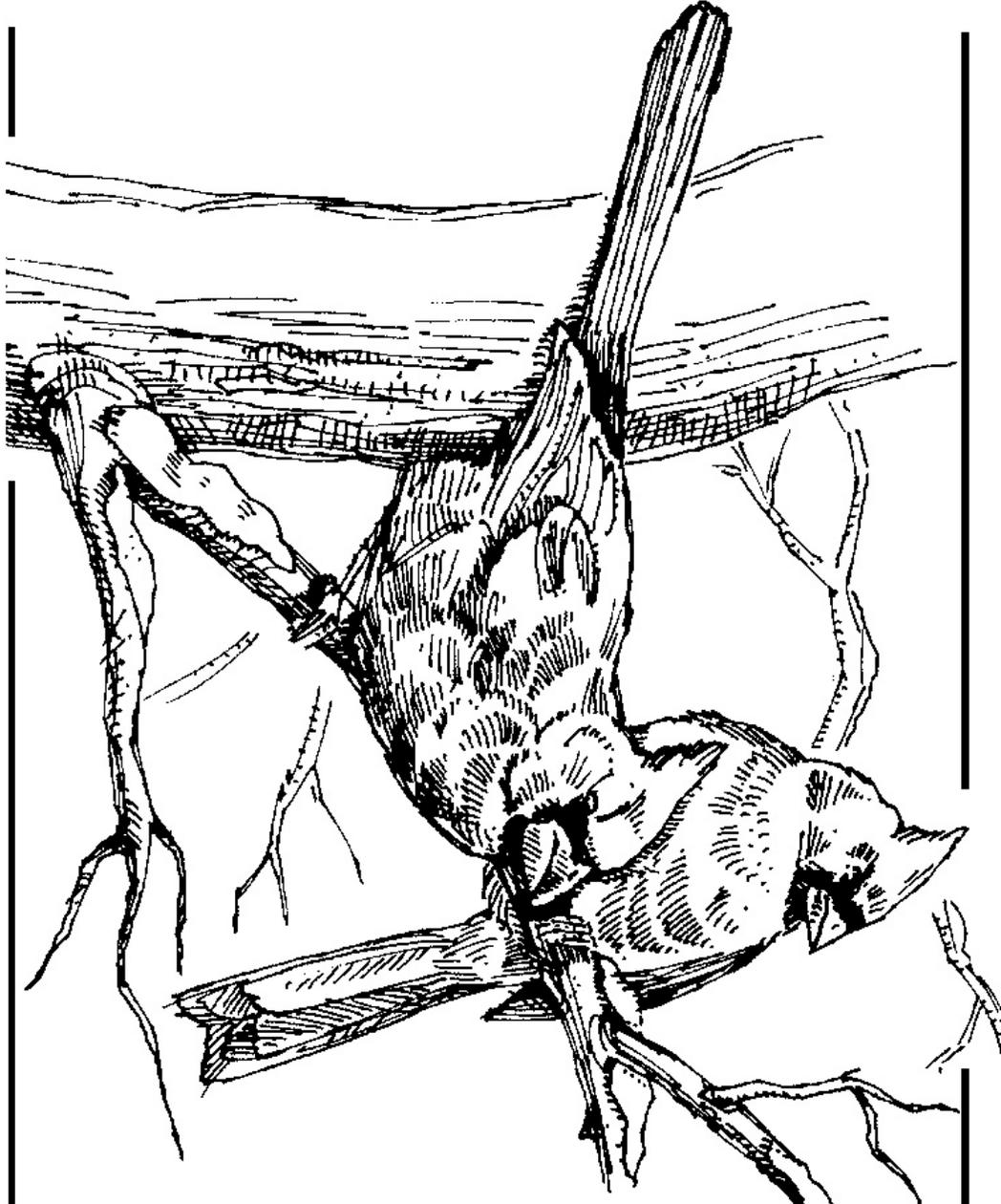


JANUARY



LANTERN

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church January 2017

From the Pastor

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . .”
Isaiah 9:2

As we begin a new year we also begin the church season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means, “an appearance of Christ.” We celebrate his coming as the Light of the World.

There are a lot of dark places in our world. And I don’t just mean sunken caves, or the deep abysses of the ocean. I’m talking about other dark places in our world: the dark places of poverty, hatred, prejudice, and greed. I’m talking about dark hearts, filled with jealousy, revenge, lies, and a lust for power over others.

The dark makes these places invisible. Almost. Their effects are most certainly very visible: hunger, crime, addiction, war. They need light to shine on them . . . lest we fail to see them.

They need the Light of Christ. We can help to bring light to these places in so many ways: by speaking out, for justice. By having the courage to name the demons like hatred and revenge, in order to bring them out into the open.

By giving of what we have: our time, our money, our talents. And Christ calls us not just to give whatever time or resources we have left over. He calls us to give, sacrificially. This is the true measure of love: when we give so much that it costs us. As Jesus suffered for the Gospel and for the Kingdom of God, so we are called to follow in his footsteps, follow his example, of self-sacrificing love.

As we enter this new year, may we do so together, with humility, patience, and mutual love. May we give whatever is necessary to make Christ's Kingdom of peace on earth a reality.

I pray you have a blessed New Year, as we grow together in God's grace.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Janet





January 3- Sonja Detty, 4-Linda Mohr, Chris Patterson, 5-Helen Snyder, 8-Carolyn Ault, Arielle Pelletier, 9-Dortha Young, 10-Karl Gearhart, 16-Lorie O'Millian, 17-Brian Dardinger, Brian Knoles, Joan May, 20-Sue Wise, 22-Scott Nusbaum, Charlene Tackett, 25-Nichole Conkel, James Schneider, 26-Caleb Cottril, Ron Gunter, Allison McCloskey, 27-Nancy Hagen, 28-Jeff Webb, 31-Lois Kruckenberg

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Calvary Lutheran Church

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Calvary Lutheran Church
November 15, 2016

Members Present – Connie Senter, Jeff Webb, Melody Knoles, Janis Lane, Charlotte Spahr, Bill Knoles, Bob Austin, Teresa Pelletier, Jack Thompson, Mike Northrup, Susan Gearhart, treas., Pastor Hatch.

Members Absent – Dave Jones, Scott Nusbaum

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bill Knoles.

Devotions were led by Pastor Janet.

Election of officers by ecclesiastical ballot was conducted by Susan and Pastor Janet. The officers for 2016-2017 are: Bill Knoles,

President; Dave Jones, Vice-President; Janis Lane, Secretary.

Council thanked Karla Hanson, Ken Tomko and Jim Segelhorst for their willingness to Share God's Grace with Calvary by serving on council for the preceding 3 years. Bill Knoles, Jack Thompson, Connie Senter and Bob Austin were welcomed to council as they begin term.

Council thanked Susan Gearhart for the outstanding presentation she made at the Congregational Meeting explaining the financial situation of the church and budget for 2017.

Pastor's Report – In addition to leading worship, attending meetings, teaching classes and visiting members at home and in

nursing facilities as well as contacting visitors, Pastor attended a Healthy Congregation seminar; Oktoberfest; Preached at Traditions; Assisted with the Community Meal; Attended the Halloween Parade, Gave First Communion to Katterli Ebright, Millicent Hudson, Leah Brown and Emma Prince; Conducted acolyte training and took a 2 week vacation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 21 – 7p Ross County Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Worship Service at 7th Day Adventist Church; Nov 30 – Advent begins with noon and evening services and light meals; Dec 4 – Ellie Lamb to speak on MADE between services (9:30); Dec. 11 – Pastor Bob Abrams, Asst. to the Bishop, will preach at both services.

Pastor is applying for a renewal of our grant to help with Free Community Meals. The time of the meals is no 5-6:30pm. Meals are November 29 and December 29. Melody moved to accept the report. Seconded by Charlotte. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report –1) Having 5 Sundays in October helped our financial situation. For the month, operating income of \$16869 was

\$1023 more than expenses and only \$63 less than budget.

2) Year-to-date, expenses exceeded income by \$18845 vs. a deficit of \$5166 a year ago – a \$13680 difference. Of the year-to-date short fall, operations are running \$12466 behind and debt reduction \$6379 short. Average monthly income for the first ten months of the year is \$1885 behind monthly expenses. Overall, revenues are 93% of budget, while expenses are 96% of budget.

3) Regarding line items, cleaning services is higher than normal in October due to a billing error by First Capital Enterprises in September which was corrected in October. On the positive side, extra principal contributions and the choir fund received nice memorial donations, as well as seed money given for funeral meals. In total, these three items received \$2530 in special donations.

Parish Education – The Halloween parade food booth collected \$302.

The youth requested that \$75 be donated to the Humane Society; \$75 to the Ross County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the remaining \$162 to the General Fund of Calvary. Melody moved to accept the request. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

Teresa Pelletier presented the results of her survey concerning what Calvary needs to do to attract youth and their families. The entire report will be placed in the Lantern. Council believes the Outreach Committee needs to become a more integral part of the church. Things like taking cookies to visitors, putting events on facebook and other social media sites, making Calvary a part of the Chamber of Commerce relocation packers were some of the suggestions. The need to have someone work with youth was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

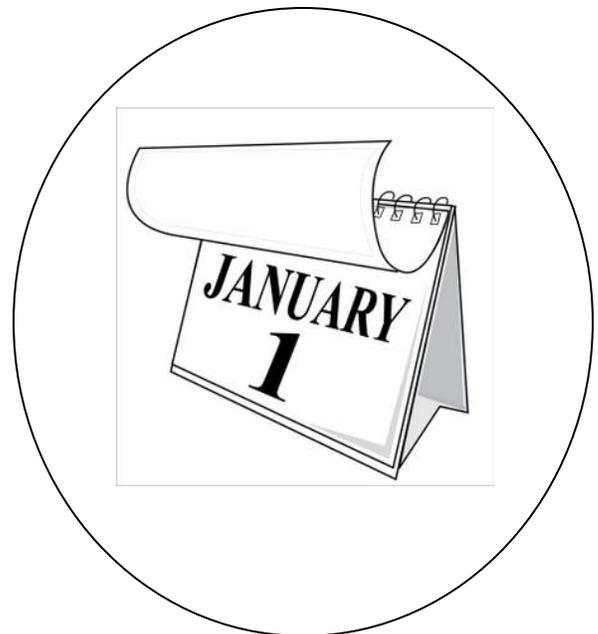
Council approved the \$575 from the Cliff Beeks memorial fund be used to purchase an appliance for the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Connie moved and Melody seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Arts and Crafts show has ‘sold out’ of spaces for vendors! A basket of OSU items and a hand quilted throw will be raffled off. Food will be available. The event opens at 9am. Helen Schneider was complemented for her hard work and energy in organizing this event.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, December 20 at 7p

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Lane
Council Secretary





DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30AM Alternative Service
- January 3-First Tuesday 7PM
- January 7- Storing Christmas Decorations at the Church 9AM
- January 9,16,23,30 -Conference Room Ruth Bible Study 2PM
- January 14-Youth Movie Night 7PM
- January 15-Marriage Encounter 6:30PM
- January 16-Free Yoga Session, 9AM-10AM
- January 17-Church Council 7PM
- January 21-Annual Souper Bowl 6PM-8PM
- January 26-Free Community Meal, 5-6:30PM
- January 29-Youth Ice Skating in Columbus 1PM



John 1: 1-4 NRSV

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

NOVEMBER 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

	MONTH			YEAR TO DATE				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance		
Operating Income	12,175	17,769	(5,594)	151,791	171,324	(19,533)		
Operating Expense**	14,157	15,695	1,538	166,239	173,747	7,508		
Capital Expenditures	-		-	-		-		
Net Operating Cash Flow	(1,982)	2,074	(4,056)	(14,447)	(2,423)	(12,025)		
Debt Reduction Income	4,742	5,727	(985)	61,200	62,997	(1,797)		
Debt Reduction Expense***	6,020	5,680	(340)	68,857	62,480	(6,377)		
Net Debt Reduction Cash Flow	(1,278)	47	(1,325)	(7,657)	517	(8,174)		
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**	(3,259)	2,121	(5,381)	(22,104)	(1,906)	(20,198)		
	Nov 2016	Nov 2015	Year:Year Difference	Nov 2016	Nov 2015	Year:Year Difference		
TOTAL INFLOW	16,918	26,142	(9,224)	212,992	228,082	(15,091)		
TOTAL OUTFLOW**	20,177	19,397	780	235,096	226,504	8,592		
Mortgage Balance	692,871	732,995	(40,124)					
2016 Extra Principal Paid year-to-date (designated contributions)	6,797			2015 Extra Principal Pd YTD	3,812			
Extra Principal to pay next mo.								
YEAR-TO-YEAR SUMMARY BY MONTH:								
	CURRENT YEAR			Cumulative Total	PRIOR YEAR			Cumulative Total
	Inflow	Outflow	Net		Inflow	Outflow	Net	
January	19,604	21,544	(1,940)	(1,940)	17,316	21,603	(4,287)	(4,287)
February	19,346	20,631	(1,285)	(3,225)	18,614	20,597	(1,983)	(6,270)
March	20,470	22,982	(2,512)	(5,737)	24,775	20,928	3,847	(2,423)
April	19,472	21,784	(2,312)	(8,049)	20,815	21,155	(340)	(2,763)
May	21,146	19,703	1,443	(6,606)	21,459	20,812	647	(2,116)
June	16,698	21,857	(5,159)	(11,765)	17,855	20,891	(3,036)	(5,152)
July	21,980	20,321	1,659	(10,106)	24,219	19,560	4,659	(493)
August	14,687	22,179	(7,492)	(17,598)	20,190	19,772	419	(74)
September	19,082	21,521	(2,439)	(20,037)	18,482	20,716	(2,234)	(2,308)
October	23,587	22,396	1,191	(18,846)	18,215	21,073	(2,858)	(5,166)
November	16,918	20,177	(3,259)	(22,105)	26,142	19,397	6,745	1,579
December (Before Transfers)			-	(22,105)	33,669	26,661	7,008	8,587
Average	19,363	21,372	(2,010)		21,813	21,097	716	

Thanks from the Heart



Special thanks to Bill Knoles, Dave Weber, Brian Knoles, Nancy & Jim Hagen, Helen & Jim Schneider, Cheryl Elson, Buzz Knoles, Brenda & Jim Segelhorst, Brent Knoles, Kay & Bill Sykes, Jaqui Patterson, Carolyn Ault, Julie Ries, and Jean Ziogas, all of whom gave of their time and talents on November 25th to help decorate our church for the Christmas season. Many hands made for easy work, and everyone's assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those who had already begun preparing Calvary for this very special time of year.

Mike & Kay Northrup

Dear Pastor Hatch and Members of Calvary,
Ebie and I give thanks for your family prayers! We miss you and the ministries shared together. The prayers mean a great deal for us you are forever in our prayers as well. We send our blessings to you as we begin the Advent season, giving thanks to God that together we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Pr. J. and Ebie Kindsvatter

Calvary Family,
Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and thank you for your lovely cards and gifts from the Calvary Lutheran Church family. I sincerely appreciate all your cards and gifts at Christmas. You are all very kind! God bless you!

Donna Ebert

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the 31 kid's toy boxes Calvary filled for charity. We have received word from Samaritan's Purse that our boxes were shipped to Columbia! Thank you for sharing Christ's love by giving 31 children in South America a very Merry Christmas!

Kay Sykes

Thank you from Diane Diekroger to all who purchased doll craft accessories. All items have been sold! Thank you!

Special thank you to Helen Schneider and all of her helpers and Craft Show Team for their generous contribution to Calvary Lutheran Church. Thanks to the effort of Helen and her many helpers, contributors, and volunteers, the Craft Show raised \$3,380.39 to be used for building maintenance. There are too many contributors to this effort to name individually. Please know your contributions to the Craft Show are greatly appreciated.

Dear WELCA Ladies,
I would like to thank you for the Christmas gift that was delivered to me during my illness. Your love and caring was deeply appreciated.

Else Sykes



*A New Year already! What a wonderful Christmas season we had as we welcomed the birth of the baby Jesus as a Church Family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended our many seasonal worship services and all the delicious meals!

*There will only be one worship service on January 1st, the first alternative service of the year held at 9:30AM. We can't wait to hear all the beautiful music!

*First Tuesday resume on Tuesday January 3rd at 7PM. These informative talks are free and open to the public! We bring our mouse neighbors to learn all about these interesting topics!

*Bob Austin is serving as Calvary's new Youth Coordinator! He is working closely with parents and volunteers to schedule a whole year of fun and

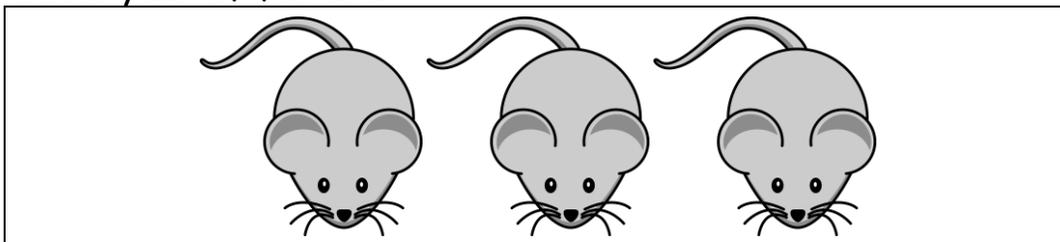
exciting youth activities for the kids of Calvary! Look for details about these events in future announcements!

*The Souper Bowl is coming up on January 21! We can't wait to sample all of the great recipes from all of the contestants. We wonder who will win the trophy this year? What a wonderful event full of great food! Look for the Souper Bowl sign up and donation display at church.

*We have been enjoying the free community yoga sessions held in the beautiful youth room. The next session is on Monday January 16th at 9AM. Bring your mat! If you have questions, contact Diane Diekroger. We have our tiny mouse mat in the corner, don't worry, we don't take up too much space!

*The Free Community Meal this month is on January 26th from 5-6:30PM. We can always use more helping hands and there are many, many volunteer jobs to choose from! Contact Pastor Janet or Jeff Webb to find out more!

*The Christmas season may be over, but the Grace of God shines bright all year long! See you all at Calvary!



Church Directory Address Update:

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Chillicothe OH 45601

Tom and Bea Breeden
226 Autumn Woods Drive
Chillicothe OH 45601

New Bible Study Starting in January, RUTH

Mark your calendars! The first of 5 sessions on the Bible Study, the Study of the Book of Ruth will begin on Monday January 9th at 2PM in the Calvary Lutheran Church conference room. Ruth: The shortest book of the Bible. Ruth is the story of Naomi as she faces famine, the death of her family, and her return to Bethlehem as a widow with a barren daughter-in-law. We will study the book as a group following these 4 principles:

1. God is the true hero of the story.
2. God created women to be his image bearers.
3. The culture of Ruth is completely foreign to the world we know.
4. The entire book is one story.

Contact Diane Diekroger or Janis Lane if you would like more information or if you plan to attend. There is no booklet to purchase, just bring your Bible. Any version is great! A sign

SEVERE WEATHER OFFICE CLOSINGS

While every reasonable effort will be made to maintain regular office hours during the Winter months, severe inclement weather may force unscheduled office closings. We appreciate your patience in the interest of the safety of our staff. Please feel free to use the below contact methods prior to making the trip the office.

Office Hours

Office Admin: MON-WED 9AM-3PM, THRS 8AM-2PM

Pastor: TUES-FRI 9AM-12PM or by appointment

Office Phone #740-773-1044, Email: CalvarySec@Horizonview.net

SEASONAL OFFICE HOURS

The Office Administrator will be out of the office December 26-29th. Normal office hours will resume January 2 at 9AM. Questions or to leave a message, please use the contact information listed above. Thank you.

Our next Free Community Meal is scheduled for Thursday January 26th, 2017, from 5:00PM-6:30PM.

*This program is being supported, in part, through a grant from the ELCA (World Hunger) Domestic Hunger Grants Program. **More help is always welcome and appreciated!** All are welcome! Contact one of the facilitators below for more information about becoming involved.*

Facilitators

Pastor Hatch 740-773-1044

Jeff Webb 740-253-3558

UPCOMING FIRST TUESDAY SPEAKERS

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Martin T. Tuck PhD

“Ohio University Chillicothe Celebrating 70 Years of Service to the Region” First Tuesday Speaker Series is part of Parish Education at Calvary Lutheran Church. Events are from 7PM-8:30PM on the First Tuesday of the month. *These events are free and open to the public! Come and learn! Bring a friend!* Questions or have a topic to present? Contact Karla Hanson, email: khanson22@live.com

SUGGESTIONS FOR COMBATING THE ‘WINTER BLUES’

Winter time and the lull of activities after the holidays can be discouraging. Try some of the following activities to stay up-beat during the winter months: Expose yourself to as much natural light as much as possible and/or set the lights in your room to come on early in the morning, break free of routine and try a new indoor activity like going to a free library event or going to a museum, visit a friend for tea and Bible discussion, dress seasonally appropriate with warm clothes whenever you venture outside, set goals for the upcoming season and research them like planning a new garden, try a new language or new musical instrument, listen to uplifting Christian music, try a new recipe or indulge in a old favorite you haven’t made in forever, assemble and decorate a craft item like a model or a keepsake box, add a colorful item to your home for a bright and cheery change, volunteer at a local organization or charity, take a class or participate in a free local event. The options are limitless! While Winter can be tough, every season of the year is full of God’s wonder and love.

Taking Decorations Down

We all enjoyed the beautiful Chrismon tree, the wonderful Nativity scene and the many other decorations put up for the Christmas season. All too soon, however, it will be time to stow these items away for another year.

All who are available are invited to help take the decorations down on Saturday, January 7th. We will plan on starting at 9:00 AM and will appreciate all the help we can get. As with the decorating, many hands will make the task easier. If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Kay Northrup at 740-775-4976 or via email at mnorthrup1@roadrunner.com. Thanks.



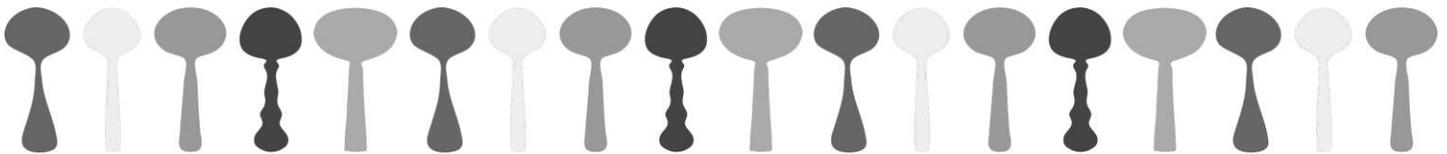
SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday January 21* , 2017
6PM-8PM**

**Annual Calvary Souper Bowl
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP,
PRIZES!**

***Details to follow in future
announcements.***

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE



Please check your church mailbox for your 2017 offering envelopes. If you did not receive any please contact Larry Lieske (email: Larry.Lieske64@Gmail.Com). You do not need to be a member to receive a set of offering envelopes.