

The Heartbeat of St. Charles' Episcopal Church

A church with a big heart, shining the light of Christ, joyfully serving others.

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As I write this article, I am just barely recovered from swine flu or some other respiratory infection that has laid me low for a whole week. I am still coughing a lot, but my energy has finally come back a bit, and I can string a few thoughts together.

I am struck by the faith of our little community, as we enter the holiday season. In so many ways, I am humbled by the group of believers it is my privilege to shepherd. Our stewardship pledge drive is going very well. We are currently almost a month ahead of where we were last year. All the numbers aren't in yet, but right now our average pledge is up almost 8 percent. In this environment, that is no small occasion for celebration. We still have a gap to close, but I have no doubt that we will make at least our minimum target—one way or another. When we keep our hearts and minds focused on finding out what God needs us to do here and now, God will take care of the funds.

In reviewing our year, we need to be thankful for a vestry and staff that has shown a remarkable ability to squeeze blood from a turnip. We have run a very lean budget this year. Yes, we have had to put off some building maintenance, but, by and large, we have been able to maintain most of our ministries. When there wasn't money in the budget, we found ways to gather funds from other sources to keep the ministries going, thanks in part to the creative work of our fund-raising committee. I think it is a symptom of really loving what we do that we are so good at inviting others to share in our ministry.

As the Christmas holiday approaches, I want to take a moment to remind you of something you already know. Merchants will be encouraging you to spend money you may not have. They don't care about you. They care about selling their product. We give gifts at Christmas time to emulate the supreme giving nature of God. Giving gifts is not bad. However, please, remember that it is not your job to personally fund the economic recovery. Excessive debt is what got us into trouble in the first place. Unconditional spending does not

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From The Wardens

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One of my favorite things about Christmas is a TV special from my childhood: “A Charlie Brown Christmas.” There’s a little part of all of us that can relate to Charlie Brown—not quite fitting in, not really understanding everything that’s going on in the world. I always thought that the way that Schroeder could turn that little toy piano into an organ or a baby grand was so cool! The best part of that 23-minute show is when Linus gets up on stage and calls, “Lights, please?” and begins to tell the Christmas Story: “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in their fields...” To this day, I still always like to try and catch that special when it comes on as it still gives me that “warm feeling” that comes from Christmas.

That warm feeling that comes from Christmas, be it past or present, has roots right here in our church too. The presence of the Advent wreath, the polishing of the brass, the angel tree in Ludtke Hall, and the long choir rehearsals in preparation for Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve service—all of this and more—reminds us of the reason we come together every Sunday to praise God for His Son, a baby named Jesus that was born to a young, afraid, and unprepared couple and then given to us as our Savior.

At SCEC, we often come together more than just on Sundays though; We have a big heart, so we like to share that “warm feeling” with others in our parish family and with other people in the tri-cities area all

year. We do a lot, and we have much for which to be thankful.

Still, like the shepherds (and Charlie Brown), we are probably a bit afraid: afraid of the future, the unknown, and that we just don’t quite understand what is going on in the world.

That’s why we have the church; That’s why we have each other. Together, we can work to “be not afraid.” 2009 may have brought big or unexpected changes in our lives, giving us a feeling of anxious anticipation for 2010. We don’t know if we’ll have the time or resources to carry on the way we have. We aren’t sure when times will get better—or if they’ll get worse. But, as we enter this season, we can rest assured that we have Jesus. If we keep Him in mind in all that we do, we will move through 2010 together, stronger, and less fearful. Like someone very close to me said, “If we would all just act like Jesus told us to, then we wouldn’t have all these troubles.”

When someone asks if you need help or if you can help, say, “Yes.” An hour of listening or a few minutes of prayer is a wonderful gift. Try to find a Saturday when you can help with a project or a few extra dollars to help support a task right here in our parish. The joy of giving becomes the warmth of receiving when you share holy hospitality every day with all those around you. “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

**Kathy Heikkinen
Junior Warden**

Rector's Notes

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equal unconditional love. Think before you buy. What really matters in the end isn't how much you have saved, but how much you have spent. Don't let the marketing machine of Christmas increase your stress during the holidays.

When it comes to stress, don't let the calendar pile it on either. There are only so many hours in a day. Remember that you can't do it all. NOBODY CAN! Spend your time carefully just like you should be spending your money. Do the things that are important to you, but remember the importance of Sabbath—a time set apart to do nothing as a way to honor God. Remember your family traditions and pass one on to your children, or start a new tradition of your own.

Remember also that the holidays are the most risky time for those suffering from depression. Watch your friends and neighbors for symptoms. Don't be afraid to ask if something doesn't look right. If you suffer from depression, pay attention to yourself and seek help if you need it. Call me or call your doctor. Now is not the time to be brave; Now is the time to get help. Helpguide.org is a good website for general information if you have questions about depression and many other mental and physical challenges. Take advantage of it.

Over two thousand years ago, God chose to break into the world. For some reason God chose to wait until invited and was invited by a young unwed girl in a time and place where life was fragile, and almost no one was more powerless than young unwed girls. So the creator of the universe came into our world as a helpless baby born to a powerless mother living in an occupied, conquered land. Yet, out of this apparently colossal blunder, the kingdom of God came near to the earth, and we were saved from ourselves. Remember this Christmas that Jesus was born for you. That Jesus Christ is your Savior. That God so loves you that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that you may not perish but have everlasting life. Have a merry Christmas and may God bless us all, every one.

See you in Church!



Gift Cards As Gifts

Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or wsbangs@aol.com.

For those of us taking a careful look at our Christmas gift giving, maybe a gift card is the perfect idea for that son-in-law who always returns your sweater or the daughter who likes the punk look (and you love Talbot's, Carson's, and Coldwater Creek). St. Charles Church makes from 2-18 percent on each card ordered at church. So, check your list twice and see Wendy Bangs in Ludtke Hall on December 6 and 13 for gift cards to book stores, department stores, fast food restaurants, fine dining places, sports stores, grocery stores, Lowes, Home Depot, and more. Orders taken by or on December 13 will be delivered by December 20. Go to www.glscrip.com to see all the wonderful choices available.

School Uniforms Required

Contact Deacon Liz at 630-584-2596 or sccedeacon@sbcglobal.net.

While we take primary education (grades 1-5) for granted in this country, 75 million of the world's children—most of them girls—never attend. The biggest reason? They can't afford to buy the school uniforms necessary to attend. If a family can only afford to buy one uniform, tradition dictates they pick the eldest son. This year, Bishop Jeffrey Lee has challenged us to provide 40,000 school uniforms to children in developing countries. Each uniform costs \$12. For every uniform you donate, you will receive a card suitable for gift giving. (Cards coming soon.) Who is on your Christmas list? Babysitters? Bosses? Friends?



What's Up In Kids Formation?

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

Happy December! The **Atriums** are busy, busy, busy! The children in the **Purple Atrium** are going to learn more about the reason for Christmas. The children in the **Green Atrium** will learn more about the coming of the Messiah through the readings in the New Testament and through their Jesse Tree readings from the Old Testament. The children in the **Blue Atrium** will be learning about Jesus' call to his disciples.

The **Middlers** are going to explore the Christmas story and their understanding of the Holy Family. The **Jr. High** class is working really hard on their upcoming Epiphany Pageant which will be held after the 10:45 a.m. service on January 10. The **High School** class is learning more about the "characters" in the Old Testament.



For An Episco Disco

December 27

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

Attention junior and senior high schoolers and college kids: Come dance and have fun on December 27. **We'll have a DJ and more.** Watch The Pulse for more details.



January 24

Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 24. There will be two services that day (7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.) with the meeting sandwiched between them. There will be no regular Formation. However, **activities are planned for youth and children** during the meeting, and the **Nursery will be available** from 9 a.m. to noon.



January 29-31

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

New Beginnings! Any sixth through eighth grader is welcome to attend this terrific retreat. Registration forms are available online at www.episcopalchicago.org or from Liz Ryan.

No Formation

December 27

There will be no Youth Formation on Sunday, December 27.

MIQRA

January 15-18, 2010

Look for more information on this great new event for youth and adults.

Sr. High To Serve

January 3, 2010

The Sr. High will serve at the 10:45 a.m. service.



Ring The Bells For The Salvation Army

December 19, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Contact Colin Campbell @ 630-232-1132 or gc-campbell@sbcglobal.net.

Come Ring The Bells for this worthy cause on December 19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Jewel Store on Kirk Road. **Please sign up for a one-hour shift on the sheet in Ludtke Hall.**

This location provides shelter, so the whole family can do this together in the spirit of the holidays. In the past, kids have sung carols, and **our volunteers have come up with some very creative ways to entice donations from shoppers.** Join us for some great Christmas fun.

Complete instructions will be provided to those who sign up before the event.



CPR-AED Training

Contact Karen Madura @ 630-587-6168 or kmadura@hotmail.com.

Did you know that the church has an AED located on the wall in Ludtke Hall? Would you like to learn how to use the church's AED—just in case? The following community organizations are offering CPR-AED training:

St. Charles Park District

Contact @ 630-513-6200 or www.st-charlesparks.org.

Cost: RES \$25/NR \$37.50

- January 13, 2010, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Course # 10451)
- February 17, 2010, 5-9 p.m. (Course # 10452)

Delnor Community Hospital - Community Education

Contact @ 630-208-3999 or www.delnor.com.

Cost: \$30.00

- December 17, 2009, 5-9 p.m.
- January 21, 2010, 5-9 p.m.
- February 18, 2010, 5-9 p.m.



Applications For Ludtke Scholarship Available

Available: January 3, 2010

Due: March 1, 2010

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scceyouth@sbcglobal.net.

Ludtke Scholarship applications will be available to graduating high school seniors on January 3, 2010. They are due by March 1, 2010.



Epiphany Pageant

Rehearsal: December 27, 10:15 a.m.

Performance: January 10, 2010, around 11:45 a.m.

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scceyouth@sbcglobal.net.

There will be no Formation classes on December 27; A rehearsal for the Epiphany Pageant will be held instead. The Epiphany Pageant will be performed after the 10:45 a.m. service (approximately 11:45 a.m.) on January 10, 2010.



Penny For Your Search?

Contact Carol Townsend @ carol.townsend@gmail.com or 630-681-0311.

How many times a day do you use the internet to search for an address or phone number, health information, things to do, events, and more? **Did you know that you can earn money for the church each time you search if you use www.goodsearch.org?**

GoodSearch donates 50 percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It's a simple and compelling concept. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers. You just search as normal, and you are never charged a thing.

Fr. Bill has been using GoodSearch for quite a while now and loves it. **He estimates that each search he does provides about a penny to the church.** It's quick and easy and is a painless way to raise money for St. Charles Episcopal Church.

Please Help SCEC Look Its Best For The Holidays

December 13, 1-6 p.m., December 15, 5-8 p.m., & December 19, 9-noon

Contact Mike Custer @ 630-587-9230 or mike_custer@comcast.net.

Please come help us make SCEC look its best for the holiday season. The floors around the altar and choir area need to be repainted. We will need plenty of muscle to move the furniture and some real skill to do the painting. The whole process will take several days; Work is scheduled to begin December 13 and will continue on December 15 and 19. Please sign up to help in Ludtke Hall.

Christmas At The Soup Kitchen

Precook: December 23, 7 p.m. / Serve: December 24, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Hebrew 13:2

Christmas at the Soup Kitchen is a wonderful way of showing hospitality to strangers. You may not know the woman you serve, or the child who asks for a glass of apple juice, or the man who thanks you for the wonderful meal, but these also are the children of God. On Christmas Eve, we are privileged to serve the lunch at the Soup Kitchen in Aurora. This lunch will be buffet style (just as we do every month except November)—with a little extra pizzazz. We decorate the tables and serve special desserts. This makes it very festive for all. We invite you to join us on Thursday, December 24 as we serve some of God's children a delicious Christmas Eve lunch. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in Ludtke Hall for those who would like to serve as well as those who would like to provide food. We will be cooking on December 23 at 7 p.m., and you may sign up to help with that on the same sign-up sheet. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the season cause you to forget the important things in life.

"...those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved."

1Timothy 6:3b

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Worms



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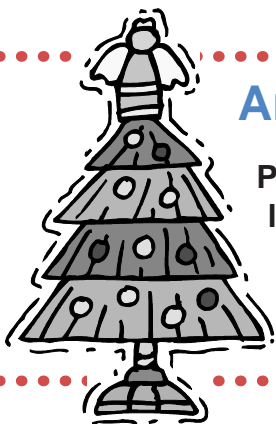
Adam Lander Scholarship

Contact Dick Lander at 630-632-0330 (cell) or dick.lander@sbcglobal.net.

A scholarship established in memory of Adam Lander will present its first award in the spring of 2010. The Lando Foundation, a not-for-profit Illinois corporation, administers the scholarship, which will be presented annually to a deserving Tri-Cities, college-bound student. Applicants who intend to major in Adam's chosen fields of art/design or advertising will enjoy preferential, though not exclusive, consideration by the scholarship committee.

To thank contributors for their support of the scholarships, and in response to requests, the Foundation is offering reproductions of two of Adam's most important paintings (Pictured above.). The reproductions were created by and produced under the supervision of Adam's father, Dick, who is also a graphic-arts professional, and are faithful to the originals in color and detail. Benefactors may request one, multiple prints, or none at all as they wish.

More information is available at <http://public.me.com/rlander>. Those without internet access can contact Dick Lander for a printed scholarship announcement.



Angel Tree Reminder

Please return unwrapped and labeled gifts to Ludtke Hall before December 13.

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

December Birthdays

- 01- Jean Savoie
- 04 - Liz Johnson
- 04 - Jack McCullough
- 05 - Dallas Heikkinen
- 08 - Sandy Parsons
- 08 - Jack Viverito
- 10 - Kathy Hari
- 11 - Jan Bach
- 12 - Dalia Bach
- 13 - John Godina
- 14 - Bobette Dodson
- 14 - Clark Wicks
- 15 - Marj Benolken
- 15 - Vicki Johnson
- 15 - John Monken
- 16 - Margo Churchwell
- 16 - Christopher Hatcher
- 17 - Jessica Birk
- 18 - Ella Lester
- 19 - Matt Rhead
- 20 - Eli Balisi
- 21 - Bob Thomson
- 22 - David Trizzino
- 22 - Bill Churchwell
- 23 - Jim Scanlan
- 23 - Colin Weiss
- 24 - Alexander McCullough
- 24 - Gavin McCullough
- 25 - Carol Paschal
- 25 - Cathy Koch
- 25 - Jack Benning
- 26 - Andrew McCullough
- 27 - Christy Becker
- 28 - Laine McCleary Griswold
- 30 - Jonathan Monken
- 30 - Liz Meade
- 31 - Henry Mora

December Anniversaries

- 28 - Doug & Diana Brown
- 30 - Tom & Karen Flood
- 31 - Kevin & Chris Lester

Food, Fellowship, FUNdraisers

December 13

Contact Christy Becker at
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Below are a few ideas that will help you while helping the church meet its goals.

Gino's East Pizza

Want a scrumptious gift for a teacher, coworker, neighbor or a time-saving week-night meal? **Order from now until December 13. Then, pick up delicious frozen, deep-dish pizzas at the church on Sunday, December 20.** You can order medium (9") cheese, sausage, pepperoni, or spinach pizzas for **only \$11** (Restaurant prices are \$15 and up.). You can order at church or contact Christy.

Share this deal with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers! Stocking your freezer will help us raise the needed funds to reach our budget/outreach goals.

Sergio's Cantina

Relax and enjoy a meal at Sergio's Cantina in downtown Geneva on Sunday, December 13. A percentage of the profits made between noon and closing will be given to SCEC. Be sure to tell them that you are part of the fundraiser and bring friends!

Greetings From Your Deacon

I am at a conference in Dubuque, Iowa as I write this—an ecumenical meeting of Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians. At worship this morning, I was very distracted because the altar was set “wrong.” The Congregational pastor had set the cross off to the far right, he placed votive candles willy-nilly, and (horror of horrors!) he placed fist-sized rocks all over the altar. I struggled with this arrangement and longed for the beauty and symmetry of our own altar: cross centered, balanced with candles placed equidistantly across beautiful white fairlinens. The way he had set the altar so irritated me that it distracted me from my prayer. Shame on me! I soon came face to face with my own “stony heart” when I heard the theme of the morning’s reflection, “hearts of stone.” As we sang “Here I Am Lord” and asked that God love my stony heart, (“for love alone...”), I “revised” the altar scene and was able to see the stones on the altar as stony hearts marching toward the cross in faith.

Advent brings us to that time of anticipation and waiting. It is more than simply the four week countdown to Christmas. In Advent, Christians are asked to stretch—to consider our stony hearts and what might be preventing our eyes from seeing the true joy of the Incarnation. This December, how will we see the Incarnation and second coming of Christ with new eyes? How will we consider the truths set before us in new ways? How will we, as Christians, be transformed?

I look forward to joining you in Advent, as we wait, examine our hearts, and anticipate the new ways Jesus will transform us.

Blessings,

Deacon Liz



Lessons And Carols

December 6, 7:30 p.m.

Contact Deacon Liz at 630-584-2596 or scecdcaon@sbcglobal.net.

Join us on Sunday December 6 at 7:30 p.m. for this traditional Anglican service of song and readings. The choir will be at its best and the readers are local community leaders. It’s a wonderful service to ask your friends to because it’s just beautiful music by candlelight, and there is no Eucharist. Join us!

What Is Healing Prayer?

Submitted by Father Bill Kruse @ 630-208-6405.

I once heard a woman give her testimony about a healing that was the result of prayer. She said that *for her*, healing prayer was not asking or begging God for a healing. Instead, her prayer time was a time for reasoning with herself. She first reasoned with herself about her fears that she would not be healed and the pain would be a continuing reality for the remainder of her life.

Having recognized her fears, she realized that her fears were not consistent with her belief in Jesus as her Lord and her Healer. She eventually remembered that Jesus taught that “God is Love.”

She then fell deeper into fear: “Can God love me? Can God forgive me? How can I think that I deserve healing?”

At this point, somehow, she felt the Presence of Christ with her. She laughed out loud. It seemed to her that Jesus said, “What does deserving have to do with it? God is infinite, endless Love, and you are made in the image and likeness of God.”

“Can you handle that?,” she asked herself and grinned. Then she remembered reasoning with herself, “Love always seeks expression. Why did God create me? To express Divine Love. The purpose of my life is to be an expression of Love. God needs me to be an expression of his Love. So why wouldn’t God heal me?”

When she awoke in the morning, she was awake several minutes before she realized that she had no pain. Her physical problem was not completely healed, but she knew that it had begun, and the end was certain. Actually, it was almost three weeks later when the medical exam certified her healing.

For some of us, healing prayer is not asking, but reasoning about God, and with God. Jesus taught, “Everything is possible for the one who believes.” And, we might respond as did the Father whose Son was experiencing seizures, “I believe Lord. Help me in my unbelief!”



Heartland Voices

December 12, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. / December 20, 7 p.m.

Contact Beverly Nesbit @ 630-584-3150.

Celebrate the music of the season with the **Heartland Voices**. Enjoy old favorites and new delights in one of three concerts: Saturday, December 12 at First United Methodist Church (Elgin) at 3 p.m. (family) or at 7:30 p.m. (traditional) or Sunday, December 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Marcelline Catholic Church (Schaumburg). **Order tickets by phone at 847-429-9486 or online at www.heartlandvoices.org.**



Hesed House

Homeless Shelter For Men, Women, And Children In Aurora

Volunteers Needed

Friday, December 18 @ 11 p.m. To Saturday, December 19 @ 7 a.m.

Questions? Call Wink Bangs @ 630-377-1174.

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Cookies For Hospice Clients And Shut-Ins

Bring Cookies By December 6

Contact Wendy Bangs @ 630-377-1174 or wsbangs@aol.com.

Remember that we need cookies for the Fox Valley Hospice Cookie Collection and our parish’s shut-ins. Please drop off cookies by Sunday, December 6, and **label cookies with nuts.**

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DECEMBER SERVER SCHEDULE

December 06 December 13 December 20 December 27 January 03

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 a.m.	Kathy Mertes Carol Paschal	Carol Paschal Doug Brown	Michelle Moore Gib Moore	Kathy Mertes Jerry Mertes	Diana Brown Carol Paschal
10:45 a.m.	Gary Meade Jim Bachman	Joe Ryan Katie Thomson	Becky Kruse Holly Parks	Dick Hattan Bev Nexbit	Gary Meade Katie Thomson

Lector

7:30 a.m.	Alan Wolff	Henry Mora	Mary Kerr	Kathy Mertes	
10:45 a.m. 1 st	Jr. High	Kathy Heikkinen	Jim Bachman	Sharon Miller	Sr. High
10:45 a.m. 2 nd	Jr. High	Anne Hollis	Mark Senn	Tom Miller	Sr. High

Ushers

7:30 a.m.	Fay Viverito	Marina Morrow Larry Engel	Jack Benning Gerry Miles	Fay Viverito Bill Johnson	
10:45 a.m.	Jr. High Jr. High	Jan Bach John Hollis	Tom Flood Katie Thomson	Wink Bangs Jeff Burnett	Sr. High Sr. High

Acolyte

Eoin Cottrell Sarah Ditch Emily Thomson Andrew Schuetz Dillon Mugge

Intercessor

Kathy Heikkinen Bo Smith Dalia Bach Wendy Bangs Kathy Heikkinen

Altar Bread

Kathy Hari Lisa-Ann Barnes Katie Thomson Jane Van Nortwick Beverly Nesbit

Greeter

7:30 a.m.	Jody Rullman	Dorothy Payleitner	Diana Brown	Jody Rullman	Dorothy Payleitner
9 a.m.	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari
10:45 a.m.	JSr. High	Beverly Nesbit	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit	Sr. High

Coffee Hosts

7:30 a.m.	Morrow	Needed	Needed	Women's Cursillo	Needed
9 a.m.	Needed	Needed	Needed	Women's Cursillo	Needed
10:45 a.m.	Needed	Needed	Needed	Women's Cursillo	Needed

Home Eucharist

Wolff (Craft) Rullman (Campbell) Craft (Thomson) Campbell (Meade) Rixleben (Brown)

Closing

Katie Ditch Mike Custer Carol Townsend Colin Campbell Kathy Heikkinen

Altar Guild

Jody Rullman Ann Mora	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis Annie Hollis	Dorothy Payleitner Barbara Bachman Diana Brown Maria Owen	Bernice Ludtke Jeanne DeVore Barbara Haase Sandy Parsons	Jody Rullman Ann Mora
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Flower Guild

Liz Benning
Jody Rullman Carol Paschal
Sarah Travis Carol Paschal
Sarah Travis Dottie Finatri

Liz Benning
Jody Rullman

Flower Dedication

Ryan Family The Craig (Bullen) Family Zupke Family

9 a.m. Hosts

Needed Victor Family Hildebrand Family Needed Needed

DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	02 9:30 a.m. St. Charles Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. / 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / Noon Women's Bible Study / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	03 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	04 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	05 8 a.m. AA / 9:30 Worship Committee / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / Noon Labyrinth Walk
06 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 7:30 p.m. Lessons And Carols	07 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM	08 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	09 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	10 7 p.m. Vestry	11 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	12 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
13 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 1 - 6 p.m. Altar Floor Project / Gino's Orders Due / Eat At Sergio's	14 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	15 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA / 5 - 8 p.m. Altar Floor Project	16 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	17 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Club	18 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA / 11 p.m. Hessed House	19 3 a.m. Hessed House / 8 a.m. AA / 9 a.m. - Noon Altar Floor Project / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
20 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 7 - 8:30 p.m. Jr. Youth Group Caroling Party / Gino's Pick Up	21 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	22 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	23 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 7 p.m. Soup Kitchen Precook / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve 10 a.m. Soup Kitchen / 4:30 p.m. Creche Service / 10 - 10:30 p.m. Hymn Sing / 10:30 p.m. Service	25 Office Closed Christmas 10 a.m. Service / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	26 8 a.m. AA / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service
27 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 9 a.m. Adult Formation / No Youth Formation / 5 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner / 7:30 Episco Disco	28 5:30 p.m. AA, Evening Prayer / 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, EFM, Order of St. Luke	28 11 a.m. Cleaning Service / 5 p.m. AA	30 9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg / 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Eucharist / 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study / 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	31		



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

03 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.
 05 Labyrinth Walk, Noon
 06 Lessons & Carols, 7:30 p.m.
 10 Vestry, 7 p.m.
 13 Taizé, 7:30 p.m.
 14 Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m.
 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
 17 Women's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
 18-19 Hesed House
 23 Soup Kitchen Precook, 7 p.m.
 24 Soup Kitchen, 10 a.m.
 24-25 Christmas Eve-Christmas Day, Office Closed
 27 Free Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.
 27 No Youth Formation
 27 Episco Disco, 7:30 p.m.
 28 Order of St. Luke, 7 p.m.

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 before December 15 for inclusion in January's
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