

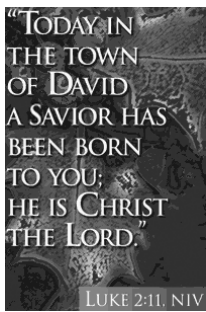
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## Community Church News December 2018



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Pastor Scott's Issue: Somewhere It's Snowing

And somewhere it's snowing –  
See the soft drifting down  
As the snowflakes surrender  
To the hardening ground.  
Like the good grace of Jesus  
That now covers our sin,  
In the kingdom of Heaven,  
It's snowing, again.



The snow metaphors continue this month. I was reminded of the words of this song this week as the daily snows make for, in Lisa's words, "A Winter Wonderland."

As we anticipate the celebration of the arrival of our Savior, we are reminded of part of why He came: His grace for our forgiveness. God's love for us is seen in Jesus, whose death and resurrection provide the sacrifice and forgiveness for our sins. And we now live in the peace of knowing this grace and forgiveness.

One of my favorite phrases in the chorus above is that the "snowflakes surrender." Jesus was willing to surrender His will to the Father's plans of grace and forgiveness. Jesus was willing to surrender His throne in heaven for a manger bed. Jesus was willing to surrender His power to the grave.

As the snow comes, day after day, be reminded that God's grace and forgiveness is needed not once, or twice, but every day. We are called to surrender our life to The One who surrendered His for us. We are called to surrender our sins to The One who covers our sin with grace and forgiveness, just as the snow covers the Earth.

See you in the snow drift.

Peace,

Pastor Scott



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1<sup>st</sup> Richard Russell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Fehlandt  
 4<sup>th</sup> Jean Knox  
 7<sup>th</sup> Maggie Wolf  
 10<sup>th</sup> Bruce Wilsie  
 Jason Maurer  
 11<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Bergmann  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mindy Poisson  
 19<sup>th</sup> Harold Eick  
 20<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Bolin  
 21<sup>st</sup> Angela Spagnoli  
 24<sup>th</sup> Mary Goll  
 25<sup>th</sup> Jesus Christ  
 Jim Naylor  
 26<sup>th</sup> Karla Westphal  
 28<sup>th</sup> Tim Hawkinson  
 29<sup>th</sup> Mary Zahn  
 31<sup>st</sup> Ben Westphal

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Matt and Leah Loew  
 Hannah and Jacob

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Don and Stephanie Meisbauer  
 Glen and Cindy Wildenberg

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** Harold and Joanne Eick  
 Ken and Karshon Carlson

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** Joni Hensley  
 Adam and Jamie Zogata  
 Nate, Ben, and Micah

**Christmas Eve** Matt and Leah Loew  
*Early Service* Hannah and Jacob

*Late Service* TBA

**December 30<sup>th</sup>** Bob and Mary Anderson  
 Mike and Allison Duwe



**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Ruth Stober

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Bonnie Pollard

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** Maggie Wolf

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** Sarah Poisson

**December 30<sup>th</sup>** Ellie Orbison

# From the Church Office . . .

## COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service December 2, 2018.

## COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Prior to the Council meeting, The Elders meet at 6 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program will be presented at the 9:30 a.m. service on December 9th.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve services will be held on Monday, December 24 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to pick yours up. Do not use the new envelopes until the New Year as some numbers may have changed.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

Do you have plans for New Year's Eve? How about attending Game Night at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall! Come alone or bring a friend and join in the fun. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Communion will be served at 10:30 PM...stay as long as your heart desires afterwards.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
October	\$ 18,845.34	\$ 29,095.92
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 77,796.42	\$ 93,003.88

## STEWARDSHIP

A quick reminder from your Stewardship Department about the importance of your additional gift this time of year. A successful Fall Drive is critical to our ability to make ends meet during winter months when expenses are up and attendance and collections are down.

With thanks in anticipation of your continued generosity in support of God's work.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Boulder Junction Lions will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Community Blood Center on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. If you are interested in donating blood please contact Doug Dobes at (708) 203-3244.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

For many years the Goodwill Society of our church provided scholarships to full-time students registered in university, college or technical schools. Monies raised by the Strawberry Social continue to support our students in their post-secondary education. Applications for scholarships are available at the bulletin board in the hallway at church or by requesting one by mail. Applications are due in the church office no later than Monday, December 28, 2018 and are awarded to those selected during the month of January.

## THANK YOU

Just a big thank you to all who have contributed to our winter keep warm project. We had 135 hats / caps, 46 scarves, 35 pairs of mittens, 18 pairs of gloves, 4 pairs of socks and one complete set, hat/mittens/scarf. They have been sent to the Food pantry, Veterans, Minneapolis, and Duluth. Thanks to all who helped. We cannot thank you enough.

*Ruth Johnson*

## THANK YOU

I am so grateful for all the prayers, cards, and hugs after Ron passed away. I never realized how powerful that is until I became the recipient of it myself. Your kindness has carried me through these last weeks. I thank you deeply for your thoughtfulness.

*Lorine Walters*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are looking to fill a part time, permanent position for the Church Custodian of Building and Grounds. This job requires an average of 10-12 hours per month; high school or equivalent (GED) and must be able to work without supervision in carrying out directions and procedures. The primary responsibility is the maintenance of the grounds which includes grass mowing, trimming, cleaning gutters, winter snow removal on sidewalks and a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled jobs related to the buildings and equipment. The pay is \$11.00 per hour. You may pick up an application and job description in the church office or by calling Personnel Chair, Don Pollard 715.588.7244 or Property Chair, Shirley Meriwether 715.385.0110.

## **CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FREDERICK'S PLACE**

**The WCC (Women of the Community Church) will be expanding their Christmas project to include the shelter in Rhinelander, Frederick's Place and the safe house, Lily's Place.**

Frederick Place is a 16-bed emergency, temporary shelter for families, women and men who are experiencing homelessness. It is operated by The Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing, Inc (NATH), which is a not-for-profit corporation. Frederick Place is committed to ending and preventing homelessness. They exist to provide safe housing and basic needs to families and individuals who are homeless, within an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, dignity, and hope, while nurturing and promoting self-sufficiency and independence.

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Inc. promotes non-violence as a life choice and provides a safe environment for persons in crisis. The agency believes the use of violence and other forms of power and control is unacceptable. It advocates and educates to stop the cycle of violence and supports those it serves to discover choices, build self-confidence, and regain dignity through services that draw on individual strengths and community resources. Domestic violence victims often escape in the middle of the night with nothing. The safe house, which is called Lily's Place, gives them a place to stay.

Both organizations are in need of supplies and sometimes items to help a family or individual to get started in a new place. That is where we come in! The Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall will be decorated with tags that have one item from the list of needs provided by both organizations. We are asking you to take a tag, purchase the item listed and put it under the tree. No need to wrap it, just put the tag on the item.

May your Christmas be filled with the gift of giving that sends Love and Joy to last throughout the year.

Below is a sample of the tag items that will be on our Christmas tree:

### **TRI COUNTY COUNCIL LILY'S PLACE**

Most needed: Gas Cards, Walmart Gift Cards, Cab Cards  
Disinfectant wipes  
Toilet Bowl cleaner  
Dryer sheets  
Rechargeable Flashlights  
Non-Perishable food items  
Coffee and coffee creamer  
Diapers (sizes 5 & 6); pullups; desitin/Vaseline

### **FREDERICK'S PLACE**

Most needed: Laundry Baskets; pillows  
Cold Meds  
Zip Lock bags, gallon and quart  
Stamps  
Kitchen Garbage Bags  
Toilet paper; paper towel; Kleenex

## Christian Education / Youth

### Thanksgiving Potluck

This year's potluck was held at the Boulder Junction Community Center. The atmosphere created a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to join hands and hearts, enjoying fellowship and giving thanks, together. Including those who had meals delivered to their home as they are unable to travel, we served 117 meals! Wow, what a blessing! The younger children did an awesome job with their presentation. The older kids also were such great helpers, serving the Lord and the community through their efforts. Also, many thanks to those who worked so hard, making this event undoubtedly memorable. Your matchless efforts are always appreciated and never unnoticed. Great things will ALWAYS happen when we work together, serving others, for the Glory of the Lord!



### Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Well friends, you did it again! You desired to be a tremendous blessing to children around the world through OCC, and you certainly have! This year we are sending 122 Christmas boxes to children who may have otherwise received nothing. Through these gifts, they are shown the love of Jesus, and our continual prayer is that they are eternally secured in His hand. Endless thanks to all those who contribute to this effort. Planning, giving, packaging, delivering, and washing cars! Wait, what? Yup, remember the hugely successful car wash this summer? Those contributions are paying for the postage to deliver these around the world. What a beautiful story the Lord is writing with our lives! Keep it up!



### Kids Christmas Program

"The New Star" is coming to Boulder Junction Community Church this year! Our children will be sharing this Christmas Program with everyone on Sunday December 9 during the 9:30 am Worship Service. There will also be a Dress Rehearsal on Saturday December 8. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

### Community Christmas Caroling

CE is once again planning to organize Christmas Caroling around the community. This is such a beautiful way to share the sounds of the season and the Joy of Jesus with others. We will sing carols together the evening of December 19. Stay tuned for details!

## **2018 – Generations of Growth**

As we wrap up our focus on faith-building generational growth this year, I pray you are challenged to grow in and live out your faith from the encouragement given in the final segment of our devotional in the series ***"Faith at Home – Faith begins with acceptance"*** by Mark Holmen - [www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com).

One of the keys to faith-talk is repetition. Do you know what the word "Deuteronomy" means? (It's OK, neither did I!) It means "repetition of the law." If you read all of Deuteronomy, you'll find that Moses continually repeats the basic commands of God to a very stubborn group of people who wanted to live life their own way instead of God's. Does that sound familiar? Perhaps we need a similar teaching style today in which we continually repeat the basic truths of God to our children.

Rolf Garborg, author of *The Family Blessing*, started a ritual of saying a blessing over his daughter every evening. When his daughter was an infant, he would go into her room as she was sleeping and say a blessing over her. As his daughter grew older, he continued the blessing ritual throughout her teenage years. Rolf admits that during one period of time when his daughter was a teenager, he would wait until she was asleep to give her the blessing. But he kept up the ritual.

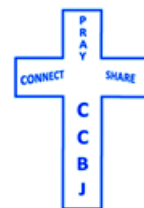
Rolf and his wife dreaded the day that they would have to leave their daughter at college. To make it through the day, they came up with a plan to unload her stuff, quickly say their goodbyes in the dorm room and then grab each other's hands to head for the car with no looking back. The plan worked to perfection — until they were almost to their car. In the distance behind them, they heard, "Mom, Dad, wait." Rolf and his wife stopped in their tracks and turned around, and as their daughter came running up to them with tears in her eyes, she said, "You forgot to bless me."

Right there in the parking lot, Rolf and his wife huddled together with their daughter and said, "May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you. May the Lord continue to make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord continue to look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen."

Guess what my wife and I started doing immediately after we heard this story? Before Malyn goes to bed, Maria repeats the above blessing to her. Malyn hears this blessing every evening. If we're separated for an evening, Maria will share the blessing over the phone. There have even been occasions when Malyn has said, "Don't forget to bless me, Mom!"

(Maria) I didn't know then what a complete joy it would give me each night I blessed her or how this simple thing would transform our family. I just wanted her to be connected with God; and in turn, I got to be connected with her. Every night, even as a 13-year old now, Malyn announces, "I'm ready for bed now." I give her the blessing that God has given me to share. Mark prays with her. She never worries about how her day will end. Even when our time together during the day has been less than stellar, we always come together as a family and end it well. It rinses the day away and sets us up for a new tomorrow.

**Love and Abundant Blessings to each and every one of you!!!**





### **Notes from Worship & Music**

The Worship & Music and Personnel Committees have concurrently reviewed and approved an advertisement for the Organist/Pianist Position that was held by Helen Townsend for nearly 55 years. The position will initially be advertised in the Lakeland Times and online resources. We are hopeful that Helen will continue to be available to provide Special Music for our Worship Services.

Thank you to all of keyboard musicians that have served as organist, pianist and accompanist in Helen's absence. They include Mary Anderson, Lorine Walters, Mary Congdon, Kris Nelson, Ben Westphal and Dave Evans. Their commitment to the music ministry of our congregation is greatly appreciated.

It's the time of year when humidity will again become an issue to keeping our pianos in tune. We ask that the sanctuary doors be closed at all times with the exception of Sunday Worship Services.

### **Sound System Committee Report**

We continue to work on developing groupings of system components that will meet or exceed our current needs. In a rapidly changing electronics environment the committee is committed to developing a system that will be viable for both current and future needs.

One of the items being considered is a "Hearing Loop System" that improves hearing for people with hearing aids. Pete and Ruth Johnson recently visited a congregation that has installed the loop and reported that they were very pleased with its performance.

The committee is very happy to announce that Don & Lois Osborne have donated \$1000.00 toward the Sound System Project. We sincerely thank them for their generous gift.

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### **Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarships Applications Due Friday, December 5, 2018**

It is time for applications to be submitted to the Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship Committee. Post-secondary students who are enrolled in technical and college programs and who are residents of Boulder Junction are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained at the Boulder Junction Public Library or Northern Highland Sport Shop. Additionally, the application may be downloaded from the library website. All applications must be postmarked or received by **Wednesday, December 5th**. Applications can also be emailed to [bjchristmasscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:bjchristmasscholarship@gmail.com).

Applications can be mailed to:  
Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship  
P.O. Box 413  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512-0413