



# e-News

February 1, 2017

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**\*\*\*Let's Get Started On 150 Acts of Service!** One of the ways we plan to celebrate our 150th Anniversary is by taking part in 150 Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of our Church. Here are some local mission opportunities for us to serve in our community and make a difference and get started.

1. On Saturday, February 18, St. John Lutheran Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. to Noon.
2. Saturday, March 4, Feed My Starving Children, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Christian School in Shorewood. We have 40 places open for volunteers.
3. Saturday, April 15, Habitat For Humanity House Build in Crest Hill, watch for more details to participate.

Call the office to sign up or sign up on Sunday morning.

**\*\*\*Sunday Worship, February 5.** Come and worship this Sunday, that individually and together, we may be made alive to Christ Jesus. Worship is a time for us to put on love, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and more. This is possible because we are chosen, called, and deeply loved by God.

**\*\*\*Sunday Sermon.** This Sunday I am preaching on "Succeeding at What Doesn't Matter?" The sermon text is Matthew 6:33; read Matthew 6:25-34 to prepare. Also, I encourage you to read Colossians 3:17. From time to time it's good for us to ask ourselves, "Am I succeeding, in life, at the things that don't really matter?" What if we succeeded at what matters in life? This Sunday we will think about succeeding at what Jesus wants for us, the church, and his world. "Love Does" get involved in what truly matters. - Craig Herr

**\*\*\*Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

**\*\*\*Classes This Sunday:**

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School--10 a.m. in Room 206 with Will Ward

Bible Perspectives--10:15 p.m. in Room 201 with Jim Mullins

**\*\*\*Council/Committee Meetings:**

Education Council--Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

PW Board Mtg.--Feb. 5, 10 a.m.

Day Deacons--Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Church Growth Council--Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council--Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee--Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Session--Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

**\*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Men's Breakfast--Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House

Thurs. Morning Circle--Feb. 9, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Mary Circle--Feb. 9, 12 noon, in the Fireside Room (bring a sack lunch at 12 noon, dessert & meeting at 12:30 p.m.)

Praise Yoga--on Winter Break; next meeting Feb. 14

Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**\*\*\*From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor**

Angel House Mission Funding. We are raising the funds to support Bhoki, Rhobi, and Lucia for this coming year in school and at Angel House Orphanage. We provide food, clothing, lodging, and education for these middle school age young women. What an exciting mission we have the privilege to support! We are taking a special offering on Sunday. Or you can give online by going to our website, [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), and clicking on Give, top right side of the menu. Then you can use the Quick Give option or register to give if you wish. There's a menu of options next to the Amount you wish to give. It has General Budget but you can click there, scroll down, and choose Angel House Mission.

Our All Officer Retreat is Thursday, February 23, from 6-9 p.m. with Dinner at 5:30 p.m. I am looking forward to what the Lord will do amongst us. This time is for our Day Deacons, Night Deacons and Elders.

“Love Does.” There are copies of Bob Goff’s book in Hoffman Hall. It’s a great book to read and pray through as we journey into 2017. I hope you will pick one up, for only \$11. I’d be interested in hearing about your favorite chapter.

Join us In Mission; Join us in Doing Good at the St. John Lutheran Food Pantry or Feeding My Starving Children or in building a new Habitat House. See the details at the beginning of this newsletter.

In Christ,  
Craig

**\*\*\*Mission:**

Farragut School needs warm clothes for the kids. Look for the bright yellow box in Hoffman Hall to donate new or gently used sweaters and sweatshirts for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Night Deacons' Free Pancake Breakfast--Feb. 4, 8 to 10 a.m.; come help welcome and serve our guests. Angel House Mission Special Offering received Feb. 5.

**\*\*\*Our Church Family.** Please add the following to your daily prayers:

Prayers of Healing for Brian Garrison at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

Jean and Chuck Bailey would like to thank the pastors and members for their many visits, prayers, meals, cards, and good wishes while they were both recuperating. They are both on the mend and are very grateful for such a wonderful church family.

**January 29, 2017**

Worship Attendance — 180

**Stewardship Report**

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 786,000

Year to Date Receipts                 \$592,727  
Year to Date Expenses                 \$568,614

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$41,911  
Angel House Mission—\$1,128

**Volunteers this Sunday, February 5, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Children’s Worship:**

Stefanie Young

Bo Mircea

**Holy Hunters:**

Kyla Fris

**Greeters:** Reed/Sue Mott

Leslie Herr/Edna Droz

**Acolyte:** Camryn Pope

Emily Riebe

**Ushers:** Allan Somers, Capt.

Lisa Ambler, Capt.

Marion Somers,

Jan Gehrig

Mark Dykema

Marvin Balsley

**Coffee Fellowship:** Pat Haldorson, Capt.;

Jim Huey

**Sound Room:** Rich Pool

**Video Screens:** Dale Endres/Todd Hayden