

The Lebanon Letter

January

Lebanon Lutheran Church

2019



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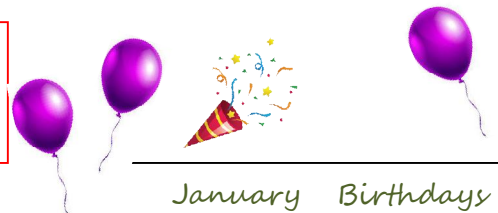


January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Lake Street Outreach 11am	2	3	4	5
6 EPIPHANY Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	7	8 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	9 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm Council 3:30pm	10	11	12 LCW 10am
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27 Worship (9:30am) Going Away Party (11am)	28	29 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	30 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm Council 3:30pm	31		

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Important Pastoral Update
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Budget Report thru November 2018

Income: \$ 61,411
Expenses: \$ 66,375
Shortfall: \$ 4,964

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January Birthdays

Day	First	Last
1	Rhoda	Grigsby
15	Jordan	Schesvold
21	Nakayla	Johnson
25	Bill	Larson
27	Arlene	Olson
28	Cassola	Bowman
30	Anita	Douglas

Deaths

Fred Owens Dec 6, 2018
Marilyn Tummelson Jan 4, 2019

Transfers

Gladys Johnson
(St Stephen's Lutheran, Bloomington)

HOMEBOUND LIST

Mardell Bingman, Bette Christy, Gloria Bakken, Clarice Gudmunson, Lorraine Rindfleisch, Orville Hatlestad, Marion Phelps, Shirley Owens, Lenny Zierman

Lake Street Outreach: Tuesdays @ 11am

Where: Lebanon

When: Tuesday

11:00am - 11:45am:

Prayer & Worship
enter through double doors on 21st Ave

11:45am -- 2:00pm:

we travel by cars a mile north to Lake Street where we minister to people in Midtown Transit Station

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Debrief



Congregational Meeting Results - the congregation voted to continue meeting rather than closing, regardless of the outcome of the sale.

Property Transfer - we are getting closer to finalizing the sale of the church property with Lirio. Included in the leaseback arrangement will be the continued use of the sanctuary at our normal time (9:30am Sundays).

Resignation - After twelve years, Pastor Russell is stepping down to seek God's next call on his life. The Grigsby family feels incredibly grateful for the time that God has allowed them to be with us.

Going Away Party - Following the service on Sunday, January 27, a party will be held for the Grigsby family, beginning at 11:00 am. Please RSVP to Barb Peliter.

Interim Pastor - Pastor Jim Gullickson, who served Lebanon from 2002-2007, will be coming back onboard to help during this time of transition after Pastor Russell leaves. Pastor Jim will also be assisting with the negotiations with Lirio regarding the sale of the property. He and Pastor Saul became fast friends at their first meeting! Jim's first Sunday will be **February 3**.



Annual Meeting: Sat, Feb 3



All members of the congregation are asked to be present for the Annual Meeting, **Sunday, February 3, Noon-2pm**. Reports will be presented, the 2019 budget will be voted on, and a new Council will be elected. Thank you for your time and investment in the future of our church.

New Call



Dear Lebanon,
After twelve years of service, I am stepping down as your pastor to seek God's call on my life elsewhere. I love you all, and am forever grateful for the memories we have made together.

What an amazing Savior we have who has walked with

us every step of the way. I think about how full my miracle log is now, and how so many of you are etched within its pages. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of shepherding you. I am mindful that I was merely an under-shepherd. The true shepherd was, and always will be, Jesus, who will never leave you nor forsake you. I pray you will always seek Him, and continue in fellowship with other believers.

I will do my best to faithfully serve through this time of transition for our church. January 31, 2019 will be my final day. I ask for your prayers for myself, Jenna, and our girls, as we prepare for the next call, wherever that may be. Remember that each one of you has a call on your own life, and that the Holy Spirit can empower you for service beyond what you can even think or imagine. You are never too old – or too young - to be used by the One who has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and the weak things to shame the strong" (1 Corinthians 1:27).

I will miss you and will keep your faces in loving memory. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, may the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace. By His Wounds,
Pastor Russell

Thank You!



On behalf of our family, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for all the thoughtful cards and gifts you have given us throughout the years we have been here. We think especially of all the birthday cards and gifts you have given to our children, and the support and sympathy you have extended when we experienced miscarriages and the loss of my brother. And thank you too for all the Christmas gifts and cards. We Love You,
Jenna