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Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

# Transitions

Here we are again, starting a new year. The November newsletter was also titled "Transitions," and we spoke of Curt Quaschnick's retirement. Curt's last day as the lead Chaplain and as a Chaplain was November 30th. Our New lead Chaplain Mark Smith is now steering the ship. Mark is not new to the Chaplaincy. He joined the Chaplaincy in February of 2011. He was featured in our November 2011 newsletter. You can look that newsletter up by going to our web site or just Google Spokane County Sheriff newsletters. He as of February 2016, will be a veteran of 5 years. We welcome Mark to the Lead Chaplain position. We all are looking forward to his leadership. Joining Mark is his wife Teresa. Teresa is new to the Chaplaincy having joined us September 1 2015. Welcome Teresa! Mark and Teresa have been married 8 years and have a 6 year old son named Lincoln. Teresa attends Mt. Spokane Church where her husband Mark is a Pastor. She has been the office ad-



ministrator for 2.5 years and has served in this church since she was 12 years old. She helped with the children's ministry, worship and then youth ministry. Mt. Spokane Church was formerly known as Community Bible Chapel. Teresa has been licensed by her church as a Minister and will be serving our Chaplaincy as a Chaplain and will be on the administrative team. Teresa has a passion for serving others and her desire is to connect with women on the department as well as the Deputy's wives. Teresa we are very blessed to have you be a member of this Chaplaincy. Welcome to

the fold. Be sure to welcome Teresa as she connects with the Department. You can always feel free to stop by our office anytime. We keep a supply of plain and peanut M&Ms on hand at all times. A New Years saying is; "Out with the old and in with the new." This is a big change for the Chaplaincy. We miss the old and look forward to the new. Our desire and hope is for continued prosperity for our retired leader Curt. He has certainly earned his retirement. We also look forward to God's hand on the Chaplaincy so as to continue to serve the Departments of Spokane County and WSP. We wish all a happy and prosperous NewYear. *Chaplain Rob Hill*

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## Monthly Reading

*Christ, object of the believer's faith, desire and expectation.*

Philippians Chptr. 3:1-21

## Did You Know?

### "January 1 Becomes New Year's Day"

"The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today.

As part of his reform, Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, exchanging gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582." HISTORY.com