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**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*“We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to  
share the love of Jesus Christ.”*

Service of the Word and Sacrament  
January 14, 2018 – 8:30 & 10:30 am.  
“Second Sunday after Epiphany”

When you see the following symbol “+”, please stand.

**Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service.  
This time is designed for personal meditation.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PRELUDE* (Silent Meditation Time)**

### **+ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Loving God,

**We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of **+** Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**+ GATHERING HYMN**      ***“LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK”***      **ELW 676**

**+ APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.      **And also with you.**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE**

## Glory to God

Assisting minister

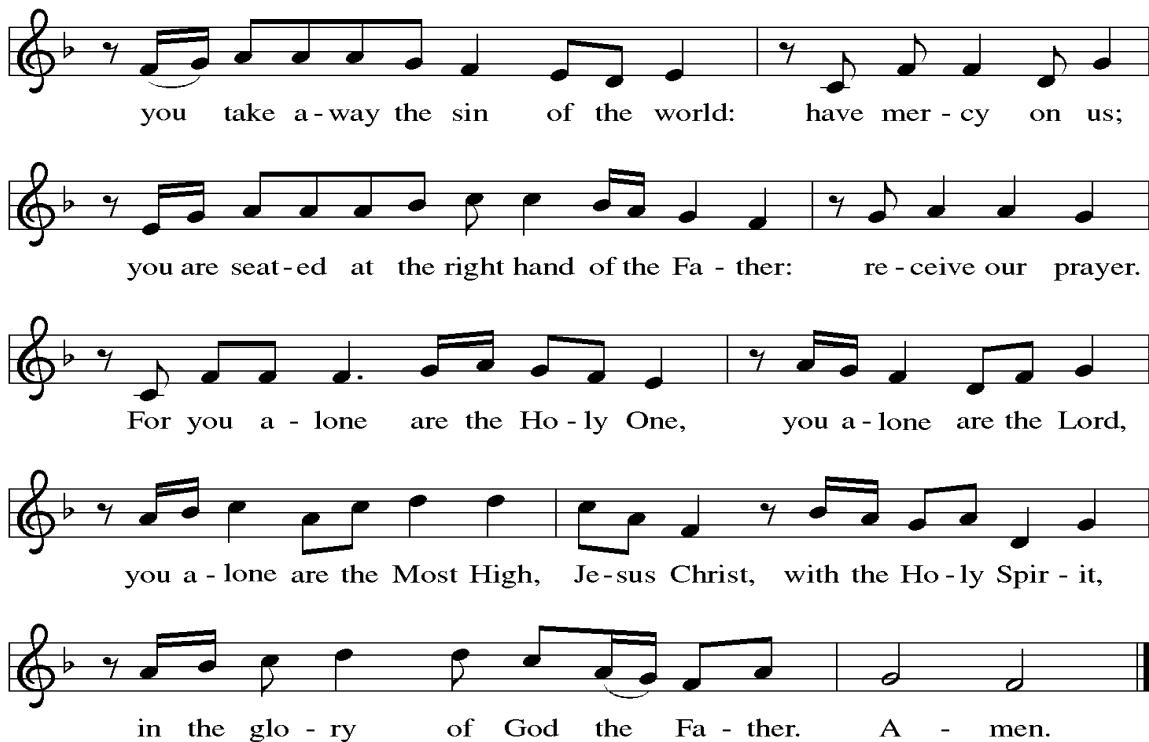
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you

called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 139



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**  
**you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. R**

**<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.**

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

**<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.**

**<sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**

**<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.**

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written |  
in your book;**

**my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

**<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!**

**<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

*“HERE I AM LORD”*

ELW 574

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

## +PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world and for all called to its various ministries, that the Holy Spirit invite us and others to “come and see,” let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants that provide nourishment, for animals that tend their young, that your goodness will be revealed through all creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations and all in authority, for advocates, for those who work for racial justice, and for our community, that all people may thrive together in harmony and order, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all who are oppressed; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*); for caregivers and families; for those who grieve and cannot sleep, that comfort will come to those in any distress, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For travelers and those unable to attend worship today, for members of our community celebrating special events, and for those who request prayers, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for those who followed Christ and now rest from their labors (*especially Martin Luther King Jr., commemorated this week*), that their witness provide a model of prophetic leadership and tireless justice-making, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY (8:30)

#### ANTHEM

*“BLESSED BE THE NAME”*

*SENIOR CHOIR*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

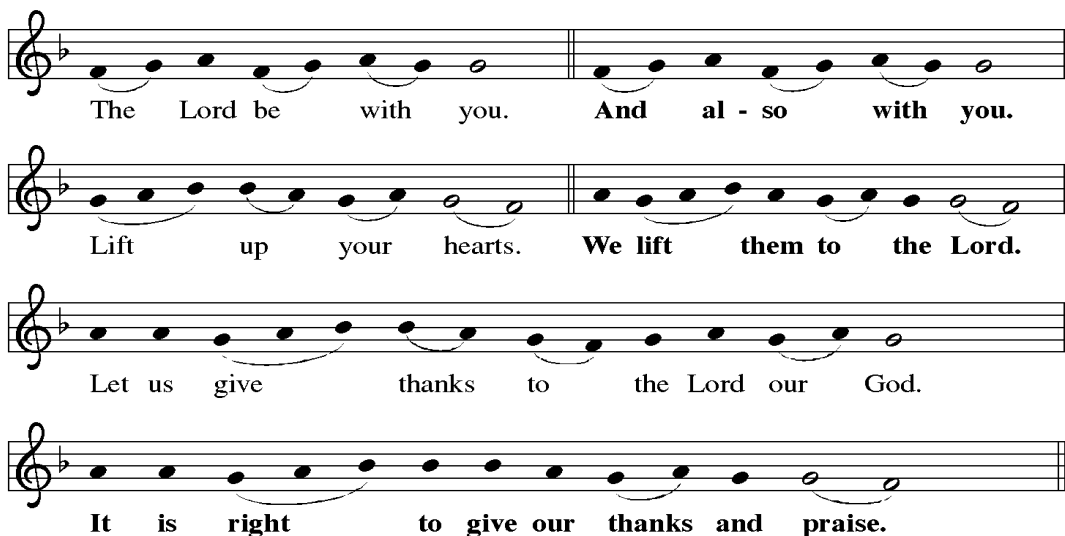
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,

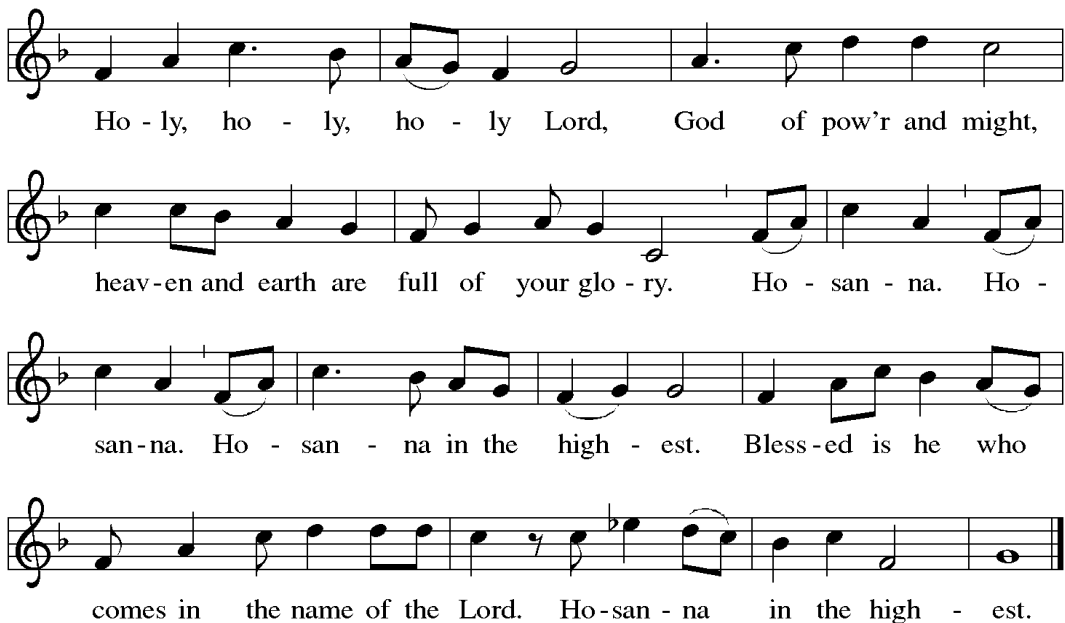
C receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## +GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 810, 696, 460.*

## + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**  
**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.**  
**He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**  
**shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

## + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
You have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

## + BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## + SENDING HYMN

*“LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING”*

**ELW 841**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register.  
If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good  
Shepherd family.*

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**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Jenny, Brady & Jamie Luffy to the Youth Gathering in honor of Chuck’s birthday on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Brown to Major Repairs in memory of John W. Askey and the anniversary of his death on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mark & Lynda Gesalman to Shriners Hospital for Children in memory of Ted Johnson.

A new sign-up sheet for LIVING GIFTS has been posted in the hall. Please sign up for those dates that may have special meaning to you.

**SERVING TODAY:****8:30****10:30**

Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Acolyte	David Welsh	Kayden Askey
Crucifer	Open	Jonathan Askey
Lector	Rich Welsh	Alice Podolinski
Greeters	Open	Roger Sullenberger
Ushers	Open	Chuck Luffy & Andrew King
Altar Guild	Tammy Welsh	Mina Rutter
Counters		Jack Gesalman & Jennifer Connor

Calling all Junior Youth grades 1-5! Join us on Monday, January 15th for lunch & movie.

We will meet at The Red Brick for pizza at 12:00 PM, then travel to AMC Westmoreland 15 for the 1:35 PM showing of Paddington 2. This event is free for Junior Youth. Parents are welcome to attend we just ask that adults pay for their own movie ticket and concessions at theater.

Please contact Rachel King with any questions or if you will be attending by calling/texting her at 724-454-6476

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## Senior Youth Lunch & Movie - January 21<sup>st</sup>

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### **ANNUAL SOUP SALE**

Don't forget to order your soup. 6 varieties.

\$7.00/Quart or 5/\$30.

### **BOOKS, GAMES & SCRIPTURES**

Sunday - January 21, 2018 - Following the Annual Meeting.

Bring a sandwich and dessert to share and enjoy the warmth of friendship on a cold winter's day.

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 14 - 21, 2018

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	9:30 am.	Senior Choir
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	6:00 pm.	When Calls the Heart Bible Study
Monday		Jr. Youth Lunch & Movie
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	10:00 am.	Unity Quilters
	6:00 pm.	Tigers
Wednesday	5:30 pm.	Wolves
	6:00 pm.	Pack 416 Weigh In
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	11:45 am.	RHP Board Meeting
	6:00 pm.	Young Marines
Friday	9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	5:00 pm.	Pack 416 Derby Set Up
Saturday		Pack 416 Pinewood Derby
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Coffee Hour
	9:30 am.	Senior Choir
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Annual Meeting
	Following Meeting	Books, Games & Scriptures
	???????	Senior Youth Group Movie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary.

We adorned the mitten tree for the Salvation Army this year with –61 pairs of gloves, 8 pairs of mittens, 76 hats, 11 pairs of socks, 19 scarves, 2 hat/bootie combos, 1 pair of slippers and 1 frog. Thank you to all who donated.

2018 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary.