

# Walking Together

## UPDATE FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

A special voters meeting was held on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. The voters decided the following: a call was issued to Lynn Casselman as principal of the school; Pastor Matthew Harrison and Pastor David Maier were nominated for President of LCMS; Pastors Derek Lecakes and Scott Sailer, were nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Synod; and Pastors Jon Diefenthaler and Jeffrey Skopak, were nominated for East / Southeast Regional VP. Also a revised school budget was approved.

I want to take the time to thank the principal call committee for all their work. This committee has been working for two years. They have contacted 63 individuals over that time. They had to make many hard decisions concerning the qualification of individuals for the position of principal. It is important that the voters support the recommendation of the committees. They have been doing the difficult job of searching for individuals for this position. It has been and will continue to be the practice of any of our call committees NOT to publish the names of candidates prior to a voters meeting. The exception would be if a candidate has had a congregational meeting prior to a voters meeting. **Please pray** for Lynn Casselman as she considers the call to be principal and that this committees work will be finished.

The pastor call committee is working on our vacancy and will be facing similar challenges. While we have not had many candidates for our intentional interim pastor, the committee has held several meetings and had discussions on the candidate(s) background and credentials. Hopefully, we will have a longer list of candidates when the time comes for our full-time pastor.

Our congregational profile committee has also been at work. With some delays and the holiday season, we now hope to have the first congregational survey distributed in January. Please support and keep these committees in your prayers.

A **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** has been called for Sunday Jan. 6, 2019 after our church service. The agenda for this meeting has two items. The call of Pastor David Betzner as intentional Interim. Pastor Betzner has been interviewed twice and had a meeting with some congregational members in December. The other item on the agenda is for the nomination of a lay person who will be able to vote for the position of President of the LCMS. Information will be on the table in the narthex of the church.

**Looking ahead:** Vice President Aaron Nelson has begun to seek nominations for the following positions to be elected at our June Voters meeting; Congregational President, Con-

*Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.*

### Important Dates in January:

- 2 Cemetery Committee, 1 pm
- 3 FROG Youth Group, 3 pm
- 5 Men's Club, 8 am
- 6 Yth take down Christmas Décor.
- 7 PTL First Monday Munchies
- 8 Elders Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Choir, 7:30 pm
- 10 Leadership Planning, 7 am
- 14 ESL, 7:15 pm
- 16 Choir, 7:30 pm
- 17 ESL, 7:15 pm
- 18 Men's Bible Study
- 19 Church/School Workday, 8 am
- 21 Office Closed  
ESL, 7:15 pm
- 22 Family Forum, all grades, 6:30 pm
- 23 Choir, 7:30 pm
- 24 ESL, 7:15 pm
- 27 Cherub Choir Sings, 10 am
- 28 ESL, 7:15 pm
- 30 Choir, 7:30 pm
- 31 Day School Closes @ noon  
ECC open til 6 pm  
ESL, 7:15 pm



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# WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN DECEMBER

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### **January 6— Epiphany**

Leading us in worship: Pastor Thomas Foelber

Bible Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Service: Setting Three—Holy Communion—10 am

### **January 13—Baptism of our Lord**

Leading us in worship: Pastor David Maack

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, Luke 3:15-22

Service: Setting Three—Holy Communion—10 am

### **January 20—Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Leading us in worship: Pastor Yared Halche

Bible Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1

Service: Setting Three—Holy Communion—10 am

### **January 27—Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Leading us in worship: Pastor Charles Braband

Bible Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:16-30

Service: Setting Three—Holy Communion—10 am