



Welcome Pr. William!

Our new interim pastor, Pr. William E. Flippin, Jr.'s first Sunday is Sunday, January 7. We will be having a small reception after services that day. Please stop by and say hello!

Sunday School Resumes

Adult Sunday School resumes this Sunday at 9:30 am. If you have wanted to attend but haven't, now is a great time to start!

Installation of New Council Members

We will install our new Council members on Sunday, January 14. Our first Council meeting of 2024 will also be that day following service.

Congregational Meeting Part 2

We will have the second half of our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21. We will submit annual reports and the 2024 budget for approval.

The Gathering and St. Luke Guys

The Gathering will meet on Friday, January 26th at 11:00 a.m. at Barbara Little's house. St. Luke Guys will meet Friday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. at Golden Corral on Jonesboro Road.



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SAVE THE DATE! Friday, January 12, 8:00 p.m.

We are excited to be joined by Reverend William Flippin Jr., who will share the pulpit with Rabbis Alter & Gottfried and deliver the sermon in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Reverend Flippin is the Interim Pastor at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church in McDonough. He is an alumnus of Morehouse College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and served for seven years as the Lead Servant at Emmanuel Luther Church, a multicultural, open and affirming church in southwest Atlanta. During his tenure at Emmanuel Luther Church, he was also an active member of an interfaith clergy coalition formed by Georgia Equality and Georgia Unites Against Discrimination. Rev. Flippin is an inspiring teacher, preacher, and pursuer of justice and peace, and we look forward to welcoming him to TKE



Meet Pastor William

Reverend William E. Flippin, Jr., was born in Nashville, Tennessee. His formative years and training were developed and nurtured in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a 1998 graduate of Morehouse College where he majored in History and minored in Religion. In 1999, Rev. Flippin, Jr. was selected to travel to Cote d' Ivoire, West Africa as a Mickey Leland Intern for World Hunger and Peace. This experience was momentous that Flippin, Jr. realized the hunger within would shape him in further education. Thus, he enrolled in Seminary training/studies. A 2002 graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion receiving the Masters of Divinity where he concentrated in Church History/Reformation Studies. He furthered his education at Emory University, Candler School of Theology receiving the Masters of Theology (ThM) in 2003 an additional ThM (2005) from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Currently, he has completed the Doctor of Ministry (DMIN) in Transformational Leadership from Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland Ohio. His dissertation project will develop a new ecclesiological model for Lutherans and Baptists based on John chapter 3 and spirit baptism. Rev. Flippin, Jr. appeared on the History Channel which aired April 2008 on the Reformation. He has been a contributor to the African American Lectionary as a Cultural Commentator with his most recent publication coming on Ash Wednesday, 2013. He is also a regular contributor blogger for the Huffington Post (Black Voices and Religion) guest columnist for the Living Lutheran with publications for Augsburg Press. Also, he has preached three times on Day1, formerly known as the Protestant Hour. He has served as Ambassador for Children International and is now an Associate for Healthierchurch.org specializing in Church Growth/Church Planting/Grassroots and community organizing. He serves on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Council, the legislative body of the four million member organization and is the churches representative for ecumenical relations for the United Methodist Church. Rev. Flippin, Jr. has served the following churches: Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. (2000-2003); Progressive Community Church, Chicago, Ill (2004-2006); Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Chicago, Ill (2005); St. Stephen and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church both in Decatur, Ga. (2006-8); St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ga. initially as Associate Pastor and as Senior Pastor completing his tenure in March of 2013. He is the first African American pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, a multicultural congregation in southwest Atlanta. He continues to serve his community as the Third Vice President for the Georgia NAACP. He received the "Prophetic Voice" Award in April 2016 from Faith in Public Life Washington, D.C. Also, in 2017 he was inducted to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.



He has been married to Kedra Phillips-Flippin for fourteen years, a native of Atlanta and nurse care manager, who is an advocate and specialist for rural health care who loves the Lord. Rev. Flippin, Jr. mantra is found in Matthew 20:26 "the greatest among shall be your servant." He is committed to serving this present age and being truly a shepherd-servant leader.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carolyn Crawford

Annette Schlicht

Anita Martin

John Ellis

Barbara Carroll

Lenore LeFranque

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Freddie Clark

Steven Pridemore

The Joyners

Layla Kemp

Louise Harrison

Nancy Voss

Hiltunen and Johnston families

Rose Denzin

Judy Jenkins

Rodney and Paula Royal

Upcoming Commemorations

January 1 Name of Jesus

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

January 2 Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehle, renewer of the church, died 1872

Loehle was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehle's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

January 9 Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

January 15 Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the non-violent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

January 17 Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

January 17 Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

January 18 Confession of Peter

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

January 19 Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

January 21 Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

January 25 Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

January 26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

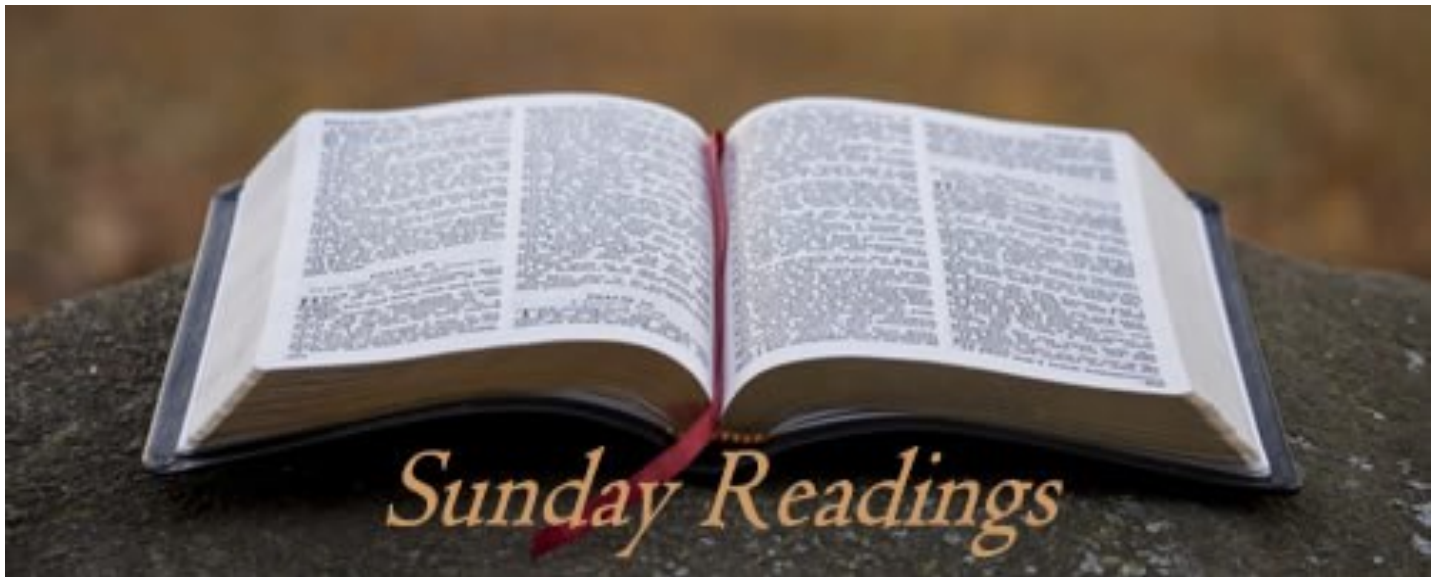
These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

January 27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

January 28 Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.



January 7

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 15

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 22

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

2024 Sunday Servants

January 7

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

January 14

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

January 21

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

January 28

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

February 4

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

February 11

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Egas Family

February 18

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

February 25

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AI-Anon 12 pm	2	3	4	5	6 AA 9 am
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am						
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14 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am Council Meets	15 AI-Anon 12 pm	16	17	18	19	20 AA 9 am
21 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am Congregational Meeting	22 AI-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions	23	24	25	26 Gathering 11 am St Luke Guys 11:30	27 AA 9 am
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