

# MESSENGER

## SAVED TO SHARE CALLED TO CARE

### From the Desk of Pastor Tanney



#### Welcome Vistors!

Or are they? Just this past month we have had six visitors, over 20 visitors in December. They come and go but what impressions do we leave with them? Do they feel welcome? Last month we had a visitor, not just any visitor, he is known in St. Louis, he is a pastor at Timothy but he also happens to be our circuit visitor. He wants to know about our church as most visitors do and had me fill out a questionnaire before his visit. He took Cathy and myself out for dinner after our meeting and then met with the Elders. I thought I'd share with you the questions and see how you would answer them.

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### Plan to Attend

Sunday, February 17

**VOTERS Meeting**

*Immediately following bible class*

Sunday, March 3

**Prayer Breakfast**

*10:00am*

Wednesday, March 6

**Ash Wednesday Service**

*7:00pm*

Wednesday, March 13

**Behold the Man**

**Lenten Service**

*7:00pm*

Wednesday, March 20

**Behold the Man**

**Lenten Service**

*7:00pm*

Wednesday, March 27

**Behold the Man**

**Lenten Service**

*7:00pm*

Sunday, March 31

**Executive Council Meeting**

*Immediately following bible class*

So this is what Pastor Bill Wilson wants to know about every congregation in the St. Louis South district.

1. Identify three strengths of your congregation (Go ahead write them down) (Don't look at my answers just yet) For example: Prompt, welcoming greeters or fantastic, tasty Usher BBQs.
2. Identify three challenges: For example: adult supervision in Nursery
3. Identify three goals you have for your ministry. For example: Hire a janitor  
You got the idea?
4. Identify at least one challenge faced by your community.
5. What ways are you touching your community with your congregation?
6. What ways does your congregation intentionally support you?
7. Support for wife and family?
8. How would you classify your congregation's current financial condition?
9. How does the congregation assists members in spiritual growth?
10. Are there any new potential ministries identified?

Visitors come and go, what do we want them to know about ourselves and St. Johns? What lasting impressions do we want to leave behind with them?

*Luke 24:18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”*

Hopefully we can tell our visitors what happens here these days. Who knows it might by Jesus asking. Have a great year, reflect on the past, set some goals for the future, and risk a moment to greet a visitor.



"Now that you've gotten your name tag, just fit right in!  
We want you to feel you're one of us."

Answers given by Pastor: 1) Fairful committed volunteers, social ministry, ESL classes, field-workers. 2) Community outreach especially Eagle school, Relational Evangelism, Aging members. 3) Joint Advent and Lenten Services with Compass and Nepalese, confirming 20 Nepalese by Summer, Figuring out how to incorporate Nepalese congregation into St. Johns. 4) Safety. 5) Representing St. Johns at Oakhill Elementary, neighborhood meetings, food pantry, ESL and Compass. 6) They let me do what I please with little grumbling. 7) Not much. 8) Stable with Eagle's help. 9) Not sure they do. 10) Pre-Seminary training for Vietnamese and Nepalese.



**Sunday, March 3  
Immediately following  
9:00am worship**

Have you ever attended a Prayer Breakfast? Well, here is your opportunity to do so.... On Sunday, MARCH 3, the Board of Evangelism and Pastor Tanney will be offering that opportunity to our congregation. The breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m., following the worship service, and then prayers and praise will be presented to our Awesome God.

Save the date MARCH 3!

More details will be available in future bulletins. Meanwhile, remember that God encourages us throughout Scripture to pray continually and also to find comfort and strength in knowing that He is always with us and hears our prayers.

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.



**Bible Lesson**

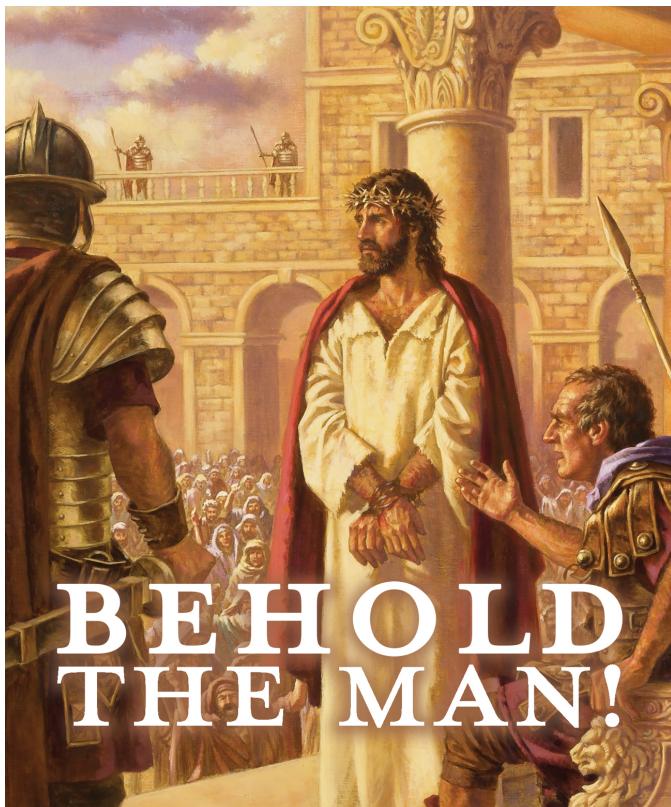


**Singing**

**Weekly Preschool Chapel with Pastor**



**Prayer Time**



*“Behold the Man” our theme this lent, will be preached by pastors from other Lutheran Churches in the area. Which means after Ash Wednesday I will be at a different church each Wednesday night. For you, St. Johns Lutheran Church, it means a different pastor each Wednesday. What a blessing to hear from five different pastors and preaching styles with the same uniting theme: what it means that God became man. I hope you will enjoy this opportunity.*

*Pastor Tanney*

## Behold the Man!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1:1–3, 14

“Behold the man!” proclaimed the unwitting preacher Pontius Pilate in one of the shortest, yet most profound, sermons ever recorded. This will be our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday. Behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. His incarnation will provide the basis for our meditation and proclamation on His Passion. And His real, bodily suffering and death will provide the basis for our full-throated proclamation on Easter morning of a bodily resurrection, not just of Jesus but also for His saints. Real bodies that have suffered, wept, bled, prayed, eaten, hoped, and more will be those raised incorruptible from their graves on the day of Jesus’ return.

We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact—indeed the most important fact in the course of human history—that God became man. The Second Person of the eternal, triune God, who we confess in the Nicene Creed as “God of God, Light of light, very God of very God . . . of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made,” became a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood human being, a man.

This Lent, we will consider what it means that God became man. In preparation for the celebration of a real, bodily, flesh-and-blood, bone-and-sinew resurrection, the resurrection without which our faith and our preaching are all in vain, consider the body of Jesus that exists in order to be nailed to a cross. The spiritual, bodyless Son of God became the embodied, enfleshed, incarnate Son of

Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like you. What could be more profound? Each week, we’ll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears? Behold the man!

**FOOD PANTRY SANTAS**

(For the Saints of St. John Lutheran)

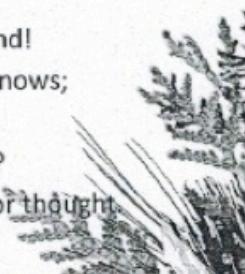
*By Pete Cosentino*

Food Pantry Santas, they're Santas all year;  
Even in summer they spread Christmas cheer.  
They fill up your stockings but never with coal;  
Just food for the body and food for the soul.  
They give toilet paper, they give bars of soap.  
They give sacks of happiness, bundles of hope.  
And they're not just Santas, they're also his elves;  
Their workshop's a church hall with gifts on the shelves.

They're all Christmas angels but they don't have wings,  
But they have great chili and great pork and beans.  
There's tuna for casserole with mac 'n' cheese,  
Sometimes TV dinners and pizzas they freeze.  
Food Pantry Santas, they give you their time.  
They don't work for money, they won't take a dime.  
They don't come down chimneys and they don't drive sleighs.  
Their North Pole's the Southside on most Saturdays.

Food Pantry Santas, they spread peace on earth.  
They're serving the Savior of the virgin birth.  
They serve any gender or color or creed,  
And all that you need is that you have a need.  
You can't have much money to get through the door,  
'Cause Food Pantry Santas, they just serve the poor.  
They're suave and they're classy, they've got lots of style,  
But you won't see flashy 'til they flash a smile.

They give you red beans and black beans and rice,  
And they never ask if you're naughty or nice.  
Look in your gift bag, don't be shocked to find  
Prime cuts of meat and coffee, the gourmet kind!  
And they've got you covered when it rains or snows;  
These Food Pantry Santas even give clothes!  
Who are these selfless souls God has wrought?  
They're Food Pantry Santas now, that's food for thought.



# LOVE

**is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.** 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5

prayables



**Board Meetings for 2019**  
*All meetings begin after Bible Class*

**Voters' Meetings**

February 17

May 12

August 4 (Budget)

December 1

**Executive Council**

March 31

June 23

September 15

October 27

Love is the greatest of the three “theological virtues” because God is Love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God’s being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless.



**Spring Clocks  
Forward**  
**Sunday, March 10**



**Save the Date**

**American Kantorei Concert  
Sunday, March 17, 2019  
3:00 p.m.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
12345 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, Missouri 63131**



**2/2** Earl Welch  
**2/6** Jeanette Creamer  
**Pastor Tanney**  
**2/7** Carolyn Dickhoener  
**Melvin Frentzel**  
**Tamaris Bohannon**  
**2/12** Eunice Bain  
**2/17** Mabel Wilke  
**2/20** Debra Meyer

Please consider sending Birthday cards to our homebound members.

**Jeanette Creamer**  
 3639 Oak Hill  
 St. Louis, MO

**Melvin Frentzel**  
 6900 Lake Park Circle  
 St. Louis, MO 63123

### February 2019

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**3/2** Lydia Hampel  
**Don Osiek**  
**3/5** Quentin Bohannon  
**3/6** Louis Meyer  
**3/13** Carol Cool

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**4404 Oleatha Ave.**  
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<b>31</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 11:30am Exec Council 12:15pm Pre-Seminary Training worship screen-Deb usher team-Bob	<b>Save the Date!</b> <b>ST JOHNS BBQ</b> <b>Saturday, April 6</b>					
	<b>Check out the Building Use Calendar in the Fellowship Hall for all upcoming events!</b>					