

Holy Apostles' "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

They called him "Janus", the two faced god. He wasn't duplicitous of mind, just literally 'two-faced'. If you know your Roman mythology, you know I am talking about one of the mythological gods of the Romans. He was said to be able to see the past and the future at the same time. This accorded Janus a special recognition of wisdom from the gods of the Roman pantheon.

In recognition of that place as well, when the 12 month calendar was established by the Roman Emperor, the first month of the year was named after Janus, a name that has stuck with us to the present day, January. Often we use the first month as a time of reflection on the past and looking to the future as well. It seems a wise and sensible thing to do. That is really what the whole 'New Year's Resolution' thing is all about isn't it? We look to the past and think, "Whoa, I put on a few pounds last year, better do something about that..." And then we plan for the future, "I resolve to hit the gym twice a week," or, "I'm going to walk 3 miles a week." Of course we know all too well where this usually ends up, another couple pounds heavier the following year. Why? I think it's because we think January is the only time for looking back and forward. Instead of taking a cue from the god it was named after. Janus never stopped looking back and forward.

While we don't worship a 'two-faced god' or believe in Roman mythology, our God does call us to both look to the past and to the present. I believe that is an important part of our worship. We begin with confession, reflecting back over the past week and noting, in particular our sins, our shortcomings. We hear of God's word of grace and mercy that frees us from being stuck there and encourages us to look to the coming week with hope and a plan for living. Especially, when we celebrate communion we look forward, celebrating the foretaste of the feast divine. So every week can be for us a 'January'. So, what resolutions are you going to make this year? I've got a plan that will help you follow through: see you in worship!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Chris Kester Beyer

January Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
1/3	Sylvia/Maryruth	Mel Flick & Nick S.	Steph & Chris	Nick & Katy
1/10	Steph/Jenny	Lee H & Chris C	Pete O/Deb Y	Fred & Nancy S
1/17	Marilyn J/Maryruth	Nick S/Fred S	Gilbert & Patty	Nancy Sato
1/24	Andee/Jenny	Mel F/Tyler P	Steph & Chris	Steve & Sylvia
1/31	Steph/Maryruth	Chris C/Larry W	Fred & Nancy S	Pete O
2/7	Amber/Jenny	Lee H/John P	Nikki Rose	Nick & Katy



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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
 donations:

January-muffin mix

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or
 Mickey Hara-(308)623-2916

Bible Puzzle

**How many of the books of the Bible can
 you find by unscrambling these letters?**

seesign
 hemwatt
 usedox
 nailed
 nominaltaste
 violentera
 lastagain
 hazephina
 asheepsin
 onmars
 moodytenure

chairhaze
 human
 visitclue
 socialsons
 beshrew
 tileaccesses
 ashoe
 hemplion
 ijeerham
 hobaida

Reflections

As we exit one year and move on to another I'd like to take a moment to share just a few thoughts and memories of 2015. I hope I can speak for all of the church community when I say that I feel we've been truly blessed by gaining the pastoral leadership of Pastors Chris and Sheryl. They have jumped right in and added so much to the Holy Apostles family.

One of our native sons was awarded an honor that should make us all proud. The combination Fr. Kano/New Ministry event in October was a celebration of the past, the present and the future of Holy Apostles'.

The Christmas Eve service was a beautiful reminder of what the season is all about.

So, as we move on from 2015, may the new year find you and yours healthy, happy and ready to face whatever God brings your way. Happy New Year!!!

On the Calendar

Cursillo Group Reunion
 Fridays at 7:00 am
 Penny's Diner in Morrill

January 7-ECW meeting; 1:00 @
 Holy Apostles

January 24-Annual Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays.

Jan 7 Michael John Kurtz	Jan 15 Jerry Kurtz	Jan 19 Lee Hughson
Jan 8 Leann Sato	Jan 15 Chad Propp	Jan 21 Kylie Lewis
Jan 9 Milo Newman	Jan 16 Rose Yamamoto	Jan 30 Anne Lewis

Anniversaries.

Jan 1 Don & Nikki Rose

January Altar Flowers

January 24 by Nick and Katy Sakurada in memory of:
 Robert Konishi, John and Ruby Sakurai, and George & Wai Konishi

Food for Thought

Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

Helen Keller

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