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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

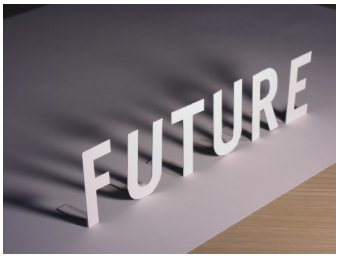
As we continue to move through the seasons of the Church, from Advent to Christmas to Epiphany, your leaders continue to move through this time of transition, taking seriously the realities of Saint John, which include a strong Sunday School and

good worship attendance, but also critical financial concerns and the need for a clear vision for our future. Inasmuch as transitions are times for self-examination and dreaming, they are also times for a reality check and determining what is possible.

During this busy season of preparations for Christmas, your leaders have been attentive to the future of Saint John and have been putting in extra time and effort to gather information and get a better understanding of what options for the next pastor might be available. To continue this process and in order to provide the congregation with the necessary information about Saint John's current realities and to get input from members of the congregation, the Transition/Call Committee has scheduled an important information session on ***Sunday, January 13, following worship.*** In addition to

providing everyone with updated information on where we are in the transition process, this will be an opportunity to discuss our current financial situation, so that everyone is involved in the decision-making process.

This is a very important meeting, as this time together will give you important information and will give your leaders feedback from you. So please mark your calendars and plan to remain after worship on January 13 for this important discussion. We will meet in the sanctuary.



We seek God's guidance as we move into new discussions about the future of St. John.

Pastor Meier & Pastor Barker

SAINT JOHN MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a community of faith that is: gathered for worship and fellowship, empowered by Scripture and the Sacraments, strengthened for service and sent forth as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

- *Pastor: Rev. Gaylon Barker*
  Rev. Carla Meier
- *Deacon: Ms. Charlene Drewes*
- *Office Manager:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Newsletter Editor:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Congregational President:*
  Ms. Suzanne Ryan
- *Organist & Choir Director:*
  Ms. M. Quinn Anderson
- *Sexton: Ms. Nancy Kamps-Cook*

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WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/6 (Worship at St. Francis)
Acolyte: N/A
Altar Guild: N/A
Lector: N/A
Ushers: NA
Assisting Minister: N/A
Communion Assts: N/A
Coffee Hour: N/A

1/13
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kamelhar
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Jennifer Cline Sargent
Ushers: Fran & Danielle Branciforti
Assisting Minister: Aidan Sargent
Communion Asst: Tom Sargent
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

1/20 (prayer and anointing)
Acolyte: Collin Roulston
Altar Guild: Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Jennifer Bergman
Lector: Nancy Kamps-Cook
Ushers: Bob Altman & Corey Bogen
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: Margaret Neverka
Coffee Hour: Tom Selvaggio & Amy Wee

1/27 (Annual Meeting)
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Barbara Altman
Ushers: Gail Tomasulo & Ed Finn
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: Lise-Anne Orlich
Coffee Hour: Council (annual meeting)

January Counting Schedule:
1/6 N/A
1/13 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
1/20 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
1/27 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Khloe Klatman
4 Gloria Balaza
9 Brad Ferguson
9 Ruth Green
10 Carol Dort
11 Jessica Pagano
12 Barbara Waldron
17 Henry Kruger
18 Phyllis Oehler
19 Connor Wickline
19 Dylan Wickline
20 Nicholas Waldron
24 Robert Ziminski
26 Kathleen Klatman
28 Marion Schurade
29 Nancy Kamps-Cook
29 Frank Brnciforti
30 Quinn Anderson

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday in January. Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

THANK YOU

- Thank to all who assisted with the pageant this year. Thank you to Tina Goodlin and Stephanie Kugler for helping with costumes.
- To Jennifer Cline Sargent and Quinn Anderson for directing the pageant and leading the children in singing.
- To Michael Dwyer for help with the microphones for the pageant.
- To Quinn Anderson, and our senior choir: Tom Brucia, Jennifer Cline-Sargent, Nancy Kamps-Cook, Phyllis Oehler, Marion Schurade & Russ Tomasulo; our youth choir: Hudson DiTuri, Erin Dwyer, Elizabeth Kamelhar, Makayla Mooney & Nolan Mooney; and the Sunday School children for their offerings of Christmas music.
- To Olivia Orlich, Sara Forchelli, Sophie Orlich & Aidan Sargent for the Advent readings.
- Barbara Waldron for coordinating the Giving Tree program.
- Margaret Neverka and all of her helpers for coordinating another great Advent Workshop. Whether you helped with a craft, made soup, set up or cleaned up you were part of making this a special day once again.
- To Margaret & John Neverka for getting the tree and decorations from the parsonage garage attic and bringing them over to the church and to everyone else who helped decorate.
- To everyone who purchased poinsettias to beatify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve.
- To Quinn for playing carols while we decorated for Christmas.
- To quote Danielle "This is amazing what such a small church can do". Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree. A VERY SPECIAL thank you to Danielle Branciforti for delivery all the gifts to the Bronx.

LWR Quilting resumes
Thursday January 3
10:00 a.m.

More volunteers are always welcome. You do not need to know how to sew!! There are many ways to help.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Deanna Marie Paxton
Oliver Anthony Paxton

Sunday, December 2, 2018

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Designated to current:

In memory of Dorothy Braunlich
Kevin Braunlich

Designated to deficit reduction:

In memory of Eleanor Drescher
Robert Drescher and family

In memory of Charles Chapman
Gloria Chapman
Rev. Laurie & Ed Cline
The Dwyer Family
Lillian Guise
Margaret Hennessey
Lori Vanderwaren
Laurence Passaretti
Paul & Addie Szabo
Gus Catanzaro

In honor of Doreen Etienne
Anissa Cadar

In memory of Richard Rollando
The Dwyer Family

Designated to the memorial fund:

In memory of Charlie Chapman
Florence Hettinger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The children worked hard on our pageant for this year, "The Night the Animals Sang," held on Sunday, December 23 and once again added something special to our worship service. Thank you to all of the students and parents who made this possible.

Quinn Anderson prepared the Sunday School children to sing *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and the youth choir to sing *Once in Royal David's City* as the anthem at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The children delivered great performances once again.

We would like to thank Olivia & Sophie Orlich, Sara Forcelli, & Aidan Sargent who

did a great job reading the Advent passages each week and also for participating in the pageant this year. Thanks also to our acolytes and choir who helped with the candle lighting.

Thank you for your terrific response to the "Giving Tree" program once again. We provided gifts to people who otherwise might not have received anything on Christmas. It is always a wonderful illustration for our kids to see how our generosity provides for others who are less fortunate.

The next Intergenerational Bible study & bagels will be on Sunday, February 3.

NO

Exodus 20: 1-3

LYO Junior High Retreat
February 22-24, 2019

Join Youth from the Metro NY Synod for a weekend focusing on building and maintaining a strong faith through fellowship and Word.

2019 LYO Retreats will be at Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center
29 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray NJ 07865

Registration Fee: $130 per person
Deadline to register: ***February 10, 2019***
Please make checks payable to Metro NY Synod
Need Based Scholarships Are Available – Please Contact Diane Gilroy to request

Maps and Directions can be found at: www.crossroadsretreat.com

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, January 27
following worship

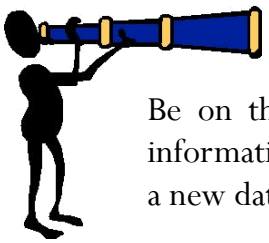
We will discuss and vote on the 2019 budget & plan for the upcoming year. All members are encouraged to attend.

Soup & sandwich luncheon
Youth will teach Sunday School so teachers may attend the meeting

All committee reports due to the office
January 11

Due to the important transition presentation that will be held at the end of worship on the same day, we will be ***postponing*** our youth meeting planned for

Sunday January 13
at noon
in the parsonage



Be on the lookout for information regarding a new date soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 13
Following Worship

Please come to worship (**AND STAY following worship**) for an update on issues facing the Transition Team . We are at the point where we need to get some very specific direction from the congregation as to how we should proceed with the call process. The main focus will be finances – and what we can (and cannot do) as we enter 2019. This is a critical juncture for Saint John and our future – and we need input, thoughts, and questions from as many people as possible. It is important that everyone –**EVERYONE** - realize they need to be invested in Saint John and its future. The information we will share – and the direction we hope to receive – will impact us for both the short and long term. I look forward to seeing you then.

Tom Sargent
Co-Chairperson, Transition Team

SAVE THE DATE!

TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

FEBRUARY 22
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MANHATTAN

LMHE's annual Trivia Night fundraiser for The Vine NYC Campus Ministry Network will be here before we know it! This is always a fun, festive night and a great way to support campus ministry so start boning up on trivial knowledge, rally your team, and save the date for the evening of Friday, February 22! We will be at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Manhattan again this year and can't wait to see you there. Stay tuned for registration information soon!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Seniors 70 1/2 and older may allocate part or all of their RMD (required minimum distribution from their retirement plan) TAX FREE went sent directly to a charity. (like Saint John). The distribution must be made directly from the retirement plan to the charity. The tax benefit only works if you do not itemize.

Epiphany Sunday Worship

January 6, 2018
9:30 a.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church
1692 Bellmore Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710

There will be NO worship or Sunday School at Saint John on this day.

INN COOKING

TUESDAY
JANUARY 8
5:30 P.M.
HOWE ROOM

Helping hands always welcome

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Friday January 25
10:00 am

St. David's Lutheran Church
20 Clark Blvd.
Massapequa Park

Rev. Micah Stumme will discuss: Come and See: Seeking & Finding Truth (Gospel of John)

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 **Office Closed New Year's Day** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	2	3 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.**	4 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	5
6 **Epiphany of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion At St. Francis Episcopal Church 1692 Bellmore Avenue Bellmore, NY 11710**	7	8 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m. INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	9	10 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.**	11 **Reports for Annual Meeting due** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	12
13 **Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Transition Team update following worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	14 **MLK Jr. Day Office closed**	15 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	16 **Call Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.** **Eagle Deadline**	17 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.**	18 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	19
20 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany Council meeting following worship 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	21	22 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	23	24 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.**	25 **WELCA Bible study 10:00 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	26
27 **4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Annual Meeting following worship, lunch included**	28	29 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	30	31 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.**	1	2

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, January 1– Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day
Sunday, January 6 – Worship at St. Francis Episcopal Church
Friday, January 11 – Deadline for annual reports
Sunday, January 13 – Transition update to congregation following worship
Wednesday, January 16 – February Eagle deadline
Sunday, January 20 – Council meeting following worship
Monday, January 21 – ***Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day***
Friday, January 25 – WELCA Bible study
Sunday, January 27 – Annual congregation meeting following worship ***(reports due***

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