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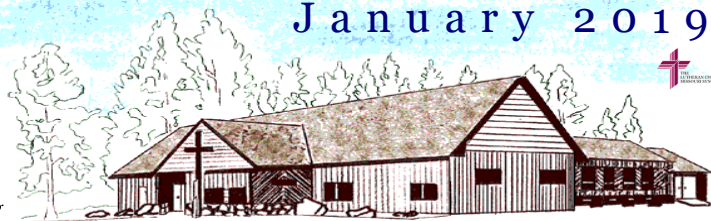
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From the desk of Pastor Matt Nelson

Dear friends in Christ,

I have on my bookshelves a tattered four volume set of books entitled *The Sermon and the Propers*. I received this much-used and consequently pretty rough looking set of books from a retiring pastor with his high recommendation. He was right to commend it to a rookie pastor; it is a long out-of-print set by Pastor Fred Lindemann and in it are some of the richest expositions on our Christian liturgy that I have read.

Pr. Lindemann does a great job of helping us to “hear and preach the liturgy” and to “hear and preach the season.” Of the Epiphany Season, Pr. Lindemann makes this observation:

“The Epiphany, however, commemorates no events but presents an idea that assumes concrete form only through facts in our LORD’s life.”

And this main “idea that assumes concrete form” during the Season of Epiphany is the *revealing*, the *unfolding* of the mystery of the incarnation and of the plan of salvation. That is what the Epiphany Season is all about, and so, from the 6th of January through the festival of the Transfiguration of our LORD on the first Sunday in February, we will be focusing on “milestones” in the life of the LORD as He is fully revealed to us. His epiphany is just that, His making Himself known to all men.

Where the Christmas Season reflects on the historical event of the birth of the Christ, Epiphany walks us through His baptism and the “theophany” (or manifestation of God) of the voice from heaven and descending Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, all the way to the Transfiguration where Jesus is arrayed in heavenly splendor and glory.

This blessed Epiphany Season watch for the unfolding mystery of God’s plan of salvation in Jesus Christ and remember the inspired words of the writer to the Hebrews:

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,”

*God’s blessings,
Pastor Nelson*

THANK YOU for your cards and gifts this past Christmas. Your generosity and care extended to us all year-round is greatly appreciated. mn/dn

*Voters Assembly Meeting - January 13 at 12:15 pm..
Review of 2018 year. Our 2019 budget increased by 6% with a budgeted weekly offering of \$4,100.*

Communion Schedule

January

- 6 - 11:00 am
- 13 - 8:30 am
- 20 - 11:00 am
- 27 - No communion

February

- 3 - Both Services
- 10 - 8:30 am
- 17 - 11:00 am
- 24 - 8:30 am

Lending a Hand in January

Ushers: (early) Tyler Kranz & Keith Eberhart (late) Larry Workman & Micah Workman

Greeters: (early) Nancy Werner & Maggie Hays

Money Counters: Kayla Sharpe & Alyssa Kranz

Altar Guild: Kathy Stamm

Music: Joyce Baumgartner, Rae Workman, Nancy Landell, Tawn Bueltmann

Acolytes: Georgia Morrell, Noah Peters, Josie Ekhoft, Alona Johnson, Christopher Daenzer, Emily Wicks, Rachel Eberhart

Blessings on your special day! Birthdays

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| 1 - Deb Sorenson | 18 - Shawn Decker |
| 2 - Tammy Jordt | 18 - Gwen Shay |
| 3 - Alivia Decker | 19 - Ann Creighton |
| 3 - Brooklynn Sharpe | 20 - Josh Fields |
| 4 - Lauren Martinsen | 21 - Tres & Alina Johnson |
| 7 - Paul Klug | 23 - Eric Sharpe |
| 8 - Meghan Jones | 28 - Jeff Macal |
| 8 - Todd Sellers | 30 - Xavier Avsec |
| 9 - Jeff Baumgartner | 30 - Tayler Lingle |
| 9 - Jacob Click | 31 - Scott Akers |
| 9 - Carolyn Wieringa | |
| 14 - Eric Creighton | |
| 15 - Taften Erickson | |
| 15 - Bruce Huntley | |
| 17 - Adonia Creighton | |
| 17 - Ben Moody | |

Anniversaries

- 14 - Jesse & Elisha Jacobs (6 yrs)
- 27 - Marshall & Brynn Kvamme (6 yrs)
- 30 - Shawn & Jana Decker (31yrs)

If you have a birthday or anniversary that falls in this month and are not listed, please update your information with Deb.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Mark your calendars

- Jan 9 - 2:00 pm Monthly Meeting
- Jan 13 - Food Bank & Mite Box Sunday



LWML Work Mornings

We will not have any work mornings for the next three cold, icy, snowy months (January – March).

Completed by the end of December 2018:

- 140 Quilts, which will be split between Lutheran World Relief, Browning and Kalispell Shelters
- 81 School Kits, and 40 Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief
- 40 baby care bags for new babies born in Browning
- 18 prayer/comfort pillows, 10 pair of mittens/gloves, 6 packages of disposable diapers for Children's Nurturing Shelter in Browning
- 19 prayer/comfort pillows for King's Kids Preschool students for Christmas

Christmas Food Baskets

Thanks to our congregation's generous outpouring of love and donations of food items for the Christmas food baskets.

We, also, received a grant from Thrivent for \$250 to pay for gift cards for meat from Smith's and produce for the baskets. Baskets were assembled and delivered to six families on December 18.

Kit Supplies

We are always gathering items for Lutheran World Relief and local shelters. If you would like to help with this collection, there is a plastic container in the narthex to place items.

Some items needed are:

- hand towels (new) - dark color recommended
- Socks for babies (new born and Infant/toddler)
- Soap - bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) any brand, original wrapping
- sleepers for babies (gently used or new) 6 – 24 months
- t-shirts or onesies (gently used or new)
- receiving and heavier baby blankets (gently used or new)
- open jackets/sweaters with or without hoods
- Baby Hats

Junior Youth Group (JYG)

JYG is for children Kindergarten - Grade 5

Story: Little Boy, Big Giant (David & Goliath)
Craft: Shut-in gifts

DATE: January 8 - Tuesday
TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 pm
WHERE: Meet at our church

Join us for crafts, snacks and Bible story.

Catechism (CAT I & II)

CAT I: Studying and memorizing the 10 Commandments

CAT - II: Studying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, the "Our Father".

Sunday January 20 (12 - 3 pm) - Lunch, class, games and snacks.

Active Christian Teens (ACT)

ACT group is for kids grades 8 - 12.

Regular Bible Studies begin Sept 10. Meet in the ACT Room upstairs in the Educational Wing at 9:45 am.

Let Deb Sorenson know if you are attending and if you need to rent skis or snowboards.

Activity: Skiing / Snowboarding



January 26 - at Big Mountain.

Sponsored by Tyler & Alyssa Kranz

There is a signup list in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Classes

Regular Sunday School Classes resume.

January 6 - The Birth of Jesus

January 13 - The Presentation of Jesus

January 20 - The Visit of the Wise Men

January 27 - The Boy Jesus in the Temple



January

- 2 - 4: Jarius' Daughter Lives
Letter - Q Number/Commandment - 5
- 7 - 11: Jesus Heals A Blind Man
Letter - R Number/Commandment - 6
- 14 - 18: Jesus Feeds 5,000
Letter - S Number/Commandment - 7
- 21 - 25: The Good Samaritan
Letter T Number/Commandment - 8
- 28 - 2/1: The Lost Son
Letter U Number/Commandment - 9

Special Days!

Friday January 18

- Super One Field Trip. Meet at Super One at 9 am, Tour is one hour. Return to school to finish the day. There is a nice area for parents to sit next to the deli if you want to wait for your child.

NO School: January 1 (Tuesday) and 21 (Monday)

Outdoor Recess - we continue to have outdoor recess throughout the year. Please make sure you send appropriate outdoor clothing with your child and LABEL all their coats, hats, gloves and boots.

Annual Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser Chili Feed / Silent Auction

January 26 at 6:00 pm

We have always kept the Preschool tuition as low as possible. We do not generate any income from the preschool, in fact most years our Church subsidizes the cost of its operation.

Our scholarship program funding comes from individual donations and two fundraising events we hold annually.

Ways you can Help:

- Join us at for the Chili Feed and Silent Auction
- Help provide a basket for the Silent Auction
- Monetary donations are always accepted.

There is a sign up list in the Fellowship Hall for donating baskets for the Silent Auction. Please have your basket to the church by noon on January 18. You can start your bidding Sunday, January 20.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast resumes January 8 at 6:15 am

Ladies' Bible Study resumes January 9 at 1:00 pm. Ladies - you are invited to meet before Ladies' Bible Study at Pizza Hut (12 noon).