



“THE STARTER”

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I Am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will. If you write with firm, steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainly to doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred sixty five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure, I present them. It remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience and trust in God.

I am the New Year. I am here – but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best!



Our Annual Meeting will be January 31, 2021. Those responsible for reports to be included in the annual report are asked to have them submitted by January 15, 2021.



YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT
PURSUANT TO RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF FIRST CHURCH
CONSTITUTION, THE ANNUAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ON

JANUARY 31, 2021

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE NARTHEX
ON

JANUARY 17, 2021

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ANNUAL REPORT
MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE AT 815-223-0722.

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTS ARE
ASKED TO HAVE THEM TURNED IN BY
JANUARY 15, 2021

Thank You!

Jane McClintock thanks all of the congregation and friends who sent her cards of encouragement. She misses this church family so much. Those cards really brightened her day.



Are You Willing to Serve?

We're in need of more volunteers to usher this coming year during the worship service. If you're being led to help in this ministry, please sign up on the welcome table.



***Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny Whittington, Roger Gabrielse, Ruth Martin, Sandy Starr, Marilyn Cobb, Linda Hoadley, Diana Dornbusch, Cyndee Walters & Ruth Martin*

***Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:*

- Myrle Sapienza Beth Flaherty*
- Carol Edgcomb Don Walker*
- Jane McClintock Daryl & Lin Stuhr*

*** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows*

*** Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron*

*** Pray for Jews for Jesus*

*** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply*

*** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic*

*** Pray for Berean Prison Ministry*

*** Pray for Transport for Christ*

*** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless*



November Finances

<i>Tithes and Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 12,106.00</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 5,746.24</i>



Removal of the Greens



What goes up, must come down. Remember what fun we had decorating the church for Christmas? Well, the holidays are over and it's time to pack away our decorations for another year.

You're all encouraged to stay following the worship service on January 10th. Many hands make the work go fast.



To those who serve on boards, to those who rake leaves and pick up sticks, to those who pull weeds, to those who change light bulbs, to those who deliver to the food pantry and PADS, to those who sing, to those who clean closets, to those who write cards of encouragement, to those who are prayer warriors, to those who..... we could go on and on.

Thank you to all who have given their time to the thousand jobs that keep this church alive with the love of Jesus!

"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by deeds, is dead." James 2:17



Trustee Report

The trustees continue to monitor and repair things as needed. The parsonage has been fully painted upstairs and is almost finished downstairs. The carpet will be cleaned before its next occupant. The damage from the derecho was cleared by Greg Maze and a tree service. We thank Greg and Nancy for their dedication to our landscaping this year. Our Ways and Means committee has plans for 2021 that we hope the pandemic will not hinder. A hand rail was added to the side of the pulpit to assist climbing the stair. As we move into the decline and eventual end the pandemic, we feel that the buildings, grounds, and finances are in good condition, and ready for additional use!

Adult Bible Class

Start you Sunday off with some time exploring the Bible. We'll be starting a new curriculum on January 3rd looking at the book of Romans. It starts with a video then we discuss it. Come join us at 9:00 a.m.



It's Movie Night!

The Christian Ed Board is hosting another movie in Morgan Hall on January 31st at 2:00 p.m. We'll be watching "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" based on the book by C.S. Lewis. Come enjoy some popcorn, the movie and fellowship!

