

# THE CHRONICLES

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**January 2018**

New Years and fresh starts. Happy 2018!

The older I get the less likely I am to make a New Year's Resolution. A couple of reasons pop into mind for this. I just don't think I am good at the New Year New You mindset. But more to my plan of attack is that if something needs to change, I better start today. It takes a good three weeks for new practices or habits to take hold. We have to be intentional about making room for these changes in the rhythm of our day and week.

The same is true of our spiritual life. Matthew 11:28-30 says, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest. Take my yoke upon you and I learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*"

In the next few weeks and months we will talk about spiritual practices. Taking time daily in reading scripture, meditation and prayer. We will wonder together about how we create balance in our life. We will explore our attitudes towards our time, money and our faith. Spiritual practices take practice and we will encourage and challenge one another.

What a gift it is to be invited to be yoked to Jesus. And, there is so much more to our spiritual life than coming to worship. We should talk about our life of faith as a journey instead of a destination.

Pastor Becky



January Birthdays



- 2 Shirley Schliessmann
- 9 Arturo Flores
- 17 Don Isler
- 25 Dorothy Tasian
- 29 Joan Mohr

January Events



- Sat. Jan. 6 – Building and Bills Meeting at 10am.
- Sun. Jan. 7 – Building and Bills Forum at 9am for all. Proposed 2018 Budget to be discussed.
- Wed. Jan.10 and 24 – Deer Creek Hymns at 10:30.
- Sun.Jan.14 – Quarter 1 Congregational meeting at 11:15.
- Wed. Jan. 17 – Connect begins every Wed. from 10-2.
- Sun. Jan. 21 – Deer Creek Devotions at 3:30.

**Please consult the attached calendar for all the activities this month.**

January Anniversaries



- 1 Ann & John Fox

LCR Financial Report

November and Year-To-Date Totals

	GENERAL FUND			BUILDING FUND		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Nov.	\$4,123	\$6,975	59.1%	\$805	\$1,445	55.7%
YTD	\$62,847	\$76,725	81.9%	\$14,045	\$15,895	88.4%

## January Worship Helpers

### Assistant Ministers

7 Autry Burns  
14 Autry Burns  
21 Lois Hickman  
28 Shirley Schliessmann

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### Acolytes

7 Bella Raska  
14 Benjamin Raska  
21 Claire Valentine  
28 Savannah Cargill

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### Readers

7 Tamela Jarvis-Flores  
14 Kay McBrayer  
21 Danny Hickman  
28 Whitney Cargill

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### Ushers

7 Raska Family  
14 Merkord Family  
21 Claire and Jason Valentine  
28 Al Strobel

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### Altar Guild

7 Bella Raska  
14 Pat Ehrhart  
21 Dianne Kilpatrick  
28 Shirley Schliessmann

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### Greeter

7 Arturo Flores  
14 Angie Rose  
21 Al Strobel  
28 Benjamin Raska

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### Counters

7 Arturo Flores and Tamela Jarvis-Flores  
14 Brandon Merkord  
21 Jason Valentine  
28 Shirley Schliessmann

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### Bulletin Folders

7 Mary Rodgers  
14 Pat Ehrhart  
21 Kylie  
28 Kylie



## *2018 LCR Budget*

The Building and Bills Team will be hosting a Forum on Sunday, January 7 at 9am for a Q & A time addressing the 2018 proposed budget. Copies of the budget have been sent out and are available at the church.

## **Congregational Meeting**

On Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 there will be a Quarterly Congregational Meeting after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to: adopt the 2018 budget, receive the Annual Report, appoint a male and female voting member to Synod Assembly (May 4-6 in San Marcos).



## **CONNECT**

Starting Wednesday, January 17 will be **CONNECT**. Connect will be a time of connecting with other people. From 10:00-2:00 on Wednesdays those of you who are free are encouraged to come and take part of in a variety of activities and eat some food to connect with others. This comes as a response to a community need of having a place for special needs young adults to be involved in as they graduate out of the Wimberley High School program. We know that community connections are important throughout everyone's life. Activities may include some basic exercise/movement time, puzzles, games, crafts or simply watching a movie together.





### Book Group

The Book Group will be meeting on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at Mima's. The group is beginning book 2 of the Mark of the Lion series by Francine Rivers. The title is *Echo in the Darkness*. Pick up a copy and join the conversation.

### Custodian

LCR is in the process of hiring a part time custodian. Primary duties include cleaning. Job description and wages are being considered at this time. If you know of anyone interested please have them contact the church office.



### Thank YOU! New Life Children's Center Christmas Project

Many thanks to all of you who shopped, contributed gifts and helped prepare the bags for our Christmas Ministry for the girls at New Life Children's Center. Our efforts were very well received and successful. LCR had adopted a cottage of 9 girls ranging in age from 9 -17. Not only did we have the requested pair of jeans, shirt and "fun" item for each girl, we had donations available to get extras to add to each bag. We know there were many smiling faces this Christmas! Thank you, LCR!



### Good-Bye

With regret, we say good-bye to Jill and Daryl Ready as they start their next journey in Hammond, LA. Daryl's job requires him to be at this new location.

### Thank you!

Thank you to Dianne Kilpatrick for commandeering a successful raffle!

Thank you to Blaine Nelson and Shirley S. for teaching Adult RE for the Fall semester.

Thank you to Lynn Raska, Carrie Valentine, and Lois Hickman for teaching Children's RE for the Fall.

Thank you to Blaine Nelson, Mary Rodgers, and Chris Weaver for organizing the Christmas project.

Without faith it is impossible to please God.  
— Hebrews 11:6



- Michael Thurman
- Estelle Hill
- Lill Grant
- Kelly Sensat
- Marvin Bowen
- Father Wade Russell
- Tracy Calamari
- John Nawrocki
- Beverly Pugsley
- Sue Vines
- Judge Bert Cobb
- Brooke Lado