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From Pastor Jim Kniseley...



The **Year 2017** is filled with wonderful possibilities! Please continue to make Sunday worship a priority in your life. A healthy Christian makes use of these faith practices: worship, prayer, helping others through time and dollars, and reading the Bible. How about putting these at the top of your list of Resolutions for 2017?

I commend the **Reformation 500 Team** for their service. The team members include Eva Coffey and Maria Archer from St. Jacob's and Cherry Sharp and Tracey Reed from Trinity. The logo has been approved and you will see this in all publications this year. Each congregation will have monthly bulletin inserts highlighting aspects of our Lutheran history. We have invited Pastor Joel Robinette from Keezletown United Methodist Church to join our team. We are seeking ways to observe Reformation 500 beyond our Lutheran Circle. Our next planning meeting is Sunday, January 8. We'll keep you informed about further events and resources for our participation in Reformation 500.

I will be representing you on Sunday afternoon, January 15, at our newest Lutheran retirement

home in Staunton. **The Legacy** has worship every Sunday afternoon and the third Sunday is covered by Lutheran pastors in our Southern Valley Conference. I am taking my turn. Did you know that the chaplain for The Legacy lives in our area? Pastor Lance Braun and his wife Norma have a home in Dayton. I hope he will lead worship for you one of these days.

We have **Council Installation** for both congregations this Sunday, January 8, at worship. We will recognize our retiring Council members.

What's on the near horizon for our congregations? **Trinity** is researching options for making the facility handicapped accessible. That includes looking at an elevator. Painting of the exterior and signage are also being considered. **St. Jacob's** is looking forward to a ground-breaking in March for the building addition (hall, kitchen, restrooms).

A **Transition Team** from each congregation will be appointed by the Congregation Councils this month. The teams will have both joint and separate meetings with me as needed. The role of the Transition Team is to complete the Mission Site Profile for the Virginia Synod. I will help the team solicit information and preferences from congregation members. I expect this work to take 6 to 8 weeks. A **Call Committee** will be appointed by the Congregation Councils in March.

Council, Committee Chairs, and Staff: Please prepare your reports for our Annual Meeting. St. Jacob's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5. Nancy Bradfield is overseeing this task for St. Jacob's. Trinity will soon select their date for a February Annual Meeting.

Finally, you have two hard-working men who are serving as webmasters for our congregations. Lou Murry is the Trinity webmaster. Eric Hedrick is the St. Jacob's webmaster. They are making sure that our monthly newsletters, weekly sermons, Reformation 500 info and other info that you submit are kept current.

Thanks for your continuing partnership in the gospel.

In the love of Jesus Christ, Pastor Jim

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Announcements

Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will not have meetings in January and February.

Officers and Council for 2017

President - Nancy Bradfield
Vice President - Glen Eye
Secretary - Cindy Hughes
Treasurers - Donnie Coffey and Jenny Meyerhoeffer
Ellen Kaylor
Kathy Lambert

Lectors for 2017

January - Nancy Driver and Ann Royer
February - Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lalm
March - Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield
April - Linda and Glen Showalter
May - Alvina Martin and Jenny Meyerhoeffer
June - Carolyn Randolph and Cindy Hughes
July - Nancy Bradfield and Nancy Driver
August - Linda and Glen Showalter
September - Jenny Meyerhoeffer and Ann Royer
October - Alvina Martin and Linda Showalter
November - Carolyn Randolph and Tom Lam
December - Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield

Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting February 5, 2017

The Congregational Meeting to accept the 2016 Annual Report will be held on February 5, 2017, (snow date February 12th).

Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com.

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Special Delivery!



Pictured above are members of St. Jacob's who surprised Jackie and Don Fries with an early Christmas gift. Jackie broke her arm and found it hard to climb steps to the bedroom and resorted to sleeping on an uncomfortable chair in the living room. The gift is from all the folks at St. Jacob's. On December 18, these folks showed up at the Fries' home: Lettie Bea Lam, Jacob Craun, Carolyn Randolph, Tom Lam and Donnie Lam.

Take a moment to wish
someone well
on their special
day!

Jan 15 Sue Shaver
Jan 16 Heather Royer
Jan 22 Eilene Meyerhoeffer
Jan 23 Betty Link
Jan 27 Nettie Moyers



**St Jacobs Spaders Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016**

In attendance Pastor Jim, Tom Lam, Donnie Coffey, Cynthia Hughes

1. Minutes from September 1 meeting:

- a. Correct November 13, 2016 Congregational Meeting minutes
- b. Minutes accepted and approved with above fixes.

2. Treasurers Report - See attached

3. Report by Pastor – See attached

- a. Council must approve Transition Team members. The Council members cannot be on either the Transitional Team or Call Committee;
- b. Need a banner of the new building to place out front;
- c. Start sending approved council minutes to Eric to put on Website;
- d. Schedule Council Installation for 8 January. Pastor Jim will install everyone.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee – nothing new has been reported.
- b. Youth Ministry – Fund raising and congregational contributions amounted to \$647, which purchased:
 - 10 Angel Kids
 - 4 bicycles
 - Odds & ends for Salvation Army to distribute
- c. Worship Committee has chosen all the Sunday hymns for 2017 1st quarter.

5. Ongoing Business

- a. Don Coffey will have January devotions.

6. New Business

- a. Need all committee Annual Reports on or before 22 January in time for 5 February Congregational Meeting. Please submit electronically if possible;
- b. Need to schedule ground breaking;
- c. Jenny will ask Terry Moonan (attendees Meuhlenberg) to prepare taxes;
- d. Election of officers will occur at January Council Meeting.

Next Council Meeting is January 4, 2017 at 7 pm.

**St Jacobs Spaders Lutheran Church
Special Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2016**

Church Council Attendees: Tom Lam, Don Coffey, Cynthia Hughes, Nancy Bradfield, Ellen Kaylor

1. Issue: One of the heating furnaces is cracked. The estimate to fix this furnace is about \$1,800. A new furnace is about \$4,100. The cracked furnace is over 20 years old.

2. Motion made by Ellen Kaylor to replace cracked furnace. Seconded by Nancy Bradfield.

3. Unanimous approval by voice vote to approve motion to replace furnace. Tom Lam will contact vendor to have this done.

Meeting adjourned.

Weekly Word from God

January 15 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	John 1: 29-42
January 22 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 4: 12-23
January 29 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 5: 1-12

Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
January 15	Ann Royer	Maria Archer	TBA	Nancy Driver and Ann Royer
January 22	Nancy Bradfield	Ann Royer	TBA	Nancy Driver and Ann Royer
January 29	Ian McNeil	Ann Royer	TBA	Nancy Driver and Ann Royer