

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

The next three weeks will be an exciting time for our congregation. We will be talking about blessings both personal and those of our church family and the ministry we share together. The theme for this exciting time is ***Stories to Tell...Gifts to Share***. The texts for this theme are Luke 8:39: and Acts 4:20:

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."
(Luke 8:39)

"For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."(Acts 4:20)

Be sure to mark this important date on your calendar:

Consecration Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Advent is about preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord, recalling his birth among us and looking to his coming again. Advent reminds us we are in the time between watching and waiting. But this doesn't mean sitting on the couch waiting for the door bell to ring. Stewardship is about what we do in the meantime, and pledging to the Church is a step of faith in sharing the story of God's gift for us in Jesus Christ. Consider your pledge to Holy Apostles' this Advent as a part of your looking for God's coming and coming again.

Pastor Chris



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Sunday service: 10:30am
Office hours: Mornings - MTW

Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

December- peanut butter

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

Individual cereal boxes

Adult Sunday School

Join Pastors Chris and Sheryl on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. during December for an Advent study entitled "The Living Nativity".

This study will explore how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Everyone is welcome.

Thanksgiving

Just a note of thanks to all who helped make our annual Thanksgiving dinner with Saint Francis a rousing success. I don't have an official count, but I'm estimating there were between 70 and 80 people who attended and everyone seemed to be enjoying the wonderful food and fellowship.

A special "Thank You" to the Raney's who spearheaded our side of the event. I'm starting to wonder how I went for so long not having deep-fried turkey!

Christmas Information

The container for donations to help offset the cost of the Christmas poinsettias is on a table in the narthex. Please consider donating to the cause. There is a sign up sheet if you want your donation noted in the bulletin.

There will be Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 5:30.

FYI- Names and Contact Information

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December Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
12/2	Deb/Maryruth	Mary & Atley	the Cannons	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia
12/9	Andee/Jenny	Matthew & Clancy	the Raneys	the Cannons	LeAnn & Nancy
12/16	LeAnn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	LeAnn & Milo	Sharon	Andee & Jenny
12/23	Steph/Sister E-S	Bill R	Deb & Atley	Steve & Sylvia	Pete & Nancy
12/24	Marilyn/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Steve & Nick	the Johnsons	Deb & Cindy
12/30	Deb/Jenny	Matthew & Clancy	LeAnn & Milo	Pete	the Cannons
1/6	Sylvia/Maryruth	Mary & Atley	the Cannons	Nikki	Steve & Marilyn

December Altar: Pete Okamoto & Amber Plasencio

December Coffee Hour snacks provider: Margaret Fiegel

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Dec 4	Patty Kurtz	Dec 7	Scott Lane	Dec 19	Lucy Jones
Dec 4	Rich Taedter	Dec 7	Robert Marlowe	Dec 23	Merrill Newman
Dec 6	Margaret Fiegel	Dec 15	Nick Sakurada		

Anniversaries:

Dec 4	Mark & Annette Knaub
Dec 30	Lee & Jenny Hughson
Dec 31	Abel & Amber Plasencio

December Altar Flowers

Given by:

In memory of:

Dec. 2 Margaret Fiegel

Lowell Fiegel, Margaret & James Haggarty

Dec 24 the Johnson family

Loved ones

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	3	4	5	6 ECW meeting @ Jenny Hughson's house	7 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	8
9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	10	11	12	13	14 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	15
16* 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Vestry Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	22
23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	24 5:30 Christmas Eve Service	25	26	27	28 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	29
30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	31					

*As third Sunday, December 16 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.

There are Confirmation Classes every Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran at 6:00 pm.