

the Messenger



January 22, 2023

3RD Sunday after Epiphany



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Please check your church mailbox for your **2022 Year-End Giving Statement**.

If you have any questions, contact Financial Secretary, **John Tidd** at LCGLfinance@gmail.com

January's Collection: *Head and Hands*

Can you imagine spending hours outside in the cold without the benefit of warm clothing?

We can't either, so in January we are collecting men's or ladies new/gently used hats and gloves for the homeless.

Donations will be given to [AHTN](#) for Code Blue nights and to the [Reach Out Foundation's](#) drop-in center in Pennel. Return your donations to the **Lobby of Love** ❤️ by **January 29**.

Questions? Lary Whelan.



ANNUAL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29, 2023
ONE Worship Service at 9:30am
Meeting Begins at 10:45am

There will be **NO** Christian education classes. The Annual Report is now available. We encourage you to read through it for highlights of our ministry in 2022 and details of the proposed 2023 budget.

You can pick up a copy at the church or [CLICK HERE](#) to read it online.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Event Follow Up*

Approximately **60 adults and children** attended the intergenerational Sunday school event honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 15. Participants learned about the life of Dr. King then participated in three service activities: making breakfast bags for Caring for Friends, creating cheer cards for members of our congregation, and depicting the love of God on fabric squares which will be used to make a wall hanging for our remodeled nursery.

Thank you to all who participated.



"Our Neighbor's Faith"
A Lutheran Perspective
THIS SUNDAY, January 22
10:00am
Fellowship Hall

Pastor Dan will present a summary of the ELCA's "Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment; a policy statement adopted in 2019.

We've had several requests for the video recording of the January 8 Interfaith Panel Discussion on *The Golden Rule*. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the presentation or find it anytime on the church's *YouTube channel* youtube.com/@godslovenewtown



Up Next in Adult Faith & Life *Honoring Black History Month*

- **February 5 and 12:** The Black Church—a PBS documentary
- **February 19:** African American Spirituals
- **February 26:** Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail
- **March 5:** A Lutheran perspective—the story of Pastor Robert Graetz

Scripture Readings
for January 29

Micah 6:1-8
Justice, kindness, humility

1 Corinthians 1:18-31
The wisdom and power of God

Matthew 5:1-12
The Beatitudes



Calling All Seamstresses!

Member **Ruth Anne Woolsey** has been making *Angel Gowns/ Angel Sacs* from donated wedding gowns for about a year. The repurposed garments are then donated through Capital Health to families grieving the loss of a baby who got his/her wings far too soon. Ruth Anne has quite a few gowns ready to be sewn and is looking for volunteers to be part of this caring ministry.



A workshop is planned for late February/early March where volunteers will receive instructions, pattern templates, and gowns; and will begin working on patterns to use at home.

If you are interested, please contact **Ruth Anne** or the church office and indicate your availability (day/evening) for the workshop.



Thursday, January 26
7:00pm • Lounge
"Peach Blossom" by *Melissa Fu*

Bible Book-of-the Month Study

the Book of Proverbs
Monday, January 30 • 7:00pm • ZOOM

Read through at your own pace with the help of this [Readers Guide to Proverbs](#) then join the **ZOOM** discussion led by Pastor Dan.

The **ZOOM** link will be emailed.



Compass: Navigating Life's Transitions

Wednesdays, January 25 – February 8

Noon • Café

All are welcome to gather weekly to explore spiritual concepts and healthy adaptive strategies for navigating life's transitions. Whether you are newly retired, a recent empty nester, grieving the loss of a loved one or merely in a period of discernment about next steps in your human journey, all are encouraged to attend. **For more information**, contact **Pastor Brandi** at the church office.



THIS SUNDAY, January 22 • 10:00am • Lounge

Pastor Dan and **Pastor Brandi** warmly invite all young adults, including singles, couples, and those with young children, to gather in the lounge for conversation about new ministries designed specifically for this generation. Conversation will include the upcoming renovation of the Nursery, and ideas for how to connect with one another on our spiritual journey here at God's Love. Refreshments will be provided, and childcare is available in the Preschool Sunday School room.



February Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, February 4 • 5:00pm
La Stalla Restaurant – 18 Swamp Rd, Newtown

Monthly Fellowship Dinners are open to all in the congregation looking for a social outing.

Participants meet at the restaurant and pay for their own meal.

[RSVP HERE](#) for February's dinner or call the church office **by Wednesday, February 1.**

Would YOU like to "host" a Dinner? ...choose a restaurant, make the reservations, provide details to the office and so forth.

Questions? Will Toppin.

HOPE • Lunches for January and February

The Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County in Pennel provides a warm place for the homeless to get a meal and assistance with social services. God's Love helps by providing meals, including bagged lunches on Tuesdays.

[SIGN UP HERE](#) or visit the **SignUp Hub** to help.

Questions? Sandy Anthony.



Ways you can SERVE

Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild, Acolytes...many people work together for Sunday services to run smoothly.

Volunteers are invited to sign up to serve in one or more of these roles during worship on a Sunday of your choosing. New volunteers are always welcome, and instruction will be provided at a time convenient for you. [SIGN UP HERE](#) or visit the **SignUp Hub** in the Commons. For more information call the church office.

The resource table in the Commons is there to provide meaningful and practical ministry tools that impact our daily lives. "On-loan" resources for January correspond to the Adult Faith and Life emphasis on interfaith dialogue and understanding—a truly important subject for our current life together. **Welcome!**



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