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PERIODICAL CHALICE TIDINGS

SERVING THIS WEEK OF January 18

Worship Leader:	Jack McKinnon
Elders:	Jack McKinnon (bread), Mary Stipanowich (cup)
Diaconate:	Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Peggy West
	Liz Burton, Rick Webster, Kim Cunningham
Balcony:	Margaret Taylor, Kenny Rutledge, Kathryn Rutledge
Preparatory:	Marcia Higgins, Debbie Smith, Sharon Butcher
Greeters:	**Front** John Trone
	Central East Leslie Trone
	Balcony South Collin Reed
	Elevator John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s):	Jim & Jonelle Schauble
Children's Moment:	Rev. Ingersoll
Children's Church:	Esther Young
Soundboard Tech:	Grant Reed
Coffee Fellowship Time:	Dorothy Loop
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sanctuary Rededication

The sanctuary renovations are finished! It is beautiful and we are so pleased with all the work that has been done.

A rededication of the sanctuary has been scheduled for the morning service on January 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker, our Regional Minister, will be delivering the message on that day.

There will be refreshments after the service. Please mark your calendars and be sure and be in attendance on January 25. It will be a day to remember in the history of our church.

Kelly's Korner

Last week, we looked at Jesus' baptism. This week, our worship theme will center on the call of the first disciples of Jesus as the gospel writer John describes. There will be interesting dialogue between Jesus and Nathaniel. We will also find out that Jesus' hometown of Nazareth is not highly respected. Nathaniel thinks Jesus is great for a fairly simple reason. Jesus tells him, *If you believe in me because of simple things, hang on. It's gonna be a wild ride and you will see greater things than these.* Except for the last part, this is paraphrased a bit.

When did you become a disciple of Jesus? At birth? At baptism? At church camp? Did you have some extraordinary experience? Or, did you have a slow, methodical process to believing in Jesus? If your response is the latter, probably you went to church quite a bit, or some. You heard the stories of Jesus in Sunday School. Maybe you spent some time away from the church and after getting married or having a child found your way back with a bit more commitment. Just coming to church, though, does not make one a disciple of Jesus. It is a really good start, though.

I wish I could have the experiences of the first followers. Standing in the presence of Jesus and listening to his sermons must have been powerful. To see him show care and kindness to children and those in need had to be life-changing. Experiencing the miracles would lead to much less questioning and doubt than just reading about them. As disciples of Jesus, it is up to us to follow his example and share his story and be extravagantly kind in helping others to know of God's grace and love—in his absence.

If we live like true disciples, then Jesus isn't really absent. See you Sunday!

Peace,

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 18
Rod Burg opens/closes church
Rod Burg drive(s) the van

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM	Worship
12:00 NOON	Deacon's Meeting
2:00 PM	Grand Prairie
Elders:	Mike Drake
Deacons:	Nancy Reed
	Anne Ingersoll
4:00 PM	Everly House
Elders:	Mike Drake
Deacons:	Nancy Reed
	Anne Ingersoll

Monday, January 19

6:00 PM	Trustees
7:00 PM	Church Board

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 25
Bill Butcher opens/closes church
John Carden drives the van

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM	Worship – Rededication of the Sanctuary
5:00 PM	State of the Church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

17	Dan Reed Marilyn Robinson Kolette & Krista Rutledge
23	Tweed Mummert

Sunday, January 18
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: Greater Things Than These
Scripture: John 1:43-51

Other Lectionary Readings:

I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
I Corinthians 6:12-20

Sunday, January 25
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
I Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

State-of-the-Church

The State of the Church will be the topic of our gathering on January 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a meal and after the meal, a presentation will be given by Rev. Ingersoll.

The church will furnish maid-rites, hot dogs, buns, condiments, baked beans, drinks and table service. You are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.

You are also asked to make a reservation for this meal by indicating the number attending beside your name on the Friendship Register on Sunday.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be interesting to hear what has been accomplished this year and what we can expect in 2015.

Ladies, it's time to get 2015 off and running.

We will meet on January 20 to discuss plans for this year.

Sewing Guild members please meet in Conference Room at 11:00 a.m. and Prayer Shawl members, please join us at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone bring a sack lunch! See you then!

Ellen Tingley

There will be a short organizational and training meeting for all 2015 Deacons on Sunday, January 18, immediately following worship.

If you are currently serving as a Deacon, please plan to stay for this important meeting.

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January is Human

Trafficking Awareness Month

Did you know?

*Economic hardships, emotional upheaval, a lack of social safety networks, or illegal immigration status can lead to victimization by human traffickers? Their victims are lured with false promises of well-paying jobs, physical or emotional security.

*In the U.S., 2 out of 3 trafficking victims are U.S. citizens?

*In the U.S., 1 out of 3 documented victims is a child?

MORE can be found at:

http://dhs.gov/blue-campaign (U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign);

http://www.breakingtraffik.org (Quad Cities organization for Illinois & Iowa)

thanks

To the Junior Youth Fellowship:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I want to thank you for sponsoring a food drive. Your donation was 158 items and will be greatly appreciated by those who need food. I'm sending a special thanks to Emily for thinking of us.

If your youth group would like to visit our pantry, we would love to have you come see what we are doing.

Frances Welch
Facility Coordinator
C.A.R.E.

Annual giving statements are in a box on a table in the Parlor.

They are in alphabetical order. Please pick yours up.