



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th after service. This meeting is devoted to financial matters. On the agenda will be the Treasurer's Reports for 2018, the Proposed 2019 Budget, reports from WELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, CCC, and the Stewardship program. Please plan to attend to see and hear about all the things that keep SMLC functioning.

### Jan. Comm. Corner Café Menu

#### January 4

Enchiladas - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

#### January 11

Chicken and Noodles - Restorative Justice

#### January 18

Ham - Community Volunteers

#### January 25

Grill Night - Sunrise Rotary



### What is special about January 13?

#### When the cat is away,



January 13, Pastor Ron will be away, in Florida, at Stephen Ministry training....

#### The mice will play.

Mischievous 'church mice' will be presenting a very unique sermon experience.

### What is special about January 13?

Our Pastor will be in an intense week of Stephens Training during this time frame. We often think Pastor's 'know it all.' But they, like us, need infusions of study, new perspectives and training. We support our Pastor in this endeavor as we further our commitment to Stephens Ministry here at SMLC.

### What is special about January 13?

While Pastor is away, the Endowment Trustees, Gary Brown, Barry Sandstrom and Kris Adams requested to 'fill in' and present a rather unique sermon.

We, at SMLC, have talked for some time about an Endowment. To some it is a mystery, to some it is a solid concept, to some it is just fuzzy confusion... as in 'we sort of get it but...'. We, your Trustees, would like to share information, insights and experiences with you in an effort to provide more clarity and purpose around the newly formed SMLC Endowment. We will be joined by a special guest that day and are not only planning a different sermon delivery, but are planning special treats to enhance conversation and community after the service.

### What is special about January 13?

Pastor Bruce Brackman joins us again as worship leader.

### What is special about January 13?

Your participation in a worship service led by a combination of lay and pastoral leaders who will try and 'fill in' for Pastor Ron. **Come-join us!**

## Stepping Into a New Year

**A**s another year passes and we look ahead, I thought I would wax a little about how we think about time. Like it or not we won't have another chance at 2018. That is past and we are present. The following poem may give some perspective on what we are continually facing.

### Going Over by Kathy Galloway

You have burned your bridges

You have passed through the gate marked "no return" and for you, there is no going back. No going back to the security of the known, familiar house, to the well-worn dispensations and threadbare coverings.

Now you are out there in uncharted territory, heavy with threat and shadows not yet entered. The risks are high, yet you strike out boldly, guided only by unwavering conviction and the longing for the true centre of the land. This is what it means to do a new thing.

And yet, you travel lightly. You are abandoned, given up in all things to the task that lies ahead. Therefore, you may be exactly who you are. You have inhabited yourself, you are at home, and home is where you are, even if it is the desert. No one can dispossess you of your own in-dwelling. This is what it means to be free. We stand, one foot upon the bridge, wondering if we too have the courage to go over and strike the match behind us.

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**T**he first way we think about ourselves and time is with our ever-present ego. It serves us well in many ways but change is not one of them. We would rather have the "familiar house" and "threadbare coverings" we've accumulated more than anything. They are a part of us and it pains us to let go of them and how we see ourselves.

Yet, forward we must go. We are rational enough to know that life means putting one foot in front of the other. We weigh the "risks" and consider what they may cost. Nevertheless we "strike out" and go for it. What else can we do?

But as we travel we may discover we are "lighter" than before. A new awareness has dawned to reveal something deeper and more true about us. It has been there all along but now you are living it fully! This is your true self that dwells in the soul. Consider it as God's gift to be unwrapped.

"No one can dispossess you of your own in-dwelling."

**Pastor Ron**

# January Calendar at a Glance



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**Wednesday, January 2**

7am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, January 3**

9am Quilters  
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, January 4**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, January 5**

10am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, January 6**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum  
1:30pm Women's Retreat

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**Monday, January 7**

9am Stephen Ministry  
10am Marison Cooking

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**Tuesday, January 8**

10am Marison Cooking  
1pm WELCA

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**Wednesday, January 9**

7am Sacred Space  
5pm Church Council

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**Thursday, January 10**

9am Worship Committee  
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, January 11**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, January 12**

8:30am Men's Breakfast  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, January 13**

9am Sunday Worship

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**January 13-19 - Pastor Ron in Training**

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**Monday, January 14**

9am Stephen Ministry  
10am Marison Cooking

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**Tuesday, January 15**

9am PEO

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**Wednesday, January 16**

7am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, January 17**

9am Quilters  
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, January 18**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, January 19**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
3pm Peak to Peak Concert

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**Sunday, January 20**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Monday, January 21**

9am Stephen Ministry  
10am Marison Cooking

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**Tuesday, January 22**

10am Marison Cooking  
10am Learning Committee

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**Wednesday, January 23**

7am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, January 24**

12pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, January 25**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, January 26**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, January 27**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Annual Meeting

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**Monday, January 28**

9am Stephen Ministry  
10am Marison Cooking

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**Tuesday, January 29**

10am Marison Cooking

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**Wednesday, January 30**

7am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, January 31**

9am Quilters  
12pm Cafe Corner Preparation



### January Quilting

**R**emember all those beautiful quilts on the pews in November? Maybe God is calling you to be a part of this amazing ministry. What better way to start a new year than to help provide warmth for others who are in need! We have lots of materials but could use more hands and willing hearts to help us put together quilt top kits and assemble and tie quilts. On the job training and fellowship are always available. Won't you join us on Thursday mornings, January 3 and January 17 and maybe even January 31 from 9 AM to 11:30 at church? For more information, contact Linda Schlitt at 970-586-5071 or llsjoy@aol.com

### Important Dates of Note

**Anniversaries**

Bill & Evelyn Kehl January 10

**Birthdays**

Jane Rising January 4  
 Bill Hayford January 13  
 Bruce Adams January 15  
 Bill Kehl January 17  
 Shirley Olson January 17  
 Lin Smith January 21  
 Bob Rising January 23  
 Carole Rouse January 23  
 Marilyn Anderson January 30

### Walking the Way of Hope Womens's Christmas Retreat

**T**here is a custom, rooted, in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany (January 6) as Women's Christmas. Called Nollaig na mBan in Irish, Women's Christmas originated as a day when the women, who often carried the domestic responsibilities all year, took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays, leaving hearth and home to the men for a few hours. This tradition is enjoying a revival now beyond the shores of Ireland.

Whether your domestic commitments are many or few, Women's Christmas offers a timely opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept you busy and hurried in the weeks of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas. You are invited at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 6 to Shepherd of the Mountains...we will share poetry, readings, music and silence for journaling in community with each other. The Retreat is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and also to spend time in reflection before diving into the responsibilities of the new year.

The Women's Christmas Retreat is offered in this spirit...rest, reflect and contemplate where you are in your unfolding path. Mindful of those who travelled to welcome the Christ child, we will turn our attention toward questions about our own journey. Please sign up if you are interested or wish more information ....It will last until 3:30 p.m.... bring a journal if you like.

### January Bible Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8:14-17  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 36:5-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21

## December Prayer Reminders

- Earl Matson, who recently fell and injured himself
- Sally Tessler, thanks for positive lab results
- Randy, brother-in-law of Jill Johnson, who had successful surgery
- Dr. Luchsinger, undergoing surgery
- Bob Brunson, recently hospitalized
- Anna, daughter of Pastor Ron and Susan, difficulties with travel associated to academic field Study
- Nancy Matson, recent eye surgeries
- Barbara Ellynn, medical treatments after falling
- Patrick & Shannon, son and daughter-in-law of Vanessa Paswaters, difficulties with pregnancy
- Stephen & Karla, friends of Steve Peter, facing serious medical issues
- Family of Maxine Peebles, upon her death on Dec. 7
- Sister of Allen Garner, entering hospice care
- The family of Dean, neighbor of the Paswaters, who passed away
- Lee, father of Peggy Savelsberg, who fell and was injured
- Bruce Brackman, surgery on Dec. 3
- Nancy Knoll, undergoing chemo therapy
- Mary Beth Molle, having surgery
- Betty Yohe, regaining strength and stamina

## January Worship Matters

### **Sunday, Jan. 6, 9am**

Epiphany Sunday & The Three Wise Men

### **Sunday, Jan. 13, 9am**

Baptism of Our Lord & Three Wise People

### **Sunday, Jan. 20, 9am**

A Wedding & A Wise Son

### **Sunday, Jan. 27, 9am**

In The Prophet's Hometown; Annual Meeting Follows