

Our Continuing Vision

January 2019

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Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

January 6 – Epiphany & Communion

Following a Star Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 – 1st Sunday after Epiphany - Dedication of Church Leaders

The Body of Christ, Among Us Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Ray Dotter, Guest Speaker

January 27 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

The Time is...NOW Luke 4:14-21

Pastor Jan's Corner . . .

A New Year's Blessing

May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles
around you and may your sense of mystery be deepened.

May you be aware of the Light that shines in the darkness,
and that the darkness can never be put out.

May you be blessed with companions on the journey,
friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

May you learn to live with what is unresolved in your heart,
until that day when you will find the answers.

May you discover that still, quiet place inside yourself
where you can experience the peace that passes understanding.

May love flow in you and through you to those who need your care.

May you know God's presence and God's way for you.

(adapted from: Lydia Wright)

Fun First Friday - January 4, 6-8 pm

Ages 3-16 are invited to join in the fun activities planned for the evening.

De-hanging of the Greens - Sunday, January 6

You are invited to stay after worship and help de-hang our greens from the Christmas season. This is a simple group task that can be completed quickly and easily.

Book Club - Sunday, January 13, 12 noon

Start the new year by joining a new group. Book Club is a wonderful fellowship for everyone. We will discuss The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn, hosted by Bev Merkel at church. See Nancy Dotter for more details.

Security Presentation - Tuesday, January 15, 7 pm

With many security issues happening in throughout the world, the Leadership Team is inviting everyone to attend a Security Program presented by Lieutenant Thomas Endy, Crime Prevention of the Wyomissing Police Department, on Tuesday, January 15, 7 pm in our Sanctuary. We feel this is a very vital part of our life and community.

Soup Kitchen - Monday, January 21, 10 am

Help is needed to make Hamburger BBQ, provide rolls, provide celery & carrot sticks, and to be servers, at the New Journey Food Ministry, 138 South 6th Street, Reading. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Witness News

The hat, mitten, sock, gloves tree, which was outside the Sanctuary for this holiday season, benefitted the residents at the Berks Leisure Living Home in Leesport. These items were delivered on Christmas Eve.

Our Cantata offering (Friday, December 21) and Christmas Eve offerings (4:30 & 8 pm) totaled \$1,327.00, benefitted Family Promise.

On Sundays, January 27 and February 3, we will be collecting for Souper Bowl Sunday. This collection goes toward paying for the supplies needed for the New Journey Soup Kitchen in Reading.

Kinda Crafty to meet Tuesday, January 29, 7 pm

Kinda Crafty (nighttime version of Coffee, Crafts, & Chatter) resumes at Nancy Dotter's home. Start the new year with a new group! Bring your ideas for any crafts and/or just come and enjoy fellowship.

Thank you for the many kind remembrances shared throughout the Christmas season. I am blessed to be among you. May 2019 offer reassurance of a faithful God, always with you..... Jan King, Interim Pastor

Thank you to everyone for all your generosity and thoughtfulness with the many cards and gifts during this season of love and kindness. Happy 2019!.....Barbie

2019 Offering Envelopes are in your church mailbox or on the table in the foyer.

First quarter dates available for the Flower Chart

January 13, 20; February 3, 10, 17; March 3, 17, 31.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the Church Office.

Suggested price is \$25.00.

Amahl and the Night Visitors - Sunday, January 6

Berks Opera Company presents this heartwarming story for children of all ages in collaboration with Opera Lancaster at Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd., Wyomissing, 4 pm. Tickets at the door: \$15 adults, \$10 students with ID, \$5 children under 12. Ample free parking.

In Our Prayers this month:

Gloria Barnett – Sharon Brungess – Gail Camp

Nancy Custo – Dawn Ernst – Tom Evans

Mel & Sandy Fox – Robert Heim & Family –

Joan Hornberger – The Keller Family

Betty Kintzer – Eleanor Kruse – Tim Latshaw

Mia Losito - Brianna Lowry – The Martin Family

Bob Pettit – Lester Sharar – Smokey – Eric Speece

Jill Keyser Speicher – Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart



Sunday Worship Participants for January 2019

January 6

Communion

Acolyte: Sissy Sfingas
Flowers: Presented by Dave Martin
Greeters: Jim & Carol Beck
Nursery: Paula McCutcheon
Worship Leader: Dan Biss
Deacons of the Week: Glenn & Kay Pfautz

January 13

Dedication of Church Leaders

Acolyte: Abigail Felker
Flowers: (Open)
Greeters: Dan & Sandy Biss
Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari
Worship Leader:
Deacons of the Week: Pat & Sharon Harris

January 20

Ray Dotter, Guest Speaker

Acolyte: Alexis Martinez
Flowers: (Open)
Greeters: Vicki & Dennis Clements
Nursery: The Felker Family
Worship Leader: Nancy Dotter
Deacons of the Week: Lee & Fawn Seifrit

January 27

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Acolyte: Josh Felker
Flowers: In honor of my 60th birthday by Barbie Kuhns
Greeters: Diane Zimmerman & Darlene Dunn
Nursery: Stefanie Thomas
Worship Leader: Doris Krick
Deacons of the Week: Bob & Barb Pettit

Audio: Glenn Pfautz

Counters: Lee & Fawn Seifrit

Head Usher: Scott Blatt

Ushers: Sue Blatt, Ted & Mary Jo Noble

Parking Lot Greeters: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

Welcoming Team: The Felker Family