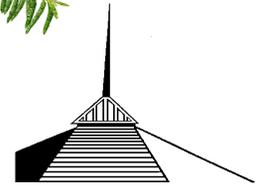




THE LIFE OF LYNNWOOD

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THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR GARRET

ADVENT

It's here. I know it. You know it. It is that season where time seems to run a little faster, our wallets become a little tighter, and everybody is just a little crazier.

The "Christmas Season" or "Holiday Season" as I have heard it called, is that time of year between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve when (most often) we hastily go through all the frantic motions of what this season has to offer. We run to the store and return, only to run back out to the store when we realize we didn't get the thing we went to get in the first place. There are practices and rehearsals to attend. We run the gauntlet of gatherings, gifts, and goodies.

I sometimes ask myself: "why all this business and running around?" Do you ever ask this question?

I wonder if we have created this holiday buzz as a way to numb us. I wonder if we over commit ourselves in order to avoid standing still long enough to take a good long look at our lives within or around us.

wonder if this season seizes on our willingness to become distracted. In all, I wonder if in this "Christmas Season" we do all this because we are attempting to escape some part of our life.

For centuries the church has called the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve *Advent*, rather than the Christmas or Holiday Season. The season of Christmas (or Christmastide) are the twelve days from December 25 to January 5.

Advent comes from the Latin word, 'Adventus', which means 'coming' or 'arrival'. During the season of Advent we remember the people of God's longing and waiting for God's arrival in the form of baby Jesus. And for us here today it is an invitation for us to reflect on how we are an expectant people waiting for Jesus to come again. But, perhaps, just as important, this season is about the fact that God sees us and thinks entering into this world and our lives is worthwhile.

Advent is not a season about our escape from the world, rather, this season is about God's entry into the world to redeem and renew this world and our lives. Therefore, Advent is an invitation back into our lives, into our skin. We are invited to stop, and as painful as it may be, take a good long look at the real.

This may give rise to tears and sorrowful spirits. This might mean we have to confront the fact that our hearts are bricks of coal. This might mean decrying the broken hope we had for leaders and institutions to be just and good. It is indeed a very good and faithful thing to acknowledge these things to ourselves, to each other, and to God. This form of acknowledgement is called, 'lament', and it has a rich tradition within scripture and the life of God's people. Lament was a faithful posture of God's people when they were lost, broken, scared, overwhelmed, stuck, or fallen.

When we lament and acknowledge what is not right, we are putting these things before God and expecting that the God who came to this world once might take up our concerns and do with them immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

I hope that you might enter this time between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve in a posture of Advent. Of waiting, longing, hoping for God in the places of your life and this world that are not 'right' yet. I am not saying to abstain from gatherings, gifts, and goodies. Rather, I am inviting you to be mindful of why you are doing what you are doing. Are you doing something as a way to escape your life?

My prayer is that you take time to be mindful of these things. But further, be mindful that when you slow down enough to take a good look at your life and the world, that the God who came as a baby in a lowly cattle stall, will meet you. This God comes to be with you, to renew you, and give you life abundantly.

Pastor Garret

Advent is an invitation back into our lives, into our skin.

THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR STACEY

A month and a half ago, I spent three days in Wichita, Kansas for the 2018 Annual Convocation of Christian Churches Together (CCT). I attended the convocation as a delegate for our denomination, the Reformed Church in America. CCT is an ecumenical organization, meaning that they are committed to the work of the whole Christian church in its various communions including Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal and Evangelical, Historic Black Churches, and the Historic Protestant Church.

Christian Churches Together is focused on building relationships and connections based on listening and the sharing of faith stories. We discussed this "Unity Statement on Poverty and Racism" and truthfully, not all communions or representatives present agreed with everything in the statement. The statement touched on issues of Christian activism, immigration, refugees, and mass incarceration. Even though there was not universal agreement, we continued to stay in communion together and discuss how we as churches,



"The purpose of Christian Churches Together is to enable churches and national Christian organizations to grow closer together in Christ in order to strengthen our Christian witness in the world."

In Wichita, seventy Christian leaders from thirty-four communions and organizations gathered to talk about our common work and witness in the theme "Let's talk about Life." The Convocation also discussed the document "Unity Statement on Poverty and Racism" which you can read in its entirety by following the link below. The document states,

"The integral relationship between poverty and racism unifies us against both. They are both issues to which the gospel of Jesus Christ speaks- which also calls us to love our neighbors, without expectations . . . The body of Christ is perhaps the most diverse racial community in the world. When people of color in the body of Christ suffer- while many white members of the body of Christ do not acknowledge their pain- we are violating the principle laid down in 1 Corinthians 12: that we are one body with many parts, who suffer with and honor one another."

both nationally and locally, can work against poverty and racism.

In this season of advent, I reflect about Jesus the Christ Child, who comes to us on Christmas as an infant in Roman occupied Palestine. Jesus did not appear to kings, but to shepherds. Jesus was not born in a palace, but in a stable feeding trough. From the very beginning of his story, we see that Jesus is, in a special way, the God of the poor, the weak, the impoverished and the marginalized. This season of advent, I continue to reflect on the work that happened at the annual convocation of Christian Churches Together back in October. I pray that Christ, will give us the courage to live with his same radical humility and hospitality. That in word and action, we can look outside ourselves to care for those in poverty and who are marginalized in our midst. In a world that did not have room for Jesus when he was born, may we always continue to make room for all.

In Christ,
Pastor Stacey

1. <http://christianchurchestogether.org>

2. <http://circleofprotection.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Circle-of-Protection-Unity-Statement.pdf>



Waiting Between Lament and Hope

Dec. 2: The End at the Beginning:

As the church calendar begins we look to the prophecies of the end to orient our Advent expectations.

Dec. 9: The Posture of Lament:

Learning individual and communal lament to God as a posture of faithfulness.

Dec. 16: Hope Springs Eternal in Christ:

The promises of God in Christ are sure and trustworthy chords of hope for us to hold onto.

Dec. 23: Children’s Pageant:

The children and youth of Lynnwood will help us to see and imagine the beauty of the Christ child as they lead us in a live performance. (No nursery coverage on this date).

Dec. 24: Candlelight Service at 7pm:

A wonderful celebration of the night on which Christ was born. The evening will hold scripture lessons, cherished carols, prayers for hope, candle-lighting, and more. (No nursery coverage on this date). *Please join us!*

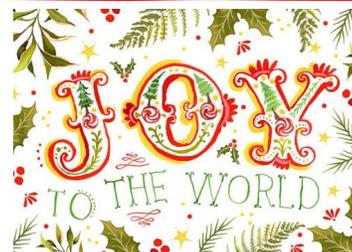
Appreciation Giving at Christmas

Please join us in giving thanks

The holiday season has snuck up on us once again, and with it comes many ways to share our blessings with others. Over the next few weeks your Lynnwood family will provide multiple opportunities for you to help make Christmas a brighter and more meaningful experience for those in need, should you be able to do so. Of course, there are no obligations.

Also, as we have in the past, for those who would like to contribute to a monetary gift for the Lynnwood staff, please do so by submitting cash, or check made out to cash with “staff gift” in the memo section. Contributions may be given to Kathy Mix, or Nancy LaPietro if Kathy is not available. Please do not designate specific dollar amounts for individual staff members.

Many thanks!
Lynnwood Consistory



Consistory Highlights

This past month at consistory we . .

- Received a brief report from the Nominations committee about new members of consistory and reflected on the number of people who serve on consistory
- Touched base on budget items and began planning for the 2019 budget
- Received a report from the Special Task Force which was assigned to find a way to facilitate a congregational discussion and process of discernment about same sex marriage
- Approved the use of outreach funds for the youth overnight at Camp Fowler in order to ensure that youths can invite friends along
- Approved the replacement of the furnace in the Fellowship Center

Interested in Membership?

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Lynnwood family of faith? Pastor Garret will host a three week New Members course starting on Sunday, December 2, continuing on December 9, and coming to completion December 16. If you are interested in this process or curious about what membership means, please contact Pastor Garret.



DECEMBER 2018



BROOKS' BBQ - SUNDAY DECEMBER 9th - 2:00 p.m. until Sold Out!

The Building & Property and Worship & Music teams are coordinating plans for the last BBQ of the year!
See Betsy Hollander or Dianna and Larry Bopp with questions!

How Can YOU Help?

Be a **CUSTOMER!** Rib or chicken dinners OR just ribs or half chicken (a la carte).

Rib dinner = \$13 / Chicken dinner = \$11 / Ribs only \$9 / 1/2 chicken only \$6

Be a **BROWNIE BAKER!**

Sign up at the Sign-Up Center to bake 1, 2, 3 dozen brownies. We ask that you bake your brownies in a 9 x 13 pan ... then cut them in 12 squares and placed in individual baggies. We needs lots of brownies!

Be a **VOLUNTEER!**

Sign up at the Sign-Up Center to help on the assembly line, take orders inside or outside, be a runner (delivering orders directly to the cars), help with traffic control, and help with clean up!~

Sign up for your "best time" - you do not have to work the entire BBQ.



Our Lynnwood History project needs people to scan photos from the 50s and beyond, documenting the history of our church. Please consider giving some time to this project, whatever your age and skill. See Susan Spring Meggs for information. The project will start in the New Year.

POINSETTIAS

Order a beautiful, red Christmas Poinsettia by December 14. Only \$8.



A sign up sheet is located at the Volunteer Center along with envelopes marked POINSETTIAS in which you may place cash or checks payable to "Lynnwood Reformed Church." Simply drop your envelope in the offering plate after signing up.

You must sign up if you want to order a plant - returning the envelope only does not reserve your plant.

Please indicate on the sign up sheet if your plant is placed in honor or memory of a loved one.

We ask that all plants be taken home at the end of the Christmas services.

Annual Toy Collection for City Mission's Christmas Store



Sunday, December 2 Everyone is invited to bring an UNWRAPPED gift appropriate for an infant up to a 14 year old pre-teen to place under the Chrismon trees during worship on December 2. All contributions will go to City Mission of Schenectady's Christmas "Store" where parents are invited to select gifts for the children in their families. These gifts are free of charge and will be immediately wrapped for parents to take home with them for Christmas morning. See Peg Kniskern with any questions.



Small Group Ministry News

Fostering and Deepening Community with God and Others



All spiritual needs simply cannot be met through Sunday morning worship alone. Large group worship does not address our needs to explore scripture more openly and interactively with companions nor talk about how our faith connects to our daily life. This however did happen for participants in the three small intentional groups that gathered this Fall. Talk to a participant and they will share in their words the joy and growth that they experienced. Such positive experiences do not happen on their own. It takes group participants working in partnership with each other and the Holy Spirit. A huge thank you to our Fall facilitators: Marian Truax, Pastor Garret (facilitated two different groups) and Pastor Stacey. Thank you for your energy, time and caring!!

Calling facilitators for Small Groups during the six weeks of Lent 2019. (March 6 through April 21).

A facilitator training is scheduled for **Saturday, January 26**. Maybe you have trained and are hearing the call to lead. Maybe you feel the need for a refresher. Maybe you are curious and want to explore if facilitation is for you.

Each group facilitator chooses the day and time to meet with sessions being 1 1/2 hours in duration. As a facilitator you choose a topic that you are passionate about and personally engages you: Bible study, book discussion, video discussion, contemporary issues, support groups ie grandparenting, parenting teenagers, stress management... The sky's the limit. The secret is your passion on the topic will pull the group together. There is no obligation if you attend a training. Just come and explore the possibility as a calling for you and a ministry for Lynnwood Church.

Over the Holidays pray and think about facilitating a Small Group.

More Information: Contact coaches Bill and Kay Grosch (518-869-7479)



PROJECT ANGEL TREE

An opportunity to share your love with others!

This is the 28th year Lynnwood has participated in this worthy project. Children in the Schenectady area whose parents are incarcerated will receive Christmas gifts given with their love and purchased by you. If you have not already done so, you are invited to select an Angel gift tag located in the narthex. Purchase a gift (multiple suggestions are noted on each tag). Gifts need to be new, wrapped and valued between \$15 - \$25 (as per recommendation of Prison Fellowship Ministry.)

ALL WRAPPED GIFTS with the Angel Tag SECURELY affixed to the gift need to be brought to church no later than Sunday, Dec. 16th. If you have questions or wish to make a monetary contribution towards the purchase of a gift, please see Jane Brehm, Jean Dean or Betsy Hollander. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to deliver the gifts beginning Wednesday, Dec. 19th through Sunday, Dec. 23rd. Please see Jean Dean if you can help in this way.



Look for the Gift Tree in the Fellowship Center Dec. 2!

The following items are needed by the those served by the City Mission:

Children: Mittens, hats and scarves

Adults: Scarves and socks

If you have any questions, please give Betsy Hollander a call at 518-393-1276.

Thank you for your generosity which will bring warmth to those in need.



Updates from the Fellowship Team

The Fellowship team has been busy the last few weeks. On November 4th we celebrated the Lynnwood congregation with a "We Thank You Luncheon." We started our luncheon with communion shared in the Fellowship Center and served soup and bread. The purpose of this luncheon was to thank all the people who make Lynnwood Reformed Church a family.

On Tuesday November 6th the Fellowship team, with the help of members of the congregation, hosted a successful fundraiser bake sale, bringing in over \$1000 to be given to the Guilderland Food Pantry and scholarships for the Lynnwood youth at Camp Fowler.

O Come, All Ye Carolers!



Please mark your calendars for December 16th to meet at church to go caroling. All ages will gather with the Youth group at 5:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. We will have a brief warm-up, and go to the Fellowship Center for pizza and salad before going out to sing. Groups will be directed to go to nearby homes of shut-ins, and will return to church afterward for hot chocolate and other warm drinks. Lynnwood Women are going to provide a treat for carolers.

Please dress warmly and bring flashlights. Caroling is guaranteed to expand our joy in the Season!

WEEKEND NIGHT WATCH

The Building and Property Team would like to **THANK all who have so generously given of their time to participate in Weekend Night Watch.** During 2018 the following have served ... and we know family members have also assisted but we don't have their names. Special thanks to each of them for helping:

Larry & Dianna Bopp, Mary Chew, Walt Cogswell, Greg Comparetta, Don & Jean Dean, Ron De Lorenzo, Sandie De Lorenzo, Mike Garry, Scott Groezinger, Roger Kennedy, Ken Klapp, Bob La Pietro, Janith Mason, Mike Lynch, Bill Ports, Andy Pris, Trevor Rueckert, Tom Schardt, John & Karen Watson and Tom Wilder.

You may ask, what is Weekend Night Watch? Folks within our congregation that have agreed to check out the church facilities on Sunday evenings, usually after 8 p.m.

The entire building, including the Education wing, is checked making sure all windows are closed and locked; all exterior doors are securely fastened and locked; all interior doors are closed (FIRE CODE) and office doors locked; check to see that no faucets, toilets or other water sources are running; in the kitchen, dishwashers, range and ovens are turned off, coffee makers unplugged; all lights, fans and small appliances are turned off.

In addition on Saturday evenings during the heating season the Weekend Watch person turns the five (5) thermostats up to 68 degrees. In the event there is a Saturday event the B & P Team appreciates that the bldg. is checked out so that "all is well for Sunday morning." This usually takes approximately 20-25 minutes. Not a long time but a valuable gift to the congregation, making sure all is well with our facilities.

The Bldg. & Prop. Team asks that each of us take the time to help by shutting doors, by turning off lights, making sure faucets are turned off, etc. etc. Each of us caring about our church and working together assures our facility is well cared for.

If you have never served as Weekend Night Watch and would like to learn more please see Walt Cogswell, Bldg. Superintendent, Mark Watson, B. & P. Chairman, or Jean Dean (who sets up the schedule depending on your availability). A very easy and meaningful way to serve your church.





Music Notes

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.*

The very moment, usually too early in the season, the car radio begins a blare of Christmas Carols and songs and I sing along! Why? They make me happy! I know the words! For me, nothing feels more festive, or more Christmassy. Forget about catching a good deal on Amazon, just give me these songs for the season that remain the sincerest expression of good cheer, goodwill and hope.



Many songs heard during the Christmas season, such as “Jingle Bells”, have no particular religious message about the birth of a Jewish baby who would change the landscape of religion and the history of the world. Christmas is so much more than catchy tunes, parties or presents. But, the first words of “Joy to the World” or “O Come, All Ye Faithful” — or any other Christmas Carol almost instantaneously bring their magic. We can be tone deaf and melody-challenged yet still break out in song without fear of reprisal. These carols have incredible staying power, more so than any other kind of music. Many have been written and sung centuries ago in countries all over the world. They visit us every year, and don’t overstay their welcome. Then, they fade away until the next year. But their story is forever.

What is the first Christmas Carol you learned to sing or play? “Away in a Manger”, written in the mid 1800’s, is often the first song taught to children either at home or Sunday School. The origins of the carol have been extensively researched with many crediting the lyric writing to Martin Luther. Actually, the author is unknown but believed to be American. The music was written by William J. Fitzpatrick in 1895. While the writing is a mystery, we can find inspiration and awe in the story told of the humble birth of our savior. The song also reminds us of Jesus’ words to us that to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Sounds of the Season at Lynnwood

There will be joyful sounds in the sanctuary and halls of Lynnwood this December. The choir, youth musicians and others willing to share their talents are rehearsing music that will bring festive joy as well as peace to this Advent and Christmas Season.

Plans are underway for a short mid-week **noontime Organ Program of Carols and Classical Reflections for Advent and Christmas on Thursday, December 20** presented by our Director of Church Music, Jean La Crosse. Bring a light lunch (sandwich) to enjoy together following the program. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. Thank you to all for the many gifts of music all year. **Merry Christmas!!**

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 2 at 4pm

Christ the King Church, Sumter Avenue, Guilderland

Music by adult, youth, handbell choirs, and readings by clergy from ten local Guilderland churches.

An offering will benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry.

The event is sponsored by the Guilderland Interfaith Council



NEEDS OF THE MONTH

Guilderland Food Pantry



- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Cooking oil

The Home Furnishings Program

www.schenectadyhomefurnishings.org

NEEDS OF THE MONTH

Furniture: Small kitchen table & chairs, Coffee tables & end tables, Mattresses of any size in excellent condition
For Elsie's Room: Sauce pans of all sizes, especially medium, Shower curtains and liners, Flatware, Dish Towels, Bath towels and hand towels, Blankets, Metal baking pans
To donate, call Jamie Doriguzzi, Program Director, 518-346-2444 or email us at homefurninc@aol.com or arrange for warehouse drop-off of useful items.

Please, everything must be in immediately useful condition
 YOU HELP US HELP OTHERS – THANKS!



Schenectady Community Ministries

Needed all the time:

- Shelf stable milk: soy, evaporated
- Canned soups, veggies, fruit, beans, tuna
- Applesauce
- Quinoa
- Brown rice
- Whole wheat pasta
- 100% fruit juice

Mission Team Updates

October was a very busy month for the Mission team and the Lynnwood congregation. **Thank you** to all who contributed so generously to our October collections:

Thank You!

Bethesda House - over 65 warm winter coats were donated along with a significant amount of warm winter clothing. It was estimated that the donations in kind totaled approximately \$800.

Schenectady City Mission - Our gently used and/or recycled shoe drive was a great success again this year. The City Mission show box was filled and emptied 3 times.

Schenectady Community Ministries - Our baby food drive filled the pack & play in our narthex with and estimated \$1,000 in baby food supplies and accessories.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the efforts of the Lynnwood Reformed Church congregation in helping those who are in need!

Lynnwood Mission team

Online giving is now available for your convenience.

You may give on the Lynnwood website. It's fast, easy, and secure.

You can also give on your Breeze account. You haven't accessed your Breeze account yet? Ask a deacon for details. You can privately and securely see your membership and contact information, as well as your giving history.





The Fall/Winter edition of the [Fostering Futures NY](#) newsletter included a Volunteer Spotlight article highlighting Lynnwood members Tom and Patty Schardt and their experience as volunteers.



***Patty and Tom Schardt,
Members of Lynnwood Reformed Church,
Volunteers since 2015***

With so many different volunteer opportunities available, what made you choose FFNY?

We love children and hands-on volunteer opportunities. We both enjoy working with both adults and children and wanted to get involved in an organization like Fostering Futures NY and possibly making a positive difference in the lives of those we interacted with. We also thought it would be a rewarding experience for both of us to do something together and have a common goal to help others. We have always been interested in the foster family experience.

How has volunteering with FFNY shaped how you view foster parents?

We have admired people who make this life choice, as this is truly a “gift.” After working with our foster family over the past few years, we now have a greater appreciation for their challenges and the positive impact they have on their families’ life. To think you save the life of child in many ways is awe-inspiring.

What do you wish others knew about foster parents?

Foster parents have a very difficult job in many ways. They are trying to parent children from different backgrounds, needs, and experiences while dealing with family issues in addition to the ongoing cases of each child with current/future plans. There are often physical and emotional needs to deal with and constant oversight from the placement organization. It is a challenge and there is often little additional support for these parents.

How have the foster families impacted your life? And how do you think you and your team have impacted theirs?

We are extremely grateful to have been matched/partnered with a wonderful family. They now having eight children in their care. Through our experiences, we have a very strong attachment to each one of them and we are hopeful that in a small way, they have benefited from our support through our actions and activities together. In general terms, we provide meals/food, activities for the children, babysitting, outings for the older youth, and overall support as directed by the foster parents.

What is your best memory with FFNY?

We have many memories, but a consistent one is every time we enter the house there is a screaming bunch of little ones yelling our names and very excited to see us. The older two children love the outings and really enjoy the one-on-one time and adventures we go on. It can be a chaotic environment, but we love it. We have been able to watch these children grow and flourish in the three years we have been going and proud to be a very small part of it.

How has this experience been for you as a couple?

It has been a positive experience to do it together and share stories, time, and use our collective parenting/creative skills in a new environment. We each bring different skills to the family and enjoy the challenges and rewards our foster family brings to us.



*Patty and Tom Schardt,
FFNY volunteers*

Youth Events

Sunday school at Lynnwood is split into two classes:

Explorations (Pre-K-5th grades) and Discipleship (6th-12th grades).

Both groups meet every Sunday during worship except if otherwise noted.

Explorations leaves worship after the children's sermon. Discipleship leaves after the sermon.

Both classes end at 11:15am. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 2, 6:30-8pm

Community Youth Group (4th-12th)

Meet at LRC for dinner, team building, and learning.

Sunday, December 16, 5:30-7pm

Lynnwood Youth Group (6th-12th)

Join us for dinner and caroling!

Sunday, December 23, 9:45am

Christmas Pageant



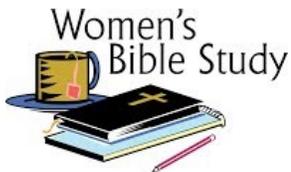
Registration for Camp Fowler opens on December 1st!

Go to www.campfowler.org to learn more and to register.

IF you are interested in going to Camp Fowler, Lynnwood offers a \$100 scholarship for children and youth connected to our congregation. To receive a scholarship, please contact Pastor Stacey.

About Camp Fowler: We are a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity.

We function first and foremost as a summer camp, aiming to provide space for children to be themselves, learn from those who are different from them, and intimately experience wonder and love. Our camping philosophy is pretty simple: get children to play outside, surrounded by an authentic community who accepts them for who they are. No bells, no whistles, just camp.



Are you looking for a small group fellowship and a spiritually uplifting experience?

Joyful Noise Circle, a small group of women, meet usually on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am in the Conference Room. Contact Lauri Miller at 518-207-5982 to learn more.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 2:00 PM

Guilderland Public Library ✧ Free of charge ✧



Go ahead - make my day!

Please kind to your Office Manager!

There is always lots going on at this time of year, and it helps me so much when

Newsletter articles and **Team minutes** are sent to me as soon as you have them.

Thank you!

Janith



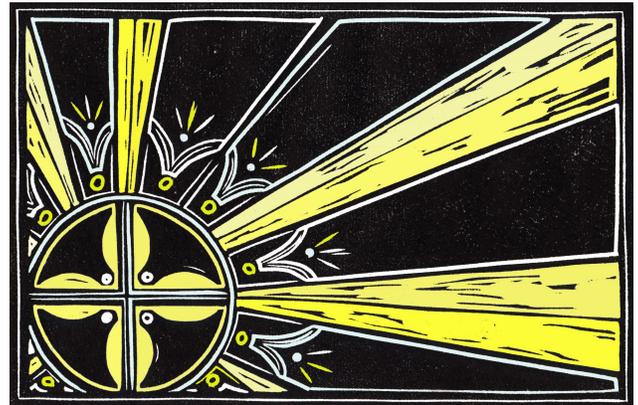


DECEMBER 2018

DEDICATION SUNDAY CELEBRATED NOVEMBER 18, 2018

The Memorial Gift Planning Team monitors gifts given to Lynnwood in memory of a loved one. While some of these funds are not always tangible in nature they still are a lasting remembrance of the deceased. To this end the Memorial Team chose to reinstitute a practice of acknowledging Memorial Gifts on Thanksgiving/Dedication Sunday. Gifts disbursed in 2016 through the present were dedicated November 18, 2018.

May these gifts enhance our worship experience as we share God's love within the church and the community. We ask God's blessing on each family as we remember those who have been so important in the life and work of Lynnwood. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Team members Janice Shaffer, Bill Ports, Kathy Mix or Jean Dean.



GIFT

PAINT FOR THE EDUCATION WING
 GARDENS
 GARDEN BENCH AND TRELIS
 HEART SMART AED
 PASTORS' SALARIES

DIGITAL KEYBOARD

ROOFING OF THE EDUCATION WING
 & FELLOWSHIP CENTER

SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS TREE

SANCTUARY SPEAKERS

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

SUZANNE PORTS
 EUGENE STUTZ
 JOYCE TANTON
 CARTHA COONLEY
 SCOTT LUNDSTEDT
 HOWARD ANDERSON

DORIS WATSON

CAROL ADAMSON
 MELINA COTON
 TOM DUNCAN
 DOROTHY GRALOW
 MARCIA HALSE
 ROBERT HANNA
 JEAN HUNGERFORD
 CHARLES KENNA
 HELEN MAC GREGOR
 LISBETH MACKAY
 HELEN SADDLEMIRE
 LENORE SCHERMERHORN
 MARGARET SPRING

WILDA CARSON
 KUN LIAO
 TOM DUNCAN



For a more complete, detailed & updated calendar, please visit the Calendar tab on our website!

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 (no Sunday school) Journey with Jesus	26 Serve City Mission	27	28 Choir 7:30	29	30	1
2 Communion Giving Sunday New Member Class 11:15 Fellowship Team 11:00 Advent Lessons & Carols @ Christ the King 4:00 Community Youth 6:30 Suburban Sounds 7pm	3 Mission Team 6:30	4 Bldg & Prop 6:30	5 Worship Tm 6:30 Choir 7:30	6 Faith Form. 6:30	7	8
9 New Member Class 11:15 BROOKS' BBQ 2PM Suburban Sounds 7pm	10	11	12 Prayer Shawl Noon Choir 7:30	13 <i>Report Deadline</i>	14 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15
16 New Member Class 11:15 Senior Singles 11:15 Caroling 5:30 LRC Youth Group 5:30 Suburban Sounds 7pm	17	18 Consistory	19 Joyful Noise 10:00 Choir 7:30	20 Noontime Organ Concert Thur. Circle 7pm	21	22
23 Christmas Pageant Suburban Sounds Concert @ Library 2pm	24 <i>Office Closed</i> Candlelight Service 7:00pm	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Choir 7:30	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Office closes at noon</i>	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Choir 7:30	3	4	6

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sandy Lundstedt
- 3 Robert LaPietro
- 8 Paisley Charvat
- 9 Greg Comparetta
- 12 Jean Dean
- 14 Stacey Duensing
- 17 Nancy Mohr
Ken Teetsel

- 18 Walt Cogswell
- 19 Spencer Gilbert
- 20 Payton Charvat
- 23 Jonathan deForest
- 26 Bill Clark
- 28 Frank Amigo
Susan VanDerWende

- 29 Gary Gillen
- 31 Jackie Truax
- Jan 1 Charlotte Amigo
John Watson
- Jan 2 Russell Brown
- Jan 4 Karsen Rittner
Danielle Spitzer



Publication Deadlines Articles for the January *Life of Lynnwood* are due on **December 14**

Bulletin Insert Bulletin insert information is due no later than **2pm on Wednesday.**

Not receiving our emails?

If you would like to be included on our church's email list, please send us an email with your address and

Got news?

Do you have something you would like to share: blessings, thanks, kudos? Just send them to the church office!

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Jean La Crosse

Office Manager:

Janith W. Mason

Custodian:

Doug Looman

I wish I could remember his name...

Have we met?

Your name escapes me.....

Who do I contact to sign up?...



I suppose there are a few of us who know everyone, but it seems we have gotten out of the habit of grabbing our name tag on the way into church.

Won't you help out newcomers - and old timers alike - and wear yours? If you find yours missing, or if somehow we overlooked you, please contact the office.

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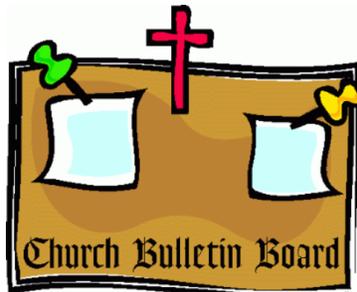
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Joanne Cogswell
Nancy LaPietro
Linda Looman
Charlie Miller
Pamela Rost
Sue Weinberg

Elders

Kay Grosch
Ken Klapp
Carol Lynch
Kathy Mix
Lou Smith
Mark Watson



Members of our congregation who are homebound and/or in need of care are posted adjacent to the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the offices.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Feel free to contact any member of the Care Team or the office if you would like to assist in any way.

When was the last time you visited the Library bulletin board in the hallway by the church office?

There you can catch up on recent correspondence, announcements, community events, and mission news.

Check it out!

Are you getting our email blasts?
Are you on the Prayer partner List?
Know someone who would like to receive our newsletter?

How can we keep you in the loop?

Just contact the office:
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