



# The Morningstar

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## No Scrooge here...

Even before the calendar turns to December people bemoan how Christmas 2016 is hurtling toward us, crowding our schedules, and demanding more of our time. There are presents to buy, menus and meals to prepare, pageant or choir rehearsals added in, parties to plan or attend, “extra” services for Advent and Christmas, to name a few of these seasonal demands...Whew!

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of planning and executing these “festive” activities, we are often reminded of the dangers of overspending our time, our money, and our energy. The consequence, as some of us can attest, is being over extended, over budget, and even overwhelmed. With this in mind, the title of an article in the December issue of *Canadian Living* seems counterintuitive. It suggests that during this hurried and harried time of year we should “Give a little, get a lot.” The advice in the article has nothing to do with a smaller gift-giving budget, or fewer cookies on the party plate. In fact, the article encourages being intentionally generous!

According to the reported research, there is a direct link between generosity and one’s overall physical and mental health and wellbeing. According to the evidence in the article, mortality rates can be reduced by 25%, blood pressure can be lowered, and even symptoms of depression can be relieved by being generous with our time and our money. Is this new news? Consider the adage in Proverbs 11:24 that sounds so similar: *Sometimes you can become rich by being generous or poor by being greedy.* Still, it seems almost unthinkable that we could find more time to volunteer, or more money to contribute to even a worthy cause.

Yet consider Paul’s writing in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CEV) where he draws our attention to the *spiritual* “health” of being generous: *Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life. Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have. This will lay a solid foundation for the future, so that they will know what true life is like.*

So, although science is still quantifying “how much volunteer work or charitable giving is required per week to reduce stress or strengthen our hearts” (37), Christmas seems the perfect time to reconsider, as researcher Hillary Davidson says, how “small actions can make a big difference” (37). The key, both in the words of recent research, and from the wisdom of the Bible, is to



## 2016 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### FIRST ADVENT • Sunday November 27

9AM German Communion 10:30AM English Worship

### Wednesday November 30

6:30PM Soup Supper 7:30PM Midweek Advent Service

### SECOND ADVENT • Sunday December 4

9AM German Lay Led 10:30AM English Lay Led

### Wednesday December 7

6:30PM Soup Supper 7:30PM Midweek Advent Service

### THIRD ADVENT • Sunday December 11

9AM German Communion 10:30AM English Worship

### Wednesday December 14

6:30PM Soup Supper 7:30PM Midweek Advent Service

### FOURTH ADVENT • Sunday December 18

10AM Joint Communion Service of Lessons & Carols followed by Christmas Tree Trimming

### CHRISTMAS EVE • Saturday December 24

5PM German Candlelight 7PM English Candlelight

### CHRISTMAS DAY • Sunday December 25

10AM Joint Communion Service

look outward. Indeed, to consider “an other” means we must view our neighbour as worthy of our time, our treasure, our talent. It means less reservation and more observation of where and how to act on behalf of another. Even intangibles such as good wishes, or the benefit of the doubt, are welcome “gifts” to another. Even if the research is right and we can be healthier by being generous, can we imagine how in the world to be more generous?

Christ, the babe in the manger we embrace in song and celebration at Christmas, is our best model of generosity. Well before science studies on how to “give a little, get a lot,” Christ gave the simplest solution to happiness and wellbeing: love one another.

Christmas blessings, Denise Dennis

## **Zu Gottes Lob nehmt einander an wie Christus euch angenommen hat.**

**Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.** — ROMANS 15:7

While travelling on the cobblestone streets of Germany it came to me that we were walking on the same streets as Martin Luther did 500 years ago. We stood at the feet of Luther's statues throughout the country, and took a moment to reflect on the hardships that he had to undergo and to give God thanks for our Lutheran identity. Though there is no longer a building in Worms where his international tribunal took place, a plaque now marks the spot where he stood before a table of his books and he was asked to renounce what he had written. He could not. *"Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God!"* So Luther was no longer welcome; he was deemed an outlaw. This cantankerous person had always called upon God to help him through the turmoil in his life, even when he himself struggled to find God's compassion rather than his wrath. All Luther wanted was to be heard so that he could argue his point of view.

Have you ever had the feeling that you are not heard; that you are not listened to or taken seriously? Do you shrink back in disappointment, or do you speak louder, thinking that the louder voice will gain people's attention so that you can convince them that your viewpoint

had some validity? Do you overcome your fears and possible doubts in order to be forthright? Do you ask for God's help in seeing you through? If you are successful in reaching your goal of being listened to and heard, do you give God thanks for having given you the strength to stand up for your beliefs and convictions? I sometimes think that perhaps if we were to structure our lives in a different way – from God's perspective, rather than from our own – we might go a bit further in attaining our goals, whatever they may be.

While weaving my way through the arches to discover shops in Dresden, I picked up a carved pewter bookmark with the text: *Zu Gottes Lob nehmt einander an wie Christus euch angenommen hat.* ZU GOTTES LOB is carved at the top and the rest of the text is carved in various sizes to shape an arched door. You can see through the letters to the other side. The door is not a barrier, but an opportunity to see through to the other side and feel as if one belonged if only one dared open the door: the one on the outside can look in and the one on the inside can look out. The moment of welcome occurs when the door is opened and the one on the inside comes face to face with the

one on the outside and both praise God together for their new-found friend.

*For God's sake, for God's glory, for God's praise, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.* Is this something that we do in order that God praises us for having welcomed someone? Is praise our motivation? Or, do we act because we have found our purpose in God: *Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God* (Romans 15:7). The reason for welcoming someone is to glorify God together. No matter how we interpret this text, the one that stands at the center is Christ. We welcome another because Christ welcomed us. We glorify and praise God because Christ did. He showed us how to be hospitable to the outcast, the lowly, the sinner and the saint. As we come ever closer to sponsoring a refugee (family) how might we be welcoming? How might we be the Christ for them? It is not important whether the refugee is Muslim or Christian, our responsibility is to be the Christ in the world: the person who does not discriminate, but who loves and cares for and invites people to be present with him.

**Pastor Rasma**

### **Meet your working committee for Refugee Sponsorship —**

**Pastor Rasma:** *a spiritual guide for our journey to opening the doors of our hearts and minds.*

**Dorothea Cameron:** *our quiet, yet persistent enthusiast (and instigator!) for relieving the suffering of refugees.*

**Nancy Kostroman:** *a willing pair of hands attached to a kind heart.*

**Jennifer Albanese:** *our acting record keeper who acts with compassion and care.*

**Giselle Bishoff:** *a practical, diligent, dedicated member who has championed this effort in the congregation from Peace, Pickering.*

**Heddi Gregor:** *a member of Peace, Pickering who brings us her quiet wisdom based in experience.*

After much prayerful discussion, the committee has begun working with CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) and Syrian Family Links Initiative to initiate the process for bringing refugee(s) to Canada. In addition, we will be working with a family member or acquaintance of the refugee who is already in the Scarborough area; this will be enormously helpful with translation, social matters, and perhaps even some financial expectations.

There will be more to do in terms of raising funds for this 2017 Reformation Commemoration challenge. We are, however, encouraged by offers from Redeemer (Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer) and Christ Lutheran in Peterborough (Pastor Scott Schellenberger) to share their experience and wisdom gleaned from their own successful sponsorship initiatives.

It will be an exciting opportunity for us to exercise our many gifts and talents to bring this challenge to fruition in the new year. Talk to us; encourage us; pray for us.

**Denise Dennis**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

November 13 was Stewardship Sunday at Epiphany. Traditionally, this is the time of year during which stewardship is emphasized at our church. On each of the four Sundays prior to November 13, I distributed a short article taken from materials provided by ELCIC on the theme of "Living Simply". One of the main purposes of the articles was to begin to focus our collective thinking on matters of stewardship in all areas of our lives.

Our guest speaker following the post-worship service luncheon was Karen Bjerland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Faithlife Financial, a financial services organization located in Kitchener/Waterloo which helps Christians in Canada blend faith and finances to be wise with money and live generously, thereby strengthening families and communities. Faithlife Financial was formerly known as Lutheran Life Insurance Society. Karen spoke passionately about stewardship as a pathway toward building a better world according to Christian values. She left us with 4 copies of a book titled "A New Money Mindset", which can be shared among members interested in reading about how to live generously, realizing that we already have all that we need, as a gift from God.

I distributed two handouts after Karen's presentation, a "Share your Gifts" Volunteer Checklist and a 2017 Financial Commitment card. Members were asked to take the handouts home, complete and then return them by December 4, placing them in a sealed envelope in the offering plate. The sealed envelopes will be opened by Sigrid Engler. She will pass the completed Volunteer Checklists on to me for follow-up with individual members. She will compile the total of all financial commitments and the number of members represented by these commitments. The aggregate results will be passed on to Council for use in preparing the 2017 Church Budget. Afterwards, individual financial commitment cards will be destroyed for confidentiality reasons. There is a tear-off portion of the card which members can retain to remind them of their commitment. I have been distributing these handouts to members who were unable to attend the luncheon, so that they can be included in the exercise. If you don't like to make a financial commitment you're afraid you might not be able to keep, I encourage you to look at it as a "goal" instead, something that you want to strive to achieve. It should be realistic, but consider challenging yourself to stretch a little for Epiphany's benefit. If you're unable to make the December 4 target date above, I would still appreciate you submitting the forms because completing them will cause us to think about sharing our personal gifts, including \$\$, for the glory of God, which is the essence of stewardship.

In lieu of an honorarium (or even mileage reimbursement) for our speaker, I encouraged members to consider making a donation to Canadian Lutheran World Relief's "Gifts from the Heart" program, which assists under-privileged people around the world by providing basic necessities to enable them to live better lives. If you would care to make a donation, simply include it in your regular offering envelope, but make a notation on the envelope of the amount you want to direct to CLWR. We will collect all such donations over the next few weeks and send a cheque to CLWR from Epiphany.

Many thanks to those who helped with the luncheon by making/bringing food, setting tables and cleaning up afterwards.

May God bless our collective stewardship efforts!

Geoff Crewe, Stewardship Director



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## On the Trail of Martin Luther

I walked upon the cobblestones just as Luther once walked. I wondered, did he wobble too, trying not to trip or stub his toe? Could he feel each stone through the sole of his shoe? Did he interpret the pain as an opportunity for penance?

In Eisleben where he was born and baptised, did he cry when the water was poured upon him from the font large enough to submerge an infant. Was the water cold as he was bound to Christ's death and resurrection to new



life? Did he cry when he was marked with the cross of Christ forever, or did he laugh, gladdened by God's promises? Did he know then that he would fulfill his baptismal vows of service by fulfilling his priestly vows in adulthood? Did he know how his life would change as he lay prostrate on the floor of the Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt promising to be faithful to the church, to God, and the people as a representative of Christ in the world? Had he imagined that his 95 theses, that were meant as points of discussion and reforms within the church, would end up branding him a heretic and outlaw, putting his life in danger?

Upon his return to Wittenberg from the Diet of Worms, did he know he would be blindfolded and brought to Eisenach and Wartburg Castle for his own protection against those who were out to kill him? Given this opportunity to be productive in writing, he continued to interpret Scriptures and wondered why they were not offered up for everyone to read. Was the common man not worthy to hold God's Word in his hands? So, in the corner of Wartburg Castle he sat at his writing desk and translated the Greek New Testament into the vernacular of the people. This was no easy feat, since there were many dialects with regional idioms. Somehow he managed to simplify, unify and beautify the language. Interpreting the Bible in a new context for a new purpose helped to create the language now spoken by

Germans across the country, while still giving opportunity for dialectal diversity within its unity.

Continuing to wobble on the cobblestone streets of Wittenberg, passing by the Cranach's house and the place where writer Lessing had lived, we came to the castle church upon which Luther's 95 theses had been nailed as an invitation to a disputation of the theses. Now an iron door with the theses embossed upon it has replaced the once

wooden door, which burned centuries earlier. Wobbling on we came to the Lutherhaus with a portal Luther's wife had given him for his 50th birthday. On either side of the wooden door was a stone seat with a small stone dome to keep the sun from beaming down upon them as they enjoyed an afternoon tea and recounted the events of the day. It gave me pleasure to realise that this larger than life figure in the history of Germany, of the church in the world, was so down to earth as to be able to enjoy time with his family after a gruelling day at the university.

We too, had an opportunity to sit with people from the community to enjoy afternoon tea, coffee, and cake and hear about differences since the unification of Germany. The education system has changed from one of controlled speech to a sharing of diverse opinions and interpretations of world events. People are trying to learn how to adjust to the surge of refugees into Germany. Having lived in a Soviet-dominated society had offered travel opportunities to anywhere in the former Eastern Block of nations, with only imagined ideas of what went on on the other side of the iron curtain. Now the freedom to travel opened the eyes of the young people to visions of better jobs in the west and many left to study away from home and settle down far from home.

War had turned people's lives upside down. The once-destroyed Dresden was rising out of the ashes. The

Frauenkirche was rebuilt to its former opulence. People seemed friendlier and welcoming. The city is becoming alive again culturally and economically. Had we had more time I would have enjoyed spending more time in the Bach Museum in Leipzig just so that I could sit in a module hanging chair with earphones for hearing a variety of Bach tunes for chorus, organ, and other instruments.

Berlin brought me back to level sidewalks and great hiking trails through the Tiergarten in the center of the city. I reconnected with my family and a friend from my student days who had come to Berlin just to meet me. We worshipped at the Kaiser-Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche as the light shone through the blue glass windows and we sang along with a Bach Cantata, and at the Dom, with its gigantic organ whose organist improvised on the hymns of the day, we sang and glorified God.

On my final day my friend and I walked through the Tiergarten to the Holocaust memorial, which is a maze of concrete slabs or pillars of different heights and shapes. It gave the impression of loneliness, isolation, starkness, and even fear as one continued to walk through it, wondering where it would bring us out. There was a sense of silence in these pillars with the exception of a few people who climbed up on them to take a selfie, disrespecting the signs which asked to show respect since this was a place to honour the dead.

Thus my trail, which walked me through the life of a man from his birth to his death, from his diverse opinions, including his earlier anti-semitic views, to his moments of being freed by God's grace which opened his eyes to wanting reforms within the church, came to an end. It was a trail well-blazed.

*Pastor Rasma*

## Fall Property Clean-up Update

Thanks to everyone who worked at the chilly and blustery Saturday Fall yard clean-up. Over 160 bags of leaves were filled and placed at the curb! We thank Sigrid for getting the bags on sale and Erika and the ELW church ladies for providing the coffee break. However you participated that day was very much appreciated by the congregation. We hope to see you at the Spring yard clean-up!

*Fred Kilian for the Property Committee*

## From your Envelope Secretary

As hard as it is to believe, another year almost behind us. Before the celebrations start however, we still need to complete a little business. If you have a change of address or other information relating to your Offerings, or do not presently have envelopes and would like a set for 2017, please let me know. Simply leave a note for me in the offering plate or call and leave a message at 416-283-8536. I would appreciate any new information as soon as possible to be able to provide both the boxes and tax receipts to you in a timely manner.

*Respectfully, Sigrid Engler, Envelope Secretary*

## Pastor's Notes

◆ Kudos to our lay leadership who are always willing to fill in when I am away: Thanks to Marg Crewe, Denise Dennis, Ron Heino, Dorothea Cameron, Sigi Sommer and Wilhelm Wittemeier!

Thanks also to Geoff Crewe for his work on Stewardship Sunday and our guests Karen and Peter Bjerland.

Thanks to the ELW for providing us with the luncheon and the people for their contribution of salads and desserts.

To all who participated in the fall clean-up for their hard work and to Erika Haebe for providing the refreshments for the crew, a heartfelt thanks!

◆ No set office hours this month, but Pastor Rasma can be reached on her cell phone at 647-382-5093.

Though pastor is taking her last holiday week from November 28 to December 5 she will be available for any pastoral emergency.

◆ Pastor would like to invite you to her Christmas Concert on Saturday December 17 at 7 pm at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Latvian Church, 200 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto (corner of Balmoral and Poplar Plains)



At the last meeting in November the seniors not only planned their Christmas Party but they also discussed a suggestion from Lilli to contribute an amount to Epiphany's membership in DELKINA (Deutsch-Evangelische Kirchen in Nord-Amerika) which is an organization of German churches in North America. The seniors decided to donate \$75 for this cause; ELW will donate the remainder of \$175.

The Seniors Christmas Party is set for December 6 at 12 o'clock. It will be the last meeting for this year. It seems that the years are getting shorter and time runs faster and faster. If one only could find out why it is this way!

See you all on the 6th of December!

*Wilhelm Wittemeier*

## HealthWise WealthWise: Health is Wealth

Advent is here and Christmas is not far behind! This season has always been a time of reflection and anticipation for us as we look back on the past year as well as look forward to the year ahead. We are grateful for and thank you all for your interest in our health information sessions over the last year and congratulate you for taking an active role in your health.

This time of year is also traditionally when people spend more time with family and friends and at holiday gatherings, so with that in mind we will not be hosting health information sessions in December but we will resume them again in the New Year. We will, however, publish our newsletter as usual. If you are not already a subscriber and would like to receive our newsletters, please email us at [healthwisewealthwise@rogers.com](mailto:healthwisewealthwise@rogers.com) and we will add you to our mailing list.

We always strive to bring you informative programs on issues related to health and nutrition, and if you have a suggestion for a particular health topic that you would like to have us present, please let us know via email or telephone (647-345-8972). We want to be of service with relevant information and presentations in order to encourage and support you to live a life filled with abundant vitality in mind, body and spirit, and suggestions and feedback are always welcome.

We wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas as well as much happiness, success and great health for the New Year!

*Bettina and Martin Wittemeier,  
Certified Nutritional Practitioner & Health and Wellness Consultants*

*We hear the beating of wings over Bethlehem and a light that is not of the sun or of the stars shines in the midnight sky. Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal creeds. Let it be remembered as a story that has happened again and again, to men of many different races, that has been expressed through many religions, that has been called by many different names. Time and space and language lay no limitations upon human brotherhood.*

NEW YORK TIMES, 25 DECEMBER 1937,  
QUOTED IN QUOTATIONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS BY MAUD VAN BUREN, 1938,  
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*May Peace be your gift  
at Christmas and your  
blessing all year through!*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



*Only in souls the Christ  
is brought to birth,  
And there He lives and dies.*

ALFRED NOYES

**W**hat is Christmas?  
It is tenderness for the past,  
courage for the present,  
hope for the future.

It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow  
with blessings rich and eternal, and that  
every path may lead to peace.

AGNES M. PAHRO

*Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love Divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.*

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

*Christmas is a time to open  
our hearts to God and his gifts.  
Just like the rest of the year.*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS:**

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

OREN ARNOLD



*The message of Christmas is that  
the visible material world is bound  
to the invisible spiritual world.*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

**G**reat little One!  
whose all-embracing birth  
Lifts Earth to Heaven,  
stoops Heaven to Earth.

RICHARD CRASHAW



# Christmas

in Bethlehem. The ancient dream:  
a cold, clear night made brilliant by  
a glorious star, the smell of incense,  
shepherds and wise men falling to  
their knees in adoration of the sweet  
baby, the incarnation of perfect love.

LUCINDA FRANKS



Christmas Quotes from [quotegarden.com/christmas.html](http://quotegarden.com/christmas.html)



## **ELW sends to all the True Spirit of Love at Christmastime**

*If there were more days like Christmas, our world would be filled with the joy of song, the spirit of peace, the colours of happiness and the hope of believers everywhere. May it always be Christmas in your heart!*

As I write, the Church women are preparing for the Advent Bazaar. We thank all who support our efforts; the raffle sponsors, bakers, craftspeople, White elephant donations, set up and take down crew and the AMMS. The Raffle prize winners will be published in January as well as our Bazaar revenue.

We thank FaithLife Financial for their \$500 matching grants for both the Applefest and the Bazaar. Applefest revenue purchased more No Frills & Tim Hortons gift certificates and TTC tokens for the Church Emergency Fund that Pastor oversees. ELW was pleased to supply the Fried Chicken (Valumart of Guildwood Plaza), the Black Forest Ham (The Butcher Shoppe, Markham & Kingston Rds.) and bread, buns & strudel (Montmartre Bakery, Midland & Lawrence) for the Stewardship lunch. Thanks to all who contributed towards the potluck and the clean-up afterwards. We also thank Erika for spending her time Friday and Saturday preparing the Yard Clean-up Coffee break.

In the past ELW celebrated Advent with a festive evening program of drink, food and fellowship where we invited menfolk and friends. Circumstances are such that this is no longer feasible. Not one to give up, ELW has a fine alternative and we invite the congregation to join in. NEW this December, ELW will NOT be having a meeting December 14; INSTEAD we will host the Sunday December 18 Christmas Tree Trimming gathering after the Joint Communion Service by providing traditional Glühwein, mulled Cider and hot chocolate. We ask if you could provide contributions of finger foods and cookies. It is good to have something to nibble on while drinking and decorating and carolling.

Epiphany celebrates Advent, starting with the effort that goes into the upcoming Midweek Advent Soup Suppers and Services. We encourage you to attend one or some or all, it is a time for reflection. The spirit of the season is reflected in each of the almost 40 Christmas cards that Bob Haebe, our ELW Sunshine convenor writes to our ELW friends, shut-ins and alumnae. Thank you Bob! We also recognize Robert Jesswein for providing the Christmas tree. Thank you Robert! A reminder if you STILL receive Christmas cards in the mail, please remember to bring in your cancelled stamps to the stamp sack in the cloakroom for Bethel charities.

It was such a success in 2016 that on THURSDAY January 12, 2017, the Church Women and Church Seniors will again combine forces to enjoy a Winter Sauerkraut Lunch from 12 noon onwards to celebrate the year ahead. We welcome EVERYONE in the congregation, and would ask you to sign up so we have an idea of how many to expect. The menu may include old country favourites of sauerkraut, potatoes and spätzle, meat still tba (schnitzel, sausage, pork roast, kassler), coffee and cake. We will approach Vienna Fine Foods, Husky Foods Importers, Melitta Canada and Haribo Canada for their contributions, but ask for a few volunteer sauerkraut cooks. Check the bulletin board. Finally, especially for those of you who attended last time, this lunch would be a wonderful opportunity for you to invite and bring along a friend of Epiphany, a senior or a shut-in who would so enjoy this social. Another option would be to take a care-package home to them from the lunch.

Lilli Kilian, 416-267-5300; kilianlf@gmail.com

*If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the Altar Guild member for that Sunday know.*



### **ALTAR GUILD**

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**3rd Sunday of the Month**  
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**5th Sunday of the Month**  
Erika Haebe • 416-266-8660

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>OCTOBER 2016</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>
CURRENT	\$4,824.23	\$9,872.28	
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT ACCT	0.00		
BENEVOLENCE	1,334.00	1,334.00	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	2,575.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	590.22		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,200.00		
AMMS SANCTUARY RENTAL	100.00		
LOONIE BIRD	1.00		
<b>CURRENT MONTH TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,624.45</b>	<b>\$11,206.28</b>	<b>(\$581.83)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$110,920.63</b>	<b>\$122,958.11</b>	<b>(\$12,037.48)</b>

*Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer*

# December 2016

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**



**4** **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
BLUE  
 9 AM German Lay Led Service  
 10:30 AM English Lay Led Service

**5** 9:30 AM  
 AMMS Pageant Rehearsal

**6** 12 NOON  
 German Seniors  
 Christmas Party

**7** Midweek Advent  
 Soup and Service  
 6:30 PM—Soup Supper  
 7:30 PM—Advent Service

**8** 7 PM  
 Kontaktkreis at  
 Martin Luther

**9** 10-11:30 AM  
 Bible Class

**10**

**11** **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
BLUE  
 9 AM German Communion Service  
 10:30 AM English Worship Service

**12** 9:30 AM  
 AMMS Pageant Rehearsal

**13**

**14** Midweek Advent  
 Soup and Service  
 6:30 PM—Soup Supper  
 7:30 PM—Advent Service

**15** 8:30-10 AM  
 AMMS Annual Pageant  
 7:15 PM  
 Council Meeting

**16**

**17**

**18** **4th Sunday of Advent**  
BLUE  
 10 AM Joint Communion Service of  
 Lessons & Carols followed by  
 Christmas Tree Trimming

**19**

**20**

**21** Midweek Advent  
 Soup and Service  
 6:30 PM—Soup Supper  
 7:30 PM—Advent Service

**22**

**23**

**24** **Christmas Eve** WHITE  
 5 PM—German  
 Candlelight Service  
 7 PM—English  
 Candlelight Service

**25** **Christmas Day**  
WHITE  
 10 AM Joint Communion Service

**26**

**27**

**28** 10 AM  
 Pastor at Mollbercy Service

**29**

**30** MORNINGSTAR  
 collating

**31**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**JAN 1** **New Year's Day**  
WHITE  
 10 AM Joint Communion Service