

**2016 MT. EDEN CHURCH CALENDAR
JANUARY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>The Name of Jesus, New Year's Day</i> 	2 Put furniture back in the All-Purpose Room
3 2nd Sunday of Christmas (White) Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time; COPIER FUND	4 Preschool 9:15-11:45	5	6 Preschool 9:15-11:45  Epiphany	7	8	9 Removal of Christmas decorations 9:00 a.m.
10 Baptism of Our Lord (White) Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time; FOOD BANK	11 Preschool 9:15-11:45	12 Budget & Finance Mtg. Church Council Mtg. 7 PM	13 Preschool 9:15-11:45	14	15	16
17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Green) Worship 9:30 a.m.; NO Family Bible Time after Worship; BUILDING FUND; Congregational Meeting after Worship	18 NO Preschool  <i>"I Have a DREAM..."</i> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 Worship & Music Mtg. 7 PM	20 Preschool 9:15-11:45	21	22	23
24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Green) Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time after Worship; FAMILY IN NEED FUND	25 Preschool 9:15-11:15 a.m.	26 Cemetery Committee 7 PM Social Ministry 7 PM	27 Preschool 9:15-11:15 a.m.	28	29	30
31 4th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time after Worship; MISSIONARY FUND						

Mt. Eden Messenger

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LAY SERVERS FOR JANUARY

9:30 a.m. Service

Open Church & set-up Communion

NEED VOLUNTEERS ALL MONTH

Please sign up TODAY!



The Happenings at Mt. Eden:

- Giving Thanks at Mt. Eden
- Church news, events & updates
- The January Birthdays, Servers & Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concern: Linda Hite is having carpal tunnel surgery on Wednesday, December 30th.

Home Hospice Care: Barbara Kerchner.

Prayers: Amanda Johnson, John Dickinson, Fran Nolt, the family and friends of Evelyn Roark, Rose Foose Tolley, Judy Buckwalter, Pat McCauley, Betty Groff, Gary Strubel, Emma & Shorty Bland, Jessica Morrison, Ralph & Nadine Reinhardt—Eric & Emma and family, the family of Norma Lechner, Matt Bland—his wife BJ and daughters Mara and Paige, Craig Lefever, Theresa McMahan, Russ Wimer, Dave Kerchner, Donna Spade & the family of George Spade, Sr., Bob Eckman, Ken & Marge Pineda, Wendy Whisman, Holly Miller, Megan Creter, Linda Wallace, Scott Patterson, Clifton Kent, Chad Mellinger, Irene Witmer, Eric Grein, Nikki Goodwin, Millard Hess, Keith Wittig, Gary Gill, Brenda Wright, Betty Walborn, Vivian Mellinger, Terri McKonly, Donna Kauffman, Ivars Celmins, Peggy Kauffman, Sharon Klugh, Doris Kennedy, Debbie Kauffman. ***Please notify the office a.s.a.p. of any changes needed to this prayer list.**



...to Tom Stottlemyer and Ralph Reinhardt for waxing floors over the Christmas break and to everyone who helped move furniture in and out of the All-Purpose Room.

...to Jim Barnett for 6 years serving as council president and for going above and beyond in your service to Mt. Eden!

...to Linda Hite for preparing the special service on December 20th and to the choir and all who participated to help make that and the Christmas Eve service so special.

...to everyone who donated hats, mittens, etc. for the needy—THANK YOU!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 1 – James Foose
- January 2 – Kim Groff
- January 6 – Jeff Heiser
- January 7 – Arlene Aument
- January 9 – Keith Titherington
- January 12 – Pat McCauley
- January 19 – Todd Lechner
- January 23 – Sharon Habanec
- January 24 – Brent McComsey
- January 27 – Donald Groff
- January 28 – Scott Gold, II
- January 30 – Tyler Groff



Usher..... Fred Williams

Greeter..... Pat Williams

Wine Server Donna Spade

Lay Reader..... Sign up today please

Acolyte..... Sign up today please

Altar Guild..... Pat Williams

Offering Counters..... Sign up today please

Outside Sign..... Sign up today please

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JANUARY LESSONS & PRAYERS

FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, January 3 – Christmas II – Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:13-21 LBW; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18.

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Sunday, January 10 – Baptism of Our Lord – Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Sunday, January 17 – Epiphany II – Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*

Sunday, January 24 – Epiphany III – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Sunday, January 31 – Epiphany IV – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*



Pastor's Perspective

“... if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”
– 2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the year A.D. 2016! For many of us, we are wondering how fast time seemed to slip away. Here we are beginning a new year; beginning a new chapter in our lives! We have a clean slate before us! Many changes are certain to happen: I begin my new call as your newly called pastor, there are new members serving on our council, we will be presented with new opportunities to minister to people in need in our congregation, our communities, and around the world. Each new day begins with new possibilities, new hopes, new dreams. My prayer this New Year is that it is a healthy one for you! I pray your hearts are filled with joy! I pray you find the time to gather with old friends and familiar faces, and begin new relationships with new friends and new faces! And any challenges we may face this New Year, I pray we always remember that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is with us to guide us, to comfort us, to lead us boldly in experiencing whatever may lie ahead. Our gracious and ever-loving Lord has indeed blessed us, and continues to bless us! Go... be a blessing to others. Reach out to each other in need. Reach out to each other in love. Reach out to each other in understanding. Share the wonderful news that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again! Share the wonderful news that we are forgiven, we are sanctified, we are a people filled with the promise of eternal life; made possible to us by the grace of God, through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord! A happy, healthy, and inspirational New Year to you all!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Don



FAMILY BIBLE TIME: We are continuing with our Family Bible Time after Worship with this schedule:

- ☆ January 3 – The Judges
- ☆ January 10 – Ruth
- ☆ January 17 – NO FBT – Cong. Mtg.
- ☆ January 24 – David and Goliath
- ☆ January 31 – David and Jonathan

Mid-Week Lent & Holy Week Worship Schedule All services held at Ascension Lutheran Church, Willow Street

6:30 p.m. – Soup Fellowship / 7:30 p.m. - Worship

Theme: “Restored in Christ”

- Ash Wednesday, February 10th –
“Broken Hearts” (Joel 2:12-14)
- Lent 1, Weds. Feb 17th –
“Broken Vessels” (Mark 14:1-9)
- Lent 2, Weds. Feb 24th –
“Broken Trust” (Matthew 26:14-25)
- Lent 3, Weds, March 2nd –
“Broken Bread” (John 6:48-58)
- Lent 4, Weds, March 9th –
“Broken Promises” (Matthew 26:69-75)
- Lent 5, March 16th –
“Broken Justice” (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)
- Maundy Thursday, March 24th:
Seder Meal @ 6:00 p.m. / Worship @ 7:30 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 25th:
“Stations of the Cross” service @ Noon
“Tenebrae” service @ 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, March 26th:
“Easter Vigil” service @ 7:30 p.m.

At Mount Eden:

- “Easter Sunrise” service at Mt. Eden Cemetery,
March 27th, 6:30 a.m.
- “Easter Day” service in Sanctuary, March 27th, 9:30 a.m.

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WHAT'S UP NEXT AT MT EDEN?

- ☆ Sunday, January 3 – begin collecting for *Souper Bowl of Giving*.
- ☆ Sunday, January 10 – All-Purpose Room reserved – Dearolf family
- ☆ Sunday, January 17 – Congregational Meeting to approve the annual report
- ☆ Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday – lent begins – see schedule above for Lenten services
- ☆ Monday, February 15 – Apple Dumpling Bake
- ☆ Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday
- ☆ Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday

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Mt. Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Mission of Mt. Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church is to be an Instrument of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed to our Community and Beyond.

Meeting called to order by President Jim Barnett at 7:00pm on December 8, 2015.

Attending:

X Jim Barnett	X Pat Dearolf	X Jay Groff
X Barbara McComsey	X Brenda Moran	X Susan Mull
X Ken Pineda	X Bonnie Summers	
X Sam Summers	X Fred Williams	X Jon Webb
X Pastor Don Costlow		

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pat Dearolf.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Fred Williams made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting which was seconded by Brenda Moran and was approved by all.

Communications: There were no communications.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Williams made the motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Barb McComsey and approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: Brenda Moran made the motion to not pay back the old memorials money that was spent of \$2,859.75 and to pay back \$6,413.04 used from the Money Market interest to pay current expenses. And to pay it back by Dec. 31, 2015 either if our cash flow is negative or a positive by end of the 2015 year. This motion was seconded by Jay Groff and approved by all.

Cemetery Trust: No report. Next meeting is Jan. 26th 2016

Christian Education: Next "Family Bible Time" will be Dec. 20th. Next meeting will be in 2016.

Endowment Fund: Pat Dearolf shared that the figures given last month were the figures from 2014. The correct figures as of September 30, 2015 are; Susquehanna Bank \$297.16, Thrivent Mid Cap account \$17,162.79, Thrivent Moderate Aggressive account \$14,995.63, and Mission Investment CD's \$6,271.89 and \$2,069.87. Total investments \$40,797.34.

Evangelism: No report. Next meeting is Dec. 20th after church service.

Mutual Ministry: No report

Property: No report

Social Ministry: No report. Next meeting Dec. 20th

Stewardship: No report

Worship & Music: Next meeting is Dec. 15th. Susie received a phone call from Lynn Stettler Long who said she would be available to be a substitute organist.

Youth Group: No report.

Pastor's Report: Was on vacation from Nov. 3rd till Nov. 17th, and held two "Family Bible Time" classes Nov. 22nd and 29th. He taught Bible Lesson to Pre-School Children on Nov. 25th. He also had office hours and made a hospital visit.

Motion made to approve all reports: Barb McComsey made the motion to accept all the reports which was seconded by Bonnie Summers and was approved by all.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: 1) After talking about different prices for generation and transmission charges for electricity, Jon Webb made the motion to switch to Tri Eagle as the generation and transmission charges for the next three years at 0.069 cents a KW hour. Brenda Moran seconded the motion and was approved by all. After more discussion it was found that the Tri Eagle figure was for a residential customer. With that Jon Webb made the motion to revise his motion that the new generation and transmission charges supplier to go to a company that has a charge less than 7 cent per KW hour for at least 1 year. Jay Groff seconded the motion and was approved by all.

2) Barb McComsey asked for Shaylyn if Shaylyn could borrow the outfits and costumes from our past Christmas plays. Shaylyn is a member of Interact Service Club and the club would like to put on a play and need costumes. Barb McComsey made the motion to let Shaylyn borrow the outfits and costumes which was seconded by Sam Summers and approved by all.

3) Ken Pineda has a friend that has a new microwave-convection oven available for the church if wanted. After some discussion it was determined we would not make good use of the oven and Ken knows of another place that could use it.

4) Jon Webb needs someone to count offering Dec. 20th for him. Susie Mull said she would be able to do it.

5) Fred Williams wanted to give a big thank you to Jim Barnett for all he has done the last six years as President of Church Council. There was a round of applause.

6) Brenda Moran made a motion to borrow a 40 piece place setting from the kitchen on Dec. 20th. The motion was seconded by Susie Mull and approved by all.

7) Jim Barnett asked if we wanted to still make apple dumplings in Feb. After some discussion we will have to make sure we have enough help signed up and if we have enough help, we will lower the amount of dumplings we will make, 1000 or 1100. But we must have the help. 8) Pastor Don asked about a date for the congregation meeting in January. That meeting will be on January 17th, 2016.

Items for Next Congregational Meeting: Approve 2016 Church Budget and have election of Church Officers.

Sam Summers made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bonnie Summers

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15pm

Next Meeting: January 12, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Pat Dearolf

The December 2015 Council Minutes are printed in this newsletter pending approval at the next formal council meeting in January, 2016.

**Mt. Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
December 13, 2015**

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Pastor Don opened the meeting with a reading from Joel 2:28-29 and shared a prayer.

President Jim Barnett then declared the congregational meeting to be in session at 10:45am.

Jim Frazier made the motion to approve the Agenda which Fred Williams seconded and was approved by all.

Jim Frazier then made the motion to accept the three Congregational meetings minutes which was seconded by Emma Bland and approved by all.

1. Election of Church Officers

Nominations for Church Council: Five new members are needed to serve on Church Council. The nominees are: Sam Summers – 3 year term; Donna Spade – 3 year term; Faydra Haywood – 3 year term; and Brenda Moran to fill the two year term of Tina Findley. Fred Williams made the motion to add Desiree Haywood for a 3 year term to the nominations with Jay Groff seconded the motion which was approved by all. Vonnie Mitchell made the motion to close the nominations for Church Council which was seconded by Susie Mull and approved by all. Pastor Don then thanked Jim Barnett and Bonnie Summers for their service on council.

Nominations for Synod Assembly: Susie Mull was nominated and we also need a male nominee. The Synod Assembly is held June 3, 4, & 5th 2016. After some discussion Susie made the motion to wait and see if someone will agree to go. The motion was seconded by Tom Stottlemeyer and approved by all. Sue Schucker made the motion to close the nominations for Synod Assembly which was seconded by Marge Pineda and approved by all.

Nominations for Auditor: Susan Richards was nominated for a 3 year term. Emma Bland made a motion to close the nominations for Auditor which was seconded by Gloria Rintz and approved by all.

Nominations for Cemetery Committee: Margaret Pineda was nominated for a 3 year term. Sue Schucker made the motion to close the nominations for the Cemetery Committee which was seconded by Donna Spade and approved by all.

Nominations for Endowment Committee: Pat Dearolf was nominated for a 3 year term. Desiree Haywood made the motion to close the nominations for the Endowment Committee

which was seconded by Barb McComsey and approved by all.

Nominating Committee for 2016: Jay Groff, Jon Webb, Ken Pineda, and Barb McComsey are on the committee as outgoing council members and we need two active members from the congregation. Emma Bland and Sue Schucker volunteered. Nadine Reinhardt made the motion to close the nominations for the Nominating Committee which was seconded by Desiree Haywood and approved by all.

Tom Stottlemeyer made the motion for the secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for the elected officials which Jim Frazier seconded and approved by all.

2. Discussion of 2016 Budget

Fred Williams made the motion to accept the 2016 budget which was seconded by Barb McComsey. After some discussion the motion was approved by all.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Next congregational meeting is January 17, 2016
2. The Apple Dumpling Bake is Monday, February 15, 2016. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex and we need to be sure we have enough help to do the dumplings and will discuss how many dumplings will be baked.
3. We thanked Jim Barnett for his serving the last six years as Council President.

Sue Schucker made the motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Faydra Haywood and approved by all.

President Jim Barnett then declared the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Dearolf

JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 5 - Property Meeting

January 12 – Council Meeting 7 PM

January 17 – Congregational Meeting after worship

January 19 – Worship & Music Meeting 7 PM

January 26 – Cemetery Committee 7 PM

January 26 - Social Ministry Meeting 7 PM

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

January 3rd through February 7th, we will be collecting for the Solanco Food Bank through “Souper Bowl Giving”. There will be a table in the Narthex for your donations, and on February 7th we will have soup pots available for monetary donations. We will be accepting any food items, not just soup.