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Good Morning and Welcome to our visitors: We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. If you have any questions please ask a member, or one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.
Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Jim Behmer* Altar Care: *Janet Maesaka*
Ushers: *Brian Becht & Ken Dingman* Tellers: *Jim Moldenhauer & Jean Tartaglia*
Kitchen Helpers: *Cheryl and Bill Meyer*

Suggestions Before Worship: Our God has chosen to work faith through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens our faith, brings us to himself and makes us his children and gives to us the gifts of eternal life. Today, as we see our Savior baptized, we see what is also good for us. God tells us in his Word that baptism washes our sins away and saves us. This is the good news of what God does for us in this sacrament.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 79 V 1-3

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

**1 How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
O David's Son of Jacob's race, My Bridegroom and my King of grace,
For you my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.**

**2 O highest joy by mortals won, True Son of God and Mary's Son,
The highborn King of ages!
In your blest body let me be, E'en as the branch is in the tree,
Your life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying For the savor Of your favor
Resting never Till I rest in you forever.**

**3 O mighty Father, in your Son You loved me ere you had begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in spirit him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this! He is living, To me giving
Life forever; Nothing me from him can sever.**



Invocation

The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 2

This Psalm centers our hearts and minds on the power of our God to save us.

P: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

C: "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

P: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

P: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: the ends of the earth your possession.

P: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

P: Our Lord has revealed his Messiah

C: The Messiah has been revealed to all nations.

P: He is the King of Kings

C: He is Lord who rules over all.

Confession of Sins

We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

I have shown a lack of faith when I have doubted your promises and have worried even though you have shown me your love.

I have trusted in myself and not in you, I have pushed myself ahead when I should have cared less about myself and more about others.

I have thoughtlessly sinned and have chosen to sin even when I know it is wrong

I have sinned in thought, word and action. I have also sinned by not doing the things that you ask me to do.

For all the evil and sin that are part of me and my life, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Please forgive me, for Jesus' sake.



We have a moment of silence for private confession of our specific sins to God.

Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. See John 20:21-23.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We can see the love of God in our Savior, Jesus. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving:

The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness, we thank him for his blessings to us and to many others.

We sing together the final 2 verses of hymn 79.

**4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, beginning without end,
The first and last, eternal!
And you at length—O glorious grace—Will take me to that holy place,
The home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me, Quickly greet me! With deep yearning,
Lord, I look for your returning.**

**5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way, Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day
Till trav'ling days are ended.
Sing out, Ring out Triumph glorious, O victorious Chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.**

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

The Word

Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We use God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6

With these prophetic words, Isaiah prophecies the message of the Messiah and the many hearts that would not listen. At times, it would seem as if Jesus preaching was in vain. And yet, the one who the Father called his Son is a light to bring salvation to all people.

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.³ He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”⁴ But I said, “I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶ he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Songs and Prayers for Children

These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.

I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

4 I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.

C: Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with you there. Amen

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you

5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

2 In your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from your hand.
Speak—we hear—at your command,
We will follow you.



The Second Lesson: Acts 16:25-34

When the jailor asked what he must do to be saved, Paul did not say do better, work harder, or be good, he showed that salvation was through faith in Jesus. That evening the whole family was brought to faith through the Gospel in Word and the sacrament of baptism.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, “Don't harm yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

P: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)

C: Thanks be to you Oh Lord!!

Sermon Hymn: Christ, When for us You were Baptized (tune of hymn 41)

**1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.**

**2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**



**3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.**

**4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.**

Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon Theme: I am Well-Pleased 1. To Love You 2. To Save You

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Please rise after the sermon as we sing the final verse of hymn 294 V 3,4

**3 My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**



**4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed has been used for hundreds of years as a brief, but concise statement of belief. It is called the Apostles' Creed because it is a summary of all the Apostles preached about Jesus.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit – the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

Please be seated

We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord

One of the ways that we thank our Lord is by giving offerings of thanks to support the work of spreading the Gospel here at Summerlin Lutheran and in the world.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers.

- If you're a guest –Welcome. Please share your contact information so that we can stay connected.
- If you are a member, please sign your name and share with any guests who might be sitting near you.

Please rise for prayer

Responsive Prayer:

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing of the Lord

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 87

Hail, O Source of Ev'ry Blessing

**1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, your grace possessing,
In your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before you,
In your Church rejoice to live,
See your glory and adore you,
Thankful for the grace you give.**

**2 Once far off but now invited,
We approach your sacred throne,
In your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the star of mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.**

**3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In your temples seek your favor.
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.**



We pray that your worship was blessed this morning. Please come again!



Today	1/14	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		No Bible Study: Church Open Forum	
Tuesday	1/16	6:30 PM	Devotion and Member Communion
Wednesday	1/17	10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study



If you don't have these dates on your calendar, it's a good time to add them.

January	27	9:00 AM	Church Clean Up Day & Undecorate
February	14	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion
February	18	6-8:30 PM	Shepherd of the Hills Learning How to Talk about Jesus

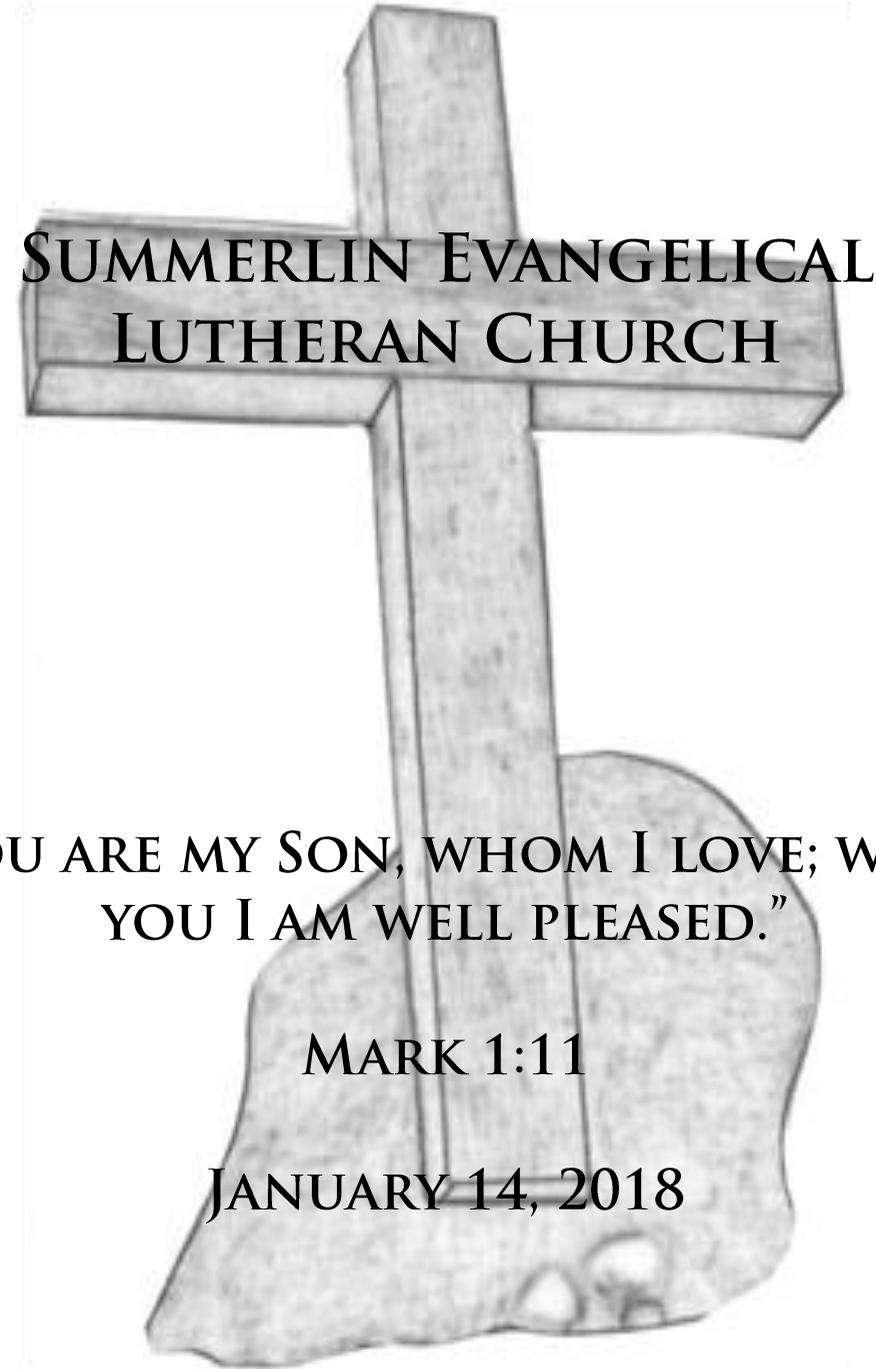
Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:



Next Week's Worship:
 Ushers: Joe Schindler & Larry Wiersum
 Altar: Janet Maesaka
 Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia
 Kitchen helpers: None Signed up



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 72 people came to worship their Savior. God's people brought offerings of \$2929 which was very close to our target budget number for the second week in a row. May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!



SUMMERLIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.”

MARK 1:11

JANUARY 14, 2018



Offering Envelopes



There are a few boxes of 2018 offering envelopes still available on the back table. Every members should have a box for planned Christian giving. If you did not pick up your box, or can't find it, please talk with Kelley Buch or Chuck Ochsner before you leave today.



Giving statements for 2017 are also available on the table in the back of church. Our church counters do their best to keep track of the offerings of our congregation. However, if you notice that your statement does not match your records, please contact Kelley Buch to discuss.



Updating of our congregational database begins today. You will notice that a sheet is included. We are asking our members to fill in all of their current information. All of this information is needed to help us keep in touch with you.



Congregational Picture Board. We would like to start taking pictures next Sunday. We would like to use the following procedure. Pictures for A-H in January, I-P in February and Q-Z in March. We would like to wrap this up by Easter. Kelley Buch will begin taking the

pictures after church next week. Please make arrangements to have your pictures taken soon.

News and Notes from the Elders

The Elders met on Tuesday evening. They discussed two main areas. The first was the response to the Brother's Keeper Program introduced a month or two ago. While there has been no official feedback to the pastor or the Elders, the general consensus was that people saw that as an opportunity to show proper loving concern and care for the souls of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Part of our second step is to let the congregation know that they can and should call or email their brothers and sisters. If these are not responded to, then another possible follow-up is to let the elders or Pastor know your concerns.

Another part of the second step is to identify 3 or 4 other members that you might feel comfortable encouraging. If you would like to do this, please speak with Mr. Jim Behmer and he will be able to give you more information.

The second issue the Elders discussed, is an upcoming stewardship focus in February. The focus will include the 4 Sundays of February and will include the topics of Stewardship, Time, Talents, and Treasures.

Finally, the Elders briefly discussed, moving forward with the picture board and the updating of the information for the congregation.

Please look for both to begin soon.

News and Notes from the Council

The Council also met on Tuesday evening. The Council noted with thanks and praise to God, that God's people had met and exceeded the budget during the month. We pray that God continues to move each of us to praise and thank our Savior with gifts that continue to provide for the work of the Lord here at Summerlin Lutheran.

Mark Boehringer has been appointed to complete the term of Trustee that was open after Mr. Ken Longworth resigned due to work obligations. We thank Ken for his service. We also welcome Mark. Mark reported that he has received one bid to replace the 20 year old controls for the air conditioners in the church. These control are temperamental. We are also waiting on a bid to repair the lights in the parking lot. When these bids are received we will see if we can complete one or both projects.

Pastor reported that he has a Pastor's Conference in Reno, NV at the end of January. He also reported that there will be an Outreach/Evangelism event hosted by Shepherd of the Hills to learn and practice how to share Jesus confidently. This is an event that all our congregational members are urged to attend. The event is on February 18, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Elder Jim Behmer reported on the second step of the Brother's Keeper Program and the Stewardship Emphasis in February (see above).

Pastor reported that the Congregational Photo Board and Congregational Information Update will begin this month. Please turn in the forms promptly and have your picture taken during your month.

Further discussions were held concerning the budget. The Stewardship emphasis in February has been chosen to help us all understand the great blessings of Christian Stewardship. We will be beginning the E-Giving program shortly. More information will be given during the Open Forum. A request was received for the rental of the fellowship hall for an event in March. Specifics were requested for the event with the idea to approve.

The Ministry Team Report and the agenda was discussed and approved for the Open Forum. We thank the Ministry for their amazing work. We look forward to their continued efforts.

The Ministry Team Report

The Ministry Team Report of the Listening Sunday was finalized. It will be presented at the Open Forum during Bible Study hour today.

The Ministry Team is open to any member of our congregation. You may come just to observe, offer your opinion, or to roll your sleeves up and join in in the work that we have to do.

Moving forward, the Ministry Team will have an emphasis on outreach planning, helping organize and plan events, and middle to long-term planning.



Okay, so we know who you are, you are a member of Summerlin Lutheran Church. However, in the last 4 years some information may have changed. Has your address changed? Phone Number? Email? We would like to overhaul our database to help us communicate with you. Please take a moment to fill in the information requested. You may turn this into one of the ushers this morning.

Member Information Update

Name (and spouse): _____

Birthdates: _____

Children: _____

(only pre-confirmation children or children living with you)

Birthdates: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Do you receive texts:**

Cell: _____ **Y or N** _____

Primary Email: _____

Do you check this E-mail regularly: **Y or N** _____

(Please return this sheet to the church office or an usher. Thanks!)



How do you get to know the other members of our church if you only see them for a brief time during the week? This is a common problem at church, even a church with a membership our size. We might see everyone each week, but that doesn't mean we always remember names. This can be a little awkward when we know that we have met someone before, but just can't recall their name.

Many churches have a Member Picture Board where we can put a name to a face. This is a pretty good solution to those awkward times when we need the name, but are too shy to ask.

We would like to include all members on this board (or at least as many as we can).

We would like to begin taking pictures next Sunday, beginning with those with the last name that begins with A-H. We would like to follow the following schedule.

January ---- last name A-H

February ---- last name I-P

March ---- last name Q-Z.

Thanks. Hope to see your smiling face soon.