



JANUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2021



Loved ones in Jesus, a blessed New Year to you as we conclude the Christmas season and enter the Church season of Epiphany!

A fitting message from God for us as we begin the New Year and every new day, is this: ***“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you”*** – Isaiah 60:1. That was certainly true for the shepherds near Bethlehem as angels filled the skies, one telling them of the Savior’s birth. It was true for Mary and Joseph, and also a considerable time later (months or even a year) for the Magi who followed the Bethlehem Star from the east to meet the King of kings and uncreated Light of the world, Jesus the Christ.

But this true for us too! ***“The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”*** – John 1:5. God has revealed or *brought to light* for us His wondrous truth, truly good news for US: JESUS is SAVIOR for ALL people, including YOU and ME!



After dark days and months the world has not seen in most of our lifetimes, as the year 2020 leaves with many saying: *“Good riddance,”* it is good to be reminded that *‘Immanuel’* remains, *“God with us.”* This same Christ whom shepherds greeted and angel sang, He whom Magi sought and approached in worship and adoration, is with US! The Savior is here; in God, ***“there is no darkness at all.”*** – 1 John 1:5. And here is further good news for us poor sinners: *“ . . . if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”* – 1 John 1:7.

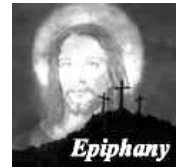
There is no need to let the dark forces of this world or the devil bring us to despair. Christ, the Light of the world, the Light of lights, our very God and Savior, has achieved what He came to do: to make us heirs of the light and of God! He is with us to lead us even *“through the valley of the shadow of death”* minus fear, *“for Thou art with me”* – Psalms 23:4a. So when the world gets you down, Jesus beckons, saying: ***“Come unto Me!”*** – Matthew 11:28a. Come into His light and receive His gifts for you; be regular in worship, coming with what Jesus counts most precious: you, trusting He is merciful, so coming to Him on bended knee!

Living in Jesus, our Light from God and our very Life! Pastor Kramp

In the weeks of Christmas and Epiphany, truly are a church which lights the lights. And properly so, for in these seasons we thank God for the revelation of His love and grace in His dear Son, the Light of the world and Savior for all.

The world can be a dark place. Media reaches almost the whole globe, yet rarely addresses sin, instead frequently promoting immorality and excess. But in the midst of the kingdoms of this world dwells another reality: the kingdom of light in Christ Jesus. We show God honor when we receive and rejoice over the message of light, life and salvation that God reveals as freely ours by His Son.

In the New Year, the LORD direct us into His love in Jesus Christ. For the benefits this brings us, so may we pray: *Almighty God, You have given us joy in sending Your Son as the Light of the world, to shine His light even on the Gentiles. As Your children, we offer You due thanks for the grace which is ours through faith in His name. Make us to rise, shine, and reflect Your glory and love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Epiphany Word Search Puzzle:

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WORD LIST:

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When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overcome with joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – Matthew 2:10-11



January 2021 News

Thank you for the generous donations made to the Community Giving Tree. Gift cards totaling \$610+ (a gift card with an unknown amount) were given to spread Christmas joy to families in our area.

Join us on **January 9th at 9:30 am** for our next meeting. We plan to use the new prayer service "He Prayed *with* Them," based on Acts 20:36b.

Remember - Green Stocking Fund will be collected and sent to Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads this month. A decision on the 2021 Green Stocking recipient will be voted on. This is the 1st year that Shepherd's Hill received this donation. Typically, we have the same recipient for 2 years. In 2019 it was "Main Street Living-North."

Mission Grant #18: "Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction" for \$50,000, is our focus for January. This building project will house a new sanctuary, a central office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), seminary classrooms, dormitory space and a preschool. Pray with us that this grant will be filled with the help of our mites.

Quilting starts Friday, January 8th at 9 am. Plan to bring your own lunch as we ***will not be having potluck.***

Thank you Rachel Mulder for the two Thrivent Action Grants you received to purchase supplies for quilting & items for the local food pantry. You are a blessing!

Quarterly subscriptions will be paid next month. The cost last year was \$90 for 15 subscriptions @ \$6. Thank you for helping to cover this expense.

We voted in December to give \$50 to Wittenberg Chapel in support of the mission offering being collected by our church.

Baptized on December 13th, 2020



Dylan Douglas Blumer
Kathryn Dianne Blumer

St. John December Attendance

Wed., Dec. 2, 7 pm	15
Sun., Dec. 6, 10:30 am	33
Wed., Dec. 9, 7 pm	22
Sun., Dec. 13, 10:30 am	42
Wed., Dec. 16, 7 pm	24
Sun., Dec. 20, 10:30 am	37
Thurs., Dec. 24, 9 pm	30
Fri., Dec. 25, 10:30 am	34
Sun., Dec. 27, 10:30 am	31
Thurs., Dec. 31, 7 pm	?

(remember, no Children's Program was held)

Those Who Served

Melissa Stuart is in the process of updating the board in the fellowship hall at St. John. that lists the people who served or are serving in the military. She is looking for information on the following people:

- Steven Basol Duane Beltz
- Morris Benting Robert Benting
- Victor Benting Wayne DickHoff
- Gordon Eley Kenneth Eley
- James Kutz William Kutz
- Wallace Ludwig Donald Meyer
- Rodney Meyer Kurt Siegert
- John Rachow Lowell Stevens Jr.
- David Weng Donald Weng
- Donald Whetzel Larry Whetzel
- Troy Whetzel George Zimmerman
- John Zimmerman Victor Zimmerman

Information wanted: 1. Branch of Service
2. Years in Service

Contact Missy Stuart by cell: 701-436-6051
or email: mom2angelbenjamin@yahoo.com

Thanks for your help.



January 2020 Programming

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 We are often asked what "New Year's resolutions" we are making. While this may be helpful for some people; as Christians we realize that each new day brings "new mercies" from the Lord, and each act of repentance and forgiveness brings a fresh start! May today and every day be lived in the assurance of such great mercy and fresh starts – all because of Jesus! *Ken Koehler, MSL Coordinator*

3: Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran, Mandan, ND, presents the message based on Luke 2:52. This is the Life: "*A Friend in Deed*" explores the Christian's duty to forgive those who have done us wrong.

10: Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "*Set Free In Christ*" based on Mark 1:4-11. This is the Life: "*The God of Love*" illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear.

17: Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "*I am Known*" based on Psalm 139. This is the Life: "*Adrift*" discusses the effectiveness of children who witness for Christ.

24: Dr. Michael Salemink, Executive Director for National Lutherans for Life, presents the message: "*From Invisible to Indispensable*" based on 1 Corinthians 12:22. This is the Life: "*The Hand of God*" – deals with making opportunities from problems.

31: Rev. Ed Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran, Frazee, MN, presents the message: "*God comes into our space and shakes us up*" based on Mark 1:21-28. This is the Life: "*The Point of No Return*" – discusses God's limitless Grace.

Locally-produced TV program, "Main Street Living," includes 30-minute worship led by pastors of our LCMS Minnesota North & North Dakota Districts, followed by a 30-minute broadcast of "This Is The Life." Programs air **Sundays at 9 a.m.** on Fox TV, KVRR Fargo- Moorhead, or view MSLN at: www.mainstreetliving.com, clicking on the box "North (Fargo)."

January Birthdays

- 01 Effie Brendemuhl
- 02 Beata Garcia, Melissa Kozojed
- 05 Caitlyn Stuart
- 07 Harold McDonald, Kay Meyer
- 10 Glen Lougheed
- 11 David Steinke
- 15 Ken Kroepin
- 18 Sarah Overby
- 21 Hadley Elbert, Toni Nelson
- 26 Wyatt Hamre, Walker Hashbarger

January Anniversaries

- 05 Joshua & Sarah Overby
- 07 Randy & Judy Rust

St. John Treasurer's Report – Nov. 2020

General Fund	Nov.	YTD
Receipts	\$9,502.92	\$92,573.97
Expenses	\$12,034.82	\$94,426.62
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$2,531.90)	(\$1,852.65)

St. John Annual Voters Meeting was held on December 9th. A copy of the minutes are enclosed either as email or paper enclosure.

Joint Parish Meeting with Trinity was held November 18th and a copy of minutes from that meeting are also enclosed.

(Minutes from both meetings are unofficial until the next meeting when they are approved.)

Meals on Wheels delivery week is January 18 – 22nd. Plan to be at the Senior Center at 11:15 am. (moved it back 15 minutes) Let Stacey know if you can help. Thanks!

St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches

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JANUARY 2021

Worship at Trinity, Hope, on Sundays at 8:30 am

Worship at St. John, Hillsboro Sundays, 10:30 am

Services live-streamed & recorded Sundays at 10:30.

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Elders

Lee Schlichtmann
Joel Hamre
Curtis Riemer
? (to be determined)

Treasurer

Gary Pedersen

Recording Secretary

Ashley Henn

Finance Secretary

Nicole Haffely

Stewards

Dale Riemer
Don Hanson Jr.

Head Usher

John Meyer

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Daniel Manthey
Tyler Hanson
Randy Rust

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Melissa Stuart

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Kay Rotvold

Christian Life

Stacey Riemer

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Jan Bohnsack
Lisa Rotvold

Church Altar

Melissa Kozojed
Vicky Grothmann

Family Altar

Stephanie Hall

Altar Flowers

Betty Manthey
Rachel Mulder

Kitchen Supplies

Alice McDonald

Projects

Kathy Hanson
June Schlichtmann

Relief & Charities

Nicole Haffely

Mission Contact

Marjorie Riemer

Young Adult & Referral

Kay Rotvold

Historian

Sharon Schlichtmann

Sick Cheer

Doris Bakken

Work Group A - Missy & Ashley

Work Group B – Betty & Naomi