



ANCHOR NEWS

Springfield Lutheran Church, ELCA, Newsletter

January 2017

Post Scripts

Happy and Blessed New Year!

Let's start with a prayer: "O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face." (A Christmas Sourcebook, LTP Publications, 1984)

That prayer above is the "Collect for Epiphany", from The Book of Common Prayer from our Anglican brothers and sisters. In January we not only celebrate the calendar year 2017, we take note of the Church Year right along with it. As people of faith, this should be the air we breathe, and we do well to get familiar with it so that we begin/continue to deepen our faith practice with everyday life.

With all the challenges and opportunities that face us as individuals, and as a community of faith, this should be a priority that goes beyond mere behavioral or moral resolutions for the New Year. We will find many ways to engage in this practice throughout the year, so maybe you too will "resolve"—in the Way of faith in our Lord—to take part in what this church in Springfield, and our Church in the world near and far gives day by day.

The prayer above mentions the star that led the Magi to bring honor to Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem. Biblical scholars have made note that Bethlehem (where King David was also born) was a bit of a back-water town; Nazareth, where, Jesus grew up, had a reputation for not being a "destination city" (like Portland, my hometown—hard for me to picture that!); "can anything good come out of Nazareth" scripture tells us.

None of this seems to bother God. It is from such humble beginnings that the Savior comes, which is Good News for most of the earth's inhabitants since not every place can have the notoriety of a Portland or Jerusalem, New York or Paris. And that the first witnesses to Jesus' birth were poor shepherds, and then later those "foreigners" from Persia—The Magi—gives us a clue to see what God is up to.

So in 2017 may we too, with humility, faith, courage, and hope take to heart the prayer offered so confidently that God is for all—"shows no partiality" as Peter preaches. God is not far away, and not only long ago. Even now the Lord is made "manifest" to the likes of you and me, from Veneta to Dexter, from Springfield/Eugene to Thurston and Vida, with reaching "in" to people that we have now, to reaching "out" to folks God wants us to minister to. Imagine that! Imagine that! *Imagine that!* Then let's get to work.

Peace, in Christ, Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us."

Peter Chrysologus, fifth century (A Christmas Sourcebook, LTP Press, 1984)

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Alessandro de Fonseca, Pastor Erik, and Fanarelia Guerrero @ 70th Anniversary

Meet & Greet Alessandro de Fonseca

By Michelle Guillory—Alessandro (his name is pronounced ALLessandro) is our other very talented musician. He hails from Brasil. He's 28 and Portuguese is his first language...keep that in mind when you use colloquialisms around him, although his English skills are pretty good. He plays both the organ and the piano. He's a graduate student at the University of Oregon going after a Masters in Piano Performance under Dr. Alex Dossin.

He's got a girlfriend, named Carolina (pronounced Caroleena as the Portuguese letter I is the ee sound). He's got three (3!!!) cats that he left at home with the folks.

Okay, so this next bit is the "were you born Lutheran" question...technically the answer is Roman Catholic, but apparently our ELCA church is quite similar to his home church. He found this to be a pleasant surprise and feels right at home here. He mentioned that there aren't very many Lutherans in Brasil. We'll claim him. His favorite Bible story answer was "the Gospels". He really likes how relevant they are to our modern lives.

When asked about charities...well, he didn't have one that we could connect to as his are in Brasil. What he did mention is that when he's home he volunteers for various social projects in poor communities trying to provide options to youths in order to help steer them away from gangs and drugs...this can be through teaching, music, sports, and other alternative ideas. This seems to be somewhat of a passion.

Alessandro has energy! He used to fish and hike with his dad and worked the garden with him as well. He mentioned that soccer was in his soul and his favorite team is Cruzeiro in Brasil. He's also into martial arts and has studied everything from Karate to Tai Kwon Do to his newly beloved Aikido, which has been his favorite for the last four years.

He loves chess...seriously! He was semi-professional until he retired to go to school. He still plays online, but to be professional requires too much time...but so does music! He's also an avid reader...but not fiction...he loves a good biography, history, music, economy, or politics book. His ideal gift is a good quality book or score (music)

He likes both tea and coffee but if he has to choose, it's definitely coffee. He likes cooking and Brazilian food is his favorite, although Italian ranks right up there.

When asked about travel he mentioned that we were his first foray into the world outside of Brasil. I also had to narrow his list of where he wanted to travel to...well, I narrowed it way down to "everywhere". There's more, but you'll have to strike up a conversation to find out.

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLSS meets on all Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.



LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/
Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



Thoughts on Time...

So it's a new year! And a "leap year" as well...I have never met or known anyone born on February 29, have you? I DO know a few born on April Fool's Day, and it sort of fits (*they* say that, not me).

For most of us, it is 2017. For the Chinese, 2017 will also be the Year of the Rooster, 4717 (or 4754 depending on who's counting, apparently)...Hebrew New Year is Rosh Hashanah, "Head of the Year", and that happens as a Feast of some days, September 20-22, 2017; it will be the year 5778, according to how they calculate time.

As you may know, the current "Church Year" for us began with the first Sunday in Advent, which was November 27, 2016, and will end with Christ the King Sunday the last Sunday in November 2017.

Light from the sun reaches Earth about 9 minutes after its beginnings there, so the light and warmth we experience (and cherish these wintery days) is already "old", sort of. Yet light from the most distant reaches of the universe takes at least 13 billion years (or more) to reach us; now THAT'S old, for sure. One family member I know, before he could actually use a clock, used to calculate time by when it was time for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Others say it's always time for dessert, (or, "eat dessert first", because you don't know how much time you may have left to live when you start a meal. Seems a little weird to me, unless you know the food is crummy.

I like both of these following tidbits about time: Groucho Marx said that "time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like bananas." I balance that silly sentiment with this insight from Gandalf (the Grey): "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

Why bring this stuff up about time? Well, it certainly has a precious factor to it, and one thing I try to do each New Year, is to evaluate how well I use time. This year I plan to "spend" more time, quietly: out in nature, actually reading a book made with paper and ink (I DO like my Kindle, but...), and yes, more time in prayer. Sitting. Listening. It takes time, no matter how you calculate it, to reduce the interior noise of our minds and spirits, and that is well worth the attention given to it. "Be still, and know that I am God" says our scriptures.

I also ask: if you, too, would like to ponder this aspect of life and faith practice, please call me, let's talk—I will be glad, always, to make time for your questions and insights.

Peace. Pastor Erik



Giving Opportunities

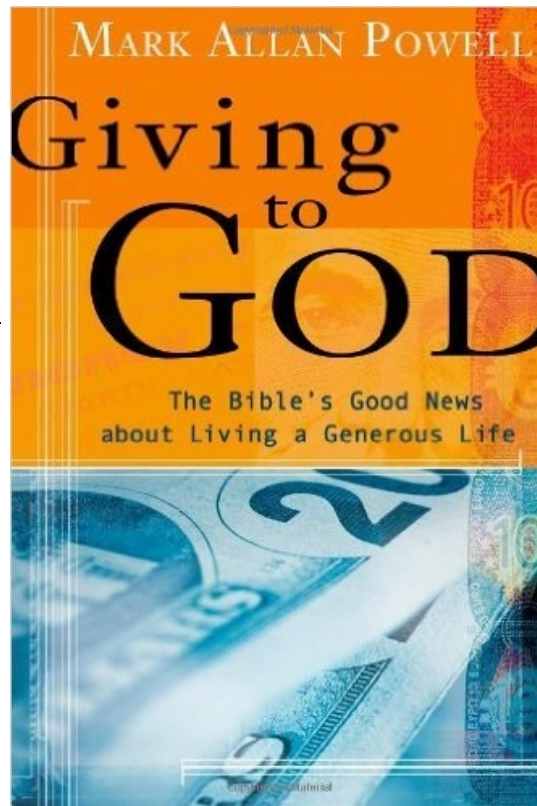
Excerpt from Mark Allan Powell's book [Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life](#), pages 88 & 89:

Gratitude

A grateful person is one who has a deep sense of life as a gift and, so, appreciates and enjoys life much more than he or she would otherwise. Fulton Oursler (author of *The Greatest Story Ever Told*) recalls wondering as a child why the family gave thanks for their food at every meal when, as near as he could tell, they would have gotten the food whether they gave thanks for it or not. Anna, the servant woman responsible for his care, told him, "It makes everything taste better to be thankful" (*Behold This Dreamer*, p. 13).

Stewards are encouraged to view their material possessions as gifts of God and to be thankful for them. With all of the Bible's warnings against storing up treasure on earth (Matthew 6:19), it might be easy to go overboard and end up despising material things as inherently ungodly. But Jesus himself enjoyed a good banquet (Matthew 11:19) and appreciated having costly ointment poured over his feet (Mark 14:3-6). He acknowledged that life is "more than food, and the body more than clothing" (Matthew 6:25) but nevertheless claimed that food and clothing were good things given by God for our enjoyment (Matthew 6:23-30; 7:11). We are not to despise such things—but we are not to think that we are *entitled* to them either, as though the world simply "owes us a living." In our modern age, notions of entitlement run rampant and have become increasingly easy to adopt. Such notions are a surefire prescription for joyless living: we find it difficult to appreciate what we have when we think that we are only getting our due, and we find it easy to complain about what we lack when we think that we are *not* getting our due.

The good news of biblical stewardship provides an antidote to entitlement. It inculcates genuine gratitude, a first cousin to joy. G.K. Chesterton says, "Gratitude is the true test of happiness" (*Orthodoxy*, p. 55). Those who view life as a gift and who receive all things, including life itself, with gratitude are likely to be the happiest people on earth. Among their number are faithful Christian stewards who realize that everything comes from God and who view their material goods as unmerited blessings to be received with glad and grateful hearts.



Poinsettias

By Michelle Guillory—If you should want your specific poinsettia back in January, be sure to mark it with your name. Your Poinsettias are available for you to reclaim after the second service on **January 8**.

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Thank you to everyone who brought a poinsettia as our Sanctuary is quite lovely. If you could not attend, please check out our website's front page to see a picture.

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According to Wikipedia, "The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico, where legend tells of a girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday and was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became beautiful poinsettias. From the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents the blood sacrifice through the crucifixion of Jesus."



Your Council Members for 2016:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President/
Stewardship:
Open

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Open

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire



President's Corner

Due to the ice storm and whatnot, the December council meeting didn't happen, so the Executive Council will meet to ensure that all necessary business is taken care of.

Please note with the upcoming Annual Meeting, **January 22**, we will be electing a new council Vice President. If you wish to serve or know someone who would be great, contact Pastor Erik or myself.

It's now 2017, wow...just, WOW. May this year be a great one for us all. One of the things that really makes our little church great is that we have committed people to help out, those both known and many who are unknown, by their choice, not mine ☺ !

So for the year 2017, please hear me make a genuine and heart-felt plea for more people to take part in our life as a church. Pastor has mentioned the "80-20" rule-of-thumb for participation (in churches and in almost any other organization). It means 80% of the work done is accomplished by 20% of the people who call themselves members, volunteers, or employees of that organization.

We don't—and we won't—"officially keep track" of who does what or when, how or why people do things. Sometimes people ask; other times we have taken "time, talent, and treasure" surveys like lots of churches do, and have used that info to get stuff done...but if we notice your efforts, we will to our best to show our thanks!

So I go back to my heart-felt plea for you: if you are involved already, you are SO much appreciated! If you are not involved, please pray, and let me know how the Lord (or me) is moving you to take part. Pastor also says "a shared burden is a lighter load." Helping at church is a joy, "sharing is caring", not a burden! I think so... How about "resolving" in 2017 to be more involved, joyfully. I would like to see your smiling face joining many more at Springfield Lutheran.

Linda Loomis
President
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The BIG Thank You

By Michelle Guillory—Well, it's January now (technically, December, as I'm writing this) and Pastor Erik and I are looking back at a great year here at Springfield Lutheran Church. As such, We would like to highlight a few of the people who have contributed to our vitality as a congregation and community...keeping in mind that there is no rhyme or reason to the order and that this list is by no means complete.

We know she doesn't want this, but Susan Squire is a phenomenal force to be reckoned with around here...We'll be nice and leave it at that. THANK YOU!

For property and building management Dick Allely and Ray Miller have been the driving force behind literally keeping the lights on. Mowing, raking, weeding, trash pickup...etc. The Fishers for the purchase and dispersal of bark mulch that we got this fall. Karen Klabo is our custodian, and while we do pay her for this, she makes our lives easier by getting rid of germs that make us sick and dumping garbage that can be quite fragrant...THANK YOU!

To the AA, NA, and Nar-Anon groups that meet here regularly. You all contribute to the vitality of the community and we appreciate having you here. THANK YOU!

To the office volunteers—Linda Loomis for making the arrangements. To Ruth Schmunk, Susan Squire, Donna Gieseke, Sharon Walton, Gail Rogers, Miriam Jones, Sarah Heacock, and Darlene Wood...Thank you for being willing to come in each Wednesday and all throughout my vacation...and while I'm currently out recovering from surgery. THANK YOU!

To Gail Rogers for keeping the bills paid...Yes, everyone contributes through tithes (THANK YOU!), but Gail does way more work than anyone ever sees. She is our treasurer on Council, and a banker by nature, but she looks out for ways to save money...for example, the Comcast incident in which they raised our rates from \$39 to \$89 per month and she got them permanently back to what they were at \$39, saving us \$50 per month (or potentially \$600 per year!) Go Gail! THANK YOU!

To the Waltons—For jumpstarting our "inreach" program as "Lay Eucharistic Ministers" who take communion and compassion to homebound members of our congregation who can't come each week. THANK YOU!

To Michelle Marroquin and the Sewing Sisters who just donated 32 quilts to CASA for the foster kids. This is on top of the quilts they donate to Catholic Community Services! THANK YOU!

To Miriam Jones and Michelle M. for updating the Bride's Room. It looks fantastic. To Darlene Wood and friends for going through the Nursery and making sure all the toys were intact and nothing could endanger our little ones. The kids I've seen go in are always excited to play with the toys in there. THANK YOU!

To the council for approving and the congregation for paying and to Innovative Air, Inc. and GMD Electric for doing the work. Check out the new ductless HVAC system in the church office. Pastor Erik, the dogs and I are all quite thrilled with the fresh air and consistent temperature. THANK YOU! (and I promise this is the last time until summer that you hear me rant about how wonderful it is...when that AC kicks in, though, all bets are off!)

Our advent wreath this year was made by Beth Brahm...THANK YOU!
Advent just isn't the same without a wreath.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU



Suggested Food Pantry Items to Donate:

Fats, Oils, Sweets

- Jelly & Jam
- Honey & Sugar & Syrup
- Mayonnaise

- Vegetable Oil
- Salad Dressing

Milk Yogurt, Cheese

- Infant Formula
- Powdered Milk
- Instant Breakfast Drinks
- Canned & Boxed Pudding

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Nuts

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew & Bean
Soups & Chilis
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts

Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables & Toma-
to Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

Fruits

- Canned Fruit
- Raisins & Dried Fruits
- Applesauce
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% Fruit)

Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta

- Rice & Rice Mixes
- Canned Pastas
 - Noodle Mixes
 - Dry Noodles & Pastas
 - Macaroni & Cheese Mix
 - Cold Cereals
 - Bran Cereal & Shredded
Wheat
 - Infant Cereal
 - Hot Cereal Mixes & Oat-
meal
 - Bread & Muffin Mixes
 - Pancake Mix
 - Granola Bars & Graham
Crackers
 - Flour

More BIG Thank You's!

Continuing on from page six, there was such an abundance that we aren't done yet...

To Alicia Fisher for running our Hospitality crew...and to those who help her out. You keep us fed and watered and through your generosity our neighbors, too. You also keep us looking pretty...thank you for your work on decorations for the Fellowship hall. We appreciate how hard you worked for our 70th anniversary and Pastor Erik's 30th. THANK YOU!

The SLCW LWR Quilt group gets credit for 428 million quilts that we give each year to Lutheran World Relief...okay I exaggerated on the number a bit, but each quilt is important to its recipient...so, THANK YOU! Also to Dick Allely and Pastor Erik for driving up to Beaverton to drop them off. A quilt only works if it's got a body under it! THANK YOU!

To Donna Gieseke and the Altar Guild—it's hard to partake of the Body and Blood if there is no bread and wine. THANK YOU!

To Kenny Eilers for arranging the Assistants for Sunday morning Worship services. To Kenny and to Alicia Fisher, Rita Grimes, Sharon Walton, and Kevin Heikkila (whom we miss now that he and Linda moved away...and say hello to all the way in DC)...thank you for assisting Pastor Erik each week. And a big thank you to Kae Ellingsen who will be joining this fantastic crew in 2017. THANK YOU!

To Liz Hurley and the rest of the Sunday Counting Crew: Erika Lamb, Sandra McCall, Linda Loomis, Ruth Schmunk, Eileen Brown, and Rita Grimes. Without you, we'd never get our bills paid because the tithes would be sitting in a pile...THANK YOU!

To Rita Grimes & Ken Eilers for representing us at Synod Assembly. It was great to see you there and I know the Bishop appreciates a full quorum to get the Synod business accomplished.

To Karen Klabo, for cleaning up after us. To everyone who cleans up after everyone else...anywhere, anytime. THANK YOU! That's a sucky job and it is truly appreciated!

To Pastor Erik, Kenny Eilers, & Ingrid Moosbrugger for helping me get pictures for the website. It would be more boring without your efforts. THANK YOU!

To our Church Council—I know you all didn't meet every month like you were scheduled to, but most of the business did get taken care of...I don't think there's any lingering items. For being willing to serve and represent all of us, THANK YOU! To those of you doing it again for 2017, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the musicians who contributed to our worship services this past year. Our worship is more enhanced by the efforts you put in to enriching our services with your gifts and talents. THANK YOU!

To Hartley Troftgruben for many years of service to our congregation. He's moved up to Washington State, and still comes to visit, but he won't be participating as much anymore. We'll miss you, Hartley, and THANK YOU!

Again, to Hartley for donating a large nativity scene to our church and to Donna Gieseke for refurbishing it. It looks great in the Sanctuary, even though baby Jesus showed up too early...THANK YOU!

I know I'm forgetting people, but it was a busy year and I do hope you know how much Pastor Erik and I appreciate not having to do EVERYTHING around here. Without you, we could not be us...a vibrant, active presence in the Springfield community. Together we make a difference in people's lives. THANK YOU!



Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed	9:00 LWR Quilting	9:30 HS Cooking	9:30 HS Cooking	12 noon AA	12:30 AA
9:30 am Fellowship	9:00 SLSS Quilting	12 noon AA	12 noon AA	12 noon AA	12:30 Nar-Anon	
10:00 am Worship with Communion	12 noon AA	5:30 NA	12:30 Nar Anon			
	6:30 Bible Study		2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga			
			3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga			
			5:30 AA			
			6:45 Midwk Worship			

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Christmas 1 ONE SERVICE @ 10AM	2 No Bible Study 11:30 Book Group @ Lovdokkens	3	4	5	6	7
8 Baptism of Our Lord	9 1:00 Women's Circle	10	11	12	13	14
15 Epiphany 2 Giving Statements & Annual Mtg. Packets Available Today	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17	18	19 1:30 Fringe Benefits	20	21
22 Epiphany 3 11:05 Annual Mtg. & Finger Food Potluck	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Epiphany 4	30	31				

Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **Women's Circle**—Returns for 2017. The standing date will be the second Monday of each month (**January 9**) at 1:00 pm. The location will rotate throughout the group. Miriam Jones is your contact. Check the Sunday bulletins and future newsletters for more information.
- **Book Group**—The book you should be reading is The Winding Way Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini. The next book discussion meeting is **January 2** at 11:30 am over at MaryAnn Lovdokken's home. It will be a potluck, so bring a salad or dessert. Darlene Wood is your contact.
- **Midweek Worship**—Returns Wednesday, January 4, at 6:45 pm..
- **Monday Bible Study**—Returns Monday, January 9 at 6:30 pm.
- **Council**—Will not meet in January as there will be the Annual Meeting on **January 22**. Please plan to be in attendance.
- **Fringe Benefits**—Returns Thursday, January 19, at 1:30, over at the Ricksons' home.
- **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**—Please plan to attend **January 22**, after the second service. There will be a finger food potluck prior to the meeting. Our meetings tend to be 30 minutes or so in length, but those 30 minutes cover the important business our church need your input on for the year in order to run smoothly. All are welcome to attend, but only SLC members may vote.
- **Wise Guys and MCCB**—will return in January. Please contact Pastor Erik to confirm times and locations.
- **LutherFest 2017**—Sunday, **February 26**, at the Boulder Falls Center in Lebanon. The event runs from 2-4:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online only at www.lutherfest.luther-house.org. Individual tickets are \$50 and tables of 8 sell for \$350 (a savings of \$50). Don't wait. We expect sales to be swift. Only 250 seats are available. Advance purchase is required. If you have questions, please refer to www.lutherfest.luther-house.org, or call them at 541.753.5213.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board near the Church Office for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

End of Year Items

By Michelle Guillory—**Annual Reports**—Thank you to everyone who turned in a report. They are being compiled and will be printed and ready for your perusal prior to the Annual Meeting on **January 22, 2017**. Please note that there will be a finger foods potluck prior to the Annual Meeting after the second service on that date. All members are encouraged to attend.

Giving Statements—It is my intention to have them ready and out to the Narthex Table on Sunday, **January 15, but by the end of the month at the very latest.** If you are not, or will not be local for tax preparation, please let me know where you want them sent so they are of use to you. Please double check my work so that you get proper credit on your taxes. Thank you.

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For January, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **The Annual Giving Statements**—The office team will do our best to get them out as close to January 15 as possible, but definitely by January 29. If you're not local, let the office know to mail it to you.
- **Tithe Envelope Boxes**—They're here. They cost the church \$4.54 per box, including shipping. If you don't see your name and want one, let Michelle G. know in the office. Thanks.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide it for folks who do not have internet access or those want a quick read while waiting. If you do have access to the internet, please leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- **Grocery List**—What? Well, it's a list of **items that are good for Food Pantries**. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Please remember pull tabs on canned foods if possible. Take one if you feel you need ideas...or check the green (grey if printed) column on page seven for a handy reference.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.

Contact Us

If you need the church, the Pastor, the Secretary, prayer, comfort, or guidance; please contact us at:

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ELCA**
1542 I Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 746-2403

Office Hours: Closed Mondays & National Holidays.
Open Tuesday-Friday, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

SLCAncor@gmail.com

Visit us on the web at
www.springfieldlutheran.org

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Schedule for NEW YEAR'S:

Sunday, 01/01, First Sunday  
After Christmas/New Year's  
Day—10:00 am Worship

Midweek Worship returns  
Wednesday, January 04. All  
other normal church events  
(other than support groups)  
return after January 08.

Sunday, 01/08, Second Sunday  
After Christmas—8:30 &  
10:00 am Worship with coffee  
and fellowship between ser-  
vices.

Happy New Year!