

The Circle



February Worship at St. John's

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, February 3rd

Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 4th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Saturday, February 10th

Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 11th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th

Holy Communion w/imposition of ashes

12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their bap-

tism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

First Sunday in Lent

Saturday, February 17th

Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 18th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday, February 24th

Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 25th

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

Annual Meeting with Worship, 9:30 a.m.

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

The Pastor's Message:

The season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 14th. The day we observe as Valentine's Day is also the day in 2018 that we observe Ash Wednesday. What a good reminder of how we are loved by God. We receive ashes to remember that we are dust. Beloved dust. But dust, nonetheless. We begin and end in God.

Some of us are busy people, going from place to place without much time to breathe. Others of us are finding too much time on our hands, with not enough mobility to enjoy our favorite activities. Wherever you are in your journey, God is calling us all into a season of remembrance. Calling us to take time to be still, and to think about what it means to be dust. Formed by God as a potter creates. Invited into life at the waters of baptism. Clothed in the baptismal promise, even in death. Forgiven and loved beyond comprehension. What does it mean to begin and end in God?

Lent is a good time to ponder and sit with God, remembering and giving thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a good time to notice where Jesus appears in your daily life.

Join our community Lenten worship each week. Or if your schedule does not allow for midweek worship, perhaps an online Lenten devotional will help remind you to be still and begin and end your day with God.

Here are a few resources that I like:

Luther Seminary God Pause <https://www.luthersem.edu/lent/>

Living Lutheran Spiritual practices and resources <https://www.livinglutheran.org/spiritual-practices-and-resources/>

Family devotionals <https://javaluia.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/year-b-family-devotional-lent.pdf>

Blessings as we begin our Lenten journey together, Pastor Skyle



Ash Wednesday Worship - February 14th

Lent begins with ashes and dust. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin. However the ashes trace a cross on our forehead, where the baptismal water first marked us with God's grace. You are invited to worship at St. John's on Ash Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the afternoon or at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. There will be an opportunity to receive ashes

Annual Meeting—February 25th

Our annual meeting will take place in the context of worship on Sunday, February 25th beginning at 9:30 a.m. On that day we will celebrate Holy Communion with preaching at 8 a.m. in the sanctuary as we regularly do. Coffee Hour (really coffee half-hour) will begin at 9 a.m. in Kley Hall. Sunday School for children ages two through sixth grade will be at 9:25 a.m. with combined classes. At 9:30 a.m., youth and adults will gather in Kley Hall for our Worship/Annual Meeting. We will have a short worship service with no communion and make important decisions about our life together as God's people at St. John's. Please plan to be present!



Is God Calling You?

It is time to think about and pray for nominations to our Church Council. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th. Part of the meeting includes approval of a spending plan (budget) for 2018, election of new Council members and three delegates to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly. Perhaps God is calling you to serve on Council or to attend Synod Assembly on behalf of St. John's.

The responsibilities of a member of Council include attendance at one Council meeting each month, serving as a liaison to a committee and once a month lock-up of the offering. Beyond that Council members are asked to pray for St. John's each day, continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word, attend worship regularly, be faithful stewards of time, talent and treasure and to build up our community of faith. Council is the ongoing decision making body of St. John's that gives leadership for us to fulfill our mission of living, sharing and growing in God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

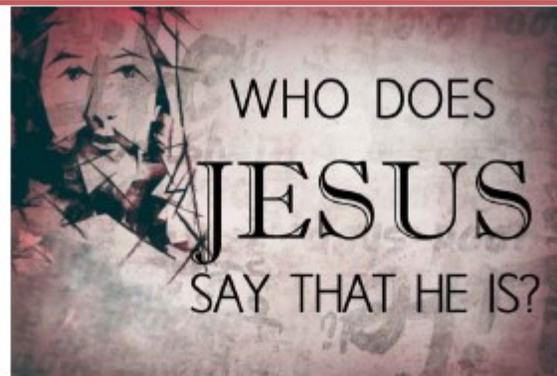
The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly is the annual meeting of the synodical expression of the Church, a gathering of lay and rostered (pastors and professional church workers) leaders to celebrate, encourage and direct the ministries of the Church. This year the Assembly meets on May 4th and 5th at the Mennonite Meetinghouse in Franconia. Beyond the pastors, St. John's sends two delegates to the yearly assembly. **THIS YEAR THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE ELECTING A NEW BISHOP!!!** For more information about the assembly and the synod, please check out www.ministrylink.org.

To make a nomination for Council and for the Synod Assembly, just use our Yellow Communication Card in the Sunday bulletin or email Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



Pancake Supper Shrove Tuesday, February 13th

Before the "fast of Lent" begins, we go "a little wild." In New Orleans, it's Mardi Gras. In Phoenixville, it's PANCAKES! Eating pancakes, running while flipping pancakes, tossing pancakes, making pancake self-portraits and creating pancake art—we do it all! Our pancake dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13th in Kley Hall. The cost is \$7 per adult, \$5 per child with children under 3 free or \$20 for a family. All proceeds benefit our youth and adults attending the Appalachian Service Project trip to Kentucky this July 15th-21st. Invite friends and RSVP through our Yellow Communication Card or by emailing Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



Wednesday Evening Community Lent Worship
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

Jesus: Light of the World
February 21 at St. Ann Roman Catholic Church
502 South Main Street, Phoenixville
Rev. Eric Woodworth of Charlestown United Methodist, preacher

Jesus: Bread of Life
February 28 at First United Methodist Church
865 South Main Street, Phoenixville
Rev. Cynthia Krommes of St. John's Lutheran, preacher

Jesus: Good Shepherd
March 7 at Bethel Baptist Church
412 Fairview Street, Phoenixville
Rev. Eva Johnson of First United Methodist, preacher

Jesus: Resurrection and Life
March 14 at Centennial Lutheran Church
1330 Hares Hill Road, Kimberton
Rev. Nathan Coleman of Bethel Baptist, preacher

Jesus: Way, Truth and Life
March 21 at First Presbyterian Church
145 Main Street, Phoenixville
Rev. Dan McDowell of Grace Crossing Community Church, preacher

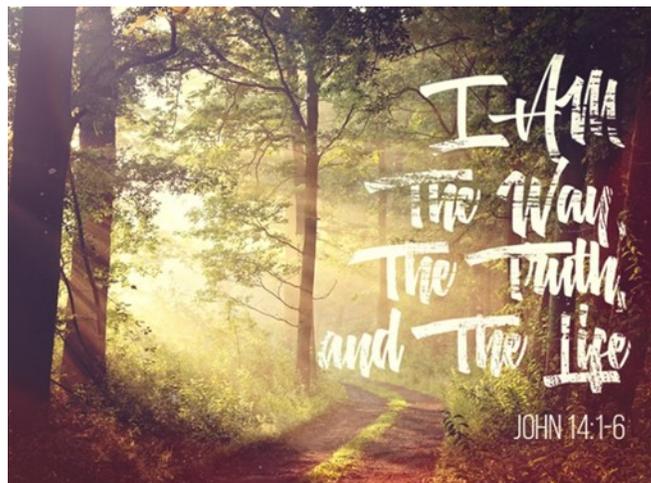


Snow Removal Help Needed

We have already received our first snowfalls and it's time for us to plan for snow removal. The Property Committee has arranged for the plowing of the parking lots and roads. We are in need of volunteers to clear the sidewalks. We have a snow blower to help with this. If you are able to assist, please note that on the Yellow Communication Card or contact Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org.

Welcome to THE WAY

Are you looking for new meaning in your life? Is St. John's a community of faith that is a place of growth for you? If so, consider being part of THE WAY on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. A new session of THE WAY begin on February 18th. Called THE WAY after the first followers of Jesus, who were known as "People of the Way" before being called Christians, this is an opportunity for faith to be explored, nurtured and renewed. It is "the way" to prepare for baptism and the baptism of children, "the way" to affirm your baptism and "the way" to grow in the Christian life. For more information or to sign up, please speak with Pastor Krommes, send an email to office@stjohnphoenixville.org or fill out the Yellow Communication Card in the bulletin.



Don't Know Much about the Bible?

One of the best ways to grow in faith is to grow in knowledge of the Bible. By doing so you experience how God has worked in the past and discover how God is working now, especially in your own life. A brand-new Bible study began on January 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Kley Hall. Led by Pastor Cindy Krommes, the study explores Bible basics and what it means to you. For more information, email Pastor Krommes at c.krommes@verizon.net.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

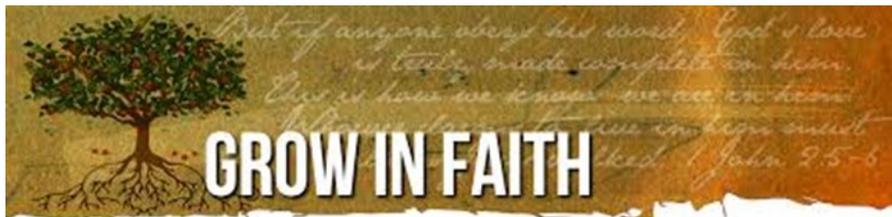
Everyone is invited to a delicious spaghetti dinner to support the scholarship fund of the Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Centers on Saturday, March 10th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Kley Hall. The menu includes all you can eat pasta (including gluten-free pasta), salad, meatballs, sausage and garlic bread and desserts. There will be raffle baskets! Costs: adults \$10, children 3-10 \$5, toddlers free. Sign up on YCC or by email to office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



First Holy Communion for Fifth Grade and Up

Our 5th graders, as well as any older students who have not received Holy Communion instruction, will receive their First Holy Communion on March 18th at a special celebration at our 10:45 a.m. worship service. To prepare, our First Communion students will meet for four weeks—February 25th, March 4th, March 11th and March 18th—during the Sunday school hour for First Communion instruction with Kate DeMutis. The class will be held in the Red Room in the downstairs Sunday school wing. Please contact Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org if your child plans to participate.





On Sunday mornings there are many learning opportunities for adults at St. John's. All the classes begin at 9:25 a.m. and new folks are always welcomed.

Happy Hour—Dwelling in God's Word

This class gathers to support and encourage one another and also to be fed by God's Word. They explore the weekly Gospel text and how it relates to their lives. By doing so, faith and friendship grow. Many of those who participate in this group are parents so there are always connections being made and mutual support given. The class meets in the church library (Meeting Room #2).

Sunday Morning Book Club

The Sunday Morning Book Club meets in Pastor Krommes' office and discussion is always lively with much laughter. Beyond Sunday morning the club gathers for evenings at the movies, particularly enjoying films on books they have read together. Coordinator Jean Herbranson lets everyone know what's happening through *Life Together* and our weekly email update.

Faith Life

Faith Life is for those who want to think deeply about what's happening in the world in relationship to their faith. This weekly discussion in Meeting Room #1 is coordinated by our Dean of Education, Jack Ertell, and is led by people from a variety of specialties including science, politics, education, and health care.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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A New Class

Linda Landis leads a discussion of the book *31 Verses to Write on Your Heart* by Liz Curtis Higgs in the Fireside Room.

The WAY

Our newcomer group, The Way, will begin on February 18th. Please speak with Pastor Krommes to learn more, especially if you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday there are two Bible studies. The first meets at 10 a.m. in the St. Peter's Place Community Room located at 601 Centre Street in Phoenixville. The second meets at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at St. John's. Each group delights in welcoming new people to the study. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary.



WELCA News

Mark your calendars for the 2018 WELCA Retreat scheduled for April 14th. Watch for details.

WELCA continues to meet the fourth Tuesday morning each month at 10:30 a.m. All women are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship.

Confirmation—Save the Dates

- ◇ March 25th at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.—9th grade leads worship
- ◇ April 3rd—9th grade Mission Day at Feast Incarnate
- ◇ April 27th—29th—Confirmation Spring Retreat in Cape May
- ◇ May 20th—Last day of confirmation classes; 7th and 8th grade participates in Confirmation Day
- ◇ May 20th—Confirmation Day (Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation at 10:45 a.m.)





Youth Summer Mission Trip

We are excited to partner with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for our very first Appalachia Service Project trip. We will be traveling to Kentucky by vans to help repair homes and buildings. As of this printing, the group that will be participating includes:

Adult leaders: Jodi O'Neill, Justin O'Neill, Shelley Saeger and Jeff Vanderveer
Youth: Evan Aho, Anna Gerner, Rosa Gerner, Cole O'Neill, Mo O'Neill, Nathan Romano, Gabrielle Vanderveer

There may still be a few spots left. Youth must currently be in 8th-12th grade to participate. Any interested youth or adults should contact Pastor Skyle at pastorskrea@gmail.com ASAP!



Everyone is welcome to join us for

ST. JOHN'S CAKE WARS

Teams will be given pre selected supplies to decorate a sheet cake in 30 minutes or less. The theme will be surprise.

ALL AGES WELCOME



**Sunday
Feb. 4th
2:00-3:30**

Please sign up by 1/28 so we know how many cakes to bake. Sign up with Britta Pekofsky 610-721-8328 BPekofsky@gmail.com



Children's Worship Bags

We are delighted to see so many children using and enjoying the worship bags during church services, but one of the tan bags has recently gone missing. Please check your vehicles and home for the missing bag and if found, return it to the baskets in the Narthex.

Parents and Grandparents: we need you! Our Christian Education team needs a few more voices around the table. We meet once a month for planning purposes. Please see Mark Gerner or Pastor Skyle if you would be willing to serve!



2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced

Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage.

The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

- * March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A newly renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- * April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College Pennsylvania. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of Pennsylvania.
- * September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, Pennsylvania. A lovely hotel-style facility In a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.
- * October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, two hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per-couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website, www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast U.S. Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at (724) 325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Bear Creek Sunday - February 4th @ 9:25 a.m.

Students from 1st - 12th grades and their parents are invited to Kley Hall to learn more about Bear Creek Camp. The camp's director, Dan Scharnhorst, will join us during the Sunday school hour to have fun and answer any questions you might have. Also, Bear Creek has a great family camp scheduled this year (July 1st-6th), which could be a great way for St John's families to camp together! Scholarships are available—please see Pastor Skyle for details. Youth who register for camp by May 1st (and let Pastor Skyle know by May 1st!) will receive a free Bear Creek gift.



Parents—did you know we have an awesome Lutheran camp in Pennsylvania? Bear Creek Camp is a great place to send your kids for a camping experience they won't forget. For our younger campers, they offer a "try me" camp, which is a little shorter and helps our young ones adjust from being away from home. Check out registration online: www.bearcreekcamp.org. The camp is also looking for a few great and enthusiastic counselors—maybe you know a college student who would be great! Contact Pastor Skyle for more details.

Last year, the following youth represented St. John's as campers at Bear Creek Camp: Wyatt Barker, Mea Borzumati, Jack Kramer, Katie Kramer, Luke Olsen, Cole O'Neill, Jason O'Neill, Mo O'Neill and Trevor O'Neill. Ask them about their experience!

People of God Involved in God's Work

February Schedule

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Guild

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| 4 Leilani Ash & Jean Herbranson | |
| 11 Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson | |
| 14 Jean Herbranson | Betty Hans
Jean Herbranson |
| 18 Barbara Eng | |
| 25 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace | |

Assisting Ministers

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| 4 Debbie Gordon | Jake New |
| 11 Jay Stearly | Dale Herbranson |
| 14 Margaret Walker | Brittany Walters |
| 18 Dale Herbranson | Sandra Zimmermann |
| 25 Ron Stevens | Sandi Stotler |

Coffee Hour

- 4 Christian Education
- 11 Faith Life
- 18 Adult Choir
- 25 Fellowship/Council

Communion Assistants/Lectors

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| 4 Aimee Hillegas (L)
Pat Lucas | Deb Ahola (L)
Bill Starling |
| 11 Walt Deichmann (L)
Erica Lucas | Shelley Saeger (L)
Nancy Cressman |
| 14 | Rich Latella
Rich Skoniczin |
| 18 Teresa Olsen (L)
Debbe Welsh | Kim Fetters
Larry Fetters |
| 25 Jay Stearly (L)
Brittney Walters | Dale Herbranson (L)
TBD |

Counters

- 4 Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes
- 11 Heather Yonosh, Shirley Platzer, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield
- 18 Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 25 Jack Ertell, Lilly and Elisa Khan, Donna Anderson

Lock-up

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| 4 Dick Wolstenholme | Laura Caughlan |
| 11 Shelley Saeger | Bill Starling |
| 18 Dale Herbranson | Brian Becker |
| 25 Shelley Saeger | Bill Starling |

Ushers

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| 4 Chuck Leidike
Bev Rote
Madison Gadzicki
Cindy Gadzicki | Paul Miller
Beth Williams
James Ninness
Carter Ninness |
| 11 John Rawlins
Luanne Bindschusz
Judy Wolstenholme
Dick Wolstenholme | Deb Ahola
Barb Rambo
Brian Becker
Sandi Stotler |
| 18 Greg Krueger
Barry Church
Bob Gorman
Carol Cully | Donna Anderson
Cathy Garrett
John Westerman
Tyler Pekofsky |
| 25 Rich Latella
Rich Skoniczin
Cathy Garrett
Dick Kunsch | Glen Murphy
Gabrielle VanDerveer
Laurie Griggs-Williams
Donna Anderson |

Counters Needed

Because of retirements, two of our counting groups are in need of a new team member. We need a counter for the first and second Sundays of the month. Counting generally takes about an hour and is easy to learn. Please contact Finance Chairman Jack Ertell at (610) 948-1278 or jertell@comcast.net.



Greetings from Operation Gratitude!

On behalf of Operation Gratitude and the heroes who receive our care packages, I thank you for your generous donation of 50 lbs. of candy and your dedication to our mission. Your contribution will enable us to send over 200,000 "chock full" Care Packages this year to the tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas; to their children anxiously awaiting their return; and to veterans, new recruits, first responders, wounded heroes and their caregivers. As one Navy sailor and New York Police Department officer recently wrote: "every [gift] means a lot to us when we're away from home. It gives us hope, confidence, happiness, strength and pride that somebody is thinking about us, that someone is there for us." Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit. As a 20-year Marine and the new CEO of this amazing organization, I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude. You are truly making a difference!

Warm regards,
Kevin M. Schmeigel, CEO

Summary Report as of November 30, 2017

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 36,638	\$ 30,606	\$ 403,021	\$ 350,678
Other Income	1,867	1,508	20,533	18,424
Total Income	\$ 38,505	\$ 32,114	\$ 423,554	\$ 369,102
Expenses	\$ 39,143	\$ 36,194	\$ 430,581	\$ 404,681
Income (Deficit)	\$ (639)	\$ (4,080)	\$ (7,027)	\$ (35,580)





MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE JACOBSONS

Dear Friends and Family,

25 December 2017

Profound Sadness: We come into this Christmas season with heavy and sorrowful spirits. This year has been dominated so very much by the death of our beloved brother-in-law, Bob Morrison. His sudden, tragic death and the severe trauma to our sister Jeanie in an auto accident in Prague in May casts a pall across the entire horizon of the time since.

With time, Jeanie has healed from her physical trauma but we all so deeply miss this dear man with his wry sense of humor, generous heart and rock-solid integrity. For Linda and me, it causes us to consider our need for more time closer to our families in the coming years.

In the midst of this backdrop of gray and black, we are also deeply blessed. Our daughters and the men in their lives have all come "home" for Christmas. Joyous chaos in a household of eight! We are doing a couple of safaris but mostly remembering and reenacting the family traditions.

Our health care ministries seem to keep expanding. At ALMC we are in midst of a voluntary assessment for accreditation which is leading to many improvements in our quality of care and patient satisfaction. Mark's work with the Cancer Care Center in Moshi has seen great progress with a year of treating over a thousand new cancer patients in the past year. Both Linda and Mark have had the privilege of assisting the new Lutheran clinic in Juba, South Sudan. We officially opened this clinic in November.

Linda's very involved still with keeping the volunteer doctors and students afloat in the challenges of Arusha life. Her work on church council, the Widows' Might, and leading an international women's Bible study are rich and fulfilling.

Our kids are our delight and joy. They continue to make their own profound impact on the world which they have inherited.

Laura and James are still in New York City. Laura has just changed positions after five years at the city Health Department to the analytics team of the New York City safety net hospital system. James made a career change this year and left financial consulting to move into his passion as a career counselor at Columbia Business School.



Sarah is living in Cape Town, and has obtained a work permit for South Africa. Hooray! This in turn enabled her to get a position with Dimagi, providing tech solutions for health and development. She and her boyfriend, Stéphane, enjoy the many outdoor sports of the Western Cape – lots of joy and exercise!

Katherine is continuing to work in Boston at the non-profit Jewish Vocational Service. She works with refugees to find employment and runs vocational training programs throughout the year in several different industries to prepare her students for work in the US. Recent political decisions in the US are bringing challenges of course. Andrew is finishing medical school and they will be looking at a move for residency in the coming year.

We are so very blessed with our family, our ministry, and our joy together.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2018!

Mark, Linda, Laura & James, Sarah, and Katherine



Laura, Katherine, Andrew, James, Stéphane and the Old Folks



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8am Holy Communion 9am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:25am Christian Education Classes—waffle breakfast for 9th-12th grade 10:45am Holy Communion—First Bibles received 12pm St. John's Crafty Folks 2pm PCO Rehearsal	29 6:30pm Kiwanis Board	30 4:30pm PACS Governance Committee	31 10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	1 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Daisy Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 6:30pm Backpacks 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	2	3 5pm Evening Light
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 John Manney's birthday Lily Stewart's birthday Ruth Custer's birthday Thomas Zollers's birthday	29 Alexander Kraft's birthday Whitney Wilkinson's birthday	30 Charles Soult's birthday Cindy Gadzicki's birthday Pam Naylor's birthday Ryan Stefanowski's birthday William and Kay Kunsch's anniversary	31 Connor Hudak's birthday Robin Ferko's birthday Stephanie Riley's birthday	1 Evan DesMarais's birthday Madison Muller's birthday	2 Chris Thompson's birthday Jane Hadfield's birthday Jeffrey Hadfield's birthday Lhotse Durlfinger's birthday	3 David Wilkinson's birthday
4 John and Michelle Wilkinson's anniversary	5 Derek Carr's birthday Kate Endres's birthday Sean Clark's birthday	6 David Reading's birthday Martin Emery's birthday William Shirk's birthday	7 Jane Peronteau's birthday	8	9 Jason O'Neill's birthday	10 Amy Rose Lonsdale's birthday David Horvath's birthday Joel Zimmemann's birthday Norah DiGioia's birthday
11 Beverly Rote's birthday Bill Schoellkopf's birthday Esther Dunbar's birthday Mark Wilkinson's birthday	12 Chuck and Lee Villwock's anniversary Cole Church's birthday Mae Cratty's birthday	13 John and Uldene Duke's anniversary Natalie Wentzel's birthday Sean Kahl's birthday	14 Benton Drewes's birthday Gary Barker's birthday John Unruh's birthday Marlene Seyler's birthday	15 Kate Warren's birthday Rachel Gadzicki's birthday	16	17
18 Alexander Seidel's birthday Tara Andrews's birthday	19 Aimee Hillegas's birthday Miles Church's birthday Sally Tomasoo's birthday	20 Alicia Dewey's birthday Sherry Thomas's birthday	21 Chris Boyle's birthday John Dorward's birthday	22 Bill Wimble's birthday Cathy Kahl's birthday Melody Thomas's birthday	23 Addison Kunsch's birthday Carmen Murphy's birthday Connie Moore's birthday Will and Sandi Stotler's anniversary	24 Robin Emery's birthday
25 Carl Kraft's birthday Chuck and Carol Cully's anniversary David Lacy's birthday	26 Charles Thompson's birthday Duane Landis's birthday Ellie Kurtz's birthday Lily Lane-Aharonian's birthday Scott Deichmann's birthday	27 Bentley Perchalski's birthday Samantha McIntyre's birthday	28 Carlee Henderson's birthday Joelyn Mower's birthday Tammy Klotzbach-Levan's birthday	1 Andrea Hart's birthday Jackie Feinberg's birthday James Moreland's birthday Karen Carr's birthday Sam and Beth Fryer's anniversary	2 Diane Blattner's birthday Kevin Yonosh's birthday Stephen Doepping's birthday	3 Kenneth and Joan Tulish's anniversary Kinley Walters's birthday



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January 3, 2018

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January 5, 2018

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January 5, 2018

Lorraine M. Saxton
January 9, 2018

Jean D. Yancheck
January 13, 2018

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Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion

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