

WLCC Weekly Newsletter 1.7.22

This Sunday is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. We will explore Jesus' baptism told to us in Luke 3: 15-17 and 21-22. We will take a journey to the Jordan River and reflect on baptism and remember our own baptisms. We are looking forward to seeing you in the Sanctuary or on Zoom.

Pastor Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

My husband's youngest sister gave me a little book for Christmas entitled Gratitude Prayers: Prayers, Poems, and Prose for Everyday Thankfulness by June Cotner. I have been reading little bits trying to find that gratitude over these twelve days of Christmas that have seen some gloomy weather and even gloomier news stories . I thought I would share a couple.

The first is called Surprised by Maryanne Hannan:

Like a baby
seeing her shadow
for the first time,
we notice joy.

Was it there all the time?
Did we need only
stand in the light
to discover it?

The second is a quote from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin(1881-1955), "Joy is the most infallible test of the presence of God." May we be grateful and joyful even in the darkest moments.

Reminders: If you wish to enter the church on any day, please mask up, practice physical distancing, use good hand hygiene and stay home if you are not feeling well. We will be continuing these practices until the situation changes toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar for the week of January 8-14

January 9 - Worship service 10 AM

January 13 - Joint Meeting of Trustees and Deacons 6:30PM

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 30th after our worship service. **Please have committee reports into the office by January 21st.** We are in need of a clerk for this meeting. Please notify the church office ASAP if you have interest in filling the role.

Nominating

We are currently looking for people to fill the following positions:

A Clerk

A Co-Collector

1 person for Delegates

3 people for Diaconate

2 people for Missions

2 people for Stewardship

1 person for Trustees

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will not be meeting at 9 AM on Thursday mornings for the month of January. A decision will be made at the end of the month as to when we will be meeting again.

Community Dinner Cook Team News

Word has been received from the LISTEN Community Dinner coordinator, Larry Lowndes, that they have suspended the use of outside cook teams for the month of January due to rising Covid cases in the community. We will be contacted when we will be able to come back.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have been contributed to the Little Food Pantry. As the weather gets colder we asking you not to put in jar and canned goods as they will freeze. **Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk.** At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

WLCC Giving Options

We have instituted several new electronic (credit/debit/ACH) giving options. Note that these are in addition to the conventional giving methods. **If you are comfortable with the giving method you currently use there is no need to change.** The intent of adding these electronic options is to make giving more convenient, which will hopefully increase our revenue. Note that the church is charged a nominal processing fee with each electronic transaction, so please consider covering that fee if you use an electronic option. The electronic options will allow you to specify where you would like your gift to go (e.g. general fund, memorial gift, missions, etc.). You can access these options by going to the WLCC home webpage (<https://westlebcc.org/> and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page <https://westlebcc.org/give/>. If you have any questions or problems please see Aaron in the WLCC office or our co-collectors Christine Kidd or Laurie Tostenson.

Faithfully
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC