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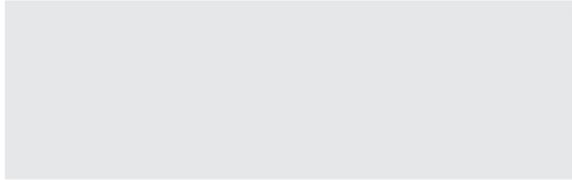


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF January 19

Worship Leader: Mary Stipanowich
Elders: Janet Shank (bread); Mike Drake (cup)
Diaconate: Don Hodges, Dorothy Loop, Larry Loop, Margaret Taylor, Pat Ward, Marcia Higgins
Balcony: Samantha Adams, Natalie Workman, Bob Sherwood
Preparatory: Marcia Higgins, Donna Bainter, Sharon Butcher
Greeters: **Front** Larry Loop
Central East Dorothy Loop
Balcony South Roselyn Chown
Elevator John Carden
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Bob & Betty Sherwood
Children's Moment: **Rev. Ingersoll**
Children's Church: Christopher Zimmerman
Soundboard Tech: Chris Dace
Coffee Fellowship Time: Patti Jones
Hospital Caller(s): Char Carden
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Janet Shank

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

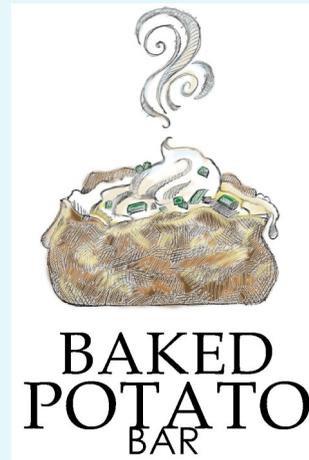
Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian,

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

Brittany Nelson,
Nursery Attendant

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Sunday
January 26, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

The State of the Church will be the topic of the gathering on January 26 at 6:00 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall.

There will be a baked potato bar; the Membership Committee will provide baked potatoes and toppings, drinks and table service. You are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.

After the meal, a presentation will be given by Rev. Ingersoll.

On Sunday, when you are signing the Friendship Register, please put a number beside your name if you plan to attend the supper. We would just like to be sure we have enough potatoes!

Kelly's Korner

What is your most valuable possession? A car? Artwork? Jewelry? Is it actually something of real value that you must take an insurance policy on? Or is your most valuable possession something that others would think of as value-less and inexpensive and, yet, if this possession was lost or destroyed your soul would be less full? Things like photo albums, kids drawings or a card from a loved one come to mind.

I went to New Orleans a couple of months after Katrina. Our job was to clean out houses and take all of their wet stuff—all their worldly possessions—to the curb so someone could come and take it to the dump. I recently drove through Washington, Illinois. Seeing houses torn apart and knowing what little was left would be put to the curb and taken to the dump was so disheartening. For many of us, we wonder how people survive such circumstances. For the survivors, I suspect they see life in a different way. Happy to be alive and with their families, the things of this world are less significant.

People and relationships are more important than the possessions. This week, we will study the call of the first disciples in the Gospel of John. It is a different story than we find in all the other gospels. Andrew and Simon (whom Jesus will re-name Cephas interpreted as Peter) will hear Jesus called the lamb by someone they trust—John the Baptist. They will leave everything and everyone behind to follow Jesus.

There is more to the story, but could you do that? Leave everyone and everything to sit at the feet of Jesus, to hear his teaching, to witness his healing, to be his disciple? What will our hearts feel as John announces "Look, here is the Lamb of God?"

May we also be led to faithfulness like Andrew and Simon.

Peace,



Sunday, January 19

Bob Sherwood opens/closes church

Larry Ellis drive(s) the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

8:30 AM 2014 Department

Head Training

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

2:00 PM Grand Prairie

Elders: Bob Chatterton

Deacons:

4:00 PM Everly House

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Deacons:

Monday, January 20

6:00 PM Trustees

7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26

Eric Reed opens/closes church

Mike Drake drives the van

8:30 AM Prayer Group

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM State of the Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries

17 Dan Reed
Marilyn Robinson
Kolette & Krista Rutledge

23 Tweed Mummert

Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday after Christmas

Sermon: Here Is the Lamb
Scripture: John 1:35-42

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:

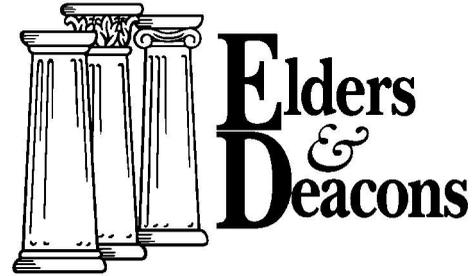
Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Where Do You Fit?



Our church constitution states that: Elders shall actively serve one department of the church and provide guidance.

Our 2014 Chairpersons will be introduced this Sunday morning. Acts 11:30 says that Elders are to help with the affairs of the church and respond to the needs of the believers.

Elders: you are encouraged to be timely and join a committee and/or committees this Sunday!

Article VII:11C states that Deacons are to be aware of the needs of the congregation and assist members when necessary.

The Deacons are also invited to consider serving on a committee.

Bob Chatterton
Board Chair

Are you ready to be effective?
Who makes things happen at the First Christian Church?

Are you a member of a standing committee? Are you moved to serve on a 2014 committee?

This year's committee chairpersons will be introduced this Sunday morning. Matthew 5:13 says "if seasoning has no flavor, it has no value". If Christians make no effort to have an effect on their church, they are of little value to God.

Are you ready to be "effective"? Add your flavor to a committee: VOLUNTEER!

Bob Chatterton
Board Chair



Thank to the generosity of some, we will be able to buy a 2-yr subscription to *Secret Place* and a 1-yr subscription to *The Upper Room*.

Both of these booklets are daily devotionals and will be placed on a table in the Parlor and on the shelves at the front door of the church for anyone to pick up, take home and use.



The Christian Education Committee invites children, grades 3-5, to a "Souper Bowl Warm Up" after worship on February 2 until 1:30 p.m. in the Scout Room.

We will engage in fellowship with a light meal, help with the "Souper Bowl" service project, play games, and make banners and pom-poms for the big game!

A van will be available to take the children home after the program.

This program serves as the "kick-off" to a monthly Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) for third to fifth graders, so bring a friend and your ideas for what we can do in fellowship in the future.



The Worship Committee is looking for people who are interested in serving as Worship Leader on Sunday mornings.

If you would be interested in serving in in this positions, please contact Cindy Moon .

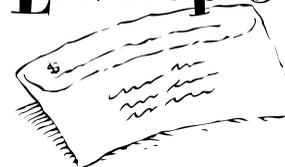
There is a position description to help you know what you would be required to do.

Thank you for considering service in this area of our church.

2013 Annual Giving Statements are in alphabetical order on a table in the Parlor.

Please pick yours up the next time you are in the building.

Offering Envelopes



A new supply of offering envelopes has been received. If you asked Annetta for a set since January 1, yours will now be on the table in the Parlor.

If you have not asked for one and need one, please call Annetta at 837-6473 and she will assign a set for you.

On Sunday, January 19, at 8:30 a.m., we are planning a training session to introduce chairs to their responsibilities and to present an overview of our 2014 vision and actions. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

The 2014 Board officers and Rev. Ingersoll will lead you through an exciting plan for the coming year.

If you have agreed to be a Department Chair in 2014, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

We will, of course, conclude the meeting in time for worship

Thank you Friends!

God is good and has blessed me with a successful knee replacement and recovery.

He has blessed me with caring, thoughtful friends, who have prayed, sent cards, made phone calls and brought lots of good food.

It is a wonderful feeling to have a loving church family. "God is Good, All the Time!"

Karen Chatterton

Thank You



Thanks to everyone who came to help take down the Christmas decorations. I know you are all busy. Many hands made light work and it only took a couple of hours to complete the task.

You are all a blessing!

Bev Drake