

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the acaBELLa Ringers for today's Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Luke Staubus

Liturgist: Mateo Cubas

Ushers: Cal Friend, Steven Staubus, Carter Staubus and Cooper Sahlas

Andrew Minister: Cyril Friend

Flowers are given by Troop 24 Boy Scouts and Pack 24 Cub Scouts

Communion Servers: Gwen Heine, Susan Lynch, Serina Ranft and Ellen Hamilton

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Troop 24 and Pack 24 Scouts.

Trustees of the Month:

Alfred Kitch and Cyril Friend

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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

2019

Jeanine Buttimer

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Susan Lynch

Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

2020

Frank Gangware

Martha Heine

Lynda Nadkarni

Dennis Zander

2021

Gwen Heine

Allan Halline

Matt Lisle

Deacons

2019

Ellen Hamilton

Sandy Kappmeyer

Steve Teune

2020

Lloyd Bradbury

Charlie Juister

Sally Sloane

Jeanne Smith

2021

Deb Jansky

Serina Ranft

Wendy Seifert

Trustees

2019

Susan Deems-Dluhy

Cyril Friend

Fred Kitch

Brad Staubus

2020

Patti Perry

Doug Harvin

Hank Vogel

2021

Thom DeVries

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February 3, 2019 ~ Announcements



THEOLOGY ON TAP Mondays, at the Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange. Join us for dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm. Study begins at 7:00 pm. Please begin reading *Why Religion?: A Personal Story* by Elaine Pagels. *Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe? And how do various traditions still shape the way people experience everything from sexuality to politics, whether they are religious or not?*

These questions took on a new urgency for Pagels when dealing with unimaginable loss—the death of her young son, followed a year later by the shocking loss of her husband. Here she interweaves a personal story with the work that she loves, illuminating how, for better and worse, religious traditions have shaped how we understand ourselves; how we relate to one another; and, most importantly, how to get through the most difficult challenges we face.

Drawing upon the perspectives of neurologists, anthropologists, and historians, as well as her own research, Pagels opens unexpected ways of understanding persistent religious aspects of our culture.



LECTIONARY WORSHIP SERIES – Epiphany Sunday, January 6, we began a worship series based on the Common Lectionary called: *A Light to Enlighten the Nations*. We follow Jesus in the Gospel of Luke and discover how He shines a light beyond Israel, to the whole world.

Today

10:00 am Worship-Scout

Sunday

11:00 am Open Gym

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Cantata

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

8:45 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:

Celebrate God's presence,

Nurture the Spiritual Life,

Carry the light of Christ

into the world,

Serve God by serving

others.

FREE BOOKS — LAST CHANCE—Books from the Berwyn Presbyterian Church have been donated and are in the front hallway. Take a look and help yourself if anything is of interest to you. A new shipment just arrived!

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

2018 – WHAT A YEAR! — I am delighted to announce that we closed 2018 with a balanced budget (-0-). This was an extraordinary improvement on our budgeted deficit of (\$13, 854) and required **NO CASH INFUSION FROM THE SUPPORT FUND!** Thanks to each and every one of you who made and kept a pledge and even gave an extra month if you could. This result, coupled with our Capital Campaign Pledges of \$341,714 (to date), demonstrate the strength and vibrancy of our congregational commitment. Cheers to all – your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante at 773-387-3779 or diante_johnson@yahoo.com.

February 10 – The Disciples, February 17 – No Sunday School

Enriching CommYOUity returns Thursday, February 28, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 400 Nuttall Road. In honor of World Day of Prayer (March 1), there will be prayer stations, a topical discussion on Human Trafficking and Evening Prayer. Light meal at 6:00 pm, Programming at 6:30 pm. RSVP for meal: 708-447-2600 or ascensionriverside@gmail.com

DEACONS POTLUCK — Serina Ranft and the Deacons are hosting a Valentine’s potluck on February 10. Please bring foods you LOVE to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

2019 PER CAPITA is \$34.22 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

CARERS CORNER FEBRUARY— The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale’s office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

SCOUT SUNDAY — Today, we host Troop and Pack 24 for Scout Sunday where we recognize and celebrate the longstanding relationship between our church and Scouts. Coffee fellowship will be hosted by Troop and Pack 24 today.

SAVE THE DATE — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2nd 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!

OPEN GYM today. All kids are invited up to the gym after worship. Please wear gym shoes!

WORSHIP AT CANTATA AND CALEDONIA — Join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on February 3 at 2 pm, and at Caledonia on February 17 at 2 pm.

PRESCHOOL NEWS — February is all about kindness and love! We’ll be celebrating Valentine’s Day by completing a kindness checklist, exchanging Valentines, and making heart crafts. We’ll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences. Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

WOMEN’S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — Please note, the date has been changed due to the extreme weather conditions. The new date is Wednesday, February 6 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss “God’s Promise” by Amy Poling Sutherland. Lesson Five “God with Us When We’re Powerless”. God’s promise of presence when we are powerless invites us to lay down our weapons of worry and keep our eyes on God. 2Chronicles 20:1-30; Deuteronomy 20:1-4. Led by Elizabeth Musick.

CHANCEL FLOWERS— You can donate chancel flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. You have the choice of taking the flowers home after the service, or having the deacons deliver them to someone of your choice or the deacons’ choice. The cost is \$50.00 for two arrangements. If no one signs up, flowers will not be displayed in the chancel for that particular Sunday. If you have any questions, you can call the church office 447-1520.

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP = FIESTA! — February 23, Ascension Lutheran Church on Nuttall will be having a Taco Dinner fundraiser for the next refugee-refugee family that we will co-sponsor this year. Ticket sales as well as more information to follow. For now, save the date amigos and amigas!