

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

-1 Corinthians 12:4-7

2018 Was an exciting year for St. Thomas and the Diocese of Bethlehem! We baptized five people into the church of God. We welcomed a new bishop to the diocese. We kicked off our "Forum on the Fourth" which has led to some very interesting and wonderful faith conversations. And we continued past ministries such as providing for the food bank, donating supplies to local schools, and adopting residents of Zerbe's. Especially because of the bishop search, 2018 was a time when we were able to look at those things in the past which we would like to hold on to, examine those things which we wish to leave behind, and contemplate what we hope to see and achieve in the future.

Towards this end, many of us took part in a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to help discover the gifts the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us. Several ideas sprung from this exercise, but few have been born out. Frederick Buechner said that "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." I think St. Thomas' task in 2019 is to seek out our gladness--to discover those things which the Holy Spirit has gifted us which gives us a sense of peace and joy, to utilize and nourish those things. And to then figure out how we might use these things which give us such great gladness to meet the needs of the world around us.

This year, seek out your joy. Seek out the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life. Seek out the counsel of trusted friends and family to discover your passions for ministry. And share those passions with the church, and with the world.

Peace,

Megan

Coming Up:

Thurs., Feb. 7—Dinner Out at Season's Cafe—6:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 17—Sunday School

Good Book Club

****The Twin Valley Food Bank will be serving soup at their distribution on Feb. 26.**

If you are able to make some to donate, please let Terry know!

Feb.3 Kid's First

Chalice.....Pat Mast/Jackie Laverty
Ushers.....Terry McEwen/D.D. Krawlzik
Refreshments.....Cook/McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Jen Cunningham/Sally Stalnaker
Altar.....Barbara Goodling

February 10

Reader.....Evans Goodling
Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Goodling
Altar.....D.D. Krawlzik

February 17

Reader.....Amy Smith
Intercessor.....D.D. Krawlzik
Chalice.....Pat Mast/Jackie Laverty
Ushers.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen
Refreshments.....Goodling/Mast
Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Altar.....Pat Mast

February 24

Reader.....Pat Mast
Intercessor.....Jackie Laverty
Chalice.....D.D. Krawlzik/Sally Stalnaker
Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Refreshments.....Stillman/Moore
Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Altar.....Jackie Laverty

February Birthdays

- 3 Bert Beebe/Jillian Hendrix
- 8 Peg Cook
- 11 Florence Howells

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