



## News and Announcements

### Church Women United Winter Forum February 1

Church Women United will hold their Winter Forum on Friday, February 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2208 - 4th Ave, Rock Island. Parking is to the south of the church, and we will be meeting in the building to the south of the church. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with the speaker starting at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker is Kristi Crafton, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. No reservations are needed. Join us to learn more about what Habitat is doing in our community.

### Learn about migrants at our border, why they're coming to the U.S.

Dr. Peter Kivisto will present a common sense explanation of why we have migrants at our border, what they are fleeing from, and what the government of the United States has done to cause these conditions.

Jody Mashek from the American Friends Service Committee will then share her personal experience of the day-to-day events at the border. The program will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 2, at the

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# Mother's Day Project for Inmates

Church Women United of Rock Island/Milan are participating with Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. to provide packets of material for juveniles and women who are inmates in our state's institutions.

These will make it possible for the inmates to keep in contact with their families and friends. If you would like to share in this project, place items in the designated basket in the lower Narthex in February.

Materials that are needed:

- Postage stamps
- Stationery (need not be full set), Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, blank note cards
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Monetary donations to help cover delivery costs (please make checks to Companions, Journeying Together, Inc.)

Materials that cannot be used:

- White paper, notebook paper, yellowed or very old cards
- Cards, envelopes or stationery that have glitter or

anything glued, pasted or taped on it or has stickers attached

- Pencils and ballpoint pens

Materials will be assembled by volunteers in the Chicago area, and distributed to the inmates throughout the state.

Response from one who received a packet last year:

"You can't know how much it means to know that there are people who care for me and my children."

Bring these items to church no later than March 3.

## Bring Souper Bowl of Caring offering Feb. 3

This year the Social Ministry committee invites the congregation to support again the mission of The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS). Many churches take the opportunity on Souper Bowl Sunday to help youth at risk with prayers, with food, and with other items. Nicole Sodawasser has provided us with a list of needs. There will be a box in the entry narthex for any contributions through February 3.

"CYFS continues to work with youth at risk for child welfare and juvenile justice involvement in several prevention programs. We also have our Homeless Youth program

... serving youth up to age 24. ... The agency has begun an initiative to assist with providing dollars for activities, sports clubs, educational clubs, drivers education and even orthodontics!... There are still needs we have for our kiddos day to day."

**Edibles:** single serve soups or meals that are precooked and can be eaten cold or microwavable; on-the-go snacks that do not have to be refrigerated; cereal; bottled water.

**Utensils:** can openers (for non-pop top foods) and pizza cutters.

**Hygiene:** sanitary pads (the thinner "teenage" girl varie-

ties) in various absorbencies; tampons in all absorbencies; deodorant. They always short on deodorant.

**Clothing:** boxer shorts and boxer briefs in all men's sizes; "hipster" or boy short underwear in all women's/junior's sizes; socks in all shapes, sizes and colors.

**Gift cards:** \$5 increment gift cards to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Checkers, Wendy's - anywhere with a dollar men; \$10 increment gift cards to Aldi or HyVee for fresh foods - milk, bread.

The collection will be taken to the CYFS office after February 3.

# St. John's Lutheran Church Calendar—February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Pastor Day Off</b>	2 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi
3 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	4 8:00 a.m. Transitions Mental Health Services 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	5 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours 6:00 p.m. Healthcare Reform Forum	6 5:00 p.m. Faith Moves Dance Ministry 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	7 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours 6:45 p.m. First Thursday Study Group—Joann Dennis' home	8 <b>Pastor Day Off</b>	9 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. Baptismal Quilters
10 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	11 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	12 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	13 9:00 a.m. Retired Faculty Coffee 5:00 p.m. Faith Moves Dance 6:30 p.m. Keystone Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	14 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours 1:00 p.m. Church Women United Planning Meeting	15 <b>Pastor Day Off</b>	16 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi
17 <b>Food bag handout</b> 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	18 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	19 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	20 5:00 p.m. Faith Moves Dance Ministry 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	21 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	22 <b>Pastor Day Off</b> 8:30 a.m. Church Women United Board Meeting	23 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi
24 <b>Food pantry offering</b> 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	25 6:45 p.m. Wine, Women and Word, Pagallo's Milan 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	26 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours 1:00 p.m. Third Tuesday Study Group 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Committee	27 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch, Habanero's, Moline 5:00 p.m. Faith Moves Dance 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous	28 10:00 a.m. Pastor Office Hours		

## February Birthdays

- 3 Isaiah Samuelson  
Lorian Swanson  
4 Keirsten Anderson  
8 Deb Toppert  
9 Sarah Kivisto  
11 Joshua Farrance  
14 Karin Youngberg  
15 Joshua Downing  
Dylan Murphy  
18 Ingrid Ehlers  
19 Olivia Swanson  
20 Sherry Beardsley  
Bev Wilt  
22 Phil Dennis  
John Gifford  
24 Ellen McGlynn  
26 Carl Hensley  
27 Julieanna Cleaveland  
28 Nora O'Melia

## February Anniversary

- 10 Frank and Donna  
Samuelson

## Volunteers

### Lectors

- 3 Anne McGlynn/Chuck Wilt  
10 Barb Novak/Karen Baber  
17 Vic Schelin/Sonja Knudsen  
24 Anne McGlynn/Mark Schwiebert

### Communion Assistants

- 3 Ann Boaden/Susan Kivisto  
10 Ann Boaden/Elaine Ryerson  
17 Barb Novak/Emma Wahlmann  
24 Barb Novak/Karen Anderson

### Ushers

- 3 Richard Holtman/Kathy Matherly  
10 Richard Holtman/Kathy Matherly  
17 Richard Holtman/Susan & Peter Kivisto  
24 Richard Holtman/Nancy Califf

### Van Drivers

- 3 Jeff Maurus/Peter Kivisto  
10 Al McCaulley/ Chip Morrow  
17 Sherry Beardsley  
24 Al McCaulley/John Cliff

## WELCA February news and events

WELCA has many activities available to all women of the church.

If you have not attended a group or event, we invite you to come visit to see the fun and fellowship.

### First Thursday Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Thursday,

February 7 at Joann Dennis' home; 1113 45th St., Rock Island.

### Baptismal Quilters

9 a.m. Saturday, February 9 at St. John's.

### Third Tuesday Study Group

Will meet on the fourth

Tuesday this month at the church library at noon Tuesday, February 26.

### Wine, Women and Word

6 p.m. Monday, February 21 at Pagallos, 119 1st Ave. W., Milan, IL.

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the QC, 3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport. For more information, contact sanctuary@uucqc.org.

### Lunch Bunch to meet at Habanero's in Moline

The next Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, February 27 at 11:00am at Habanero's, 4601 - 4th Ave, Moline.

If you wish to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the counter in the lower narthex (by where people hang their coats). Join the group for good conversation and good food. All are welcomed.

If you have any questions or need a ride, contact Connie Avey at 786-1917 or aveycm@aol.com.

### Food For Thought is reading 'Small Great Things'

The next Food For Thought will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We will be discussing the book, "Small Great Things" by Jodie Picoult.

With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race. The author offers a thought-provoking examination of racism in America today, both overt and subtle. Read the book, and plan to attend for a good discussion and good food.

If you have any questions, contact Connie Avey at 786-1917 or aveycm@aol.com.

### Bread for the World needs volunteers

Angels needed for Bread for the World Offering of Letters. One to do the writing, One to do the speaking and One to do the Logistics. Many hands makes light work and it is work for Jesus.

Call Clara at 794-0429 for details.

### Please write separate check for building loan

The financial staff want to ask a favor. When paying money for retiring the building loan, please make a check separate from your general budget monies and make a note in the memo line that it is for the building loan.

At this moment, the general budget monies are in one bank, and the building loan account is in another. It saves on paperwork and time to have the monies written on two separate checks.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Avey at aveycm@aol.com or 786-1917. Thanks for your help.

### Join the Faith Moves Dance Ministry every Wednesday

Join the Faith Moves dance ministry is every Wednesday from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. All skill levels are welcome and all ages children and youth. Anyone seeking further information on this ministry can reach Constance King by cell or email 309-317-8376, constanceking76@gmail.com. This program will run until May - but we will have breaks around holidays.

### New address for the McKean's

Jennifer and Jason McKean have a new address and phone, please update your records:

18203 Kilmer Lane Apt 101  
Triangle, VA 22172  
571-364-2597

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## Join Us For Worship

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### February 3

#### Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

#### Readings

Psalm 20:7  
Matthew 6:7-21  
Matthew 6:25-34

### February 10

#### Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

#### Readings

Psalm 37:16-18  
Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

### February 17

#### Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

#### Readings

Psalm 84:1-7  
Matthew 13:24-46

### February 24

#### Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

#### Readings

Psalm 95:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-33

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