

# Emmanuel's Voice

**The Newsletter of Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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## **WHO WE ARE**

### **Ministers of Emmanuel Lutheran Church ...**

All members and friends of Emmanuel

### **Pastor ... Rev.**

Jacqueline Rau

### **Music Director ...**

Valerie Felder

### **Office Staff ... Christina**

Wardell

### **Custodian ... Paul Zetye**

### **Council Members:**

Darin Page, President

Jambres Maximore,

Treasurer

Jerry Hall, Secretary

Barb Laho

Ed Wardell

Lois Jones

## **From Our Pastor:**

A lady wanted to buy some Christmas gifts for her special friends. In the busy weeks before Christmas, time ran out on her & so she gave up her idea of buying gifts. She decided instead to send each friend a Christmas card. It would be a bit cheaper than gifts & easier. She was very pleased to find a pack of 50 cards. She liked the picture on the front. *"That's perfect"* she thought to herself. Once home she quickly signed all the cards, *"With all my love"* & mailed them to her friends. Two weeks later after New Year, she happened to look more carefully at one of the left-over cards from that pack of 50. She was shocked to read the printed message inside the card, which obviously she had not noticed before. It said, *"This Christmas card is just to say, a little gift is on its way."*

It's that time of year when we start thinking of cards and decorations and big meals...and of course gifts. I have to admit I really enjoy getting gifts for folks...it is something I have always enjoyed. But it does bring with it a lot of stress. I had to laugh when my daughter-in-law shared with me that she had all of her Christmas shopping done! I hadn't even started, although by now I have done a little shopping. But there is much stress associated with gift giving... getting the right thing, keeping to a reasonable budget and getting it wrapped.

Christmas is a good time also to reflect on the gifts we receive through the birth of Jesus. The reason we give gifts, I believe, is to honor the only perfect gift ever given - the baby Jesus. So why not spend some time reflecting on that perfect gift? Jesus truly gives us much to cherish. We might reflect on the four things we recognize with our Advent Wreath - Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. We might reflect on the cross - forgiveness and eternal life. We might reflect on the fact that Jesus is with us, has united us together in the Body of Christ, and given us a common goal.

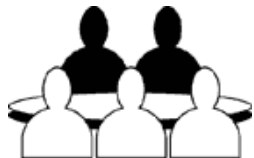
During Advent I will focus each week on a gift Jesus gives us. And I invite you to start your own list, and to ponder it, and cherish it during this holiday season. No wrapping necessary, no burden on your budget, just a deep sense of wonder and anticipation as we await the coming of the babe in a manger.

Peace this holiday season,

**Pastor Jackie**

## Council Highlights

October 8, 2016



Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jambres Maximore, Ed Wardell, Barb Laho, Jerry Hall, Lois Jones, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

### Opening

At 10:10 a.m. meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Rau.

### Worship and Music

Met on September 18. Discussed schedule for upcoming year. A couple of things to note:

- Christmas Eve Worship and the pre-worship we have held in the past will be combined into one. It will start at 10:00 pm.
- Since Christmas Day is on a Sunday we discussed whether or not to hold service, and if we do what time to hold it. A survey was created via "Survey Monkey" online. So far we have received 18 responses to the 50 emails sent out. We have had 9 no's, 8 yeses, and 1 I don't know. Of the 8 yeses, the later times are preferred.
- Briefly discussed the Lenten Services and specifically whether or not to have a meal beforehand. It has become increasingly difficult to

get folks to volunteer to prepare the meals. No firm decision made yet.

### Outreach

- Planning to have a Refugee Sunday on Sunday, October 30. Ken Fouty from Samaritas will speak.
- First Lunch and Learn went well and am looking forward to the next two.

### Property

Majority of meeting centered on the Southfield Code Violation

**Extended discussion parking lot repair:** costs projected minimum approximately \$80,000 for simple resurfacing (which would include painting with double lines) to much larger values for more extensive repairs; is it worth it; how much can we afford or not-afford; what is the least we must/need do; and other options, responses, and questions.

- General advice from outside was that we will have to comply with city's demands. We will go to the city asking for more time to comply. We will not be able to execute repair until the spring.
- Architect (known to Pastor) will help us with site plan or plans (\$1,000 total) as is necessary: approved
- Clothing drop-off box is OK to remain (was a misunderstanding).

- Dumpster must be returned to original site (the original church plans) and screened. New footing may be necessary.

### Resolved:

- Present situation in brief to congregation.
- Ask for committee volunteers who can work on this 'full' time.
- Consider, discuss, and pray as to how to proceed.

**Doors:** can be modified to meet code (push bars); \$795 for the two.

**Elevator enclosure:** needs work (foundation sinking), not sure how to proceed in light of parking lot work and costs.

**2017 Health Care Plan** (5% increase) discussed and approved.

### Adjournment with Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Hall

## Welcome Cliff and Emily Scott

Cliff Scott and his mom Emily will be holding worship services in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons starting in January. They will also be holding bible study Wednesday nights starting at 6:45.

## Council Highlights

November 4, 2016

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jambres Maximore, Ed Wardell, Barb Laho, Jerry Hall, Lois Jones, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

### Opening

At 10:10 a.m. meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Rau.

### Education

Held a meeting to discuss future of VBS. General feeling was attendance has been declining and perhaps it is time to take a year off. We could try a full day program that is run by Living Waters but that would be quite a different approach for us. There is a substantial cost - \$2400 - but we might be able to get a grant through Mt. Zion. Also could increase our promotion of it.

### Worship and Music

Looking into the possibility of doing a joint service with Transfiguration for Reformation next year.

### Outreach

Last Lunch and Learn was very well attended. And we had a good number of volunteers. Attendance at Fountains has also increased with the fall.

### Property

- Contacted Jan Door to proceed with installation of push bar. Work has not been scheduled yet.

- Got same pricing from Eagle Landscaping for snow plowing so went ahead and gave them the go ahead.

Majority of meeting centered on the Southfield Code Violation; discussed possible options considering both our future and financing.

- Parking lot repair: lower bids than initial have been found; they both include striping and resurfacing. Prices may go up with delay.
- Dumpster: Approximately \$3,100 for new footing.
- Elevator enclosure: needs attention but at present the parking lot repair is primary concern.

### Resolved:

- Present (1st) the smaller site plan to the city for approval.
- December 4, present plan to congregation for consideration.
- December 11, seek approval for plan.
- Hold nonscheduled meetings as necessary as things progress.

### Other business

- Approved: use of building for children's Master Gardener classes.
- Cliff Scott: small group of around 20 people may request to use building for worship Sunday

afternoons beginning around 1:30 p.m. and starting next year. Perhaps also Wed evening for bible study. -- considering

- VFW may be seeking a new meeting place—may consider our church.
- Discussed VBS attendance.
- Resolved to seek rental information from a realtor.

### Adjournment with Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Hall

## Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of the various property issues we are facing. We will have written information available a week in advance for you to review prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend if you are able.

## Offering Envelopes for 2017

Our financial giving is a spiritual act. That is why we present the offering at the altar during worship. If you have envelopes thank you for your faithful giving. If you need them, please notify Jerry Hall or Harriet Demorest.

## December 4 Deadline

Beautiful poinsettia plants are used to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. If you wish to order a Poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones, please complete the form and put it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office with \$8.50 per plant.



## Help Decorate Our Church

Please gather upstairs after the Coffee and Tea Fellowship on Sunday, December 18. Let us all come together to decorate our church. We will be decorating the Christmas tree and setting up the manger.



## Congregational Greeting Card

Instead of buying Christmas cards for everyone in the Congregation, please consider donating money to the Coalition for Temporary Shelter (COTS) and be part of the Congregational Greeting Card distributed at the Christmas Eve Service.

Contact Christina Wardell at 248-357-1848, if you would like to participate. Make your check payable to "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" and designate "COTS" on the memo line. The deadline is Sunday, December 18.

## Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Saturday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. It will be a little different format this year. Instead of special concert preceding the service, the concert will be incorporated directly into the service. So plan to join us at 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child!



## Youth Afternoon

All school-aged children are invited to bake and decorate Swedish gingerbread cookies on Sunday, December 11 after our fellowship hour. Some of the cookies baked will be saved for Christmas Cookie Sunday.



## Christmas Cookie Sunday, December 18

A long-time tradition at Emmanuel is Christmas Cookie Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring Christmas cookies on December 18. They will be shared during the Coffee and Tea Fellowship.

## Kroger Community Rewards



Thank you to those who signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards. Thanks to our supporters (14 households) who shopped at Kroger between 7/31/2016 and 10/30/2016, we have recently received a \$58.46 donation. If you have not yet signed up, please visit Kroger's website at <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>.

## Southfield MLK Peace Walk Celebration set for Monday, January 16



The city of Southfield and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force will host the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Peace Walk Celebration on Monday, January 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway.

The peace walk will depart from Hope United at 10:15 a.m., followed by a program at the Southfield Pavilion, located in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road.

## Lunch and Learn



There is no Lunch and Learn scheduled for December. It will return on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> with Kelly Buckberry of the Crime Prevention Bureau of the Southfield Police, speaking to us about personal safety and crime prevention. Start time is 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch, followed by our speaker. We usually finish up by 1:00 p.m. No cost to this event, we ask that you bring a non-perishable item for our food pantry if you are able.

## Stewardship Moment

During our Stewardship Drive this year, we focused on the question of “does what we do matter? Are we making a difference?” In a sense, are we worth the investment.

I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts on what it means to be a Lutheran in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. As we consider our ministry here in Southfield, what makes us unique? Why is our witness here important?

I'll start with our hallmark piece of theology ... it is not by our works, but by God's grace we are saved. At the very core of our understanding of the faith is the understanding that we don't have to do a single thing in order to right or better our relationship with God. God has already done this through Christ. We have been made right. God took the first step.

So in other words we don't have to do a thing. But here's the reality; this is the exact reason we believe we are motivated to, and I would even say, driven to *do*. To serve, to give, to share. To act on our faith. It's all about gratitude. Remember your favorite Christmas gift as a child? Didn't you feel thankful, didn't you want to give something in return.

So for all of those folks today who are claim there is “no free lunch,” we can honestly say, let me tell you about someone I know.

## Living Lutheran Magazine

*Living Lutheran* is a publication of the ELCA. Each month, *Living Lutheran* focuses on bringing some 10,300 ELCA congregations together through a shared vision for ministry. Challenging feature articles help equip individuals, families as well as their pastors for effective ministry in their congregations and communities.

*Living Lutheran* explores issues that make a difference in readers' lives by telling stories about religious experiences, congregations, and world perspectives of members of the ELCA. The magazine also covers news of the ELCA's ministry church-wide – locally, nationally and globally.

As the ELCA continues to define its role and mission, *Living Lutheran* remains an integral part of its identity and its communication strategy.

*Living Lutheran* serves as a strong voice for the ELCA reaching its individual members and congregations with timely and consistent articles enabling its readers to be engaged in their church locally and globally.

Anyone who would like to subscribe to the *Living Lutheran Magazine* for 2017 should speak with Harriet Demorest as soon as possible. The cost is \$9 per year.

## Obituaries



**Elvi (Hill) Saviniemi, 95**, of Southfield, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2016.

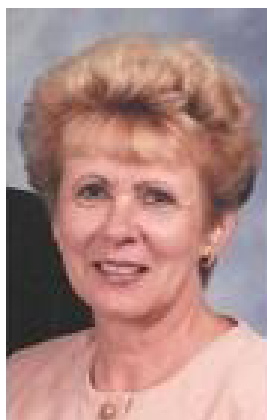
She was the beloved wife of the recently deceased, Rafael, for 73 years; dearest mother of Ann Saviniemi and Lois (John) Sefcovic; loving grandmother of Matthew (Crystal) and Ryan Sefcovic, and great-grandmother of Weston James Sefcovic.

She was born in Painesdale and graduated from Painesdale High School.

In retirement, Rafael and Elvi, avid golfers, spent their winters in Lake Worth, Florida.

The Saviniemi's were Charter Members of Emmanuel. Active in many capacities throughout the years.

Elvi was known for her talent in pasty making. The style of her pasties were unique.



**Judith M. Palko age 73**

Judy Palko, went to be with the Lord on November 2, 2016. She was on Hospice care at her home in Canton.

Loving wife of Daniel of 52 years. Dear mother of Pamela (Scott) Davis, Daniel (Crystal) Palko Jr., and Stephen (Christine) Palko. Devoted grandmother of Danny, Christian, Lindsay, Luke, and Anna. Dear sister of Janet (Ed) Kotajarvi and the late Joanne (Gary) Young.

Judy, was a member of Emmanuel for all of her growing up years. She was confirmed, married and her children were baptized at Emmanuel.

Later, they moved to Canton, MI and became members of St. Michael's Lutheran Church where she was a member until her recent death.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.



**Robert James Wittla, 74**, of Bruce Crossing, MI passed away Friday, November 18, 2016 at his home in Bruce Crossing, Michigan. He succumbed to a heart attack. Robert was born in Detroit, MI to Emil (better known as Buck) and Olive (Juntunen). Robert is a graduate of Cass Tech High School in Detroit, MI. He retired from the Detroit Public Schools as a Electrician in 1998. Robert is a member of IBEW Union local 58 in Detroit, MI. He has been a licensed Ham Radio Operator for over 50 years. Robert is survived by two sons; Ronald of Dearborn, MI and Kenneth (Maki) of Misawa, Japan. four grandchildren; Hannah, Amanda, Kelsey and Scott Wittla. one brother; William (Beatrice) of Laurium, MI, one sister; Barbara (Anthony) Valdivia of Katy, Texas.

Bob was cousin to Dick Bergstrom, Ron Harkness, Skip Lampi, Joe Laderach, and Rick Dayes, and nephew to several aunts and uncles, all former members of the Emmanuel family.

## New Members



On Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Williams family joined Emmanuel. In April, Derrick and Debra Williams and their daughter, Danielle, officially became Michiganders. Originally from Chicago, the Williams family moved to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law and three grandsons, who moved to Michigan in February. They sometimes bring their grandsons to worship with them! Derrick is a retired Chicago police officer and Debra is a retired education reporter. The family is a former member of St. Mark Lutheran Evangelical Church in Chicago where they were involved in Bible studies, cooking, and on the Council. Welcome Williams family!



### a Birthday!

Have a very happy birthday! Birthday Sundays will be on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring a snack to share on that day.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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## Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of:

**TOINI KESTI**, from Ann Dixon, Don Thompson, Erick Kyro, Jane Kemppainen, Fred and Dee Asbersold, Sally Hellonen, Ed and Janet Kotajarvi, Linda B. Van Meer, Judith Gates, Shirley Pulley, Charles and Elaine Lada, Jack and Lynn Lehto, Roger and Harriet Demorest, Irma Leppala, and John and Cindy Moilanen;

**WILL RAJALA**, from Shirley Pulley.

**ELVI SAVINIEMI**, from Ann Saviniemi, Lois Sefcovic and Family, and Elsie Huber; and

**JUDY PALKO** from the Wardell Family.

Sincerely,

**Cindy Moilanen**

Memorial Fund Committee



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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**December 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>November 27</b> 1 Advent  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>November 28</b>                      Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 29</b></p>	<p><b>November 30</b>                      Bible Study 10 a.m.                      AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.                      Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>                      Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m.                      Church Council Meeting 10 a.m.                      Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>4</b> 2 Advent  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Bible Study 10 a.m.                      AA Meeting 8:30 p.m..</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.                      Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>                      Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>11</b> 3 Advent  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Special Congregational Meeting 12 noon                      Youth Christmas Cookie Bake 1 p.m.                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Bible Study 10 a.m.                      AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.                      Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>                      Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>18</b> 4 Advent  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Hanging of the Greens 12:15 pm                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Bible Study 10 a.m.                      AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.                      Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Christmas Eve                      Holy Communion &amp; Candlelight Service 10:00 p.m.</p> 
<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day</p> <p><b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>                      AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.                      Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>



## Sunday Servants • December 2016



	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 24	December 25
<b>Day</b>	2 Advent	3 Advent	4 Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
<b>Color</b>	Blue	Blue	Blue	White	White
<b>Presiding</b>	Pastor Jackie Rau				
<b>Assisting and Lector</b> Christina Wardell	Lisa Jones	Jamie Maximore	Morgan Jones	Darin Page	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Music Director</b>	Valerie Felder				
<b>Cantors</b>	Lisa Jones	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	N/A	N/A
<b>Ushers</b> Roger Demorest	<b>Jerry Hall</b> Bruce Ricketts Tristin Cross Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Mya Maximore	<b>Christina Wardell</b> Ann Dixon Breanna Cross Kaiya Cross Dorothy Krisel	<b>Christina Wardell</b> Ann Dixon Breanna Cross Kaiya Cross Dorothy Krisel	<b>Don Thompson</b> Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
<b>Greeters</b> Barb Laho	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Margaret Vore	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Acolytes</b> Christina Wardell	Chloe Rau	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Marcus Rau	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Altar Care</b> Donna Page	Comique People Ann Dixon	Donna and Darin Page	Maria Wardell Lisa Jones Mya Maximore	Altar Guild	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Tellers</b> Harriet Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Donna and Darin Page	Dean Lemponen Elaine Lada Chuck Lada	Dean Lemponen Elaine Lada Chuck Lada	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest
<b>Fellowship Hour</b> Janet Kotajarvi	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	YAH	<b>Christmas Cookie Day</b>	N/A	<b>December Birthdays</b>
<b>Audio Recording</b>	Ed Wardell				
<b>Sunday School Music</b>	Barbara Klimkowski				
<b>Sunday School</b>	Richard Chavanak	Lisa Maximore	Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	N/A	N/A
<b>Teen Forum</b>	Pastor Jackie Rau	Darin Page	Pastor Jackie Rau	N/A	N/A
<b>Worship Folder and Bulletin</b>	Christina Wardell				

**If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.**

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**January 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day/Name of Jesus  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m. New Revolution Opening 2
<p><b>8</b> Baptism of Our Lord  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<b>9</b> Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
<p><b>15</b> 2 Epiphany  <b>Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>                      Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon                      New Revolution Church 2pm                      Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King Day  Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. New Revolution Bible Study 6:45 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
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**Sunday Servants • January 2017**

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>Day</b>	1 Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord	2 Epiphany	3 Epiphany	4 Epiphany
<b>Color</b>	White	White	Green	Green	Green
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12
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<b>Greeters</b> Barb Laho	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Wardell Family	Faye and Cameron Lowe	Eddie and LaDonn People
<b>Acolytes</b> Christina Wardell	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Marcus Rau	Chloe Rau	Tristin Cross
<b>Altar Care</b> Donna Page	TBD				
<b>Tellers</b> Harriet Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Ann Dixon	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Ann Dixon	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Donna and Darin Page
<b>Sunday School Music</b>	Barbara Klimkowski				
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A	Lisa Maximore	Richard Chavanak	Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	LaDonn People
<b>Fellowship Hour</b> Janet Kotajarvi	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	<b>January Birthdays</b>	Church Council
<b>Flowers</b> Sharon Hall	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>
<b>Audio Recording</b>	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell			
<b>Worship Folder and Bulletin</b>	Christina Wardell				

**If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.**