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REDEEMER REFLECTION

A SIMPLE SOLUTION

by Pastor Michael Geml

According to several Internet sources (so it must be true) almost 90% of New Year's resolutions will be broken. Whether it is resolving to lose weight, to exercise more, or to quit smoking, the odds of succeeding are not in your favor. As one who has found himself consistently in that 90% category, let me offer hope to all you who have failed time and again. The simple solution? Don't make a resolution. It even rhymes to make it easier to remember. *A simple solution, don't make a resolution.* Quite honestly, I am disappointed that I had not thought of this solution sooner. I could have saved myself years of guilt and self-condemnation.

I am not naïve. I know that a silly rhyme will not derail a cultural trend. Why? Because resolutions get to the heart of the human condition. Most, if not all, resolutions are based on some form of self-improvement, with most of those geared toward improving the external. Here is what I'm thinking: If you insist on making a resolution, why not try improving something internal. If this sounds like something you might try, let me encourage you. Don't be tempted to set the bar low by resolving



to be a nicer person or a more tolerant person or a more generous person. That's small potatoes. Shoot for something so big, so monumental that if you can stick with it, and not be in that 90% basket of deplorable, resolution failures, you will have achieved something so impactful that you will walk in total control of your life. So, with that in mind, why not resolve to rid yourself of sin? You have to admit that is bigger than

losing a few pounds.

Just think of the impact! No more anger, fear, or worry. No more lust, doubt or depression. Nothing but a life of complete satisfaction, total joy and perfect peace. To be fair, you do need to know that if you make this your resolution, it will not be easy. Many have tried and have failed. If that disappoints you, I do apologize. But you are in good company. Those who try to rid themselves of sin, no matter how intense the effort, will have not a 90% failure rate, but will have 100% guaranteed failure. In Romans 3, the Apostle Paul quotes the Psalmist and records, "*None is righteous, no not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.*"

The only solution that gives us hope is God's resolution to take away our sin and the accompanying punishment, guilt and shame. That is what Jesus did for us. The one who never sinned became sin for us. We don't have to resolve to rid ourselves from sin. Jesus has taken it from us. Certainly we still struggle with sin in ourselves and in our world. But the promise of God is that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Good News indeed as we begin a new year. So, if you want to quit smoking, lose weight, and exercise more, more power to you. Improvements can always be made to the internal and external. But let us always remember, whatever you do in the year ahead, know that you are a forgiven child of God. *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Cor. 10:31).

The Lord guide you in the year ahead in ways that glorify Him and serve your neighbor.

In His service,

Pastor Geml

RESOLUTION

by Peggy Bennitt

I've never been one to make New Year's Resolutions. It's not because I don't have any plans or dreams for the future; it just seems like once I speak about those plans and dreams, they just don't happen. I'm really not sure why that is. But I do know it's a fact. Is it because once I say it, I think I can move on to something else? Are those plans or dreams that unrealistic that I can't even begin to make them happen? Do I lack the ambition to move forward with those plans? Am I simply too lazy to put the

work in necessary to make my dreams come true?

Has anyone else had this problem with resolutions? *Anyone?*

Well this year my resolution is fool-proof. I was never going to even do this resolution-thing, but then, I thought, "Why not?"

So, here I go—and I challenge all of you to this same resolution this year of 2017—I resolve to be the best person I can be with God's help, and to be caring to everyone, letting the light of Jesus shine through me in all circumstances. Now that seems like a big resolution, but it's really not. You see, God is the only One Who can make that happen. None of it really depends on me. Nothing, that is, except being willing to let Him use me!

O my Lord,

You see what I am, and You know what plans You have for me. Let me be of use to You in Your kingdom and grant me Your joy as You allow me the contentment and fulfillment from serving others for You. Keep me ever from pride, but please be gentle with me as well, for I am sinful and human this side of heaven.

Grant me the gift of love for Your people and opportunities to show love as circumstances and life changes around me. Help me to know that You are always with me and can handle whatever comes to me.

Thank You for allowing me to know You and to have a small part in Your plan. Amen!



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Maggie Haas	01/03
Donna Zastrow	01/03
Katherine Krauss	01/04
Christopher Krauss	01/05
Jamie Herrick	01/05
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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY
by Kimber Walsh, CFLE and Director of Family
Ministry at Redeemer



**Where are we with
Family Life
Ministry at
Redeemer?**

There will be a brief presentation during our potluck after the combined worship service on Sunday, January 29. This will share an overview of what Family Life Ministry is and give you the opportunity to ask questions. Looking forward to sharing more with you then!

Faith Legacy
Faith Legacy



is a series in which parents are given resources to support them as they raise their children in the faith. As the church, it is our role to partner with parents in the faith formation of their children and this is one of the ways we do that.

We will offer an upcoming training for parents of children close to 8 years old called "First Bible." This is a four-week series in which you will discover how that new Bible in your child's hands can foster study of God's Word in your life, your child's life and the life of your family. Families of 8-year-olds should have received a letter detailing what the training will look like and the full schedule. If you have an 8-year-old or missed it when your child was 8 and would like to participate but did not receive this information, please email kimberwalsh@comcast.net.

First Bible Parent Sessions (for parents with 8-year-olds) will be Sundays, February 5, 12, & 19 at 9:20-10:20 a.m. [between services, Sunday school hour], downstairs in the Quilters'

room (below the sanctuary). Please bring your 8-year old along to the session on the 19th. The blessing event for 8-year-olds will be Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. worship service.

More events for other ages are being scheduled in 2017. Please continue to read updates in the newsletter and other communications as more details become available.



7 KEYS THINGS TO PRAY NOW THAT ELECTIONS ARE OVER

by David Butts, *who is the president of Harvest Prayer Ministries and the chairman of America's National Prayer Committee. His newest book, With One Cry: A Renewed Challenge to Pray for America, will encourage and grow your passion to keep on praying for our nation.*

One of the most painful, confusing presidential elections in history is over. Regardless of your view on the results, life continues. The question before us as believers is, "Now what?" Will we stop praying for our nation or intensify our prayers? Was this really just about who would be the next President of the United States or did God use this election to stir us up in prayer to depend more upon Him than ever before?

Clearly it is not time to stop or slow down in our prayer lives. More than ever, the future of our nation depends upon the prayers of God's people. Though there are many more things we can be praying about, of course, here are some very important ways to begin to seriously intercede for the United States in the days ahead.

1. Healing in the church.

One of the worst things to happen in this election has been the division among followers of Jesus. Pray for healing of relationships and for the desire of Jesus for unity among His disciples to be fulfilled. "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me" (John 17:23).

2. Healing in the nation.

This election has revealed the depths of division in our nation. Opposing world views that fought over the ballot box will continue to battle unless the Lord steps in and brings His peace. Pray especially for the true tolerance that allows for opposing views to be expressed freely. "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near" (Eph. 2:17).

3. Wisdom for our new president.

Leading this nation through these perilous times requires wisdom that only God can give. Pray especially for the choices for the cabinet and key advisors. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise" (Ps. 111:10).

4. Supreme Court choice.

For many, the selection of Supreme Court justices became a key part of this

election. Pray for wisdom for the President and the Senate as they make choices that will impact our nation for many years. *“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another’”* (Zech. 7:9).

5. Truth to guide the media.

Media bias and accuracy was a key concern and issue during this election. Pray for a spirit of truth to cover the media and that reporters and news networks would see their role as givers of information and not as shapers of thought. *“Have I not written thirty sayings for you, sayings of counsel and knowledge, teaching you to be honest and to speak the truth, so that you bring back truthful reports to those you serve?”* (Prov. 2:20-21).

6. A stable economy.

An election season such as this past one brings great uncertainty to an economy that was already unsteady. Ask the Lord to steady our economy so that



His people can continue to give generously toward helping the poor and advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, [Who]

though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9).

7. Revival and a Great Awakening.

One of the greatest benefits of this confusing election season has been the increasing awareness within the Church that we desperately need revival. Pray for God to send another revival and

Great Awakening to our nation that would awaken the Church, bring salvation to millions, and transform the culture of our nation. *“Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before You! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make Your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before You!”* (Isa. 64:12).



by Kimber Walsh

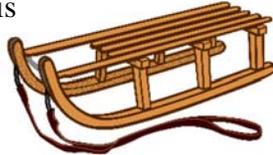
New starts are opportunities to reflect—this month, on the year that is coming to a close, and what we’d like to do differently in the year that’s to come. That, in part, is the reason people make New Year’s resolutions. They are goals for the coming year. When a new year comes, we want new results. Resolutions can be a great tool to encourage us to make necessary changes, but they can also be discouraging if we don’t do the things that we said we’d do. We feel like failures. (Sometimes by January 10th!)

Instead, what if we approach the year with intentionality? We can still set goals, but intentionality has little to do with outcomes. Author Leah Heffner describes it better than I can: “Being intentional is not a recipe for a perfect outcome, but rather a willingness to be there through the good and the bad, to say sorry and offer forgiveness, to model, teach, explain, and live out your

words with your actions, and to be deliberate in the process. Over and over again.” Perhaps that’s what we’ve been missing all along. We thought making a resolution was about getting a different result. Really, it’s about having a different process that we’re dedicated to: being intentional.

As you have fun this winter, take advantage of teachable moments while you play:

- **Sledding**—The trip down the hill is fun, but sometimes climbing back up is the pits! It is tiring to make that trek over and over again.



This is a picture of what life is like—sometimes we coast along easily and other times we have to work really hard and it’s exhausting. As we trek over the fun terrain and the more difficult, exhausting terrain, God is with us.

- **Snow Angels**—It’s hard to make a perfect snow angel. The minute we try to get out of it, is the minute our body messes it up. You can try to maneuver yourself in any direction, but it’s still going to come out flawed. We also cannot be perfect in life. We are only declared righteous in God’s sight by what Christ did on the cross on our behalf. We can’t maneuver in any direction to make our lives be without flaws. Only Christ can do that for our lives.
- **Ice Skating**—As we glide across the ice and try to maintain balance, we see a picture of just how precarious we can be. Some of us fall on skates more than others, but all of us fall into sin each day. We cannot “skate” through with ease forever. We are by nature sinful and

live in a fallen world where we fall into sin often. Thanks be to God for His forgiveness each time we fall!

- **Drinking Cocoa**—When it’s cold outside, this treat is just the ticket! It’s what we’re not... warm! Great by itself, but cocoa can also be enhanced by toppings like marshmallows or whipped cream—or both. As we drink it, we can remember God is what we are not. He doesn’t just love in a way that’s different from how we love other people; He is love in His very nature!
- **Snow Days**—When the ground is so covered with snow that we can’t go to school (or work), we have an opportunity to take a breath. Sometimes that’s a rare treat in our busy lives. The ground covered in snow is also a reminder that though our sins are like scarlet, God has made them whiter than snow. (Isaiah 1:18) It’s hard to imagine our sinful lives could ever be so white!

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 charges us to talk about faith as we go about life, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the way, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

Will you resolve with me to be intentional, to dedicate ourselves to being deliberate to be the people we want to be? Not for the results, but because we know that we need to say sorry and offer forgiveness regularly. Because we know that we need to stick to the modeling, teaching, explaining, and living out what we’ve said we’d do

as followers of Christ—to talk about faith things *when we sit at home and when we walk along the way*; when we miss 75 days straight and need lots of extra grace to start again, when we plumb forget and when we need to pay better attention to see how life intersects with faith things. God, help us to keep at it this year!



Are you a senior wondering how you can engage with opportunities around you and continue to grow in faith? Hope-Full Living is a daily devotional for Christian seniors. Annual subscriptions are very affordable and will provide seniors with encouragement on their faith and life in the golden years. Visit hopefuldevotions.com for more information. (Note: the double L!) *Each month “Relevant Resources” will feature a different resource that may be relevant to you. If you have a topic request, please email kimberwalsh@comcast.net.

TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY

The topic for February is *Emotions*. Can emotions be controlled? Are emotions how we make decisions in life, or are they just for personal life and should be kept separate from spiritual or business issues? Are we capable of keeping our emotions apart from our intellect and common sense reasoning? Why do you think God gave us an emotional self? Can we isolate these

parts of ourselves and still be what God intends for us? Does the Bible address this perplexity or conundrum?

The *Reflection* is supposed to reflect our Lord in the daily life and actions of His people. Do you have stories or thoughts to share of God working in your life or in those around you? Please share these in an article or feature to let our people be a part of an experience of our Lord obviously active in our world today.

Send articles or information to bennitt49@yahoo.com, by the 15th of each month, to be included in the following month’s newsletter.

Editor: The *Reflection* is in dire need of people willing to take and share pictures of church activities and events with our newsletter. The same deadline applies to photos as print articles. The editor is not always able to participate *and* take photos too. We’d love to have other perspectives and “views from the pews” to share with our congregation and online followers with more photography selections available.

A camera, and flash or thumb drive are all that are required to share your



photography with the Redeemer newsletter readership. The drives would be returned to you after each

month’s usage. Only plan to do this if it is something you love to do. We want to involve those who love what they do for their Lord and church family. If interested, talk to Peggy Bennett, email her at bennitt49@yahoo.com, or give her a call at 517-529-3924. Thank you all!

RESOLUTION REVOLUTION

by Craig Britton

I don't know about you, but I have never been one that gets overly excited about the New Year. Any New Year. First, I'm not much of a party hound so the annual "hoopla" on the last night of the old year is generally traded for a quiet evening at home or perhaps a small gathering of friends. Second, New Year's Day really *is* just another day on the calendar. If you know me then you know I am not a "dud." I like fun just as much as the next guy, but heralding new beginnings by the worst of the old behaviors doesn't bode well for the next morning let alone the coming 364.

I love the college football and the Rose Parade from Pasadena, but January 2 of any year will be just another day to love well, work hard, and show off pictures of our granddaughter. But there is one issue that swirls around New Year's Day for which I have learned great distrust—resolutions.

I applaud people who desire fruitful change for themselves and those they love. I even admire the concept of "putting a stake in the ground" and setting off on a new course of behavior(s).

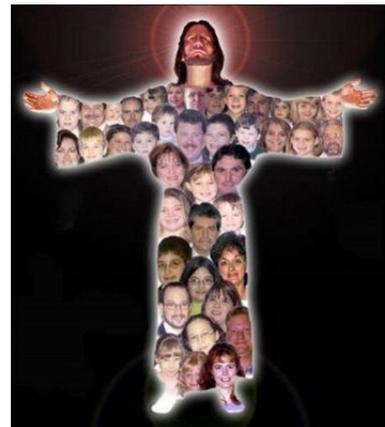
There is, however, one valid resolution, and even though it sounds like pessimism of the highest order, it is one I own heartily. Are you ready? Mine is a resolution to fail. That's right. You read it correctly. And there is one reason I own this resolution. It is not the simple course of realism. Rather, it is the fruit



of growing up, being an adult, and understanding my Source for all things good lies about as far from my resolve as one can get. My resolution is no source of giving up in despair either. Why? Because living with the resolution to fail points me quite regularly to the Savior whose birth we should still be celebrating (all year long).

The great early American theologian and pastor, Jonathan Edwards, is famous for making an entire catalog of resolutions to live out under the grace of Christ. And that is something to read. His wisdom is heaven-sent on that and so many other issues. But my resolve to fail doesn't mean I don't exert effort in improving by grace. It simply speaks to me from the beginning of each day that my hope comes from above, not within.

That's where I want to live. Martin Luther's first thesis of the 95 was that the entire Christian life is one of repentance. When I first became a Lutheran, I wasn't sure I could bend to that statement. But with time and experience, Dr. Luther's statement has proven true again and again. In the church's liturgy for the Easter Vigil, there is a line something like this: "Oh happy fault of Adam which gained for us such a Redeemer." It's a statement that points to the positive value of man's fall into sin.



Amazing! The horrific nature of our first parent's open rebellion isn't set aside. It's just defeated by unstoppable love.

You see, my resolution isn't pessimism because in the end I own, and do so personally, the only real triumph that matters. The triumph of God become man, conquering with a spotless life all the sins of every man, woman, and child for every 365-day calendar that has ever passed by us and ever will. I resolve to fail, that I may gaze ever more clearly on my Triumphant Victor.

Happy 2017!

“HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?”



by Kristin Rathje, guest writer, with selections from her Blog, *Next Chapter*, used with permission.

I've said it to my children. "How many times do I have to tell you to rinse out your dish and put it in the dishwasher?" "How many times do I have to tell you to hang up your wet towel?" "How many times do I have to tell you to call me when you get there?" I've said it to my students. "How many times do I have to tell you that MLA format requires you to double space and use 12 pt. font?" "How many times do I have to tell you the due date?" "How many times do I need to tell you to document your sources?"

But today I am hearing the words myself, "How many times do I have to tell you?" But while I *growl* my words in exasperation at my children and my students, I am hearing the words spoken gently into my heart as my chin is lifted

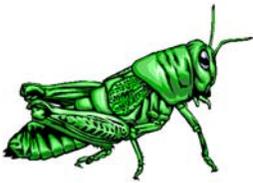
tenderly by gentle fingers that draw my eyes upward.

How many times do I have to write the same blog? How many times do I have to admit that I am "bent on turning" and that I did it again, I turned and went my own way. In this very busy semester, I went back to what I know—soldiering. Okay, fine, it has been a milder version of soldiering. My regimen now includes daily doses of rest, reading, and recovery. It mandates several repeats of yoga and walking. It requires completing responsibilities to family such as laundry, cooking, and bill paying. On the surface, it looks pretty healthy. But it's subtle soldiering. Want to know why? Because I've been relying on myself and listening to the voices in the trenches. How do I know? Because I'm surly. There, I said it. I've been surly. Again, it's a subtle surly. I've been able to be fairly pleasant to the people in my life, but my internal monologue is grumbly and negative. That's part of the reason that I didn't blog last week or the week before. I sit down to type and the interior pops onto the page. It's the only thing my fingers know how to do. I mean, they try to produce a positive message, but it ends up sounding saccharine—not at all genuine. And I can spot fake from about a mile away. Even when it's coming out of my own fingers. Yuck. So, today I'm waiting for student papers to come in. I've graded everything that's in my possession. I have nowhere to be today. I've got the day to myself. Yes, I plan to do some baking, but I feel the pull to my Bible and prayer journal. I feel the need to catch up on my YouVersion reading plan—I'm about three days behind. Being my surly self, I got diverted several times on my way to my reading,

but finally I plunked down on the futon and opened the app on my phone. Yes, I know, even getting caught up on YouVersion is a bit like soldiering...shhhh...it got me there, ok? I was scrolling through the daily readings...blah, blah, blah...fine, Isaiah, I see you. I kept reading and scrolling, reading and scrolling, Isaiah, my friend, you have so many words. Like a true soldier, I continued to read and scroll, gonna get caught up, you know. But then something happened. My soldiering-self sat down when I heard a voice that I recognized. It wasn't a voice from the trenches.

It wasn't saying "do more, be more, get more;" it said, "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in his arms.

It didn't say, "...be the greatest, prove your worth;" it said, "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers." (Hop. Flit. Jump.)



I'm tired of hopping and jumping, I thought. And almost immediately I read, "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable."

What must that be like, I grumbled weakly, to not grow weary? And I read, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." Oh, yeah. I'm not alone, am I? The world does not spin because I'm trying so hard. "*Fear not, I have called you by name; you are mine.*" I am *His*. I don't have to prove my identity through my performance. "I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Really? You don't remember that

I was just blogging about my propensity to turn and here I am again, confessing to the same exact sin?

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like a mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." I hear you. I'm turning. How could I not? You are speaking directly *to me*. How did You manage to do that through the Bible reading plan on my phone? "I call you by your name." Yes, you sure do.

"I name you, though you do not know Me." You're right. I haven't been acting like I know You.

"I am the Lord your God. I am God and there is no other."

Yes. Yes, you are. And let's just get it out in the open. I'm bent on turning, so you're probably going to have to tell me again.

"Fear not, I am the One who helps you."
Isaiah 40-44, selected verses

RUMMAGE SALE/FROST BACKPACK PROGRAM

by Dave Althouse

The 2016-2017 Frost Backpack Program began on October 20th and we currently have 70 students enrolled. We average 63 bags per week because not all students remember to return their backpacks to be refilled. Through December 8th, the Redeemer Backpack Team has filled a total of 443 backpacks in the seven weeks we have met. The Backpack Program is in its 10th year of service to this local elementary school.



As most of you are aware, the annual Spring Rummage Sale provides the majority of funding for the Backpack

Program. In 2017, the Rummage Sale is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th and Friday, May 6th. Donated items may be brought to the church from May 1st through May 3rd. However, for those of you headed south for the winter, you may bring items to the church anytime now. A storage room has been set up in the church basement classroom area. A sign is posted outside the door to the area stating *Rummage Sale Storage Room*. Check with the church office if you need directions.

As in the past, all donated items should be gently used items, clean, and



in good working order. We no longer accept TVs, pianos, bed springs, mattresses, or entertainment centers. Also, we

will no longer accept digital or electronic equipment, including computers, because they do not sell and are outdated so quickly.

More detailed information will be forthcoming in future *Reflection* newsletter articles. In the meantime, please call the church office or call Dave or Fran Althouse (517-787-5963) if you have questions. With the Lord's blessings, we look forward to yet another successful rummage sale.

The Backpack Team

BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE

The second annual Bethlehem Marketplace and Nativity was again well-attended and the merchants of the town were kept busy with shoppers, who were also entertained almost non-stop by

Redeemer's awesome Bell and Chime choir. What a glorious gift they gave to God, and to all the travelers who were in Bethlehem for the census or visiting friends or family. Glory to God in the highest!



Angels and sheep were seen at the Manger area next to the No-Vacancy Inn.



Exotic oils and scents were offered at this merchant's booth.



The Bakery did a booming business with samples for tasting.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Divine Service— C 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Elders' Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Craig's Countryside Bible Study 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Community Prayer 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Bible Study-Craig's 2:00 p.m. in S. A.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>C—Denotes Communion Services</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Men's Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Divine Service 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Adult and Child- ren's Bible Classes 9:20a.m.-10:20a.m.</p> <p>Praise Service 10:30 a.m.— C</p> <p>Hour of Prayer — 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Handbells 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Quilters 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon</p> <p>Craig's Countryside Bible Study 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ministry Council 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Community Prayer 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study—2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bible Study-Craig's 2:00 p.m. in S. A.</p> <p>Confirmation Class—7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Divine Service & Confirmation— C 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Adult and Child- ren's Bible Classes 9:20—10:20 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>NL DEADLINE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Handbells 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Countryside Service 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Craig's Countryside Bible Study 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Community Prayer 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study—2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bible Study-Craig's 2:00 p.m. in S. A.</p> <p>Confirmation Class—7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Divine Service 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Adult and Child- ren's Bible Classes 9:20—10:20 a.m.</p> <p>Praise Service— C 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Nativity Follow-up After Late Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Handbells 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Quilters 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon</p> <p>Craig's Countryside Bible Study 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Praise Team 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Leadership Board 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Community Prayer 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study—2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bible Study-Craig's 2:00 p.m. in S. A.</p> <p>Confirmation Class—7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Men's Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Divine Combined Service— C 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>5th Sunday Potluck</p> <p>Youth Taking Orders for Super Bowl Game <i>Stuffed Sandwiches</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Handbells 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 0 1 7</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>January</p> </div>			