

Family Newsletter



St. Paul's Lutheran School's Lutheran Schools Week Activities Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2019

*God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

Sunday, Jan. 27 — Real Joy — (Psalm 46) Choir Tour

Monday, Jan. 28 — Real Grace — (Psalm 100:5) *"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."* (Pajama Day)

9:30 AM — Mrs. Peacock's Gospel Music

10:55 AM — Lunch with the Parents (Soup & Sandwiches)

12:30-3:00 PM — Square Dancing for P.E.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — Real Place — (Psalm 103:22) *"Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul."* (Dress like a storybook character)

Design placemats for Waffle Brunch

Decorate Lending Library

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Real People — (Psalm 29:11) *"May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!"*

(Wear St. Paul's Lutheran School clothing)

8:30 AM — Chapel Families/Recognize Volunteers (Ms. Seaman, Mr. Siefker)

9:10 AM — Walk to the Cancer Center to sing

12:30-3:00 PM — Zumba for P.E.

Thursday, Jan. 31 — Real Time — (Psalm 121:8) *"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."* (Dress in clothing from other cultures)

5:30 PM — Cultural Fair/Food & Games for the Family

Friday, Feb. 1 — Real Praise — (Psalm 150:1-2) *"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in his sanctuary; praise Him in his mighty heavens! Praise Him for his mighty deeds; praise Him for his greatness."* (Wear nautical or "mad scientist" items)

12:30-3:00 PM — STREAM activities in the gym/Make Hygiene kits

Everyone is welcome to all activities!

Pastor's Page



When I go to church, instead of going through all the traffic in town, I like to take highway 20 and then join I-29. It is a longer route from my house, but I prefer “no stop and go” commute.

A couple weeks ago at 7:30 A.M., I was on highway 20 heading toward church. It was a very foggy morning. I could see less than a half of a mile of the road in front of me. It felt like I was driving in the clouds. It was beautiful but also very scary at the same time. I knew that I needed to keep driving forward but wasn't quite sure if it was safe for me to do that. These thoughts kept going through my mind: Are there any car accidents? Are the people in front of me driving too slow? Am I keeping enough safe distance? And where is the exit to I-29?

We are now moving into a brand-new year -- 2019. Do we know what kind of things that are waiting for us? Yes and no! We may see some events coming, like graduation, wedding, or vacation trip, but there are so many unknown challenges ready to surprise or attack us.

As I looked back on what had happened in my life in 2018, I was shocked by how many surprises that had popped up through the year. Some were good and exciting, but many had made me feel that I was the victim of devil's schemes.

At the beginning of 2018, I had plans to do many exciting things and made some new year's resolutions. As the days went by, I had to keep modifying my schedules to take care of the unseen and unwanted surprises. The biggest challenge that I had to face, as many of you knew, was that I had to take two months off to go back to Taiwan to take care of my father. I was glad to take care of my dad any moment. However, seeing his health declining every day was not something I would plan to face at the beginning of the year 2018. I felt I was defeated by the overwhelming challenges and responsibilities. I learned that I was not in charge of my future at all. By God's grace, I could only take one day at a time and that I needed to pray to Him when I woke up in the morning and when I went back to bed at night.

Back to my commute to church that very foggy morning: as I kept driving forward, suddenly, right in front of the thick fog, I saw the exit sign that says, Sioux City and Council Bluffs. It showed up just at the right time and right place for me. So, I followed the instruction and turned off highway 20 and went to I-29 as I was supposed to.

Do you know, in this foggy 2019, when to speed up, when to slow down, how much distance to keep, what exits to get off, as you travel in your life journey?

You might have plans but life is full of surprises. You might think you are ready, but Satan is a fearful opponent. So, what do we do?

Two Bible passages to keep:

James 4:13-15: *Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”*

Ephesians 6:10-12: *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

May God guide you and lead you every step that you have to take in 2019. Amen.

Youth and Young Adult Events

Happy New Year!

Christmas Program: Last month we had our Christmas Program “A New Star.” I thought the children did a wonderful job and a huge thank you to Brandi Beller for directing it! Keeping in with the Christmas Spirit, the youth had their annual Christmas Party last month as well! We all played games, decorated cookies and were in fellowship together, overall was a wonderful time!

This month a lot of great things are happening for our youth... This month they will be starting to sell Valentine’s dinner and auction tickets before and after church services to help raise money for the National Youth Gathering this July! If you are wanting to help out or have items that can be donated, please come find me and I would love to talk with you! Also this month we are going to Cone Park to go tubing on January 19th and a Musketeers game on January 25th! Sign ups are all down in the new youth room!

As we start the New Year, my main goal for 2019 is to be intentional. Be intentional with everything I am doing and saying and to make sure that what I am doing is helping in some way! With that being said, strengthening my faith is something I am really focusing on this year, and so I wanted to show you great apps that you might love to use or love to share! If you would like help in using any of these, please just come find me or call me and I would love to help you out!

1. **Bible App:** This is the number one Bible app on the market! It is free to use, has various translations so you can read which ever one you enjoy the most, as well as they have morning devotions for everyone, keeps a streak of how often you use it, comes with “Verse of the Day” and so much more!

2. **Live Daily:** This one is more specific to our youth! This app is free as well and goes along with our current teachings in our Sunday morning Bible classes. We use the GroupLive curriculum and we are loving it! This app goes along side of the weekly lessons, and gives you your daily challenge every morning! This app also keeps all our youth events on their calendar and can send you reminders about what is coming up!

3. **Bible App for Kids:** This app is for all you parents out there who have kids trying to steal their phones... This app will take you and/or your child through any story in the Bible and then is followed by a fun activity! They can win awards for completing each story and play games all while learning about the love of Jesus!

So there are my top three Bible apps for all ages! This year in my newsletter I am going to focus on creating a little something for every age, whether it is tips or resources, or maybe a fun craft to do as a family, maybe a small Bible Study you can do at home, but I hope you enjoy this and Happy New Year!

Blessings, Shannon

Acolytes for January



DATE	6 p.m. Saturday	8:15 a.m. Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday
Jan. 06	Marla Anderson		Ava Hannemann
Jan. 13	Charlotte Coleman	Avery Petersen	Emerson Sulzbach
Jan. 20	Carter Sulzbach	Jacey Kennedy	Noah Swearingen
Jan. 27	Marla Anderson	Cameron Black	Sara Sparr



Dear Parents & Friends,

Joyous New Year! Happy 2019!!! The school year is really going by fast! Report cards will be coming home soon. I am proud of all the hard work I see in the classrooms.



Our verse for this month is... *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*
Psalms 46:1

Please, put these dates on your calendar:

Jan. 3 — Classes resume

Jan. 14 — End of 9 weeks

Jan 15 — NO SCHOOL/Teacher Workday

Jan. 27 — 8:45 AM Choir Tour (more details later)

Jan. 27-Feb. 2 — St. Paul's Lutheran School's Lutheran Schools Week

Jan. 28 — Christian Concert at 9:00 AM/Gym (Mrs. Peacock's Gospel Music)

Jan. 28 — Parents eat with students (\$4.50/meal)

Jan. 31 — Cultural Fair (5:30 p.m.-7:00 PM/Food & Games for the Family (Schools Choice Day)

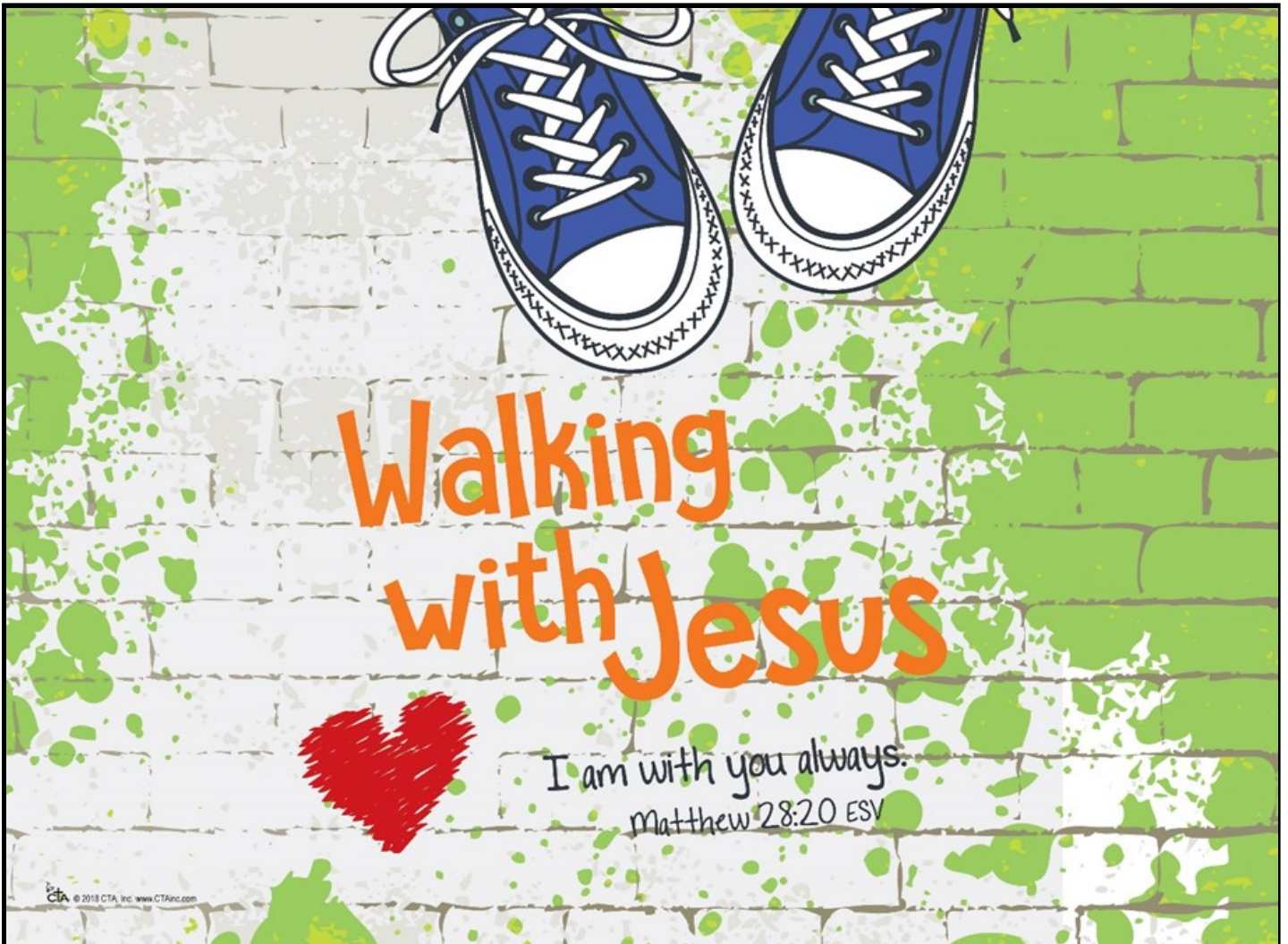
Remember, if you want Snowcap to text your phone about school closings, please go to: www.snowcaponline.net . They have us listed as: St. Pauls Lutheran School (without the apostrophe). We follow the Sioux City school closings, so when in doubt, follow Sioux City.

Please, start collecting new toothbrushes (individual), toothpaste, lightweight hand towels, bars of soap (2 – bath sized 4 to 5 oz.), combs (sturdy), and travel size shampoo and conditioner. Gallon zip-lock bags are also welcome. These items will be used as a service project for Lutheran Schools Week. We are going to be packing kits for shelters. We hope to collect 50 of each item, so each child gets to make a kit.

Blessing in 2019,

Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis

Support our school with Scrip! How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. The next order will be placed on Friday, Jan. 11, with a pick up date of Friday, Jan. 18. We also carry a variety of cards in the office. To order, call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Scrip cards are simply purchased for everyday expenses, such as food, clothing, gifts, gas, etc. To order go to www.shopwithscrip.com or stop in the office.



***Preschool/Kindergarten
Roundup***

***Thursday, February 28th,
at 6:30 PM***

***St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym
(612 Jennings St.)***



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/08	David & Caroline Gomez	47 Years
1/10	Michael & Sandra Murphy	21 Years
1/18	Terry & Maureen Fisher	44 Years
1/24	Ralph & Debbie Modlin	43 Years
1/25	Tony & Brandi Beller	16 Years
1/25	Erik & Bethel Tyger	13 Years
1/30	Clarence & Marlene Anderson	64 Years
1/30	Bob & Coleen McKeever	43 Years

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

Young at Heart Club

"Young At Heart Club" will meet January 20 in the church basement "fellowship hall" after the late service for a noon "Soup" meal. Soup will be furnished with the side dishes being furnished by those in attendance. We will be playing "white elephant" bingo. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship. —
The Committee

January

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1

McKenzie Schweigert
Lon Stuhr

Jan. 2

Matthew Ferry
Kenneth Windle
Samuel Rugu Kihuga

Jan. 3

Alicia Behrens
Brittany Dodds
Marlis Friesner
Brent King
Rodney Lantis
Levi Trobaugh
Adia Wetrosky

Jan. 4

Hannah Hodges
Vickie O'Dell

Jan. 5

Carol Draube
Demetria Knutson
Jennifer Robles

Jan. 8

Dustin Brown
Samantha Jager
Liberty Monk
Hayley Olson
Jeremiah Sparr
Anjuli Wagner

Jan. 9

Amber Haines
Leona Rogers
Curtis Stoever
Eric Striegel
Noah Swearingen
Jadin Wagner

Jan. 10

Kathan Jager
Matthew Jaminet

Jan. 12

Amanda Gardner
Sophia Huff

Jan. 14

Erin Chatham
Christian Kasdorf
Taylor Meek

Jan. 15

Nicole Lewis

Jan. 16

Derek Strom
Paige Wagner
Kiptyn Wilcox

Jan. 17

Owen Orban

Jan. 18

Bobby Bratvold
Maureen Fisher
Fred Sulzbach

Jan. 19

Kristen Carlson
Dennis Hageman, Sr.
Megan Hageman

Jan. 20

Carter Sulzbach

Jan. 21

Brian Halma

Jan. 22

Dee Shoumaker

Jan. 23

Heath Blanford
Jennifer Ferris

Jan. 24

Alyson Cardwell
Aiden Jimenez

Jan. 25

Wally Delzell

Jan. 26

Michael Bliven
Vera Hanna

Jan. 27

Linda Larsen
Patricia Murphy

Jan. 30

Cooper Ferris
Jacey Kennedy
Brenda Robles

Notes from St. Paul's

Blood Pressures

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, in the back of the church.

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Evangelism

Happy New Year. What will you do this year? Do you have a Purpose? Plans? God is at work in the world and he wants you to join him. In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you." This commission was given to every follower of Jesus, not to pastors and missionaries alone. This is your commission from Jesus, and it is not optional. These words of Jesus are not the Great Suggestion. If you are a part of God's family, your mission is mandatory. To ignore it would be disobedience. So the question is not what can the church do for me but what can I do? Share the LOVE of JESUS and also be kind — it's free.



Marlis Hilden

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Coming Up Youth Events

NYG Meeting January 9th



If you are signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering this summer, then this meeting is for you! We will be meeting in the basement of the church to go over prices, general understanding and to meet the other youth going and your adult leaders! Please e-mail Shannon if you cannot make it as this meeting is mandatory at

shannonkporter@gmail.com

Tubing at Cone Park

Calling all youth! This was one of our more fun events from last year and we are bringing it back! We will be going tubing at Cone Park on January 19th. Sign ups are down in the youth room and make sure that you invite all your friends! The more friends the better for a fun-filled night! it is also important to sign up, as last year we ran out of spots and this year they are limited!



Musketeers Game!



On January 25 you are invited to go see the Muskies play against Des Moines! The cost will be \$10 per person and we will meet at the Tyson Center at 6:50 p.m. Everyone is invited; so bring the whole family and maybe some friends too! For more information, please e-mail Shannon at shannonkporter@gmail.com or call the office at (712)-252-0338.

Valentine's dinner and auction are back!

The Valentine's dinner and auction are back by popular demand, This year the theme will be *A night on the Town*. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 9. The youth will be putting on this whole event to raise money to go to the National Youth Gathering this July in Minneapolis. This is the biggest fundraiser the youth does and we would love for you to be a part of it! Tickets will be sold soon so stay tuned! For more information or if you are wanting to donate something to the auction, please e-mail Shannon at shannonkporter@gmail.com



Mission News

Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Tim continues to improve after his accident; he is disgustingly faithful in doing his therapy exercises -- or any sort of exercise -- and he has been taking advantage of our YMCA membership to go swimming several times a week. He was finally released from his back-brace two weeks ago, so he is now working on strength and flexibility in his back and on improving his posture so that he doesn't 'walk like an old man' as he puts it.

Now that Tim is out of his brace he is finally comfortable enough to go on a long trip -- so we are now in Wisconsin to see his family (and boy, is it cold!). It has been good to see his mother and his brother and sister-in-law again, and good for them to finally see Tim. We will be spending all of December here with the Beckendorfs, but in January we go back down to southern Illinois for what we hope will be a final doctor check-up on the 9th. Hopefully, at that point we will be able to start planning our return trip to Botswana.

We continue to pray for our translation team. Splash and Moronga finished up a translation education program the middle of November, and then attended a meeting the end of November between the Bible Societies of South Africa and Botswana and the Khwe community of South Africa regarding that community potentially doing their own translation project. Unfortunately, Splash's mother-in-law died suddenly the night before the meeting so that was really hard on Splash and a big distraction to both Splash and Moronga.

Praises:

- Thanksgiving for the rapid progress God has given Tim toward recovery.
- Thanksgiving for everyone who has been praying for us.
- Thanksgiving for Splash and Moronga being able to go to the translation program in Zambia.

Prayers:

- * Please pray that the team would continue to be diligent in their translation work.
- * Please pray for the family of Splash's mother-in-law.
- * Please pray for wise planning for when to return to Botswana.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

Support Our Missionaries

- Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump** (www.TheTrumps.org)
- Charles & Connie Cortright** (charles.cortright@lcmsintl.org)
- Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf** (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)
- Rev. Henry & Ruthie Witte**

January 2019

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters at Hope Lutheran Church 5 p.m. Confirmation	3 8:30 a.m. Bible Study I, Fellowship Hall	4	5 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion
6 8:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 9:45 a.m. Laminin LYF 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 5 p.m. Elders Meeting	7	8 7 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study @ Shannon's	9 5 p.m. Confirmation National Youth Gathering Meeting	10 8:30 a.m. Bible Study I, Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. Board of Education	11 6 p.m. Worship
13 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 Blood Pressures 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 9:45 a.m. Laminin LYF 10:45 a.m. Worship	14 9 a.m. Sewing 6:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg.	15 7 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study @ Shannon's	16 5 p.m. Confirmation	17 8:30 a.m. Bible Study I, Fellowship Hall	18 8 a.m. SLIMM 6 p.m. Worship/ Communion Youth Tubing at Cone Park
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27 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* 9:45 a.m. Laminin LYF 10:45 a.m. Worship Lutheran Schools Week - Jan. 27-Feb. 2	28 9 a.m. Sewing	29 7 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study @ Shannon's	30 5 p.m. Confirmation	31 8:30 a.m. Bible Study I, Fellowship Hall	26 6 p.m. Worship

Stewardship

Scripture Reading:

“Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:37).

What Is Mine Is Yours

Scripture is filled with wonderful and moving stories about sharing. Possibly the most quoted story is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. God used a despised Samaritan to encourage us to share our time, talents, and treasures with those in need. The Samaritan showed us what it means to have compassion on someone and to give sacrificially as he tended to the man beaten by the robbers. Not only did the Samaritan provide immediate aid, he brought the injured person to an inn where he could be cared for further. The Samaritan used his own funds for the man’s care. The Samaritan demonstrated the attitude, “What is mine is yours.” Our challenge as Christians is to show our compassion as willingly and generously as the Good Samaritan. God wants us to be His channels of His love and care to those in need.



In contrast to the Samaritan, the priest and Levite, who passed by the victim before the Samaritan came along, showed no compassion for the beaten person. They had the attitude, “What is mine is mine.” They didn’t want to give any time, care, or comfort to the victim.

God has blessed us with many talents, gifts, and resources. Because God has blessed us, He will give us opportunities to use what He has given us for His purposes. Through faith, we receive God’s wisdom to acknowledge that He is the provider of all things so we become more willing to share our blessings with others. When God shows you a need, are you ready to respond?

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Why was it so significant that the person sharing his gifts was a Samaritan?
2. In what ways have you demonstrated the attitude “What is mine is yours” at home, at work, and at church?
3. What are some other examples in Scripture where people have shared so freely?

Prayer:

Dear good and gracious Heavenly Father, You show Your love for us in so many different ways. Forgive us when we fail to thank You for all that You do for us. We thank You for Your constant presence in our lives. We pray that You will grant us loving hearts that will be willing to respond to those in need. Help us to love our neighbors. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.



Servants for the Month of January

Altar Guild:

Liz Sanders
Dawn Hindman

Elders:

Sat., 6:00 p.m.: Randy Johnson

Sun., 8:15 a.m.: Ron Cason &
Robert Greene

Sun., 10:45 a.m.: Tim Draube &
Randy Johnson

Ushers for January

01/06	1st Service	Jack Smith Team
	2nd Service	Jack Smith Team
01/13	1st Service	Tim Draube Team
	2nd Service	Bill Hanna Team
01/20	1st Service	Nick Gunn Team
	2nd Service	Bob Grothaus Team
01/27	1st Service	Steven Segebart Team
	2nd Service	Randy Johnson Team



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