

# SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Co-Workers in the Gospel,

As many of you read this, you will have no doubt undecorated your tree, put away the presents and gotten back to the grind. Or perhaps are even thinking about what you'll do for Valentine's Day, which by the way is Ash Wednesday so I guess you're off the hook for needing to do something romantic since it's a day of repentance! You're welcome!

Anyway, this time of year seems to many as a letdown. All the anticipation and excitement is over, you might have higher credit cards bills or expenses than you had planned for, or maybe you thought that this year Christmas would be everything you hoped for and again you were disappointed. Maybe this was the first holiday after a loved one has passed away. There are so many reasons why the glitz and glimmer and hope of Advent and Christmas have slipped away to doldrums and despair. But whatever the reason, whatever the circumstances there is still reason for HOPE and JOY that filled the Christmas season.

The baby that was born in the stable, who came to conquer the world, is still the King. While the world has moved over Christmas in a way, we still celebrate it each and every day. There is always a reason for JOY and HOPE when we remember that the Savior of the world who was born on Christmas Day still comes to us. We continue to see HOPE and JOY as we move into the season of Epiphany. To quote the WHIRL curriculum our children use during Children's church, "The symbol [of Epiphany] is a star, which reminds us of the light Jesus brings into our lives. Light helps us see in the dark, and God's messages help us see God's ways."

God was not finished with HOPE and JOY skipping over the period of Christmas to Easter but continued to shine his light into the world then as well as today. We need only look to continue to seek the Light in the Darkness.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 envelopes are in the atrium. Be sure to pick up yours as soon as possible. Please note that if you use Vanco, you will not be given envelopes. If you don't see your name on a box of envelopes and would like to have some, or if you have any questions, please contact Lori Koepsell at 719-282-9750 or [financial@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:financial@saintlukes-cs.org).

# JANUARY EVENTS

## UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, after the second service (**about 11:30 am**), we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. If you can help, please join us as many hands make light work!

## TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, at **12:30 pm**: we will have lunch here at church.

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**, at **12:30 pm**: Karen organizing outing. Watch for an announcement.

Please sign up in the atrium. All are invited to both lunches.

## MOPPS/MOPPS Next

MOPS/MomsNEXT is an organization for mothers of children, school-aged and younger. If you are a mom of children in these age groups, please consider joining us. We will meet on **Tuesdays, January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:45 pm** in Luther Hall.

Child care is provided. Children, 2 and older, will have an opportunity to hear a Bible story and participate in activities related to that story.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hansen or Shannon Marchese.

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

The women of Saint Luke's meet on the second Saturday of **the January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**, at Panera on North Academy. Everyone is welcome.

## WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00 pm**, all women of the church are invited to join us at Red Lobster, 4925 North Academy Blvd, for an evening of fellowship and food. Please sign up in the atrium.

## NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, we, the staff at Saint Luke's, want to express our sincere gratitude for all of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for all your prayers and support throughout the year. We also thank you for your warm wishes and gifts at Christmas. But most of all we thank you for being our partners in ministry as together we fulfill God's call of the priesthood of all believers for each and every one of us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh, Keith & Deaconess Kathy

# YOUTH EVENTS



## HEAVENLY ROAST

(AKA Coffee Time for Youth on Sunday Mornings)

Hey, all of you middle and high school youth! Join us on Sunday mornings for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and fellowship at Pikes Perk (Vickers and Academy) between services from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you!

- **Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 am**
- Resumes **1/7** and continues **1/14, 1/21 and 1/28**
- Transportation provided to Pikes Perk and back to church in time for 10:30 am service
- Beverages will be provided free of charge by Peggy Byrd and Teresa and Dave Watt.
- Looking forward to sharing fellowship and a Heavenly Roast with all middle and high school youth soon!

## MOVIE NITE

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm** is movie night for the youth group at the church. Pastor Baese will be there as our special guest, so please plan to attend. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. The evening is scheduled a bit longer than usual, as there will be a discussion after the showing of "American Graffiti."

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch the Sunday weekly for date and time for the Youth Group service project. They raised \$145 during *Leave Them to the Elves*, and will cook and serve dinner at Urban Peak.

Shout out of thanks to Elly & Bruce Druden for donating pizzas from their shop, Capital Pizza (in Denver), during the fund raiser.

## MARK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR!

Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance will be **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 -pm**. Watch for further details in the Weekly and activity emails.

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## WEEKLY EUCHARIST

**Sunday morning** worship services are held at **8:00 and 10:30 am**. These identical services are traditional services with music, sermon and Eucharist. Nursery and Children's Church are available.

**Tuesday at noon** there is a shorter service with a homily and Eucharist.

**Wednesday at 7:15 am** there is a spoken service with a divine reading and Holy Communion. Because Pastor Baese leads this and comes down from Woodland Park, the closure policy for this service is that if the schools in Colorado Springs or Woodland Park are closed or on a two-hour delay, the service will be cancelled.

Please join us in regular worship.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pastor Josh leads a discussion on the lessons of the day each **Sunday morning at 9:30 am**. All who are interested may join him in the Melancthon Room.

## M.E.S.H. Monday: Experience, Strength, & Hope/NFG

This fellowship group is for those affected by someone else's addiction. They meet **Monday evenings at 7:30 pm**. Contact Melody at 660-6545 if you have questions.

## TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

We will resume Tuesday activities on **January 9<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 am – Prayer Group
- 10:45 am – Tuesday Adult Study
- 12:00 noon – Holy Communion
- 12:30 pm – Lunch at Church; then on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** -at TBD
- 5:30 pm – MOPS/MomsNEXT

## "WE GATHER" WEDNESDAY

We will resume Wednesday activities on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule is as follows:

- **5:30 pm** – Christ Kidz (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger); New Testament stories w/lots of parables.
- **5:30 pm** – Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade);
- **6:00 pm** – Community Supper (all)
- **6:30 pm** – Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- **6:30 pm** – Adult Study 6:30 pm; Continuing study of Galatians – Nursery available

# CHILDREN'S CENTER REPORT

## CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATE

The Center will be **closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

This is the time of the year when the children start to really get into the learning mode.

- Pajama Day is **January 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Stone Soup Day is **January 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Our 100th Day of School party is **January 16<sup>th</sup>**
- We also have our Opposite and Backwards Days.

Hope all of you have a very Happy and safe 2018.

Diane Van Horn

Center Director

**Saint Luke's Children's Center**

**Phone:** (719) 598-7821

**Website:** [www.stlukeskids.org](http://www.stlukeskids.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FLOWERS & MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Please note that the 2018 Flower and Missionary Support sheets are in the atrium. The cost is \$10 per slot and two slots are available for each Sunday. You can give in honor of or in memory of a person or event or "just because". Flowers may be taken home after the second service, or during the week.

The past several years we have sent our missionary support money to Judy Perry. She is currently on indefinite leave to care for her aging parents. The missionary support money will now be going to Jim and Kaila (Judy recommended them). They have been serving the Lord in Asia since 2013. Kaila teaches English at a local university and Jim works at a coffee house that also teaches practical English. They have a heart for college students who are searching for the truth and have never heard the Gospel. They cultivate relationships with the people around them by building love and trust. Please pray for hearts to be softened and ready to hear the Good News.

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Please contact Judy Lehman (719-272-1918) if you have any suggestions for the newsletter. I have received several comments and will be incorporating some ideas into the February edition.

## Saint Luke's Lutheran Church

5265 North Union Blvd  
Colorado Springs, Co, 80918

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Colo. Springs,  
CO Permit # 623

# UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
(~11:30 am)

### Church Staff

Pastor:  
The Rev. Joshua J. Hansen

Deaconess:  
Kathy Berrill

Children's Center Director:  
Diane Van Horn

Director of Music:  
Keith Lundquist

Business Manager:  
Emily Johnson

### Council Officers and Members

Pastor Joshua Hansen	598-4397	Presiding Minister
Kathy Berrill	598-4397	Deaconess
Lori Koepsell	282-9750	Financial Secretary
Dick Currey	531-6018	Lay Vicar
Teresa Watt	598-6760	Member-at-Large
Mike Brownworth	651-2532	
John Henninger	388-8865	
Kathleen Kleinhuizen	266-4947	
Corey Miller	287-7121	
Jamie Miller	720-206-8787	

### Contact us at Saint Luke's

Pastor Josh E-Mail: [pr-hansen@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:pr-hansen@saintlukes-cs.org)

Church Office: 598-4397

Church E-Mail: [saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org)

We're on the web at: [www.saintlukes-cs.org](http://www.saintlukes-cs.org)