

# Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am & 10:45 am



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Welcome to Saint Nicholas! We're glad you're worshipping with us today. May our time together be a blessing to you. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest register in the lobby.

All children ages 5 – 10 are invited to attend Time for Children in the North Wing where they will hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer. Children are dismissed with the adult leaders following the Children's Sermon and return to worship for Holy Communion.

Our worship always includes the sacrament of Holy Communion and all people including children at the discretion of their parents are welcome to receive. Children are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

*Stand*

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination....*

Most merciful God,

***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# Gathering Song: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

## Kyrie



[A] Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: [C] Lord\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy:\_\_\_\_  
Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ have mer\_\_\_\_ cy:\_\_\_\_



[A] Chri\_ ste e - le - i - son: [C] Christ\_ have mer - cy:\_\_\_\_  
Christ,\_\_\_\_ have mer\_\_\_\_ cy:\_\_\_\_



[A] Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: [C] Lord,\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy:\_\_\_\_  
Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ have mer\_\_\_\_ cy:\_\_\_\_

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. ***Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

# WORD

*Sit*

## **Children's Sermon**

**Time For Children** *(All children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer in the North Wing.)*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

A reading from Isaiah.

*Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm: 138** *(Please read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

***<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.***

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

***<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.***

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

***<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.***

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right  
hand shall save me.

***<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works of your hands.***

**Psalm Prayer**

Let us pray.

***Compassionate God, you look with favor upon the lowly. Keep us safe  
in the midst of trouble, make known your love in our words and  
deeds, and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. ✠ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now, and forever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.***

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In  
the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's  
love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this  
story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I  
proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,

<sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

C A le lu ia, Lord, to whom shall we  
 go? A le lu ia, You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. A le - lu - ia,  
 A le - lu - ia, A le - lu ia.

## **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.*

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*Sit*

**Sermon**

Stand

## Hymn of the Day: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* (ELW 808)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided in French, English, and a second English translation.

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community  
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## **Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **Prayers Of Intercession**

*Each prayer petition concludes with the following words:*

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Into your loving hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love and mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***Amen.***

## **Sharing Of The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

***And also with you.***

## **MEAL**

*Sit*

### **Gathering Of Gifts/Setting The Table**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. If you would like to give electronically here is our QR code.*



*It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*

## **Offering Music**

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

***God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## Eucharistic Prayer

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: ***Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.***

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: ***This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.***

Remembering Christ's death, we cry out Amen. **Amen!**

Celebrating the resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen!**

Trusting Christ's presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.  
**Amen!**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit upon this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of life for all, where none are hungry and everyone is free.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

### **Invitation to Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament including children. Children not yet prepared for Holy Communion are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor. Today we commune by intinction. With intinction, the communion participant comes forward, receives a wafer and then dips it into the chalice of wine or grape juice before eating it. We also offer gluten free wafers at communion.*

*Sit*

## Communion Songs



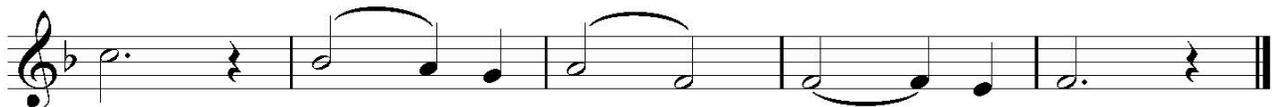
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace grant us peace.

## SENDING

*Remain seated*

### Post Communion Blessing

#### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. *Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Community Life Announcements

*Stand*

#### Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord* (ELW 574)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light. *Thanks be to God.*

*8:00 am Service - Please place your bulletin on the table in the lobby  
for the next service.*

## SAINT NICHOLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

*February 10, 2019*



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Daryl and Trish Urnosky in celebration of their 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Valentine's Day.

### Prayer Concerns

**Health:** Jeffrey Arnheim, Bob Taylor, Anna Carpenter, Virginia Brown and Family, Claire Schambach, Jordan Schadrie, Thomas Horton

**Long term concerns:** Heidi Gault, Avay Jaynes, The Smith/Biello Families, Susan Vilcheck, Garrett Krohnert, Karen Smith, Jill Richardson, Robin LaPorte, Theresa Dubois, Ray Nieves, Linda Dorr, Dawn Jaeger, Caroline Urnosky

*Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church has a special Prayer Team committed to intercessory prayer. Your request will always be treated with immediacy, care, and confidentiality. Contact Carol Blatt at [tblatt@comcast.net](mailto:tblatt@comcast.net) with prayer requests.*

*If you want your name or someone else's name added to the Prayer Concerns List, please contact the church office. Prayer concerns will be carried for 1 month unless notified otherwise.*

### This Week's Birthdays

**Sunday** – Robert Neri **Friday** – Cynthia Flanders

**Saturday** – Jason Starks

*Forgive us if we missed anyone, please contact the office if you would like to include your birthday in the weekly announcements.*

### Worship Attendance ~ February 3

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### ***THIS WEEK AT SAINT NICHOLAS***

#### **Sunday, Feb. 10**

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Education Hour

9:30 am Worship Planning Meeting

9:30 am Family and Youth Planning Meeting

10:45 am Worship

12:00 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Another Chance

**Mon. Tues. & Thur.** ~ 9:00 am – 5:30 pm Office Hours

**Monday – Friday** ~ 6:00 pm Wrestling Rampage

**Monday, February 11** ~ 6:15 pm Finance Mtg.

7:00 pm Council

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** ~ 7:00 pm Scouts

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** ~ 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, Feb. 14** ~ 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch, 7:00 pm Steps to Serenity

#### **Sunday, Feb. 17**

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Education Hour

10:45 am Worship

12:00 pm Youth Group

2:00 pm Pack 1806 (North Wing)

5:00 pm Messy Church Service

7:30 pm Another Chance

### **Office Hours**

The Office Administrator hours have changed to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am – 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please email me at [office@saintnicholaslutheran.org](mailto:office@saintnicholaslutheran.org). Erika

# VOLUNTEERING

*Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world, ours are the feet with which he goes about doing good, ours are the hands with which he blesses his people.*

THERESA OF AVILA QUOTE

## T.P. for P.E.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2018 toilet paper drive for Project ECHO! Thanks to your generosity, we donated 1,295 rolls in 2018 which topped our 2017 total of 1,243! In addition to the T.P., we donated 14 children's books and numerous toiletry items! **Our first donation date of 2019 will be March 31st, so let's keep the generosity rolling!**

## Project ECHO

Many thanks to Kris Wood, Mary Jo Gebhardt, Ann Wolfgang, Therese DuBois, Carol Blatt, Justin and Christine Yott, Kristin Albaugh, and Sara Bowen for preparing the January meal for Project Echo. If you would like to help prepare the meal for February, to be served on **Sunday, February 24th**, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Kathy Dangin ([kdangin@live.com](mailto:kdangin@live.com)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Worship Planning Meeting

There is a worship planning meeting on **Sunday, February 10** after the 8am service. Contact Pam Werner ([pwerner3@comcast.net](mailto:pwerner3@comcast.net)) with questions.

## Adult Bible Study

Angels! What do we read in the Bible about these messengers of God? Join in the new Bible Study, reading (almost) all the stories of angels in the Bible, during the Sunday School hour, starting today, **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be meeting in the lower level (first classroom on right) of the North Wing. Contact Barbara Harris for more information.

## **Youth and Family Team Planning Meeting**

As a part of the New Connections campaign, the first planning meeting of the Youth and Family Team will be **Sunday, February 10th at 9:30 AM** in the Conference Room. We will be scheduling fun family-friendly events to engage our youth and enjoy fellowship. Anyone interested in planning events is encouraged to attend. Please contact Bryan Mullins ([mullinsb@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:mullinsb@calvertnet.k12.md.us)) with questions or more information.

## **Dig and Prayer!**

Please join us on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** for Bible Study and Prayer. We continue with the study of Ephesians. Contact Pastor Ken at [pastor@saintnicholaslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@saintnicholaslutheran.org) with any questions.

## **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will meet **Thursday, February 14** at noon at EZ Thai in Prince Frederick. We hope you can join us for good food and conversation. Please email Susan Vilcheck at [michaelvilcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelvilcheck@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend. Please also let Susan know if you would like your name to be added to the Lunch Bunch email.

## **Men's Softball Team**

Spring training is about to begin for major league teams. Unfortunately, the Saint Nicholas softball team's budget does not allow for the team to head to Arizona or Florida for spring training. However, we will start our spring training roughly the middle of March!! So, now is the time for all interested males who will be at least 15 year old at some point during the season to sign up on the bulletin board to play on the team this year. The team will have 12 doubleheaders scheduled for the regular season starting the weekend of April 13/14 and going through the weekend of July 27/28. No doubleheaders will be scheduled for Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, or Independence Day weekends (though make-ups on these weekends could happen). The annual tournament is Friday night and all day Saturday August 2nd & 3rd. The league's All-Star game is Sunday July 7. Please see Tom Blatt or any returning team member for more information.

## **Items needed for Cookie Jar Project**

Lauren Wawroski is seeking donations of clean, quart size, clear colored Mason-style jars as well as large bags of M&Ms to continue the welcoming cookie jar project. These are readily available on Amazon and other stores. Please place your donations on desk in the office.

## **New Connections Campaign**

At the most recent Congregational Meeting, we unveiled our New Connections Campaign for 2019. This plan was conceived by the Vision Team and approved by the congregational council. Our five areas of focus include:

- Worshiping during a Messy Church service. The first is being planned for February 17
- Noisy Can fundraiser for youth to purchase an item from Good Gifts to benefit our neighbors
- Youth and Family Planning Team—first meeting is February 10 at 9:30
- Service Day at Project ECHO—date and details are forthcoming
- Fundraiser for paving the parking lot and tithing to the New Connections campaign

We are excited about these initiatives and how they will help us spread the good news and connect with our community. For more information, please see Pastor Ken or Bryan Mullins, Council President.

## Vacation Bible School

Good morning! I can't believe it is already time to start planning for VBS 2019! I think this year will be the best yet. Last year we almost had 100 kids registered. With that being said I can't pull it off without my amazing volunteers. This year I will be missing some of my core volunteers so I will be needing more help. Whether it be decorating, leading a station, walking children to their stations or coordinating the program dinner, WE NEED YOU! **VBS is June 24-28, 9 am - 12 pm.** If you are interested in helping please email, [elizabethtaby@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethtaby@gmail.com) or text/call 301-343-3993. Thank you! Elizabeth Taby

Here are the positions we need filled.

Music Station Leader

M/C

5 Kids Group Leaders (walking kids to their stations)

Bible Stories Station Leader

Science/Service Leader

Program Dinner Coordinator)

3 Decorating Leaders (entrance, hallway, sanctuary)

Preschool Leader

## Serving Next Sunday, February 17

### 8:00 am

Assisting Minister

Jamie Flanders

Altar Care

Anna Kitzmiller, Carol Blatt

Altar Flowers

***Flowers Available***

Acolyte

Miles Roger

Lector

Carolyn Lenz

Ushers/Communion Asst.

Lauren & Kevin Wawroski

Offering Counters

Christine Hogan & Tom Blatt

Coffee Set-up

***Volunteer Needed***

Nursery

***Volunteer Needed***

Time for Children

Katie Roger

Fellowship

***Volunteer Needed***

### 10:45 am

Assisting Minister

Barbara Harris

Altar Care

Heidi Bishop, Sheila Poole

Acolytes

Maddi Taylor

Lector

Breanna Kekesi

Ushers/Communion Asst.

Debbie Bang, Sheila Poole

Offering Counters

Ed Aronhalt, Kris Wood

Coffee Clean-up

Sara Bowen

Nursery

Karen & Clara Phelps

Time for Children

***Volunteer Needed***

Fellowship

Kristin Albaugh





## Serving Today, February 10

### 8:00 am

Assisting Minister	Glenn Wolfgang
Altar Care	Tracey Lotz
Altar Flowers	Urnosky
Acolyte	Kenny Kiessling
Lector	Howard Hogan
Ushers/Communion Asst.	Dawn & John Hogenson
Offering Counters	Pam Werner, Ann Wolfgang
Coffee Set-up	Greg & Alison Imler
Nursery	Lauren Wawroski
Time for Children	Vicki Soto
Fellowship	Dawn Hogenson

### 10:45 am

Assisting Minister	Janet Hooper
Altar Care	Christy Mullins, Sara Bowen
Acolytes	Liam Roger
Lector	Colleen Hyland
Ushers/Communion Asst.	Bryan Mullins, Jackie Stein
Offering Counters	Dave Hickin, Walt Merz
Coffee Clean-up	Susan Vilcheck
Nursery	Kristin Albaugh
Time for Children	Dorothy & McKenna Taylor
Fellowship	Jackie Stein



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