

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 1/24: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Monday 1/25: Food Truck delivery, 9:30am.

Clothes Closet will be open from 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 1/26: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/28: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship – here at 10am.

Confirmation Class, 5pm.

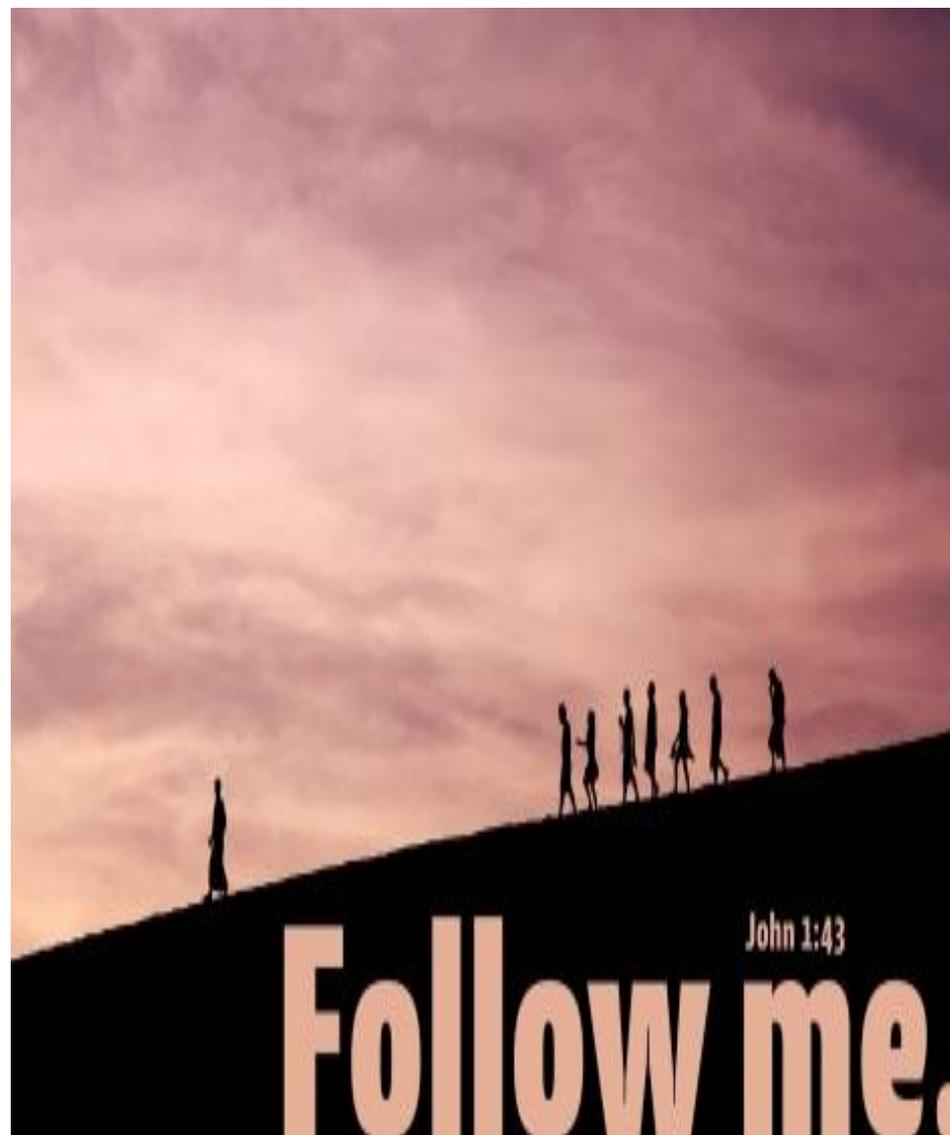
Saturday 1/30: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/31: Worship Service, 9am. Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately after worship. Please join us.



**Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:**

- Cindy Stevens had open heart surgery on January 4th. She is now home. Her address is: PO Box 118 Kirkland, IL 60146-0118.
- Mike Buchheit, Peggy Wince's brother is healing from a heart procedure.
- Patience for our congregation as we wait for responses to our Church Call profile.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they are praying for God's leading to our church.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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*Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany*





## **ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLET IS READY!!**

The Annual booklet is in the narthex. Please take one home to look over prior to the Annual meeting. The NALC financials are posted on the bulletin board, as they were not available at the time of printing. The meeting will be on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, immediately after Sunday worship. Please plan on staying for the meeting or coming to church for the meeting.

## **END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**

Statements are ready and on the table in the narthex. If you do not see yours, please see Dianna.

## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Nothing new, we are waiting patiently for Pastors to send or email their pastor profile. Please be praying fervently.

those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

\*Alleluia

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\*Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Sermon: **PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

\*Hymn of the Day: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"

vv. 4-5

**LBW 455**

\*Apostles' Creed

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Offering

Call Committee Update

\*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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Prayers of the Church

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Father of Light and Mercy, we pray for your guidance, wisdom, and strength to continue to follow you even when we feel defeated or unworthy. May we be effective witnesses of your truth, so that we

may be a living presence of the love of Jesus Christ in this world. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that we may also be a light that leads your people to you, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for the youth of the world. That they may come to know you and trust in your hope and love. May knowing you give them the courage to discern their journey in life and to feel your presence along side them every step of the way. We pray that you captivate their hearts, so they know their worth and that they are truly loved. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. May they know and come to understand that when they hurt, you hurt with them. You are a gracious and tender God who promises us so much more than this earthly life; You promise us an eternal life with you. Let us always remember the past and embrace our future with you. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are sick, fighting an illness, or struggling with a recent diagnosis. [especially for ...] We pray for their comfort and your healing mercy; give them strength that they may also reach out in prayer according to their needs. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

- \*Lord's Prayer P. 97
- \*Benediction
- \*Threefold Amen
- \*Closing Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"  
vv. 1 & 3      **WOV 734**
- \*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- \***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**
- \*Postlude

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**Ushers:** James Haag, Bob & Lisa Coyle  
**Offering Counters:** Mary Loomis and Donna Koehnke  
**Attendance Last Sunday:** 1/17: 22      **Attendance Saturday:** 1/16:14

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Michelle Anderberg 1/25      Wade Sunderlage 1/26  
Alice Hintzsche 1/28      Bob Coyle 1/31  
Keith Krabbe 1/31