

The Visitor

February 2019

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Sailing Into the World



Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*

Elmer Towns and Neil Anderson relate the following story in their book *Rivers of Revival*:

A Coast Guard captain ordered his crew to sea during a fierce storm to rescue a sinking ship. A frightened young seaman protested, "We can't go out, we will never come back." To which the old captain responded, "We must go out, we don't have to come back."

It can be very easy to find ourselves comfortably protected within our Christian faith. It is a very real temptation to remain surrounded by our Christian friends, Christian church and Christian way of living. All around us the storms of life rage for folks who don't follow the lead of Jesus Christ. We often find ourselves telling Captain Jesus, "We can't go out, we will never come back." To which Jesus replies, "We must go out." Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 28 to go make

disciples of all nations, not wait for all nations to come to you to make them disciples. We are called to sail out into the rough waters of life with the very real presence of Christ. We are called to be the beacon of hope in a world desperately looking for something, anything, to throw them a lifeline.

The dangers are real. When we go out into the world we must always remain in touch with each other as a Christian community. The world's pressures and temptations will constantly call us away from a life of faith. We will be enticed by the sights, sounds, and riches of a worldly life. Satan is a crafty demon who twists the gifts God has given us in creation to Satan's own devices.

We always risk our own life and faith when we launch ourselves into the storm. But we do not embark on this mission alone but with all the saints, both those who have gone before and all those now on the ship with us. With the support of the Body of Christ we can be as bold as a lion. We can roar with confidence about the difference our savior makes in our life.

Roaring into the community,

Committees:

Please let Linda, the church secretary, of any changes to committee rosters or chairs.

2019 Council Members

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St. John's Lutheran Church Statement of Mission:

Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we exist to:

- **PROCLAIM** God's unconditional love as an invitation to all,
- **GROW** in discipleship as we follow in Jesus' steps, and
- **SERVE** others as instruments of God's Holy Spirit.

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Worship Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m.
Worship
- 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School,
Adult Study
Confirmation
- 11:00 a.m.
Worship

Summer Worship Schedule:

- One Worship
Service at
9:45 a.m.

What's in the Works . . .

St. John's Council met on January 8. Here are a few notes about what we're working on.

Thanks to all of our committees who meet monthly to keep our church running smoothly.

Altar Guild

- The Christmas and Epiphany decorations are packed away and the poinsettias are gone. We are looking forward to decorating the church with spring flowers for Easter

Church Growth:

- We are continuing to work on the Lenten devotional. We are still searching for writers if you are interested contact Mindy Judd, 360-915-3799 or mindy@juddhome.net, or Katie Giuliani, 360-508-3210.

Property

- We have been working on keeping the kitchen in good repair. The convection oven is being fixed and shelves are being reinforced to carry heavier loads.

Financial Review:

Monthly income December: \$ 34,272
Monthly expenses December: \$ 19,480

	Actual
YTD income:	\$ 240,067
YTD expenses:	\$ 238,541

Worship Attendance:

	8:30	11:00
January 6	57	41
January 13	51	27
January 20	67	22
January 27	68	25

Social Ministry

- We are excited to announce that Samantha, the Centralia student who was trying to raise money to go to Washington, D.C. with her senior class, will be going on her trip! With our support she has reached her goal and will be making this trip later this spring. Thank you.

Worship & Music

- Working on plans for Lenten services. There will be a 1:00 p.m. service and a 6:30 p.m. service on Wednesdays during Lent.

Outreach Committee

- This a new committee that will be focusing on reaching out to others. One thing they have been working on is beginning to contact members who haven't been to church in awhile. If there is someone you have noticed has been missing, reach out to them or contact this committee to help you reach out. If you are interested in this committee please contact Bob Russell for more information.

ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS of Giving



Pray, fast and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving – for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world

This Lent, the Social Ministries Committee (SMC) invites you to join with fellow members and supporters of ELCA World Hunger to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world.

Over the coming months, the SMC will provide each family with a Lenten Calendar, a study guide that is appropriate for family or small group gatherings, jar and coin wrappers, and even an opportunity to receive emails that build on the weekly studies. This is truly a faith-building event and giving opportunity for the whole family. Watch for more information over the coming weeks.

The Social Ministries Committee: *Jay Jahnsen, Adam Moir, Carolyn Schoenborn, Sara Shelton*

February Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Ceci Birchard
 Taylor Lowery
 5 Austin Haworth
 Larry Moir
 7 Jim Jahnsen
 Braden Newman
 8 Linda Young
 9 Patty Olsen
 Michael Vance
 10 Jay Jahnsen
 11 Chuck Rudorfer
 13 Macey Elder
 Kathy Hoffman
 Kristine Newman
 15 Ann Bradshaw
 Alex Cox

16 Russ Lunders
 18 Tom Callas
 22 Ryan Gage
 Kelsey Hoffman
 Bonnie Unzelman
 24 Bill Deming
 26 Jonathan Judd
 28 Evan Mitchell

Anniversaries

5 Mary and Reid Olson
 18 Barbara and Steve Grega
 20 Mary and Chuck Ziegert

Baptism Anniversaries

1 Ceci Birchard
 Ava Humphrey
 Logan Lee
 5 Joe Buda

7 Arnie Suhrbier
 8 David Nelson
 Drew and Jennifer
 Willson
 13 Martina Munz
 16 Steve Grill
 17 Kevin Hoffman
 24 Bill Deming
 25 Alexandra Dean
 26 Jon Judd

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, let us know! Call the church office at 748-4741 or e-mail: office@stjohnschehalis.net.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Wednesday's Together!</i> 4:15 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom 4:30 p.m. St. John's Knitting Ministry 5:30 p.m. Dinner is Served – All are welcome! 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice					1 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	2 4:00 p.m. SWW Dance Center in Community Center Kitchen
3 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Study 11:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Weblos Scout Troop #373	4 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry 7:00 p.m. Youth and Family	5 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Leaders 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball	6 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship 1:00 p.m. Agate Hospital Auxiliary 4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)	7 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center	8 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	9 3:00 p.m. Private Birthday Party in Community Center
10 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Study 11:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Weblos Scout Troop #373	11 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball	12 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Leaders 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch Bunch at Denny's 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m. Church Council	13 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship 4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)	14 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center Visitor Deadline	15 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball Pastor Matt's Day Off Office Closed	16 10:00 a.m. ELCA Women's Bible Study and Brunch 11:00 a.m. Lewis County Radio Controllers 4:30 p.m. Worship with Living Stones Prison Ministry
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Linda on vacation through Feb. 19</div>						
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24 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Study 11:00 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Weblos Scout Troop #373	25 11:00 a.m. Altar Guild 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball	26 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship Leaders 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 7:00 p.m. Book Guild in the Church Conference Room	27 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship 4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)	28 3:30 p.m. Soccer Practice 5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center		

★For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.stjohnschehalis.net and click on the "News" tab★

Bits and Pieces

Dear friends of St. John's,

Thank you so much for all the cards, thoughts and prayers throughout dad's illness and death. Special thanks to Pastor Matt for his frequent visits and lovely service. Thank you to Vicki for the beautiful music. Thank you Arnie for your visits with dad. We are also grateful for the cookies and help after the service.

God bless you all,
Susan Jendryka, Sandy Robison, and Sarah Klotz

Danke, Merci, Grazie, Takk

A thank you in any language is just as sincere for all your contributions to Mobile Meals Ministry around the holidays. The request for hand warmers netted about 250 pairs of them plus the same amount of foot warmers. There are still many to be handed out for future cold nights. Thanks too for foodstuffs, toiletries, hats and gloves, and sleeping bags. As I am made aware of other needs, I may be sharing other special requests with you through the weekly

bulletin or the googlegroup.

Many have been blessed by your generosity.

Sue Edwards,
Sack Lunch Coordinator

St. John's Altar Guild will again be taking orders for flowers to adorn the altar for Easter Sunday, April 21. An order form will be included in the March *Visitor* and in the weekly worship bulletins. If you have questions, contact Nancy Lynch, 503-709-9447.

St. John's Women's Ministries

Women's Brunch and Bible Study will meet in the conference room on Saturday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. We will be starting a new study called *Mirror, Mirror*. Do you like what you see in the mirror? If you said no, you aren't alone. Many of us just see the wrinkles or muffin top or bony elbows. We try to cover it up with makeup or just don't look in the mirror

at all. But the truth is that we don't see ourselves the way God sees us. The lessons in *Mirror, Mirror* focus on looking at ourselves as God, our Creator and Redeemer, see us. God sees us through the filter of the cross, in the reflection of His Son, with the eyes of love. This Bible study will encourage you to see yourself this way, too.

The Women's Book Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Hostess is Judy Otto and Donna Moir will lead the discussion on the book, *A Life Intercepted* by Charles Martin.

If you are interested in joining our group, contact Joan Jahnsen, 360-748-3901

MOBILE MEALS

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who served at last month's meal at Gather. Those helping were the entire Ryan family, Rachel and David March, Mary Rogers, Sue Edwards, Carolyn Schoenborn.

If you can, consider joining us when it is St. John's turn to serve again: Saturday, February 23rd!

We start preparing food at 9:00 a.m. and finish cleaning and locking up about 12:30 p.m. Have questions? Contact

- Sue Edwards: sueedwards641@gmail.com (360-748-6259),
- Donna Moir: donna@moircountry.com (360-269-2004), or
- Carolyn Schoenborn: carolyns21@tds.net (360-983-3170).



PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning this month, due to the rising costs of postage, paper, etc., we will be emailing the “Serving Us in Worship Today” information via the Google Groups list serve. A hard copy list of worship assistants, lectors and ushers is mailed to all those serving

each quarter of the year and there is a copy posted in the hallway leading to the Conference Room. The sign-up chart for coffee fellowship, altar flowers, bulletins and the Chronicle ad is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for your

reference. Please contact the office, 360-748-4741 if you have questions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Giving to Support St. John’s

As a church we encourage those who are part of the St. John’s family give to the work of our congregation. We believe you should not feel burdened by the issue of giving but in fact, find it a joy! We are pleased to provide e-giving options as an alternative to giving cash and checks in the offering plate (your cash and checks are always welcome!).

- **Mobile Phone:** Scan the QR code provided here to access our mobile giving site and follow the prompts.
- **Our Website** – on your computer, go to www.stjohnschehalis.net and click on the “donate” button.

- **Online Banking** – Arrange to give through bill-pay at your own bank’s website.



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