

# *NeverTheLess – November 27, 2016*

## **BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**

On September 6, the vestry unanimously approved a change in the by-laws reducing the number of vestry members from 12 to 9.

**Today we will hold a brief congregational vote** to approve or disapprove this change. The vote will happen immediately before the 10:00 am service, in the church.

## **TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** As of Monday, November 21, we had received 76 pledges for a total of \$264,054.00

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU** In order to get to know you better, Anna will make herself available in the Library between services on some Sundays, including TODAY, November 27. Please stop by for a quick chat or settle in for a conversation!

**BRUNSWICK STEW** I want to thank all the SJTL parishioners who took the time from their busy schedules to help with the many functions necessary to achieve our very successful Brunswick Stew Sale. We grossed in excess of \$2,800 as this year's recipe made exactly 350 quarts. For those that have already tried it, and I have spoken with some of you, it may be the best batch yet. This is what I am hearing. Many thanks must go to our Chief Stew Master Keith who makes this venture possible each year. His time is greatly appreciated. I also want to especially thank Dale Hill along with Tom and Harry for their contribution of firewood, setting up the cooking barrels, transporting and cleaning them and getting things started at about 6:30 on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon was a pure delight listening to James Taylor, The Temptations and other classic artists as about 20 volunteers were ladling, packaging and selling the product. In case you haven't heard, the pick-up is now called "The Stew Thru". You don't even need to leave your car. Just drive up to the table. Next year we plan to increase the amount of stew by about 100 quarts as Yancey has talked about getting an additional cooker. Not only is this a great fundraiser for SJTL it is great fun for those who have not volunteered. The kitchen crew on Friday is very important to our success and is a vital function. Enjoy your Stew and think about ordering additional quarts next year.  
*Rich Holt*

## **COMING UP**

**LARCUM CONFERENCE** St. James the Less, at the invitation of Bp. Ted Gulick, is participating in the annual LARCUM (that stands for Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist) Conference on December 2-3. Registration information is available at Information central. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** we will again be decorating the altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved one(s), please contact Margaret in the office. Suggested minimum donation is \$35.

## **OUTREACH**

### **ACES**

One of the ministries we do best is outreach. ACES has reached out to us with specific item requests that will help them serve their constituents more effectively. They request men's gently used shoes and work boots, especially size 10 or larger; adults underwear and thermal underwear; and women's socks (all new items, please). Also children's size clothing, especially boys' underwear. Toiletries are always welcome. And some household items, pots and pans, queen sheet sets, and can openers.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MISSION – TRI-CITIES WORKCAMP** The Tri-Cities Workcamp 2017 info has arrived! There is no more waiting until Jan 2nd to register, we can register starting now! Keeping with tradition, SJTL High Schoolers attend the JULY 16 – 22 (2nd week) of camp. This is a FULL week commitment/retreat! For more information: [www.tcworkcamps.org](http://www.tcworkcamps.org). Danah Massey will be the chaperone representing SJTL; a call has gone out for a male chaperone to participate. Please contact Danah Massey if you can help.

## **VESTRY NEWS**

**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** The SJTL Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 12, 2017, immediately following 10:00 church. A new Vestry will be elected at that time.

Vestry nominating requirements

Deciding who to nominate to serve on the vestry is not done lightly. It is a process of discernment. The nominating committee listened for the Spirit to guide them in their choice of candidates who have the spiritual gifts to serve the parish in this ministry at this time. The vestry nominating committee, composed of the outgoing vestry class, prayerfully engages in this discernment and invites your participation. These are the qualifications and gifts they look for:

- That the candidate be at least 16 years of age
- That the candidate is known to the treasurer
- That the candidate is a communicant in good standing
- That the candidate is a person of prayer
- That the candidate has an open mind and an open heart
- That the candidate would be coming to serve on the vestry with no personal agenda other than the good of the parish community and the building up of the Kingdom of God
- That the candidate has the time and desire to serve, and consents to be nominated
- That the candidate should have demonstrated a level of commitment to St. James the Less which is appropriate to vestry service.

Members of the nominating committee are: Julie Ericksen, Harry Hassell, Tom Fritter, Steve Pace, Bob May, Tanya Reagan, Jenny Bruce, and Rich Holt.

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Steve Pace (SW); Bob May (JW); Julie Ericksen; Tom Fritter; Harry Hassell; Jenny Bruce; Rich Holt; Tanya Reagan; Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood, Matt Smith

**SJTL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS:** ADULT FORMATION, Harry Hassell; CHILDREN/YOUTH FORMATION, Aleta Meyer; STEWARDSHIP, Bill Harrison; PARISH LIFE, Steve Pace & Bob May; PASTORAL CARE, Stephanie Werner; FINANCE, Yancey Jones; OUTREACH, Ginny Meyer & Julie Ericksen; FUNDRAISING, Jenny Bruce & Sylvia Spagna; PROPERTY, Tom Fritter; CHENERY, Naomi Pace; COMMUNICATIONS, Dawn Davis; WORSHIP NUTS & BOLTS, Anna Brawley

## **PRAYER LIST – November 27, 2016**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for all the baptized in their daily life and work.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** PRAY for Kansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dean Wolfe

**For the repose of souls:** Gordon White; Anita Graves; Kim Gillis

**For our parishioners requesting our prayers:** GUS Miller, MAUD Brumback, PAT Funk, DICK Harman, HENRY Mayer, ERIN Yagla, STEWART Dishman, TRUMAN Parmele, DON Jones, CHARLIE Thompson, NED Stiles, DOUG & JOANIE Burgoyne, GAYELLEN Wagner, TRACY Hughes; ALETA Meyer

**For those serving in the diplomatic corps, the military, and as missionaries:** KEMPER Jones, GREG Ericksen, ANDREW Walton, ROBERT Ham, MATTHEW Thomas, PHILIP Morison, JAMES Ashley

**Relatives & Friends:** (*people added this week are in italics*) MAC Pace (father of Steve Pace), ANNE MARIE Fisher (friend of the Jones family), TRAVIS Williams (friend of the SJTL Parish), PATRICIA Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); ARLENE Davis (mother of Dawn Davis); WILL Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), WILLIAM Micou (friend of Ron Hopkins), JOHN Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), PATRICK Morris (friend of Harry & Doris Hassell), BETH Mallory (friend of Beth Markwood), JANE Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), NANCY Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), ANNETTE Wisniewski (friend of Doris Hassell) MARY & JIMMY (family of Tammie & Bob May), ORIANA Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street), ALICE Wallace (mother of Beth Markwood), The Rev. NANCY Cox (friend of the Meyer family), LYNN Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), VICKI Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), MELANIE Watkins (niece of Bobbie Street), JANE Moser (friend of Ron Hopkins), HAMILTON family (friends of the Roberts family), , DAVID Smith (brother of Mary Helen Williams), DELORIS Shubert (friend of the SJTL and Fork Church parishes), MARK Smith (friend of Betty Moore), BETTY FAY Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown), CAROL Brown (sister of Bob Brown), BETH Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown), CARLENE Hockett (friend of Ricki Carson), EARL May (brother of Bob May), GINNY Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer), STEFANI Schatz (friend of Anna Brawley), JOE Duggan (friend of Anna Brawley), KIM Cave (friend of Pat Jordan), DEBBIE Hill (friend of Pat Jordan), KIM (friend of Anna Brawley), JANET Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb), KATHERINE Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker), FERNANDO Casas (father of Ana Bajcsi), KATHY Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce), BILL May (brother of Bob May), CONNIE Hoar (sister of John Hoar), DAPHNE Haddad (friend of Anna Brawley), BETSY Owen (sister of former organist's wife, Elaine Hooley, friend of the parish), WIL Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence), DONNA Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), TOM Ogden (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), CONNIE Barney (friend of the Pace family), LELIA Moran (friend of the SJTL parish family), PHILLIP Robertson (friend of Pat Jordan)

The altar flowers this week are given by Ann and Wilbur Lawrence, in loving memory of Bernard & Lillian Lawrence and Tom & Mildred Slaughter; and in thanksgiving and celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Kim Gillis**, a long-time member and friend of SJTL, died on Saturday, November 19. Kim grew up in this church and served as a member of the Altar Guild. At Kim's request, no funeral arrangements are being made. Please keep Kim and her family in your prayers.