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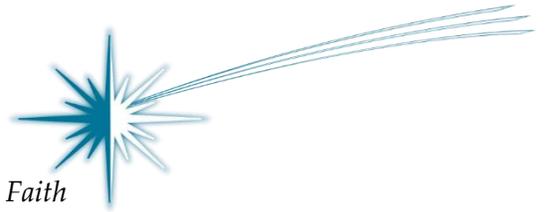
A Monthly Newsletter of Elim Lutheran Church

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Happy New Year! 2018!

Opportunities abound in 2018 for people who like to travel and serve, read and share, sing and celebrate:



- New Adult Forum series starting January 7: *7 Big Questions About Faith*
- Mexico House Building Missing Trip registration deadline, January 7
- All wishing to work in extra singing are invited to join the candlelit service at Springfield Place to sing the Holden Evening Prayer, on January 17
- Collection for College Care Packages continues through the end of January

On-going activities:

- Sunday School: Sundays, 9:40-10:25 a.m., for children ages 3 years old through 6th grade
- Middle School Get-Togethers: first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. for 6th-8th grade
- Full Youth Group Gatherings: first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Adult forum: Sundays, 9:40-10:25 a.m.
- "Exploring the Story" Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Men's Breakfast Ministry: Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the kitchen
- Women's Circles: Elizabeth, Esther, Grace Friendship
- Dinner Church: first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m.
- Choirs: Chancel, Cherub, Handbell, and seasonal Festival Choir
- Interfaith Food Pantries: every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Lucchesi Park and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Elim's Fellowship Hall (Elim hosts the first Tuesday and third Thursday each month)
- Little Shepherd Lutheran Preschool: registration for the 2018-19 school year begins in late January

A NEW THING...

Someone once told me of their hypothesis that in order to thrive that there's this need to be continually kind of reinventing one's self. I'm not sure how much it meant to me at the time, but for some reason this insight has stuck with me. I haven't forgotten it, and the more I experience and live and think about it, the more it kind of seems to be true. One of the things built into pretty much all pastoral calls within our flavor of Christianity is a budget and strong recommendation for "continuing education". With this comes a worldview that there are always new things to learn, new things to consider, new ideas, new practices and new ways in which we can grow. All of these are encouraged, lest we begin to think we know it all, become numb, lose our curiosity, and drift into arrogance, indifference and or despair. God once spoke to people who were in exile (and despair?) saying – "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)" I think Isaiah's words invite us to think of newness as not just something that we are to try for, but as something to which the divine leads. Isaiah's image of God calls and leads people into newness for the sake of healing and restoration. Perhaps newness indeed is connected with wholeness, well-being, passion, energy, and Gods kingdom come.

Of course, let's be honest, newness can be pretty downright scary. I think of all the new things that I've been hesitant to lean into. Like the other day when I tried a persimmon for the first time. There is a certain nerve and vulnerability required when trying something new, opening one's self to things one does not know, opening one's self to ways of being other than one's own, and to making the effort to grow. Nevertheless, it seems to me that newness can indeed be a gift, and that the challenge and invitation to re-invent is not just for pastors, but for all of us in the many roles we play in this life. And I also have to think that this is regardless of age. That newness is just as much for those who are 3 as it is for those who are 103, and that God works through all the generations and seasons, inviting us to contribute to one another's newness and consequently, well-being. How do you sense God inviting you, challenging you, gifting you into newness this New Year?

best,

Patrick

JANUARY EVENTS

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

I think we can all remember what it felt like to leave our home, friends, and secure soundings to begin a new adventure. It is always an adjustment and receiving a reminder that you are loved and missed is always important. I have a vested interest in our college care package ministry because many of the youth who I have watched grow up at Elim are attending college far away or out of state and now my youngest granddaughter is in college. As a community of believers, we promise at their baptism, confirmation, and other important stages of their lives that we will support them on their faith journey. This can be a reminder that they are always an important part of their faith community and keep them connected to the Body of Christ; that we continue to support them, bless them, and hold them in our prayers during this journey that takes them away from us.



We will be gathering items for these care packages during the month of January, so we can get them in the mail in early February. This time was chosen because most of them are starting a new semester or quarter and have just returned from spending time with family during the holidays. They are probably feeling a little homesick and overwhelmed with new classes. Can you think of a better time to send them a little LOVE!? After all, isn't Valentine's Day when we remind those we truly care about how important they are to us?

To the right is a list of items that we think would be good things to send. Monetary donations are always appreciated to fill in items that are needed and for shipping costs. All donations can be put in the box in the Welcome Area or dropped off at the church office by **January 28**. Thank you to all of you for your support of this ministry to our college youth.

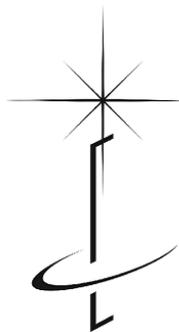
Suggested Care Package Items

Deadline: January 28

- individually-wrapped snack foods (popcorn, granola bars, trail mix, candy, oatmeal, etc.)
- individually-wrapped drink mixes (hot chocolate, instant coffee, cold drink mix, tea, etc.)
- empty USB drives
- pens, post-it notes
- \$5 gift cards for online or chain stores, Starbucks

If you have a college student in your household, please send their mailing address to the office (elim@elimpetaluma.org / 762-4081).

In Christ's love,
Karen Pesutich



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, January 17, 6:15 p.m. at Springfield Place

Please join us on January 17 at Springfield Place (101 Ely Blvd.) for a candlelight service. We will be joining residents in singing the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer, featuring guitar, flute and piano. The service will begin at 6:15 pm and end at approximately 6:45 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL REMINDER TO THE ELIM COMMUNITY

From the Church Office

It doesn't take newcomers to Elim long to learn that an award-winning preschool with a topnotch director and staff operates within our church walls during the week. As a community, we take great pride in Little Shepherd and work hard to share space in the most respectful manner possible. But we sometimes forget that, as a licensed preschool, access to its space must be strictly limited during its hours of operation. Accordingly, our preschool director, teaching staff, and families have sole access to Elim's main building between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The only exceptions are Elim's staff members, officers, and volunteers who have completed live-scan background checks. This policy is a licensing requirement, and is for the protection of the children. On a practical note, on those weekdays the preschool also needs full access to the parking lot – the rear portion of which is used as a playground.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these important access limitations. Little Shepherd's deeply dedicated staff appreciates your support in keeping our school site safe.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

What sorts of projects is Elim supporting with our Endowment Fund? To date, we've allocated \$14,500 of the \$20,000 we have to gift this fiscal year:

-\$1,000 for Elim's amazing Reformation Dinner

-\$3,000 to the Family Resource Center at McDowell Elementary, which supports Petaluma families in crisis with emergency rent payments, car repairs, food and diapers

-\$4500 to Petaluma People Services for outreach to / training for local day laborers

-\$6,000 for upgrades to Elim's choir room

Remember, you can keep the love (and money) flowing by 1) supporting the Endowment Fund financially and/or 2) encouraging organizations you know to submit grant proposals via our website or by returning a hard copy to the main office. We have \$5,500 more to award by the end of March 2018.

- Laine Gen



WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM

Did you know we have a team that plans worship services? The team meets once a month to discuss upcoming services and, music and brainstorm how we can make worship more meaningful for our congregation. The team consists of Pastor Patrick, Cathe Kiler, Kevin Hart, Athena Labberton, Vicki Navarro, Audrey Norman and

Barbara Villa. We plan to keep you updated with a monthly Source article. The Annual Report will cover the Worship & Music Team's full year of service.

December was an extremely busy month. The Worship & Music Team did not meet in December but did work on all the special services throughout the month. We hope everyone enjoyed the Advent and Christmas services as well as our Festival Choir and Children's Program.

The team will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month to start our planning for the 2018 year. We are always open to ideas of how to improve our worship. If you would like to contribute an idea, please speak with one of the team members or email your idea to barb@elimpetaluma.org.

REFORMATION 500 REMINDER:

Elim has the DVD of "Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation" that was on PBS. It also includes bonus features: Germany's Luther Towns, Rick Steves' European Christmas and Rick Steves' European Easter. If you would like to borrow it for home viewing, contact Mary Wyrick.

MEALS FOR THE NOCKLEBYS

Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal for our dear members, Diane & Daryll Nockleby, in their time of need? They would like meals on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you want to jump on this meal train, please contact the office for information on how to sign up.

ADULT MINISTRIES

ELCW – ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

2018 ELCW Board

The new ELCW Board was elected at the Thankoffering Brunch in November and begin their term on January 1:

- President: TBD
- Vice President: Carol Mayo
- Secretary: Debra Jensen Orner
- Treasurer: Lynn Harenberg-Miller
- Circle Chairs: Grace - Carol Mayo; Elizabeth - Debra Jensen Orner; Esther – Jan Moffet

— SAVE THE DATE —

AEBLESKIVER BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 10, 9-11a.m.

Fundraiser by Esther Circle to support Elim's landscape fund

Circles

Would you like to attend a monthly women's group but not sure which one? Just contact one of the Circle Chairs and let them know you are interested. Below you will find Circle information and when they each meet.

- **Grace Friendship** (hosted by Carol Mayo) always meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month – January 11 – at 12 p.m. in the back of the sanctuary. Pastor Patrick will lead the bible study.
- **Elizabeth** (hosted by Debra Jensen Orner) meets on the 3rd Monday of the month – January 15 – at 7 p.m.
- **Esther** (hosted by Jan Moffet) meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month – January 9 – at noon.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Elim men meet for a pass-the-hat breakfast every Saturday in the church kitchen. Cooking at 7-8 a.m., 8-9 a.m. eat and discuss. Topics include the Bible, fatherhood, and the great bacon vs. sausage debate. For more information or to sign up to cook, contact Brian Crosby.

FAITH FORMATION

DINNER CHURCH

One of the ways Acts describes life among Jesus' first followers is in this way...

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." -Acts 2:46-47



For the next five months (January-May), we're going to try a new thing called "Dinner Church". On the first Sunday night of each month we'll gather from 5-6 p.m. for a combined meal and worship. During the hour there will be singing, eating, conversation, and communion. The first of these will be January 7th at 5 p.m. Those interested in helping prep the meal are invited to show up early, around 4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Christmas Program

December was a super busy month preparing for the Christmas Program!!!! Just want to say thank you to all the parents for helping with projects, practices, and preparations. The kids did such a great job!!! #Bethlehem was a modern look at what the Christmas story would look like in 2017!!!! Thanks Pastor Patrick for creating the script!



Crafts

We also completed two different advent projects. The first was the advent jar where you picked a different card each day. On the card was a mini devotion and an activity to complete as a family!!! Our second project was the advent log. Thanks to Don Bent for preparing the logs and candles for us. Also want to thank Barb for all her help too! It was such a joy to see the fellowship hall filled with families and other members working together to create advents log for their house!

Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday, January 7, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday school will start back up on January 7th after the Christmas break!!! Lessons will continue to follow the Narrative Lectionary.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Jr. High Hybrid Faith at Elim

Those in 6th-8th grade are invited to participate in this group. We'll meet on January 7th for "Dinner Church" (5-6 p.m.), and then we'll be thinking together about the story of Creation (6-7 p.m.).

High School/Jr. High Wednesday Gatherings

Wednesday, at 6:15 p.m.

Regular high school and junior high youth group gatherings will happen on the first Wednesday night of the month. These gatherings will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Youth will eat dinner together, listen to a speaker and/or have a guest/conversation topic introduced. Then the high school and junior high groups will separate into groups for further conversation and check-ins.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Forum - 7 Big Questions About Faith Sunday January 7

Starting Sunday January 7th, we'll begin a series called "Seven big conversations about faith". The forum will begin with short videos featuring compelling voices within the church today, and will move into a time of conversation. The first forum will be "God: Faith is a Quest" with a video featuring Brian McLaren.

Exploring the Story

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Choir Room

Come and engage in deep, meaningful, and exploratory conversation about the Bible reading and sermon topic for the upcoming Sunday. A great group of regulars is always eager to welcome newcomers to the bunch.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

SECOND MILE GIVING | CHANGE THE WORLD: TANZANIAN MISSION GRANT PROGRAM: NEW LIFE BAND

"Second mile giving" refers to an extra offering towards a special cause. The November recipient will be the Tanzanian Mission: New Life Band to assist impoverished families during Nancy Clarke's upcoming trip. Check off "Special Offering" on the pew envelopes, look for the special offering envelopes in the back of the sanctuary, or click on the "Donate Now" button on our website to contribute.



The Elim Team has a mission trip to Tanzania in February 2018. In support of our mission group's trip, the second mile giving will benefit the New Life Band, who has close ties with Elim and our mission group, and has visited Elim in past years to lead worship services. [Visit the New Life Band page on the Elim website](#) to see photos and a video of their last trip to Elim.

New Life Band Ministries is an inter-denominational ministry that serves as an instrument to transform the lives of youth and students within Tanzania through the gospel of Jesus Christ by giving them hope and opportunity, and the knowledge that they are loved. A group of eight talented musicians who excel in various genres of music formed the music group New Life Band and have become ambassadors for peace and forgiveness, performing all over Tanzania, Africa and Europe, and the United States.

The band plays religious and gospel music, but they also have a secular program. When they perform concerts for the general public they often sing songs with universal meaning.

Nancy invites Elim members to "go" with her on this mini mission trip with your financial donations. On this trip Nancy plans to continue the donations typical of the Tanzania Team: purchase oil, rice, and flour for HIV/AIDS families, which is often the only substantial amount of food they have had for months, and purchase sewing supplies for a sewing knitting workshop so that the students can work to

earn funds necessary to support their families. **January's Second Mile Giving will be designated to the "Tanzanian Mission Grant Program: New Life Band"** for Nancy to use to support these impoverished families.

If you would like to send along a greeting to any of the New Life Band members, Nancy will be happy to take them with her and deliver them. Please bring them by Sunday, February 4. *Asante Sana!*

Donate by using the special offering envelopes, check off "Special Offering" in the pew envelopes, click on the "Donate Now" button on our website, or send a text to 707-317-6431: \$(amount) 2nd .



EASTSIDE AND WESTSIDE INTERFAITH PANTRIES



This month Elim will host the Eastside Pantry on **Tuesday, January 2**, at Lucchesi Park, and the Westside Pantry on **Thursday, January 18**, in our Fellowship Hall. Come a little before 5 p.m. to help set up. We start serving at 5:30 p.m. and are usually done and headed home by 6 p.m. Bring the kids, a friend or neighbor, and a high school student who needs to fulfill community service hours. If you would like to be included in the reminder emails about pantries, please contact the office (elim@elimpetaluma.org / 762-4081).

R³

ELIM R³ NEWS!

The R³ group (Rebuild, Restore, Recover) is open to all, and readily welcoming newcomers! We are currently looking into opportunities to work in Sonoma county. Please visit our meetings or contact Athena Labberton on how to become involved.

MEXICO HOUSE BUILDING

Meeting: January 7, 11:45am, Choir Room

Everyone who is going on the March Mexico House Building Mission Trip should attend the **MANDATORY** team meeting on January 7. This meeting will focus on planning the Totally Awesome Taco Dinner and Silent Auction FUNdraiser scheduled for March 4. Any questions; please call the church office or Roger Davis at 707-484-5609 or radaudio@comcast.net

GRATITUDE

THANK YOU – Drainage System

A big thank you to the group of fellows that installed the much-needed drainage system across the upper end of the church parking lot. The project was done on November 11, 2017. The men involved were, Steve Genney, his son Jason Griffith, Brian Tolson, his son Mike Tolson, Rich Rodkin and myself. Thank you for a great job.

- George Matt

Many Thanks!

R³ Local Project

Elim R³ thanks everyone who came out and helped with our local project. Much was accomplished, and it was very much appreciated. Additional thanks to those who brought their own equipment, it was more than helpful for our project!

Knitting for Naomi

Thanks to all of you that have supported Naomi's education costs for the last 15 years through the Knitting for Naomi project. She continues to do well in school and receives high enough grades to continue. At the beginning of 2018 she will be entering her second year of a three-year year university degree program. I always share information with her about all the donations, prayers and love sent to her from her friends at Elim. She is very appreciative and sends her thanks. I am excited to again be traveling to Tanzania in February 2018 with the Elim folks and to stay with her and her family and to hear of learning interests. *Asante Sana!*

- Nancy Clark

Fruits of the Harvest

Thanks to everyone who made the Fruits of the Harvest sale a success! We made in the neighborhood of \$1300, a good neighborhood to be in. Thanks to the canners, the people who donated produce, who brought in empty jars, and, of course, all of you who bought the jams and jellies etc. We couldn't have done it without you!

- Robin Butts

FINANCIAL REPORT

Regular Giving Report		
	NOVEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Regular Giving:	\$ 22,738	\$ 145,953
Budget:	\$ 23,373	\$ 150,226
Variance:	(\$ 635)	(\$ 4,273)
Variance (%):	-2.7%	-2.8%
Regular Giving Last Year:	\$ 20,808	\$ 138,742
Change from Last Year:	\$ 1,930	\$ 7,211
Change from Last Year (%):	9.3%	5.2%
Full Year Budget:	\$ 344,485	
Last Year's Actual Giving:	\$ 306,884	
Increase over last year:	\$ 37,801	
Increase over last year (%):	11.0%	

Budget Comparison (Congregational Programs)

The report below includes all congregational activities *except* Little Shepherd Lutheran Preschool and the Elim Lutheran Church Women.

NOVEMBER 2017	Actual	Budget	Variance
Unrestricted Contributions	24,063	23,506	557
Other Revenue	3,472	4,798	(1,325)
Use of Restricted Funds	10,688	7,929	2,759
Total Revenues	38,224	36,233	1,991
Expenses	(41,275)	(35,908)	(5,316)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	(3,051)	324	(3,375)
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	Actual	Budget	Variance
Unrestricted Contributions	148,592	152,224	(3,632)
Other Revenue	28,226	27,800	426
Use of Restricted Funds	26,334	44,968	(18,634)
Total Revenues	203,152	224,982	(21,480)
Expenses	(220,149)	(255,447)	35,298
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	(16,996)	(30,455)	13,459

WORSHIP NOTES

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

	December 3	December 10	December 17	Average Weekly Attendance in December	
8:30 a.m.	57	116	61	2017	215
10:30 a.m.	105	200	105	2016	245
Week total	162	316	166		



ALTAR FLOWERS

Help make the altar look special each Sunday! You are invited to pick a date that is significant to you (someone's birthday, anniversary, or ??) and provide the altar flowers on the closest Sunday. Put your name on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Welcome Area. The cost depends on whether you use flowers from your garden (free), make your own arrangements, or use a florist.

January 7: Open

January 14: Open

January 21: Open

January 28: Open

BULLETIN COVER ART

Happy New Year! We are going to continue with our bulletin cover artwork submitted by members of all ages. We will be using the Narrative Lectionary as our guide starting off this year. If there is a scripture reading that speaks to you, please express your feelings in the form of artwork. We would love to feature your artful interpretation.

Artwork submitted by members of any age should represent the text of the day. Drawings must be done in dark colors and easy enough to copy. Due to the cost of printing color, artwork will be displayed black and white with the exception being special services. Photographs may have to be adjusted for better quality copying. The due date will be the Tuesday before the service. Sign up for a date by contacting the office or online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49aea82aa4f49-bulletin> and submit artwork/photos to barb@elimpetaluma.org or drop off at the church office.

Date	Theme / Gospel/Reading / Deadline
Jan 7	<p>Theme: Jesus Says Come and See (Baptism of Our Lord) Scripture: John 1:35-51 Point: Jesus extends an invitation and a welcome.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Artwork Deadline: Jan 2</p>
Jan 14	<p>Theme: Wedding at Cana Scripture: John 2:1-11 Point: Sometimes our greatness needs a little push in the right direction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Artwork Deadline: Jan 9</p>
Jan 21	<p>Theme: Jesus Cleanses the Temple Scripture: John 2:13-25 Point: Although Jesus' temple cleansing might seem frightening and alarming, it was a passionate and loving act of forgiveness and freedom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Artwork Deadline: Jan 16</p>
Jan 28	<p>Theme: Nicodemus Scripture: John 3:1-21 Point: We are an intricate blend of flesh (shame) and spirit (healing) – our spirits can be strengthened when we bring our shame to light for forgiveness and healing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Artwork Deadline: Jan 23</p>

WORSHIP HELPERS:

Happy New Year! Thank you to all our worship helpers last year who gave so freely of their time to make our worship happen. We encourage everyone to be a worship helper. We are still trying to make signing up to help as easy as possible. Don't have a computer or can't get the hang of signing up on line, there is a sign-up sheet just outside the Sanctuary. You can also give Barb a call at the office (707)762-4081, or email her at barb@elimpetaluma.org. If it is the first time you are filling a position, we will make sure you have the instructions or pair you with someone who has done it before. It would be great to fill all the positions a month in advance, but we understand people have busy schedules these days.

The January schedule is on the Worship Helper page of the Elim website (<http://www.elimpetaluma.org/worship-helpers.html>). If you would like to be scheduled automatically for a specific time each month, or are signing up for the first time, just give Barb a call in the office at (707)762-4081. Every week we are looking for volunteers. Many of the positions only require your help during service. You do not have to make a commitment to do the task every week. Many hands, make light work.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Daryll Nockleby	14 Tom Harris	20 Wendell Day	26 Adam Aldrich
4 Joanne Goebel	Andrew Mansen	Barbara Stimel	Mercedes Cooke
6 Deb Sheridan	Elliott Prime	21 Chuck Wolf	Barry Yant
7 Alexandra Mendoza	Bob Reinhard	24 Andrew Sipich	27 Cindy Skanderson
8 Oscar Carlson	15 Brenten Bailey	Fred Svinth	Keith Winters
10 Delmar Friedrichsen	Taylor Eaton	25 James Nordquist	28 Ed Sellai
11 Cora Matley	Andrew Morgenlaender	Brittany Tieken	29 Dawson Shaw
12 Valorie Horne	16 Will Boone	Sandee Wright	30 Athena Labberton
13 Sierra Haddock	18 Carole Rosenthal	Joe Zusin	
Kris Haugen			
Shelley Westby			

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Living in God's love, it is Elim's mission
 To invite all people
 To grow in God
 And to work together
 To heal and transform the community
 In Jesus' name.

January 2018



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 30th anniversary of the WELCA Office closed 2018 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 5:00 pm Elim at Food Pantry (Lucchesi Park on McDowell) 5:30 pm Women's Board Meeting (Fireside Rm) 7:00 pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	3 Carpets Upstairs 5:30 pm Chancel Choir (Choir room) 6:15 pm Junior & Senior High Youth meeting (room 10) 7:30 pm Worship Team rehearsal (Choir Room)	4 Carpets Upstairs 6:15 pm Food Pantry Meeting 7:00 pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	5	6 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen)	
7 9:40 am Faith Formation Resumes Mexico House Building Meeting (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Dinner Church 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High School youth meeting (Fellowship Hall & Choir Room)	8 Preschool Classes Resumes	9 12:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	10 5:30 pm Chancel Choir (Choir room)	11 12:00 pm Grace Friendship Circle (back of church) 7:00 pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	12	13 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen)	
14	15 Source Deadline 7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle 7:30 pm Worship Team  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16 5:45 pm Worship & Music Planning Committee (back of sanctuary) 7:00 pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	17 5:30 pm Holden Service at Springfield	18 4:45 pm Elim's turn at the Westside Pantry 7:00 pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	19	20 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen) 9:30 am Healing Meditative Prayer Group (fireside room)	
21	22	23 7:00 pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	24 5:30 pm Chancel Choir (Choir room) 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting (Fireside Room)	25 7:00 pm Waves of Grace (Sanctuary)	26	27 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast (kitchen)	
28 College Care Packages Due 	29 7:30 pm Worship Team rehearsal (Choir Room)	30 7:00 pm Exploring the Story Bible Study (Choir Room)	31 5:30 pm Chancel Choir (Choir room)	SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship 9:40 am - 10:25 am Faith Formation 8:20 am - 11:40 am Nursery open			Faith Formation 9:40 – 10:25 Sunday School (Upstairs) Adult forum (Choir Room)