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Annual Congregational Meeting

Mt. Carmel's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. All members are asked to attend. The 2018 church budget will be presented during the Education Hour. This will be followed by a potluck and then the meeting.

The deadline to get committee reports to the office for inclusion in the meeting packet is Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.

Thank you all!

Foundation Scholarship Applications

The Mt. Carmel Church in Minneapolis Foundation is pleased to sponsor a scholarship program to support church members who are seeking post-secondary educational opportunities. If you are interested in pursuing this, you may get an application from either Karen Moeller, scholarship chair, or the church office. The deadline to submit your application will be February 28, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Moeller at 612-619-3743. There will be further announcements in both the Tidings and Sunday bulletins.

Sheridan Story volunteers needed

Mt. Carmel and Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran churches continue to support the Sheridan Story's effort to provide food to children in our community. The Sheridan Story works to combat hunger in our community by providing food for students to take home each weekend of the school year. The program is voluntary and any student that wants to participate can. Mt. Carmel volunteers pack lockers with food bags for approximately 50 students at Waite Park Elementary School on Friday afternoons, every other month. The time commitment is approximately 30-45 minutes and new volunteers will be paired with seasoned veterans. If you are interested in helping to pack lockers please contact Matti.Gurney@gmail.com and he will add you to the list of volunteers that help.

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Learn, Live and Share God's Word

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back, looking forward

Happy New Year, Mt. Carmel!
Welcome to 2018: Our 92nd year.

It's customary to look back and look ahead during this time of year—to take stock of where we've been, where we are and where we want to go.

What did we accomplish in 2017? On a broad level, a new staffing plan was created and as part of that we welcomed Hope Dieringer as our director of faith formation, representing our commitment to offering stronger educational opportunities for everyone at Mt. Carmel. We said farewell to Ken Bogie and Isabel Vitale, and welcomed Steve Panning as our new facilities engineer and continue our search for a office business administrator.

We took another step toward fulfilling the vision outlined in our Ministry Site Profile during the call process for Pastor John by creating and implementing the strategic plan. This will act as a guide for us for many years to come but requires us all to be constantly looking for new ways to serve not only our church, but also our community.

We've changed a lot just in these last few years, but at our core, we've remained true to everything Mt. Carmel has always stood for, embodied best in our mission statement: Live, Learn and Share God's Word.

So where are we right now? We're a church with a lot of engaged members with tremendous energy looking for ways to serve our community. We're a church searching for opportunities to continue to learn God's word. And we're a church with a desire to form stronger communities within our membership and to build new relationships and strengthen existing relationships with groups outside of our church. And that's an amazing place to be. It shows that we aren't a "dying" church. It proves that we're alive, dynamic and ready to push ourselves in new ways into the future.

What does 2018 bring for Mt. Carmel? That's where the vision and passion of every single one of us comes in. As a church, we can't move forward if we don't have people to see a need that we can serve. We can't grow if we don't constantly build relationships and show our community who we are and what we can do. We can't become stronger without more volunteers, more leaders and more financial resources. And we can't achieve any goals without communicating and working together across all of our committees, groups and teams.

There is a role for everyone now and in the future at Mt. Carmel. As you take stock in your life during this time, consider the impact you want to have in your church and community and find others who can help you achieve those goals.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year for Mt. Carmel.

Paul Lathrop
Council President



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**The mission of Mt. Carmel
Lutheran Church and its
members is to Learn, Live and
Share God's Word.**

Ministry Affiliates:
Minneapolis Area Synod/ELCA; Northeast Senior Services, Inc.; Little Kitchen Food Shelf; The Sheridan Story; Eastside Meals on Wheels; Plymouth Christian Youth Center; Mission Northeast and Casa de Oracion a las Naciones.

The Mt. Carmel facility is shared with the following community groups: Boy Scout Troop 132, Venture Crew, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous.



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CHILD CARE NEWS

It sure is exciting to work with children during the holiday season. They are excited about everything. Of course, the anticipation of presents is dominant, but we have talked extensively about the birth of Jesus. We have been singing Christmas Carols and most of them know "Away in a Manger." Our classroom is decorated and we have a tree with lights.



We are looking forward to 2018. We hope to install new carpeting in the preschool room. The original floor is there, and we have played on it for all 28+ years. We also plan to mount a flat screened television which we received as a donation. We used to have one of those big TV's and still have the big rolling rack that it sat on.

We get outside as often as we can. It takes a few minutes to get them all dressed in full winter gear. We are always pleased when one of them learns to do any part of that by themselves.

The invitation for you to come and visit is still open. I can promise you once you come, you will be hooked and want to come again.

Blessings to you in the new year!

Jeanette Burmeister, Director

Adult Forum News

The Adult Forum will be on hiatus in January and early February. It will return in mid-February. More details will follow at a later date. In the interim, several other small group educational opportunities will be offered during the education hour. Watch for details on these. Some weeks more than one choice will be available. We encourage people to take advantage of these opportunities to learn and share their faith.

God's peace be with you this holy season and may you have a blessed new year.

Dave Olson

DEATHS

Shirley Moeller

Rob Griffis

Donald Stadum

WITH SYMPATHY

To the family of Roy Jernall on his recent death (Mt. Carmel member residing in Lakeland, Fla.)

WAYS TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

1) Call the church office (612-781-2796) to request that someone be added to the bulletin prayer list. Those names will also be read aloud during the Prayers of the People in our Sunday worship service. Names will be removed after 3 consecutive Sundays unless a request is received to continue longer.

2) Call Trish Samletzka at 763-706-0408 to be added to the Prayer Chain. These are special prayers passed on by phone to all members of the prayer chain.

GIFTS RECEIVED

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

In honor/memory of Ann Johnson: Charles Grider

In honor/memory of Rob Griffis: Bill & Kay McReavy; LuAnn Swanson

GROUP OF JOY

In honor/memory of Larry Anderson: Karen Moeller

In honor/memory of Joan Nowlan: Karen Moeller

In honor/memory of Ann Johnson: Carol Panning; Marianne Hanna; Karen Moeller

In honor/memory of Millie Bruhjell: Karen Moeller

In honor/memory of Russ Anderson: Karen Moeller

In honor/memory of Shirley Moeller: Marlene Brown; Dawn Maruska; Marlene Black; Bev Lerold; Mary Jo Wiggins; Marlys Hegstrom; Ellen Surbrook Ray & Lorraine Carlson; LuAnn Swanson; Roger & Janet Peterson; Carol Panning; Doug & Linda Jones; Joyce Perfetti; Bill & Kay McReavy; Jerome Frisco; Ila Chiquist; Dorothy Warhol; Jeanette Burmeister; Rick & Cheryl Sundly; Dale & Barb Thorsen; Dick & Margot Jacobson; Rich & Sue Feist; Marianne Hanna; John Hedberg; Doug & Ellen Jacobsen; Richard & Janell Wampler; Cheryl Moroz; Steve Ristuben & JoAlice Boatright; Brian & Jodi Wirth; Dave & Gerry Johnson

In honor/memory of Rob Griffis: Rich & Sue Feist

Kitchen confidential

Did you know that Americans throw away over 40 percent of their food? This is a horrifying statistic and each and every one of us can do something about it. Not only is this important in your home, but it is important at church as well. On a recent Sunday we dumped nearly four gallons of soured milk and threw away other spoiled items. To help prevent this, please consider the following:

- 1) Label anything and everything you leave in the church refrigerator with a date, who it belongs to, and what can be done with it. (i.e. it can be shared during coffee hour, can the Day Care use it or is it pickles for pickle sales etc.) We will provide blue masking tape and marking pens near the refrigerator.
- 2) Take home items that you don't think will be used at church and use them yourselves or share with neighbors or friends. If unopened, consider adding them to the food cart near the main entrance.
- 3) Be conscious of what you leave behind and keep track of it so it isn't wasted. Check the refrigerator before you buy new items that may already be available for use.

Hunger is a real problem in this country and around the world. Let's do our part by assuring that good food is not wasted. Thank you.

Audrey Erickson

Youth and Young Adults

Youth in sixth grade up to college are invited to join the Youth and Young Adult group for our regular monthly events.

Second Sunday Serving. On the second Sunday of every month the youth and young adults share in Mt. Carmel's hospitality by serving coffee.

Third Thursday dinner and a movie. Join us at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month for dinner, conversation and a movie.

Sunday morning YAYA. Every Sunday morning during the education hour (10:45-11:45 a.m.) we will meet in the youth room for conversation, Bible study and games.

And let me add with the importance of all caps, **FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.** You don't have to be a member of Mt. Carmel to join us for any of these activities, especially movie night.

Join us on Facebook for more information about the events. To join this private group, contact Jenni Lathrop at jennifer.lathrop@gmail.com.

Visitation Ministry

Are you aware of the Visitation Ministry here at Mt. Carmel? If yes, do you have questions about just how that ministry is performed? Are you a sociable person who might have a gift for such a ministry? Our Visitation Ministry Team is hoping to add members to our small group. One member of our congregation recently asked several questions about this ministry that might just be the same questions you have.

Who are the individuals that are visited?

We visit the members of our church who are homebound and are unable to attend regular worship.

How often does a Visitation Team member visit an individual?

We try to pay a visit to each individual once each month.

Do you visit alone or with someone else?

Some pay visits alone but some team with one or more other visitors to make it more sociable.

Do you visit the same individual(s) (to get to know them)?

Each visitor chooses one or more individuals to consistently visit on a regular basis.

How long is a typical visit?

A typical visit lasts for a time period of anywhere from 30 to 75 minutes.

Do the visits take place during the week or on weekends?

The visits happen at a time that is mutually agreeable with the person(s) visiting and the person being visited.

Is there training?

Some members of our team bring communion (not required) and for that there is training as needed.

If you feel that the Holy Spirit has blessed you with a gift for this ministry or if you have additional questions, please contact Al Erickson at 763-795-8681 or Pastor John at 612-781-2796. We would love to have you join us, and so would our homebound members.

Stay Up-to-date

Watch for updates in the Candle, our weekly e-newsletter. Not receiving the Candle and would like to? Email office@mountcarmelmpls.org to add yourself to the mailing list.

A friendly reminder

Please kindly turn off all lights in the building if you use the building in the evening and are the last person to leave. Thanks!

GIFTS RECEIVED

GENERAL FUND

In honor/memory of Ann Johnson: Lory Dubbels

In honor/memory of Shirley Moeller: Lory Dubbels

In honor/memory of Rob Griffis: Lory Dubbels

In honor/memory of Don Stadum: Lory Dubbels

SHERIDAN STORY

In honor/memory of Ann Johnson: Lynette Dubbels

In honor/memory of Shirley Moeller: Lynette Dubbels

In honor/memory of Rob Griffis: Lynette Dubbels

In honor/memory of Don Stadum: Lynette Dubbels

MUSIC FUND

In honor/memory of Shirley Moeller: Diane Langer

MINI-BUS FUND

In honor/memory of Shirley Moeller: Fred Chiquist II

FORGET-ME-NOT

Birthday greetings to each of the members listed below who will reach or surpass the 80th milestone in this month. We pray that God bless you on your special day and in the year to come.

Jan. 4—Bethel Flikke

Jan. 11—Chuck Kirk

Jan. 23 —Lorraine Carlson

Jan. 27—Ila Chinquist

Jan. 30—Roger Rignell

It is the policy of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church to not publish the phone numbers and addresses of members. If you wish to call or send a card to these individuals, please refer to your church directory or call the office.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Did you know that because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes do not call us to report if a parishioner has been admitted, or if a person's condition has worsened?

That means we rely on family members and friends to keep us informed. Please call the church office, 612-781-2796, if you or someone you know of is hospitalized.

January Sunday School Lessons:

1/7: Wise Men

1/14: Boy at the Temple

1/21: John the Baptist

1/28: No Sunday School

Winter Youth Retreat at Luther Crest

Broomball! Snowman Making! Group Games! and More! So much fun will be had for 3rd-6th grade students during the winter youth retreat Feb. 9-11. This weekend away is a great opportunity for your child to get a taste of camp life and share the weekend with other students having fun and worshipping. The retreat goes from Friday evening to Sunday at noon. Mt. Carmel is working to cover part of the costs, for more information or if you want to help chaperone contact Hope Dieringer.

Ted and Talks

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in January in the Choir Room for a small group devoted to the discussion of "ideas worth spreading." Each week we'll watch a 10-20 minute talk followed by a free flow conversation and discussion.

Braving the Wilderness Book Study

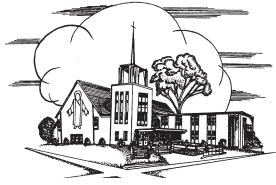
Gather together to discuss Brené Brown's newest book on belonging. We'll meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our first gathering will be on Jan. 10 and we'll meet for five sessions to discuss a chapter or two. The first week we'll be discussing chapters 1 and 2. If you have any questions please talk to Hope Dieringer.

Property Notes

There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes here at Mt. Carmel Here are some you might not know about.

Did you notice that...

- more than ½ the chair glides in fellowship halls have been replaced?
- new no-slip treads adhered to the stone stairs on the south end of the education wing?
- WiFi now available on first, second and third floors of the education wing!
- Steve Panning's office is now in room 103?
- toilet paper holders in all restrooms have been replaced?
- lighted safety exit signs will all have battery backup should electricity go out in an emergency?



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Sunday Worship & Nursery
 9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
 (nursery provided)
 10:30 a.m.—Coffee Fellowship
 10:45 a.m.—Education Hour
 11 a.m.—Adult Forum

Mini-bus Transportation
 Call 612-789-7855 to be added
 to Sunday's list.

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Mt Carmel Family, we are thankful and glad to be on an exciting journey with you all! As we celebrate Jesus' birth, may we continue to discover and celebrate new ways that God shows up in our midst.

Have a blessed holiday season and a Spirit-filled 2018!

God's Peace,
 Pastor John and Heidi Strommen