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The happenings of Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church,
an ELCA congregation



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LOVE GOD

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Council Liaison:

Ministries: Altar Care, Choirs, Nursery, Stewardship, Worship Planning



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Ministries: Confirmation, Discipleship, Education, VBS



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This year we have a bit more time than has been available the past few years between Christmas and the beginning of Lent. We have an opportunity to explore the season of the Epiphany. It is not only the time of year when we remember that Jesus was announced to the world through his nativity and baptism, but also a time when we focus on Jesus as the Christ, the Light of the world.

Light plays an important role in our lives: we stave off the darkness of night with all kinds of lighting; we speak of enlightenment when we talk about gaining knowledge, and we generally see light as good and comforting. It is no wonder then that our religious language is also loaded with images of light. Even Jesus uses the image of a lamp to talk about how disciples are to live in and show the world his light and life-giving truth and love.

As we use light to illuminate the darkness of the world around us, it is the light of Christ that helps us see God's kingdom in the world around us also. As we move through this Epiphany season, let us remember that we are those who bear the light of Christ so that others may see the good news of God's love for creation, especially for all of God's children.

WORSHIP SERVICES VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

How do I volunteer for worship services? You can contact Barbara Harris, either by phone at 410-286-3257, or by email at bramharris@chesapeake.net.

You can also go on line at www.saintnicholaslutheran.org. Look at the section labeled "Volunteer Opportunities" and click on "Worship Services Volunteer Calendar." Click on the date, and which of the three worship services for which you want information. The screen that comes up will give you the entire list of those who are serving on that date. If there are openings where volunteers are still needed, you can follow the instructions on that page, which sends an email to Barbara Harris. You can also sign up for a reminder notice.

How do I know what I volunteered for? You can also use the same website and locations to see what you volunteered for by clicking on the date and service, and seeing if you are listed. In addition, the newsletter has the calendar for the entire month – you can pull it out, highlight your assignment, and put it on your fridge or bulletin board. The *Weekly* insert in the church bulletin has a listing of who is helping at worship the following week. And finally, check the church bulletin when you get to church to see if your name is listed for that day's service!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday Morning Hospitality Team Coordinator: Around 100 congregation members are on the Sunday Morning Hospitality team. We are in need of a coordinator who will contact team members to schedule them for a specific Sunday in the upcoming month. This involves making quite a few phone calls and emails every month until the 4-5 slots for the month are filled. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Barbara Harris.

Financial Secretary: Tom Blatt, our Financial Secretary, is preparing for his eventual retirement. He is looking for someone to work with him to learn the position during 2011, in preparation for taking over in 2012. Please talk with him to learn more about the position if you are interested.

Lawn Mowing Teams: Do you love hands-on work in the great outdoors? Join one of the lawn mowing teams. Each team takes a turn, in rotation, to mow the lawn and trim during the growing season. Saint Nicholas has two lawn tractors that make fast work of the large grass area. Want to learn more? Contact Bruce Schmale or Barbara Harris.

Altar Care Team Members: A new team member is needed to assist with altar care at the 9am service when there is a 5th Sunday in a month. Altar care involves working with another team member to set up the altar before the 9am service, clean up after the service, and set up the altar for the 11:15am service. If you like hands-on, behind-the-scenes work that helps our worship service run smoothly, this is the job for you!

FABULOUS!!! SERIOUSLY!!!

You could be part of the *seriously fabulous* Core Planning Group! What is the Core Planning Group? It's a new group created as the result of focused leadership sessions over the past year. The goal of the Core Planning Group is to develop leadership structures designed to support current leaders and attract new ones for each ministry area at Saint Nicholas. Right now the Group has six members (Kay Aronhalt, Debbie Bang, Erika Demme, Barbara Harris, Anna Kitzmiller, and Lauren Wawroski) and it is growing. We are excited about our first chosen task, to support and strengthen our worship experience.

The Lord calls us all in different ways to support the many aspects of worship, from how we welcome and follow up with visitors to the spirit of each individual service. So everyone is invited, any age from youth to seniors and from all levels of involvement, to be a part of this new and *seriously fabulous* Group.

Join us on Sunday, February 13 at 12:15pm (light lunch provided) in the North Wing Hall. We want your ideas and input! *Fabulous! Seriously!*

LOVE GOD



Ministry Teams
Altar Care, Choirs
Nursery, Stewardship, Worship Planning

Contact: Open

A LOOK AT OUR STEWARDSHIP

Attendance				
	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23
7:45 AM	23	31	27	25
9:00 AM	66	77	73	76
11:15 AM	55	44	63	56
Total	144	152	163	157

Finance		
	December	Year to Date
Operating Income	\$23,857	\$272,122
Building Fund Receipt	\$11,250	\$121,494
Building Fund Transfer	+0.00	+13,506
Mortgage	11,250	135,000
Total Income	\$35,107	\$407,122
Less Operating Expenses	33,565	400,754
Difference	\$1,542	\$6,368
Total Restricted Receipts	\$4,531	\$27,689
Additional Bldg Fund Recpts	0	\$3,954

LOVE OTHERS



Ministry Teams

Congregation Care, Fellowship, Prayer,
Special Events, Stephen Ministry, Youth, Evangelism

Contact: Open

We pray that our Lord will bless those listed, as well as those in your heart, with a sense of peace and assurance through the abiding presence of God's Spirit.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Ron Olinger
Vivian Smetana
Susan Cagle
Jacob Brand
Angela & Don Knepp
Meredith Dalzell
Earl Ingalls
Smetana Family
Linda Alexander
Kathleen Schroeder
Theresa Webb

Ruth Cagle
Jim Rupert
Val Schlickbernd
Judie Sheffer
Patricia Yost
Laurie Campbell
Doris & Curtis Ivey
Stroh Family
Karl & Glenna Fleck
Puzey Family
Millard South High School Community

Sally Brown
Carol Deiso
Tommy Oves
Mark Knepp
Roberta Walsh
Justine Novy
Noel Combs
Greg Phillips
Joan LaMay
Ryan

Contact Kay Aronhalt at 301-855-1656 or karonhalt@comcast.net for *prayer team* requests.
Contact Anna Kitzmiller, office administrator, for additions to the *spoken prayers at services*.

LOVE OTHERS

CALL TO MINISTRY

By Barbara Harris

February is such a short month, and sometimes we're grateful! The excitement of the Christmas holidays is past, the time of making new year's resolutions has come and gone, and spring is a long way from arriving. At least February will soon be over, which, for some reason, reminds me of the Gospel of Mark! It's my favorite because it's succinct, and everything happens immediately.

"Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him." Mark 1:17-18

Writing to you about your call to ministry here at Saint Nicholas, I often ask you to pray and contemplate before acting on the call. But maybe February is a month to just jump in, try something out, and do it immediately!

YADA-YADA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next book for discussion is *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. We have not yet determined a location – stay tuned. Please contact Ceal DeVere, Kathy Clark, Sherie Cooper, or Barbara Harris if you would like more information.

"Richly comic and immensely readable, *Great Expectations* overflows with vividly drawn characters, moral maelstroms, and the sorrow and pity of love," according to a summary on the library website. I've started reading it, and Dickens obviously writes with tongue firmly in cheek!

SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

By Kay Aronhalt

Our lunch bunch traveled north to Dunkirk for lunch at Mama Lucia's on a chilly Thursday in January. On February 10, we'll be heading to the Adam's Ribs, south of Prince Frederick. Bring your favorite Valentine and join us for a fun lunch! Call me to let us know that you can join us and I'll have our tables waiting!

Call Kay Aronhalt and let her know that you can come, and our tables will be waiting. 301-855-1656 or karonhalt@comcast.net

LOVE OTHERS

February Birthdays

Flynn, Gaynor	02/02	Cagle, Ruth	02/18
Knepp, Don	02/03	Hogenson, Dawn	02/18
Williams, Elizabeth	02/03	MacDonald, Katharyn	02/20
Kreppel, Alex	02/04	Campbell, Owen	02/21
Disney, Dallas	02/06	Hall, Amy	02/21
Havanki, Kathy	02/06	Kreppel, Matthew	02/21
DeVere, Rebecca	02/09	Wood, Jerry	02/21
Gyorgy, Diane	02/09	Graham, Diane	02/22
Brown, Hilary	02/10	Devine, Julia	02/23
Neri, Robert	02/10	Ingalls, Heidi	02/23
Roth, Julia	02/12	Trickle, Jamie	02/24
Schwartz, Evelyn	02/12	Price, Bonnie	02/26
Roth, Lauren	02/13	Klepacz, Jenny	02/27
Klepacz, Michael	02/14	Matthews, Danielle	02/27
Ritter, Karen	02/16	Thompson, Sherrie	02/27

HOUSE FIRE ~ FAMILY NEEDS HELP

A couple of weeks ago Pastor Ray's youngest son, Josh, lost his home to a fire. It was a complete loss of the house but we are thankful no one was hurt. Josh's work and their southern Maryland community have been able to provide clothing and school supplies for Josh's twin boys but Josh and his wife are in need of clothing. The office is collecting gift cards to clothing type stores such as Walmart, JC Penney, Macy's, etc. Monetary donations may be made through Saint Nicholas, please clearly indicate "The Michener Family" on all donations. Place your donation in Anna's mailbox. Envelopes are available on the office desk. Also, we are collecting Bed, Bath & Beyond coupons for when they are ready to purchase household items. It doesn't matter if they are expired; they will still be accepted.

SOFTBALL TEAM

By Tom Blatt

The temperature outside is in the mid thirties at best. The howling wind drops the wind chill to the low twenties. If you look in the right places, you can see snow on the ground. Not exactly ideal softball conditions, you might say. Well, that might be true in most of Calvert County. But, in the basement of the Blatt household, the bats and balls are stirring in anticipation of the upcoming season. Yes, softball season is right around the corner!!!

The calendar may not yet say it is spring. But, the annual posting of the softball team sign-up sheet on the bulletin board begs to differ. All males who will be at least 15 years old before the season ends are eligible to play on the team. Please note that there is NO upper boundary on the participant's age. For some of us, that is a very good thing!!!

A little bit about this year's schedule and the league. As usual, the regular season will consist of 12 doubleheaders. We will usually play one doubleheader each weekend, either Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. The 2011 regular season will start the weekend of April 16/17. We will have a few practices prior to that weekend to get the kinks out, the muscles stretched, and to remember how to run, field, throw, and hit. The regular season ends the weekend of July 30/31. Regular season games will be played at Dunkirk Park, Hallowing Point Park, and Cove Point Park. The post-season double-elimination tournament is scheduled for Friday night August 5 and all day Saturday, August 6 at Hallowing Point Park. Doubleheaders will not be scheduled on Easter, Memorial Day, or July 4 weekends or on Mother's Day. We might be scheduled to play on the Saturday night before Mother's Day. Last year, the league had 20 teams from Calvert, southern Anne Arundel, and, for the first time, St. Mary's counties. We are looking to have at least that many teams in 2011.

To find out more about the Saint Nicholas softball team, talk to any or all of the 2010 members listed below. Any of them will be happy to talk to you about our team and the league..

Tom Blatt (coach), Harris Cooper (co-captain), Greg Bandelow, Bob Callis, Ben Cooper, Andrew Dangin, Nick Demme, Sean Demme, Jim Felbinger, Dave Hickin, Charlie Price, Cliff Price, Eric Trickle, Keith Williams, Andrew Wood, and Jerry Wood

If you are interested in playing this summer, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We would love to add more members to the team in 2011!!



TEACH AND LEARN



Ministry Teams

Confirmation, Discipleship
Education, VBS

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We were charmed and uplifted by both the choir and children. A big “thank you” to Jean Wolf for putting the program together and harmoniously leading everyone. Thanks also to the Sunday School teachers and parents for their assistance and corralling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes: Meet from 10:15am - 11:00am. All children’s classes meet on the lower floor of the North Wing.

Adult Offerings: Grab some coffee and join one of these classes. There’s no commitment, experience or study required. Just enjoy the time that you have.

The Sunday Exchange: Whether you have been to church yet or not, the lessons of the day provide a stimulating discussion for everyone. This very informal group, led by Glenn and Ann Wolfgang, meets in the small fellowship hall.

Troublesome Bible Passages: Jean Wolf leads this interesting class on passages that are difficult to understand and put into practice. The topics include: Why did God choose Abel and not Cain? How does God’s time relate to our time? Are our lives predetermined? What is the sin that can never be forgiven? How much faith is enough? Join this intriguing discussion in the classroom off the small fellowship hall.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Pastor Ray offers a different spin on Bible Study with *Digging Under the Text*. Join us from 7:00pm–8:30pm to delve into the Bible and discuss topics such as how it came to be, how it has shaped our faith and even answer questions about specific texts. This informal class provides an opportunity for fun and fellowship as well as learning. If you have not been to this class you are missing quite a treat!

TEACH AND LEARN

SHEKINAH

Each year the ELCA offers this wonderful time for Confirmation students to meet their peers from the entire Metropolitan D.C. area. It's a memorable weekend filled with the Holy Spirit. We leave Saint Nicholas on Friday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m., stop for dinner in Dunkirk and our goal is to be at the 4H center in Front Royal, Virginia by 7:30, but we have yet to make it on time. We leave Front Royal on Sunday, March 20, stop for lunch and are back at the church by 3 pm. The theme this year is "Amazing! What is so Amazing about Grace?" The cost is \$125 per student in addition to the cost of dinner Friday and lunch on Sunday. We also need adult chaperones/drivers. The deadline for registration is Monday, February 7.



Classes for All Ages

CONFIRMATION

February 13: Family Day 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Brunch for lunch. Please join us as we participate in the Core Planning Committee meeting to discuss ways to enhance our worship experience.

Who's in the Pew?



by Kay Aronhalt

Our "Who's in the Pew" family this month is the Hickin family, David, Sandy, Corrine, Cassie, and Matthew. David was elected to lead our congregation as council president at the congregational meeting last November. Here we'll share some details you may not know about our new leader!



From left: Cassie, Corrine, Sandy, David, and Matthew prepare to swim with manatees during their visit to Florida last summer.

The Hickin family is one of our earliest families, with David being a Charter Member of Saint Nicholas. Back in the late 1980's, as a lad in nearby Prince Georges County, Md, David became interested in finding a personal faith home. He found it, along with a young pastor mentor, The Rev. Nicki Parrish, at Hope Lutheran Church in Clinton.

Following graduation from high school, David volunteered to spend a year in Costa Rica serving the poorest of the poor by devoting a year to ICYE, the International Christian Youth Exchange. In Costa Rica, he assisted with eye care and put his math skills to work in helping with the program's funding records. During his immersion year, David became fluent in Spanish and developed such rapport with his host family that he took his bride back to visit them early in their marriage.

Upon David's return to Maryland, he entered Prince Georges Community College, where he met his future bride, Sandy. After completing two years of community college, Sandy enrolled at Towson University and earned her teaching degree, while David went on to Georgia Tech to complete his degree in electrical engineering. He and Sandy were married in July, 1993, by Pastor Nicki, and eventually settled in Calvert County, where they began attending the fledgling ELCA congregation of Saint Nicholas, then meeting at Plum Point Middle School.

David began his employment career with Veda in Lexington Park, an engineering company that worked with the Department of the Navy. He now continues this career path with Wyle, a Department of Defense engineering contractor. His work keeps him busy with travel, both international and domestic. Sandy continues her teaching career, although she took a two-year break several years ago to serve the mentally challenged through the Southern Maryland Community Network. She is currently teaching second grade at Dowell Elementary School.

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Service to Christ and the church has remained important to David and Sandy. They led the SNLC youth group early in their marriage, and David has since taught Sunday School for both fifth grade and eighth grade. Sandy has been active at Saint Nicholas as well, while being busy as a teacher and bringing three children into their family, Corrine, now 14 years of age, Cassie, 13, and Matthew, newly turned 9. The "crew" is rounded out by a 120 lb. yellow lab named Blue, and his best friend, a 15 lb. Maltese named Muffy.

While at home, David loves his '66 Mustang and admits to being a soccer "nut." The family enjoys the outdoors together and through their individual sports pursuits. They are often seen boating, fishing, and enjoying their jet skis in southern Maryland waters.

We are blessed to have you in our midst, Hickin family!





SERVE THE WORLD



Ministry Teams

Benevolence, Community Service,
Work Camp

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SAFE NIGHTS MARCH 6-13, 2011

Homelessness has become a reality for Calvert County and Safe Nights is a remedy of sorts. Through the ecumenical efforts of more than twenty churches, the Safe Nights program is a comfort for our most desperate neighbors. This program uses cots, churches and volunteers to ensure that the homeless have a warm place to sleep and three meals a day. Saint Nicholas will be hosting the homeless during the week of March 6 - 13. Please note that the dates were incorrectly given in last month's newsletter. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex! We are in need of cooks, servers, chaperones, launderers, and setup/cleanup workers. We are also collecting personal hygiene products and breakfast foods. Please be a part of this very important outreach. We will be holding a training session for anyone who has not volunteered before on **Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

PROJECT ECHO MEAL

The next meal provided by Saint Nicholas will be served on Sunday, February 27. If you are interested in helping prepare a portion of this meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Sherrie Thompson (410-586-1593 or thompson1593@verizon.net) or Jean Smetana (410-535-2485 or jrshistory@yahoo.com).

We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate the meals every other month on the 4th Sunday for 2011. If you would be interested in serving this way, please contact Kathy Dangin (301-855-3983 or kdangin@live.com).

CALVERT CHURCHES COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

During the month of February we will be collecting breakfast bars, oatmeal, boxed cereals, and juice boxes for the food pantry. Other donations are welcome as well. Please place them in the basket in the narthex. Thank You!



FEBRUARY 6

SouperBowl of Caring History

A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The senior high youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian liked the idea so much they decided to invite other area churches to join the team. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all \$5,700 they had raised to area non-profits.

That was 1990. Since then, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$70 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Look for the youth in our narthex on SouperBowl Sunday. Please consider donating a dollar! Money collected will be donated to the CCCFP (Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry).

SERVE THE WORLD

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

With gratitude I share this word of thanks to you for your recent gift in support of the ELCA's Special Needs Retirement Endowment Fund. Endowment gifts like yours make a real difference in the world as ELCA works to spread the Gospel, build and nurture the faith lives of others, reach out to the unchurched, provide educational opportunities and much more. I pray that you will find great joy in knowing what your gift makes possible in the lives of others today, and in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Halverson, President, ELCA Foundation

Dear Saint Nicholas Lutheran,

On behalf of the Orphanage in Koforidua, Ghana, we thank you for your donation. Nine orphans will receive an education thanks to your contribution. They have hopes of becoming doctors, technicians and other productive members of society.

We truly appreciate your generosity.

Blessings,

Debbie Marston

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church,

Since Project ECHO, Inc. opened its doors in 1993, the community pulled together to ensure the safety and well-being of the homeless in Calvert County. Today, the ECHO house is blessed to have twenty-two churches deliver 365 hot meals a year! WOW!

The new house went from providing shelter to 26 men, women and children to 40 people a day. Thanks to the faithful meal preparers, they gladly increased food deliveries without question.

There are not enough ways to say "Thank You!" We are overwhelmed by the generous spirit of the community in 2010, and we praise your efforts. We look forward to 2011 knowing you will continue to shower the homeless with your kindness and unselfish acts of grace.

Happy New Year and Thank You.

Lori Honey, House Manager

Trisha Gipson, Executive Director



ADMINISTRATION

Ministry Teams

Audit, Church Archives, Communication, Facilities, Finance, Newsletter, Nominating, North Wing Task Force, North Wing Décor, Policy, Staff, Web

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It's about the People

As I agreed to assume the duties of Church Council President, I began really unraveling what these new duties will entail. Some of it is obvious: running meetings, getting involved in some of the day-to-day workings of our church. I can do that. I've been on council for the last three years and have a pretty good idea of the things that go on. Or so I thought. Fortunately, Ann gave me a write-up of her lessons learned over her last four years of tenure. Thanks, Ann, not only for the notes, but also for the four years of hard work. Your leadership oversaw the building of the North Wing and the commencement of a pastoral search in addition to the day-to-day issues. You are truly a blessing to this congregation! So what did I learn from these notes? WOW! WE ARE BUSY!

We have Christmas programs springing to life. We have youth programs bustling with activity. We have education programs for both the kids and the adults. We have service ministries that serve our community well. And, of course, we have the administration of the Church. We now have a North Wing that we are still becoming accustomed to, and are learning how to use it for God's benefit. We have numerous policies that are undergoing rewrites, and updates.

As the manager of a defense contractor program, I am encouraged to participate in a myriad of manager training courses. I have found that the theme is usually similar: PEOPLE. Know them, foster relationships with them, and praise them for their skills and ambitions. We all do our best work when allowed to use our best skills freely. With that mindset, it is easy to see why Saint Nicholas is such a wonderful place. We all have unique skills and are all able to use them to His glory. From wonderful cantatas, to balancing budgets, to digging into the Bible, to serving the community, the pillars of our Church are strong and active. It will truly be a pleasure to support each other as we do His work!

ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BY Kay Aronhalt

Executive committee: David Hickin, President; Sean Demme, Vice President; Kay Aronhalt, Secretary; Amare Merz, Treasurer.

At large: Alyson Griese, Sherie Cooper, Edith Crane, Christine Hogan, Colleen Hyland, Sid Kolbe, Karen Phelps.

January Council Highlights

- As part of the pastor's report, \$100 each for two congregation children was requested for camp tuition assistance to Camp Mar-Lu-Ridge. The funds were unanimously authorized.
- The work of the Core Planning Team was highlighted. Additional members will be invited through the newsletter and at the upcoming congregation annual meeting.
- We have been approached by the Cat's Meow Village to offer a wooden outline of the church as a fundraiser. The council suggested that several members be asked to look into the matter further.
- The council authorized participation in the Thrivent Choice program contingent upon verification of details.
- The outstanding work of the Facilities and Property Committee will be recognized at the upcoming annual congregational meeting.

Note: The full minutes of the most recent council meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex after approval by the council. Stop by and read them in entirety if you are interested, and please do not hesitate to ask any council member for more information if you have questions or wish to give input.

ADMINISTRATION

2010 COMMITTEES

CALL

Kathy Dangin, Chair (9:00 service)
Ben Cooper (Youth Rep.)
Angela Knepp (7:45 service)
Sarah Kolbe (11:15 service)
Keith Williams (11:15 service)
Glenn Wolfgang (7:45/9:00 service)

FINANCE

Amare Merz, Chair (9:00 service)
Tom Blatt, Financial Secretary
Ed Aronhalt (9:00 service)
Colleen Hyland (11:15 service)
Deneane Proctor (9:00 service)

NORTH WING TASK FORCE

Sherie Cooper, Chair
Diane Graham (7:45 service)
Open (7:45 service)
Donna Calautti (9:00 service)
Norm Griese (9:00 service)
Colleen Hyland (11:15 service)
Steve Walsh (11:15 service)
Amare Merz (SN Treasurer)

FACILITIES / PROPERTY

Harris Cooper, Chair
Jim Felbinger, Custodian
Tim Schwartz, NW Construction Manager
Sean Demme (11:15 service)
Stephen Groff (11:15 service)
Susan Groff (11:15 service)
Dennis Leary (9:00 service)
Kurt Nielson (11:15 service)
Bruce Schmale (7:45 service)
Keith Williams (11:15 service)

NOMINATING

To be elected during January
congregational meeting

AUDIT

To be decided by Council



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Sunday School 10:15AM

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