



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of January 20, 2019

Ebenezer observes January as Global Mission Month. The ELCA program, **Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)**, is a one-year international service-learning and faith-formation opportunity for young adults, ages 21 to 29. Young adults serve alongside Lutheran companion church bodies and organizations in one of 11 country programs, being shaped by the witness of our global neighbors in a cross-cultural journey of faith. Service opportunities currently exist in Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, Serbia, Cambodia, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal and Tanzania. There are three YAGMs serving this year with South Carolina connections: Christine Hart, serving in Mexico; Patrick McCarthy serving in Tanzania; Phifer Nicholson serving in Jerusalem/ West Bank.

Today we welcome Pastor Ginny Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod. During Sunday school she shared stories about her visits to Colombia South America as part of relationship with the South Carolina Synod and is also preaching during worship today.

Ebenezer Welcomes Family Promise guests this week. Please remember in prayer these families who are facing homelessness so that they may achieve sustainable independence!

Next Week - God Creates! Multi-Generational Sunday School 9:30 am - January 27. Calling all children and adults of Ebenezer! Join us for a fun multi-generational Sunday school experience on January 27 at 9:30 am in the Parish Life Center Dining Room. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Join the New Generation on Thursday, January 24, at 12:00 noon in the Gym for a soup lunch and afterwards for our guest speaker from Toby's Place, a shelter for mothers and their children. Questions? Contact Linda Davis 309.2406.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

as submitted for Master Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Family Promise
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages—"Global Mission",
Reception Room
10:30 am Worship, Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 21-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Family Promise

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Family Promise
10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Disciple Camp Meeting, Library
7:30 pm AA, Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Family Promise
12:10 pm Worship, Chapel
6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Committee
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Family Promise
12:00 noon New Generation, Gym
6:30 pm Cub Scouts, Reception Room, Library,
Rooms 200, 201, 202, 203

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Family Promise

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Family Promise
11:00 am "The Hate U Give", Nickelodeon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 am Multi-generational Sunday School,
Dining Room of PLC
10:30 am Worship, Church
2:00 pm GraceWorks Celebration, PLC

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been set for Sunday, February 24, immediately following worship. This meeting is for the purpose of receiving written annual reports from the previous year, to recognize and thank those who served during the previous year and to conduct other pertinent congregational business. Proposed agenda items must be submitted to the pastor or an officer in writing no later than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Special Screening of “The Hate U Give” with discussion following the film, 11:00 am Saturday, January 26 at The Nickelodeon -1607 Main St. Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right. Youth \$5, Adults \$8–Tickets must be purchased in advance via the link below. **Please RSVP here:** <https://36372.blackbaudhosting.com/36372/tickets?tab=2&txobjid=1297b91a-6b5f-4c1f-b057-2b7894df5861>

GraceWorks Celebration - Sunday, January 27, 2:00-5:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. This is a time for all youth and adults – those who have participated in the past – and those who are new to GraceWorks and are interested in learning more – to come together as we celebrate GraceWorks and to plan for our next week together in service to our community, July 14–19. After the celebration, we will head to Transitions for some on-site projects. Please join us! For more information, contact Mimi at mimiwb@sc.rr.com or call/text 803.319.5007.

Special Screening of “Chasing Coral” at Ebenezer Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6:00 pm “Chasing Coral” takes an up-close look as a team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling adventure to document the disappearance of the world's coral reefs. Sweeping changes in ecosystems, especially those tucked out of sight and out of mind, are some of the most telling indicators of the future health of our neighborhoods and communities. In the beautiful, visionary documentary *Chasing Coral*, we get a glimpse into the health of our communities by looking at the health of coral reefs around the globe. Human health could reach a point where survival is threatened, and the first of our communities to feel that pressure will be our lower-income neighbors. Global changes could drastically affect our water and food resources, putting our high-risk neighbors in jeopardy. *Chasing Coral* is a documentary that helps us understand that minute changes around the globe could have catastrophic consequences at home. South Carolina is not home to the greatest of reefs, but that doesn't mean we are immune from the damaging effects of our changing climate. This film is a powerful and visual reminder that what we do in our everyday lives matters. It matters to us as individuals, as families, as communities, and ultimately as human co-inhabitants of the only planet we have ever called home. **The screening is free to the public and will be followed by a discussion featuring Rep. Seth Rose of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Please RSVP to: Paul@cvsc.org**

Prayers

Member Concerns: At bulletin press-time, Joe Shealy was a patient at Lexington Medical Center; Susan Leitner; Bob Lown; Gertrude Metze; Kathryn Dasher-King; David Wertz. **Non-member Concerns:** Tina Dillard and Maryann Kee (friends of Rachael Richardson); Kirk Hardy (brother of Karen Hardy);

Daily Prayer Ministry. It can be difficult to keep in touch with other church family members. We pray for members at times of special need, but often times overlook praying for one another during the “normal” times of life. It is for that reason that during the Prayers of the Church each Sunday, members of our church family are lifted up in prayer by name. Although this weekly list may have names of people we don't know very well or have never met, we are called to pray and care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Daily Prayer Ministry

Sonja Zagata; Jeffrey Adams; Paul, Ginny, Joshua and Micah Aebischer; Steve, Tonya, Alexis and Logan Allen; Jim Anderson; Lynn, Candace and Bennett Ballentine

Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 27 “Bread”

Genesis 1:26–31; Psalm 139:1–14; John 6:1–14

Finance Report

Spending Plan Contributions received		
	01/07/19 - 01/13/19	\$ 6,299
Total Offerings & Other Income thru 11/30/18		\$ 561,644
Total Spent on Ministry thru 11/30/18		\$ (614,322)
Net Income (Loss) thru 11/30/18		\$ (52,678)

*ELC needs an average of \$16,843/week