

# The Messenger

## February 2019



### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

#### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 3, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

#### **VALENTINES FOR VETS**



We are collecting Valentines for the residents of the Veterans Administration Hospital. Our veterans truly appreciate the cards and are grateful that someone remembers them and their sacrifices. There is a box in the bell tower for your cards until February 10. Cindy will then take them to the VA for delivery to our veterans.

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

### **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is a real person who came to reside within Jesus Christ's true followers after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. Jesus told His apostles... "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

The Holy Spirit is not a vague, ethereal shadow, nor an impersonal force. He is a person equal in every way with God the Father and God the Son. He is considered to be the third member of the Godhead. Jesus said to His apostles...

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And all the divine attributes ascribed to the Father and the Son are equally ascribed to the Holy Spirit. When a person becomes born again by believing and receiving Jesus Christ, God resides in that person through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has intellect, emotion, and will.

A primary role of the Holy Spirit is that He bears "witness" of Jesus Christ. He tells people's hearts about the truth of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also acts as a Christian's teacher. He reveals God's will and God's truth to a Christian. Jesus told His disciples...

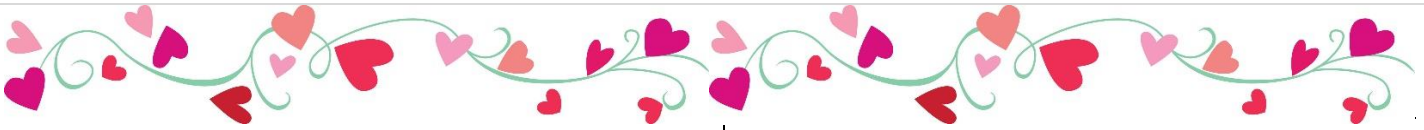
"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

"When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

The Holy Spirit was given to live inside those who believe in Jesus, in order to produce God's character in the life of a believer. In a way that we cannot do on our own, the Holy Spirit will build into our lives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Rather than trying to be loving, patient, kind, God asks us to rely on Him to produce these qualities in our lives. Thus Christians are told to walk in the Spirit and be filled with the Spirit. And the Holy Spirit empowers Christians to perform ministerial duties that promote spiritual growth among Christians.

The Holy Spirit also performs a function for non-Christians as well. He convicts people's hearts of God's truth concerning how sinful we are -- needing God's forgiveness; how righteous Jesus is -- He died in our place, for our sins; and God's eventual judgment of the world and those who do not know Him. The Holy Spirit tugs on our hearts and minds, asking us to repent and turn to God for forgiveness and a new life.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Lou



## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 13, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Mary Eroh for more information.

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Wednesday, February 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Penny

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm.

### CURRENT OFFICERS AND CONSISTORY MEMBERS

President ..... Sandy Kleger  
 Vice President ..... Jim Stewart  
 Secretary ..... Diana Decker  
 Treasurer ..... Chris Dietrich  
 Trustees..... Allen Dennis  
                     Harry (Butch) Peters & Lisa Ceaser

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins

## 2017 Record of Giving

This is a list compiled by our Recording Secretary, Penny Smith, showing a breakdown of our member's offerings by how much they gave for the year. I hope that you will think about where you want your heart to be and the importance of your church in your life as you review this list. Thank you for believing in Emmanuel and our mission as a community of Christ's followers. Recording Secretary, Penny Smith

Amount Given Last Year	Number of Members Who Gave That Amount
0	0
1.00 to 49.00	13
50.00 to 100.00	8
101.00 to 500.00	17
501.00 to 1000.00	12
1001.00 to 2000.00	14
2001.00 to 3000.00	5
3001.00 to 5000.00	1
Over 5,000.00	1