
The BEACON



Bi-weekly news of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

December 20, 2017

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.



Congregation Council Prepares for 2018

On Thursday, December 14, the Congregation Council met for their final meeting of 2017. The newly elected Council disciples were invited to sit in for the on-going business of the Council. The new Council disciples, elected at the Annual Meeting on November 19, are: Chip Baker, John Bandle, Colleen Crozier, Elly Burns Frye, David Levine, and Doug Nelson. Debbie Byorick was also elected on November 19, but unfortunately for health reasons, she decided that she must withdraw her name. At the meeting on December 14, the Council voted to ask Damien Richardson to fill Debbie's vacant seat. Damien had received the next highest number of votes at the congregational meeting on November 19. We thank Damien for agreeing to serve.

After the business portion of the meeting, the new Council disciples joined the continuing Council disciples for the election of officers. The following individuals were elected for a one-year term: Neil Linnell, President; Jeanne Brickhouse, Vice President; Doug Nelson, Treasurer; and Carol Thornton, Secretary.

Many thanks were extended to the outgoing Council disciples, with gratitude for their dedication and exemplary work over the past three-years. Art DeBaugh held the position of Vice-President for one year and President for two years. Kris Andrews was Treasurer for the past three years. Beth Hickman served for four years, fulfilling a vacant spot for one year before being elected for a subsequent three year term, most recently on the Stewardship Ministry Team. Martha Foreman served two years on Christian Education and one year on Property. Susan Doran served on the Stewardship Ministry Team for three years. Pat Holland served for one year, completing a vacant term on Property. Keith Kooker served for three years on the Evangelism Ministry Team.

A Council Retreat will be held on February 2-3. There will be Bible study on Friday evening, followed by fellowship. On Saturday, the focus will be on setting clear goals for the year ahead, which will help guide the cottage meetings being planned for early 2018.

—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—

December 24 – Christmas Eve Children’s Worship

**Children are encouraged to bring bells*

5:00 P.M.

*December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion*

7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Music begins at 7:00 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.

Nursery provided at 7:30 P.M. service only.

December 25 – Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

10:30 A.M.

December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas–Services with Holy Communion

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

January 7 – Baptism of Our Lord–Services with Holy Communion

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

January 7 – Epiphany Chili Cook-off

5:30 P.M.

January 7 – Epiphany Vespers

7:00 P.M.



First Annual

Augsburg Epiphany Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, January 7, at 5:30 p.m.

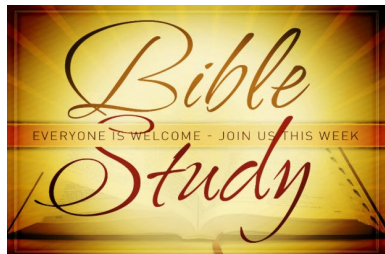
in the Family Life Center

All the Augsburg Community is invited to gather for a chili and fixings meal prior to the Epiphany Service at 7:00pm.

If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-Off simply bring a crock pot of your favorite recipe to share. The Fellowship Ministry Team will be taking care of the rest!

As the Magi brought gifts to the manger, so too are you invited to share a gift of men’s socks, t-shirts and underwear which we will share with the guests of our Overflow Shelter.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



G.I.F.T.: meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. We are studying the Reformation.

“O.M.Genesis” Study: Pastor Paul’s Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom. **This Study will resume January 8.**

Continue in My Word: Welcome to the Monday Adult Weekly Bible Study, in the Youth Area from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. We are studying Jeremiah. Bring your Bible. **This Study will resume January 8.**

Online Contributions Now Being Accepted!

Augsburg is now able to accept your contributions through an online tool with bank-level security and convenience. Following a six-month test of this service, Augsburg’s Stewardship and Finance Teams are pleased to announce that all members are welcome to make their regular contributions to the **General Fund** and the **Building Fund** through the online service provided by VANCO Payment Solutions.



Go to <http://www.augsburglutheran-ws.org/online-giving/> or look for Online Giving in the footer menu on Augsburg’s website. You’ll find more information and a direct link to VANCO’s site where you can with just a few simple steps set up your profile and begin making digital contributions to fulfill your commitment and support Augsburg’s ministries.

Not to worry, contribution envelopes or a direct draft from your bank account still work just fine! Your consistent financial gifts to support the ministries of Augsburg are crucial, and always appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Kyle Voigt or Beth Hickman.



The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Winter Quarter meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.” All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, January 12th. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, January 14th. Please

call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting.

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dec. 24	2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Rom. 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 25	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 31	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	Psalm 148	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Congregation Council met on Thursday, November 9. The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on November 19.

Following are highlights from the November 9 Council meeting:

- Pastor Wollner thanked all those who helped to make his Installation Service and Reformation Sunday so special. The Mutual Ministry Team is in place and their first task in the new year will be to organize cottage gatherings.
- The launch of Emily Norris' Facebook Bible Study was a remarkable success. Tune in on Wednesdays at noon.
- Finance reported a surplus in the financials for October. Note: please indicate on the outside of your offering envelope where you would like your contribution to be recorded, or mark this information on the check.
- Social Ministry reported that the Angel Tree will soon be up. The Overflow Shelter opens on December 1. New mattresses for the shelter were donated by New Philadelphia Moravian Church. The Good Neighbor Team has completed their official commitment time with the refugee family and it was very successful. Thanks to the team for all their hard work.
- Worship and Music approved several changes to the flow and practice of the worship service. Changes will be explained by Pastor Wollner in the Beacon and will begin on the first Sunday of Advent.
- The Communications Task Force has been working on internal and external communications. There will be better access to the calendar and the website will be more mobile-savvy.
- Worship and Music Ministry Team will review, at the request of several Augsburg disciples, the benefits and disadvantages of changing to one-service. Suggestions included a change temporarily, seasonally or occasionally. Worship and Music previously discussed and voted on this question and decided to keep the two services as currently practiced.
- Discussed ways to use surplus amounts, if any, at the end of 2017.
- Approved the following motions:
 - ◇ That \$85,014 be awarded from the Hine Fund for the Fall quarter and \$7,838 be awarded from the Endowment Fund
 - ◇ Adopt the job description for a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator to be posted with the NC Synod, Wake and Duke Divinity Schools
 - ◇ That \$4300 from the Hensel Unrestricted Fund be used to finance a CBIZ appraisal
 - ◇ Allow the use of the Family Life Center for the RJ Reynolds Cross Country Team end-of-season banquet on November 20, at 6:00 PM.
- Discussed congregational life and prayer concerns.

Following are highlights from the November 19 Annual Congregation Meeting:

- President DeBaugh thanked all the candidates for their willingness to run for the three-year term 2018-2020. The following individuals were elected: Chip Baker, John Bandle, Debbie Byorick, Colleen Crozier, Elly Burns Frye, David Levine, Doug Nelson.
- Thank you to all the outgoing Council members. They are: Kris Andrews, Treasurer and Finance; Arthur DeBaugh, President; Susan Doran, Social Ministry; Martha Foreman, Property; Beth Hickman, Stewardship; Keith Kookan, Evangelism; Pat Holland, Property.
- Approved unanimously the proposed 2018 Budget of \$824,113 with projected income of \$818,592 and deficit of \$5,521.



It's not too late to register for the **April 13-15 Women of Augsburg Spring Retreat** at Lutherock Retreat Center. Registration forms are outside the Gathering Room, and on the desk outside the church office. Space available on first come basis and there are **5 remaining spots so get your registration in to reserve your spot.** Place registrations in office workroom box or mail to the Church with Attn: Women's Retreat. Theme: Wonder Woman: The world tells us we need to have it all and do it all, usually on our own strength, but scripture calls us into community and into a vision of the kingdom that is so different from this. So how do we find

balance? How do we support one another and lift one another up as sisters in Christ? Pastor Lauren Carlson will lead our exploration in balancing worldly expectations, our call as children of God, and our need for faith-filled community.

S.I.S. will meet Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the SECU Family House.

Mary's Ministries will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Judy Mullane is the hostess and will present the program.


Augsburg Lutheran Church Financial Snapshot as of November 30, 2017

Current Operating Fund	November <u>Actuals</u>	YTD <u>Actuals</u>	% of Annual <u>Budget Met</u>	2017 <u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$ 56,481	\$ 681,448	87.59%	\$ 777,984
Expenditures	58,674	676,797	84.11%	804,690
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (2,194)	\$ 4,652		\$ (26,706)
Special Benevolence Giving:				
Tanzania Well Project		\$ 7,800		
Refugee Love		\$ 5,015		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		\$ 4,135		
Arts @ Augsburg		\$ 3,497		
Lutheran World Relief		\$ 2,900		
Overflow Shelter		\$ 2,735		
ELCA Domestic Disaster		\$ 2,630		
Charity Reserve/Crisis Control		\$ 2,135		
Souper Bowl of Caring		\$ 1,666		

Comments:

1. November income of \$56,481 and expenses of \$58,674 resulted in a monthly deficit of \$2,194.
2. The YTD surplus has decreased from \$6,845 to \$4,652.
3. Disciples have also given to support the greater community through special benevolent giving.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 Caryn Crozier	4 John Bandle Elizabeth Craven Janet Polk Asher Randolph	5 Vera Robinson Jan Wiles	6 Dan Bradley	7 Sydney Clendenen Wes Dunlap Ryan Hicks	8 Shannon Crawford Mae Thomas	9 Pat Epting Wayne Yoder
10 Jan Wahl	11 Jan Wahl	12	13 Eric Blanks Will Brath Gidei Woldemariam	14	15 Violet Fowler Katie Lippard Kitty Walker	16 Clark Comer Michael Fink Winnie McCleary Nick Seeba
17 Michael Fitzgerald	18 Curt Montgomery	19 Adam Frucht Geoffrey Gibbons Jillian Hojnacki	20 Faith Cashion Steve Charles Kelly Clemens Craig Covington Leah Valliere	21 Steven Holland	22 Wyatt Brown Frank James Lucy Thomas	23 Steve Bissell Sarah Guck Benjamin Madden Leon Mulhearn
24 Jacob Andrews Christian Martin	25 Natalie Brown Charless Stephens	26 Mary Yellick	27 Roger Hull Damion Richardson	28 Macaulay Morrison Yvonne Truhon	29	30 Betty Covington
31 Gail Armour						

DECEMBER MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE

	December 24	December 24 (7:30/11)	December 25	December 31
COVER ARTIST	Joe Nicastro	Cary Stevens		TBD
ACOLYTES	8:30 Jacque Weber Kennedy Weber	Julia Grossnickle Mason Paschold		TBD TBD
	11:00	Meghan Ballard TBD		TBD TBD
CRUCIFERS	8:30 Daniel Nolting	Harrison Hickman		TBD
	11:00	Alex Ballard		TBD
TORCH BEARERS	8:30	David Johnson Walker Paschold		
	11:00	TBD TBD		
BANNER BEARER	8:30	Zane Johnson		
	11:00	Zachary Olsen TBD		TBD
OFFERING BEARER LAY READERS	8:30 David Sitler	Kevin Kooken	TBD	TBD
	11:00	Peter DeBaugh		TBD
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30 Maria Fortin Vicki Strandhoy	John Bandle Dick DiBlasio	Kathie Eppert Martha Claire Henzler	Diane Evans Marti Taynyi
	11:00	Edith Eubanks Jim Eubanks		Sue Holland Linda Martin
OBLATION BEARERS	8:30 Kyle Voigt Leigh Anna Voigt	Clarence Dixon Jean Dixon	TBD TBD	The Cuka Family
	11:00	Christina Fortin Maria Fortin		Bobbie Galchutt Mark Galchutt
ASSISTING MINISTERS	8:30 Don Armitage		TBD	Jami Cuka
	11:00			Peter Brath
NURSERY	8:30 Jill Fowler SS			Kevin Kooken
	11:00			
USHERS	8:30 Clarence Dixon Carrol Epting Kevin Lynch Frank Martin	Chris Almerini Clarence Dixon Don Eppert Carrol Epting Kevin Lynch	Clarence Dixon Carrol Epting Kevin Lynch Frank Martin	Dana Mulhearn Chris Almerini Bobby Baynes Alex Paschold
	11:00	Kevin Lynch		Clarence Dixon Carrol Epting Kevin Lynch Phil Martin
VISITORS WELCOME TABLE & GREETERS	8:30 Jill Fowler/Keith Kooken			Joyce Holton/Effie Sue Utt
	11:00			Nell Rose
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	Gwen Nolting			Sheila Oppel

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9:00 A.M.

Friday, January 5, 2018