call Committee Chair



We usher in the New Year with anticipation of a return to a new normal! The service of Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 2nd.

De-decking the Halls will be held Saturday, January 8th beginning at 9:00 am. All are welcomed. More hands means less work for all!!

Installation of the Council will occur during the worship service on Sunday, January 9th.

Thanks to all who serve during the worship service. We have two youth interested in serving as acolytes.

Anyone wanting to volunteer for the worship service, Altar Guild and Offering counters is welcomed. Training is provided for all positions. Please see Karen Sutton or leave a message with the Church Office.

Home Communion continues for those who cannot attend worship. Contact the Church Office with names of those interested in this ministry. Margie Gish continues to provide this service.

Please submit any Prayer Chain requests to Barb Stockman. Prayer works!! You can either be phoned or emailed with requests. When calling Barb, she will need to know your preference.

In Christ's Service,
Gail Davidson, Chair



Diakonia is looking forward to New Year 2022. We hope if things continue to improve, we will be able to have more projects.

We would like to invite anyone who would like to join Diakonia to contact Regina Starling or Deborah McLaughlin. We would appreciate your help. Thank you to all those who helped in 2021.



Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Blessings to All,
Regina Starling and Deborah McLaughlin

Worship Attendance	Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
	November 7, 2021	22	8	0	30
	November 14, 2021	22	8	0	30
	November 21, 2021	23	7	0	30
	November 28, 2021	26	8	0	34



09 ~ Don Greene

14 ~ Seika Smith

16 ~ Judith Vlcek

17 ~ Arthur Chivers

19 ~ Stephanie Chivers

21 ~ Gail Davidson

24 ~ Rachel Shaffer

26 ~ Linda Grubbs

27 ~ Joann Krumm

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson
Vice President: Deborah Midgett
Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson
Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton
Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks
School Director: Sheila Sanchez
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran
Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

**If your mailing information has changed,
please notify the Church Office.**

Thank you!

**THE ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

will be held on
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022
FOLLOWING
THE WORSHIP SERVICE

**ALL ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

PURPOSE:
REVIEW ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
and
GENERAL DISCUSSION
CONCERNING THE WELFARE
OF THE CONGREGATION AND
NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

BACK-UP DATE:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

SEN-RETS

This group began to meet after almost two years, in November. In December we had a Christmas luncheon at the Royal Garden; similar to the one we had there two years ago. Our next meeting will be January 19th, at 11:30 am. Due to the pandemic, we are not having pot-luck lunches at this time. Those attending are asked to bring their own bag lunch. A beverage and dessert will be provided. All those over 55 are welcome. Come and get to know some of your fellow church members socially.