

the *Voice* of english lutheran



Prayer Vigil in response to Human Trafficking by Pastor Mark Solyst

On Friday, February 8, at 5:00 p.m., the people of English Lutheran Church and the La Crosse community are invited to gather for a Community, Interfaith Prayer Vigil in our sanctuary. Although the problem often flies under the radar, the scourge of Human Trafficking is a reality in La Crosse in addition to being a national and global crisis. Faith leaders from Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Baha'i faith traditions will offer prayers and reflections at the vigil.

The Prayer Vigil is sponsored by the La Crosse Task Force to End Modern Slavery, Interfaith Leaders' Coalition and English Lutheran Church. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Registration is not required. All are welcome.

February 8 marks the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Initially designated by Vatican offices as an annual event, it occurs on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

"Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors," said event co-organizer Sr. Marlene Weisenbeck.

General Fund Report - December 2018

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual
Envelope Offerings	52,829	55,800	54,675	414,948	450,000	412,920
Simply Giving Plan	24,013	25,750	24,095	298,046	292,600	268,639
Other General	4,195	5,445	5,449	19,403	19,800	22,251
General Fund Total	81,037	86,995	84,219	732,397	762,400	703,810
Benevolence	2,063		1,525	6,687		4,035
TOTAL	83,100	86,995	85,744	739,084	762,400	707,845
Communion Fund	17,114			23,581		
Memorials	1,285			18,788		
Hungry Jar	1,183			7,559		
DISBURSEMENTS						
Benevolence	15,869	19,970	19,170	86,264	83,543	88,117
Stability Triangle	56,117	52,220	51,159	592,026	629,119	562,844
Five Big Rocks	12,016	6,435	7,239	62,785	64,350	53,371
TOTAL	84,002	78,625	77,568	741,075	777,012	704,332
Gain (Loss)	(902)		8,176	(1,991)		3,513
Communion Fund	4,936			23,073		
Hungry Jar	1,746			8,059		

FEBRUARY

<p>3 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 12:00p PR Mission Trip 6:30p Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Come 4 Supper/Hillview 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 5:00p Human Trafficking Prayer Vigil</p>	<p>6 3:30p Property Comm. Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>7 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 1:30p Library Committee 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 5:00p Worship</p>
<p>10 Burritos 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 12:00p Annual Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 VOICE Deadline 8:45a Quilters 4:00p Internship Comm. 5:30p Joint Council All Councils After</p>	<p>13 10:00a Ministry Council 5:30p Youth Steering Committee Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>14 ♥ Mar Mini-Voice Deadline 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 5:00p Worship</p>
<p>17 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 12:00p NM Orientation 6:30p Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:00p Marketing Team 6:30p Spiritual Direction</p>	<p>20 12:00p Community Conversations Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>21 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 NM Weekend 5:00p Worship</p>
<p>24 NMW/Pancake 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 12:00p PR Mission Trip</p>	<p>25 12:00p Senior Fun & Fellowship</p>	<p>26 8:45a Quilters 1:30p Mary Circle 6:30p Vision Board</p>	<p>27 Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>28 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p><i>We're always adding things to our calendar! For a full event schedule, including community groups that use our church, visit www.englishlutheran.org and click on the calendar button.</i></p>	