

**JULY 16, 2017**

**Pastor Rick's Office hours** will be 9:00- 5:30. He will be at St James Trinity on Mondays and Wednesday and English on Tuesday's and Thursdays. Friday will be his day off. He will be in the office in the mornings and some afternoons depending upon visits. If you need to reach Pastor Rick you can call him at 515-229-6193.

**MEET AND GREETS SCHEDULED**

Please sign up in the fellowship hall for the meetings with Pastor Rick. These meetings have been scheduled so you can find out more about Pastor Rick, and he can find out what is important to the members of this church. The schedule is as follows: July 18, 2:00 pm at ELCB; July 25, 7:00 pm at Deb Neitge's home; Aug. 7, 7:00 pm at Ron and Marty Iverson's home; and Aug. 15, 7:00 pm at Bob and Julie Mitchell's home. If you have any questions about these meeting please contact Jack Rokser at 715-577-2292 or a member of the Evangelism Ministry Team.

**POT LUCK PLANNED**

Pastor Rick's installation services will be on July 30 at English Lutheran at 8:30 am and Saint James Trinity at 10:30 am. After the service the congregation of Saint James Trinity has invited us to join them at Keller Park in Fall Creek for a pot luck meal. Please mark this date on your calendar. Pulled pork and soft drinks will be provided. You may want to bring a chair in case there is a shortage of available seating. More information about what to bring will be announced later. We hope you will consider attending with Pastor Rick to celebrate his installation.

**We will be having a special offering** on July 30th for Pastor Rick's installation. It will be for the "Fund for Leaders" which helps provide scholarships to seminary students to help reduce their debt load.

**ELCB** is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can still be debited automatically from your checking or savings account using Simply Giving, or processed online using your credit or debit card. And soon you will also be able to give through a free "Giving App". Details for this will be available soon. Our electronic giving programs offer convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" are available from the Stewardship team: Ray Peterson, Karen Rokser, or Susan Gillig.

**SECOND QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in your mailbox. If you made a pledge during our campaign last year, you will note these amounts are carrying over to 2017. During our annual meeting in January, our budget was approved based on our giving for 2016. So if you are able, we hope that you can continue to give in the same manner. However, we do know that circumstances change and that is not always an option. The stewardship/finance team is planning another stewardship drive for later this year which will give you another opportunity to prayerfully consider how much you would like to give back to God. Karen Rokser, Financial Secretary, and the Stewardship/Finance team

**Let's Build a Fire – Our Fellowship Mission Together**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our furnace campaign so far. Our big red thermometer is moving steadily up. We are about 1 / 3 of the way to our goal with over \$2,000 collected so far! Our fellowship hall furnace has served us well but it's reached the end of its useful life and could quit on us any time. Let's make sure our church is prepared for that possibility with your gift.

Finance/Stewardship Team

**A NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH SUNDAY COUNTING**

Here's a new opportunity to assist with an important mission area for our church – Sunday offering counters. We are looking for helpers who have been involved in the counting process before or who would like to learn. Prior council members are especially welcome, full training is offered and you always work as a team of two. Thanks for considering this. If you have any questions please contact Ray Peterson at church or 715-723-4970. A sign up sheet is on the volunteer bulletin board.

Finance/Stewardship Team

**NEW TIME AND TALENT SURVEY STARTED**

New time and talent survey materials have been mailed to all our members. Over 30 families/individuals have responded so far which is great. The timing is set up to help our new Pastor get to know us better. The matrix form also helps you as you match your interests and skills with mission opportunities. Extra forms are located on the volunteer bulletin board opposite the coffee area. Please respond quickly if you haven't done so.

Thanks, Your Stewardship Committee

## SUPPORTING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

### July 16

Asst Min: Cedric Boettcher  
Comm.Asst: Joyce Wolff  
Acolytes: **volunteers needed**  
Greeters: Von and Joyce Wolff  
Ushers: Ray and Carol Peterson  
Counters: **volunteers needed**

### July 23

**Reader:** Sandy Winrich  
Acolytes: **volunteers needed**  
Greeters: Bob and Betty Leidholdt  
Ushers: Derek and Sheryl Lindner  
Counters: **volunteers needed**

### July 30 (was Service of Word, now is Holy Communion)

Asst Min: **volunteer needed**  
Comm.Asst: **volunteer needed**  
Acolytes: Mason and Connor Bruhn  
Greeters: Jack and Karen Rokser  
Ushers: Scott and Angela Bruhn  
Counters: **volunteers needed**

### ATTENDANCE

July 9 64

### GENEROSITY TO GOD

July 9	Regular	\$1948.00
	Designated:	355.00

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES DURING CHURCH.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

July 16	8:30 am	Worship
July 17	7:00 pm	Worship and Music Meeting
July 18	2:00 pm	Meet Pastor Rick at Church
July 23	8:30 am	Worship
July 25	7:00 pm	Meet Pr. Rick at Neitge's home
July 26	6:30 pm	Joint Choir Rehearsal at ELCB
July 30	8:30 am	Worship, Installation of Pastor Rick
	TBA	Pot Luck at St James Trinity
Aug. 6	8:30 am	Worship – Outdoors
Aug. 12	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Aug. 13	8:30 am	Worship
Aug. 14	6:00 pm	EMT Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Aug. 16		Luther Park Retreat
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Aug. 18	10:45 am	Pantry Pals Delivery
Aug. 19	9:00 am	Pantry Pals Set Up
	10:00 am	Food Pantry Distribution
Aug. 20	8:30 am	Worship
Aug. 21	7:00 pm	Turners
Aug. 26	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Aug. 27	8:30 am	Worship

## SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

*The sign-up sheet for hospitality is located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please sign up to bring 3 dozen cookies (or breads, etc.) and serve on a given Sunday morning. Two people / families are needed per Sunday.*

**Volunteers are needed for many Sundays morning hospitality coming up!**

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