



The Messenger

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Pastor's Corner

Striving to be a Brighter Star

Sunday, January 6, we celebrate Epiphany, the 2nd oldest festival of the New Testament church. At Epiphany we recount the Magi's journey by the star to worship baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

The Magi were Gentiles. Thus Epiphany is a grand celebration of Christ as the Savior of the whole of humanity. In keeping with the mission and meaning of Epiphany, our Board of Evangelism and Building Committee are hard at work these days.

The Board of Evangelism, first of all, will be going to a School of Outreach, a WELS evangelism training program, in Door County at the end of this month. They've got plenty of homework to do before-hand, as they compile data on what kinds of families are living in our area, what other churches are doing in our area, and what our church has been doing up to the recent past. To that end, we thank all of you who filled out the surveys handed-out after church a few weeks ago. The feedback was very helpful, as were the comments. Some of you want more of an emphasis on youth ministry. Others of you would like more adult education, while still others feel that our evangelism efforts in this church have been weak. Please, understand that we are taking these and all other concerns to heart. Fresh from the School of Outreach, I envision the Board of Evangelism leading the charge as we proclaim Christ the Savior to the whole of humanity in our Liberty and Valders area. Notice that word, **we**. If Trinity congregation is to improve all areas of gospel ministry, it cannot be just the work of a few. We will need your prayers and active involvement combining with ours, as the LORD blesses our team effort.

Secondly, our Building Committee is also ready to get to work. The committee has been waiting for the architect to finish reworking the plans to better fit our funding situation. They have a meeting with the architect set for January 16th at 7:30, and are ready to get the building project started as soon as possible in the near future. May the Lord bless us all as we strive to make our congregation a brighter star, that is, a place that better attracts people to the saving message of Jesus.

Pastor Gregory Pope

From The President.....

JANUARY SEMI-ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

The semi-annual voter's meeting will be January 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. The agenda has not been set. There will be more information on the expansion project presented at the meeting. We will also need to elect someone to fill the open position on the Board for Education.

The informational meetings will again be held on January 19th and 20th after the church services.

Installation of the newly elected Board and Council members will be January 6th.

ENVELOPE DESIGNATIONS

There might be some confusion about the different giving boxes on the weekly envelopes. I am going to try to explain the differences.

- GENERAL – The amount you specify in this box will go against the general operations of our congregation. This would cover salaries, utility bills, St. John's tuition, and the normal operating expenses. The general fund also covers the difference between what is given specifically to Synod and MLHS and the annual commitment that the voters approve at the Annual Meeting.
- WELS – The amount you specify in this box will go directly to our Synod. None of these monies are used within our congregation. If the monies contributed to WELS falls short of our annual commitment the shortfall comes out of the general fund. If the monies contributed to WELS exceeds the annual commitment all those monies go to the Synod.
- BUILDING – The amount you specify in this box goes to the Board for Buildings and Grounds budget to be used for the general maintenance and up keep of our facilities. These monies do not go to the Building Expansion project we are planning. There seems to be some confusion here because we have seen a substantial increase in giving to this category.
- OTHER - You must specify where you want the monies to go that you put in this box. Simply write a notation above the box for things like the radio broadcast or a weekly offering to MLHS. This is also the box to use to give for our building project. Just note Building Expansion and those monies will be designated to that fund.

The financial secretary and treasurer will make sure that your monies get to the right account. The leadership at Trinity strives to keep the records correct. Please help us to do your wishes.

John Smith, Congregational President

News from the WELS

Communicating our identity as a synod

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

All too often we don't fully appreciate "everyday" blessings. When blessings are routine, we may not think about them much at all. We may not recognize them for the blessings they really are. We may lag in our thanks to God for those many good things that he does for us even without our asking.

I believe that's true about the blessings that God gives us through this extended spiritual family that we call the Wisconsin Synod. We may not consciously think of how God blesses us in our synod. We may tend to focus on what's wrong instead of rejoicing in what's right. We sometimes allow those outside of our synod to define us and characterize us. We may become apologetic, defensive, maybe even sometimes a little embarrassed when it comes to our synod and what it represents. And failing to appreciate what God graciously does for us, we miss opportunities to fully benefit from those blessings and to invite others to be part of this synod in which those blessings come to us.

Over the next year, it seems good for us to remember and to emphasize some of those blessings; to remind ourselves of what this synod stands for, what it does, and why we are a part of it. You've already seen a few hints of those reminders in the "Together" newsletter and in WELS Connection. In the January issue of Forward in Christ (p. 32), you'll see the first in a series of columns summarizing those blessings, focusing on our identity: Who are we? Where does WELS stand? What is our synod for, as opposed to what we are against?

You will also see efforts to sharpen and define our synod's identity as we work to improve the look and content of all WELS communications. Already we've begun to plan for the redesign our synod's Web site, aiming to make it more usable for our members and more effective in communicating who we are to the outside world.

Highlighting the blessings of our synod will not be an exercise in boasting or an attempt to paint an unrealistically positive picture of ourselves. Rather, in reviewing our blessings, we will humbly appreciate them more for ourselves, we will unite around our common mission, and we will be more likely to want others to share in those blessings with us.

Not another one!

At this time of year, your mailboxes are filled with two things: Christmas cards—and appeals for donations. If you are like me, you look forward to the first; you can easily be annoyed by the second.

We are well aware that you receive numerous funding appeals from many different organizations, including your synod and its ministerial education schools. Please note that the Conference of Presidents will be taking a comprehensive look at the number and type of funding appeals being sent out from the synod and its various areas of ministry. (The synod doesn't control the appeals sent out by WELS-affiliated organizations that are not a part of the synod structure.) The issue is a somewhat complicated one, and the COP will be doing all it can to address the situation.

In the meantime, please be patient. Please continue to exercise your God-given judgment as to which of these requests for support fit in with your faith-filled stewardship of God's blessings.

Serving in Christ,

Mark Schroeder

Military chaplain lands in the Middle East

Rev. Paul Ziemer, national civilian chaplain to the military and Armed Forces liaison, arrived in Kuwait on Dec. 13 to begin ministering to troops stationed overseas. From there, he will be traveling to U. S. military installations in the Middle East as he gains clearance from the military.

Rev. Carl Ziemer, administrator for WELS Special Ministries, estimates that his brother Paul will remain in the Middle East for 10-14 days. "It depends on how many opportunities he has to travel to the troops," says Carl Ziemer. "While he has some arrangements already made, the situation there is fluid and demands a great deal of flexibility."

Paul Ziemer is able to contact and minister to troops through referrals received by WELS Military Services. Although Military Services has only received the contact information of approximately 90 WELS soldiers in this region, "We are confident that there are many more WELS people in the Middle East," says Carl Ziemer. "We hope some identify themselves once our chaplain is in the area." Paul Ziemer will be working with as many of these referrals as possible, and other military personnel as he has opportunity.

Although these visits to the Middle East only occur once or twice a year because of inadequate funding and difficulties in gaining access to the troops, Carl Ziemer says they are very important. "Especially in times of great stress and danger, Christians need to hear about God's faithful love and care. They need to know that the extended family of believers supports them and is praying for them."

While in the Middle East, Paul Ziemer will also continue to build relationships with key military contacts. "These relationships are extremely important for future trips to the Middle East and elsewhere," says Carl Ziemer. "If we are serious about wanting to serve WELS members in areas of hostility, then we must engage and win the respect and cooperation of military leaders and chaplains."

Koelpin travels to Hong Kong

Rev. Dan Koelpin, administrator for WELS Board for World Missions, returned on Nov. 28 from Hong Kong, where he met with leaders of Asia Lutheran Seminary to discuss the strategy and needs of the institution and to determine how WELS can best support its operation.

"We're trying to establish a distinctive Lutheran seminary in a world-class city," says Koelpin. But he says the challenge is finding resources to support it. "We've got the plan, we've got the people, and we've got the potential; but we don't have the money to implement the plan fully."

Koelpin and Dr. John Lawrenz, president of Asia Lutheran Seminary, talked about the lack of Christian materials currently available in the Chinese language, and the need for a full-time translation specialist at the seminary. They also discussed property options and the seminary's technology needs for the future.

"Supporting Asia Lutheran Seminary and outreach to the Chinese-speaking world is the foremost priority of the Board for World Missions," says Koelpin. "And we're going to have to try to funnel some resources there. This is the kind of effort we can't do halfway. We need to go in with both feet or not at all."

Koelpin will relay these findings to WELS Southeast Asia Committee in January and at the Board for World Missions meeting in February. "There's no doubt in my mind that the board will want to back Hong Kong, but it's all in the Lord's hands," says Koelpin, "If we operate with the funds we have, we

can only give them limited help. So we really need a huge influx of funds. There's never going to be a time for reaching out in [this region] like there is right now."

New ministry positions authorized

The Executive Committee of the Board for Home Missions (BHM) authorized five new pastor positions, two staff ministers, two preschool directors, and one other assistant at its meeting Dec. 13-14.

The new pastoral positions are at Trinity, St. Lucia, West Indies; Bethlehem, Lakeville, Minn.; Beautiful Savior, Clarksville, Tenn.; and new congregations in Reno, Nev., and Battlement Mesa-Parachute, Colo.

The new congregations are being established by BHM in partnership with existing WELS congregations in those areas.

The two staff minister positions are at Abiding Love, Loveland, Colo., and Saving Grace, Mobile, Ala. The two preschool director positions are at Christ the King, Palm Coast, Fla., and Grace, Spring Hill, Fla. BHM is providing short-term funding for these four positions to help congregations initiate the programs.

BHM is also providing funds that will allow a Sudanese immigrant assisting with a Sudanese outreach program at Lincoln Heights, Des Moines, Iowa, to work full time.

The new positions bring the total number of ministry positions authorized for 2007 to 19. All of the positions are funded within BHM's current budget; no additional dollars are required.

MLC mid-year graduation service

Fourteen students from Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., will graduate on Dec. 19. Ten students are graduating with a degree in elementary education, and the other four in elementary-secondary education.

Four of the students are available for assignment anywhere. The other 10 are either declining assignment, deferring assignment to a later date, or are unavailable for assignment because of personal reasons, such as marriage plans.

It is unknown when the students available for assignment will be assigned. "We don't control what calls are available or how the candidates fit the needs of individual churches or congregations," says Prof. William Pekrul, public relations director at MLC. "At MLC our commission is to train men and women for service to our Lord. It is up to the Lord where they will serve him."

Also at the graduation service, 26 men and women will be recognized for completing the proper course work for synod certification, which qualifies them to teach in WELS schools.

Rev. Mark Zarling, president of Martin Luther College, says, "I pray that the Lord Jesus, who has given these gifts to the church, make them gifts to many other souls as they clearly teach others that Jesus is the gift of life eternal."

The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the MLC gymnasium. Pres. Zarling will preside at the service and Prof. David Sellnow will preach.

Budget on track for surplus

The latest financial figures show the synod's operating budget continues to be on track for a \$1 million surplus for the fiscal year. Any surplus will be used to re-create a buffer fund to be used for future unanticipated support shortfalls.

One key factor is that Congregation Mission Offerings, the offerings congregations give for the collective work of synod—known as CMO—continue their positive trend. November's CMO was up 2.5 percent over the same month last year—the fifth straight monthly comparative increase. From July through November, CMO was \$1.1 million greater than the prior year and forecast to be \$500,000 greater than the budget.

Todd Poppe, WELS chief financial officer, cautions that the forecast surplus is heavily dependent on CMO for calendar year 2008 and that those subscriptions won't be known until the end of January 2008 or later.

Parish Assistance expands special services

Dr. Ronald Heins, the former director of WELS' consulting service, Parish Assistance (PA), has agreed to serve the ministry on a part-time basis by providing a variety of special services to congregations, such as serving pastors as a mentor or coach, assisting with team building, or involving more members in ministry.

Heins' service will allow expansion of PA's special services to complement their core ministry, which is to provide a fee-based, comprehensive, four-phase consulting service to congregations that typically lasts about three years.

The Board for Parish Services on Dec. 3 extended a call to Rev. Bruce Janisch to serve as a full-time WELS Parish Assistance consultant. Janisch, who is currently serving Ascension in Plymouth, Minn., would join Rev. Elton Stroh and Mr. Greg Schmill as the ministry's third full-time consultant and would concentrate on the Parish Assistance core consulting service.

Neither the work Heins will be doing, nor the call for a third full-time consultant requires new budget dollars.

The Bible-The First Five Books

This month's part of the Bible focus' is on Hebrew poetry.

INTRODUCTION

We have now come to the third section of books of the Old Testament. The books of this section are called the Books of Poetry or the Poetical Books. When we think of modern poetry, we probably think of something written in measured lines, with rhythm, often in colorful language, and probably with rhyme. An example of the kind of poetry that we are used to hearing would be these famous lines:

"Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree."

Though colorful language may be absent from these particular lines, they definitely do have rhythm and rhyme, and they are measure lines. We should not expect Biblical Hebrew poetry to be exactly like the poetry we are used to today. There is almost no rhyme to Hebrew Poetry. The lines are not always exactly measured, and sometimes a definite rhythm is difficult to find. But there are a number of features that make Hebrew poetry a poetry of the highest level and that make it very enjoyable to read and hear.

PARALLELISM

The main feature of Hebrew poetry is called PARALLELISM. Parallelism means a repetition or echoing of a thought. Read this verse from [Psalm 83:1](#) and notice how the same thought is repeated or echoed:

"Oh God, do not keep silent;
be not quiet, O God, be not still."

There is really only one thought expressed in that verse; but is expressed three times with slightly different words. That is what we mean by PARALLELISM of expression. When we read the Poetical Books of the Old Testament we can notice three main kinds of parallelism. First is **SYNONYMOUS PARALLELISM**. In this kind of parallelism the same thought is repeated in almost the same words. (Remember that a synonym is a word that means the same as another word.) A good example of synonymous parallelism can be found in [Psalm 49:1](#):

"Hear this, all you peoples;

Listen, all who live in this world."

Does the first line say anything different from the second line? No, it simply repeats the same thought in different words. To repeat the thought makes the thought very strong and clear and at the same time makes the expression poetically beautiful. Second is **ANTITHETICAL PARALLELISM**. In this kind of parallelism something is contrasted with another. (Something that is antithetical is something that stands in contrast or is the opposite of something else.) [Proverbs 15:1](#) is an example of antithetical parallelism:

"A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger."

A "gentle answer" stands in contrast to a "harsh word," and "turns away wrath" stands in contrast to "stirs up anger." The final form of parallelism is **SYNTHETIC PARALLELISM**. In this kind of parallelism the second part adds to or completes the thought from the first part. Note this example from [Proverbs 4:23](#):

"Above all else, guard your heart,
for it is the wellspring of life."

You can see that the second line adds on to the thought of the first line.

ACROSTIC CONSTRUCTION

Another feature of Hebrew poetry is called **ACROSTICISM** or **ACROSTIC CONSTRUCTION**. In this type of poetry the letters of the alphabet play a special part. In Old Testament acrostic poetry each line or each stanza begins with a succeeding letter of the Hebrew alphabet. That is, line one would start with the letter "A", line two with the letter "B", and so on through the alphabet. A number of the Psalms and sections from Proverbs and Lamentations are written with Acrostic Construction in the original Hebrew. Because it would be very difficult to do properly, translations generally have not tried to keep the acrostic arrangement found in the original Hebrew. [Psalm 119](#) is a special acrostic poem. Look at the footnote in your NIV Bible

to see how the Psalm arranged acrostically in Hebrew. Some other acrostic psalms are Psalms; 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, and 145.

OLD TESTAMENT POETRY AND INSPIRATION

We know that ALL of the Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit. That includes also the Books of Poetry. Why did the Spirit write part of his Word in poetical form? We can guess that one reason was that he wanted his Word to be as beautiful and appealing to us as possible so that we would want to read it frequently. Hebrew poetry with its parallelisms is indeed beautiful and appealing. We can also guess that the Spirit wanted his Word to be easy for us to memorize so that we may constantly carry it with us. It is usually easier to memorize poetry than prose. That is certainly true of Old Testament poetry also. For the Jews, the acrostic constructions also served as a great memory aid since they would know with which letter each line was to begin.

POETRY IN OTHER OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Hebrew poetry is not limited to the five books you have listed above. Do you remember where we have already observed examples of poetry in previous books of the Bible? How about the song of Moses in [[Exodus 15:1-18](#)] or David's lament for Saul and Jonathan in [[2 Samuel 1:17-27](#)]. Other sections are also written in poetry such as [[Genesis 4:23-24](#)] or Judges 5.

Announcements

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



From the Sunday School...

The Sunday School teachers would like to thank all the children & parents for all their hard work memorizing their parts for the Christmas Program. They all did a great job! We heard lots of compliments following the service. Everyone was nice and loud and confident! Hope to see you all in the new year!!

Reminder

January 12th @ 9:00am is the date set to take down the Christmas tree and decorations in church. Everyone is welcome to help.

Tuesday Feb. 5th @ 7:30pm is the date set for the Cemetery/Constitution Committee meeting. Any male voting member of the congregation is invited to attend.



Thank You from Military Families

We received a few letters from some of military personal that the Fellowship Committee sent packages to and we would like to share them with you.

From Paul, Erika, Alex and Anna Chute (Orabelle Fisher's granddaughter)

To our Christian Friends at Trinity Lutheran,

Paul and I would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to think of us and the many other service men and women who are serving in our Nation's forces. The care package you sent was filled with many items we already put to good use. We especially appreciate your kind act of faith, thoughtfulness, and support. We are all aware of the challenges, danger and tough decisions our nation's Government and Military faces daily, It is a blessing to know we have your prayers and support and we are truly grateful for that. Again, thank you for thinking of our family during this Special Season. We wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year.

From Patrick, Tanya and Marshall Bennett (Walter & Gloria Kiesow's granddaughter)

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran,

We would like to say Thank You very much for the package you sent. It was a nice surprise. Thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season. Japan is a very beautiful country. But Shinto & Buddhism are the main religions here. I really can see first hand why missionaries are very important. Many people don't know Jesus! Keep them in your prayers.

From Troy Weidling (Nephew of Connie Mangin)

Thank you for the care packages. I have decided that it seems that everything I could say or write about is already written on my blog (website like journal). I also figured out if you decided to print it out it should be about a hundred and seven pages. The address again is

<http://wyldth1ng.blogspot.com>



Altar Guild

After many years of dedicated service Janet Matthias will be stepping down as coordinator of the Altar Guild. She will continue to do this until the end of the year. So if you would like to take over this job, please contact Janet or the church secretary. We thank you, Janet, for all your years of faithful service to our Lord and this congregation.



MLHS Hot Lunch

Trinity Lutheran Church is again serving Hot Lunch this year. The date we are assigned is Feb 12th a Tuesday. The menu will be Macho Nachos and the fixings, milk or juice and ice cream. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex if you can help serve or give a monetary donation. After years of organizing the hot lunch Mary will be stepping down. If you would like to take over the job, please contact Mary Liermann. Thank you Mary for your years of service to this program.

MLHS News

The MLHS Poms Camp for all girls in grades K-8 is right around the corner! Saturday, Jan 12th from 8:30-11:00am at MLHS, all young ladies grades K-8 are invited to learn a full routine and perform at the MLHS Girls' Varsity basketball game vs. Roncalli that evening. Coffee, donuts, and tours of the school will be available for parents during the morning as well. Registration forms are due 1/7/08; pick one up in the office or on MLHS' website www.mlhslancers.com

There will be a winter work day at Manitowoc Lutheran High School on Saturday, January 26, 2008 starting at 8:00 am. This will be an "inside" work day. More details will be coming to inform you as to what exactly what tasks will be on the agenda. If you have any comments or suggestions on the workday or any comments on our building or campus, please call Jim Reis at the high school, 682-0215 or Jerry Haupt at 682-5954.

MLHS Sunday Showcase

This years' Sunday Showcase is on March 2,2008.The funds this year are going towards various renovations, including technology, flooring, office remodeling, etc. If you are interested in donating a basket or an item please bring it to the MLHS office by Sat. March 1st.Or bring it to the commons area between 8:00 am and 12 :00am. If you have any questions on this please contact the church secretary, she has more information on this.

MLHS UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE COME AND SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION USING THEIR TALENTS!

Week of 1/7 – 1/13

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| Tue 1/8 | Boys' Hoops vs. Wrightstown (A) |
| | MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30pm |
| Fri 1/11 | LANCER FOR A DAY |
| | Boys' Hoops vs. Roncall (H) |
| Sat 1/12 | MLHS Grade School Poms Camp; 8:30 – 11:00am |
| | Girls' Hoops vs. Roncalli (H) |
| | WELS Jazz Fest @ WLC |

Week of 1/14 – 1/20

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| Tue 1/15 | Girls' Hoops vs. Mishicot (H) |
| Thur 1/17 | Boys' Hoops vs. Mishicot (H) |
| Fri 1/18 | Girls' Hoops vs. Reedsville (H) |

Boys' Hoops vs. Algoma (A)

Sat 1/19 Grade School Hot Shot Preliminaries @ MLHS

Olympian Conference Honors Band @ Brillion

Sun 1/20 MLHS Sunday @ St. Peter, Mishicot; 7:30 & 10:00am

Week of 1/21 – 1/27

Mon 1/21 MLHS Freshman Registration Night; 7:00pm

Tue 1/22 Boys' Hoops vs. St. Mary Central (H)

- Grade School Boys Hot Shot Finals – BOYS

Girls' Hoops vs. St. Mary Central (A)

Wed 1/23 MLHS Freshman Registration Night; 7:00pm

Fri 1/25 Boys' Hoops vs. Reedsville (A)

Sat 1/26 Girls' Hoops vs. Valders

- Grade School Girls Hot Shot Finals – GIRLS

Sun 1/27 MLHS Sunday @ St. John St. Peter, Cleveland; 10:00am

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Church Attendance for December



Saturday/Sunday = Total

December 2004

Week 1: 23/143=166

Week 2: 26/141=167

Week 3: 24/126=150

Christmas Eve: 194

Christmas Day: 126
No New Years Service

December 2006

Week 1: 25/110=135

Week 2: 42/145=187

Week 3: 28/140=168

Christmas Eve: 132/185=317

Christmas Day: 135
12/31: 28/77=105

December 2005

Week 1: 34/120=154

Week 2: 36/211=247

Week 3: 29/149=178

Christmas Eve: 192
Christmas Day: 175

12/31&1/1: 56/63=119

December 2007

Week 1: 49

No Church Sat. due to weather

Week 2: 29/125=154

Week 3: 25/166=191

Week 4: 135

No Church Sat.

Christmas Eve: 184

Christmas Day: 151

12/30 & 12/31: 118/52=170

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."



A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

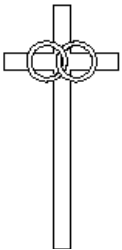
1/2 Diane Smith	1/21 Jody Krim
1/4 Larry Hochkammer	1/23 Elaine Petersen
1/4 Lucille Vetter	1/24 Lori Richter
1/4 Al Sieker	1/26 Lacey Silbernagel
1/6 Adam Petersen	1/27 Markus Luckow
1/7 Sally Propson	1/28 Carol Glaeser
1/8 Sylvia Kasten	1/28 Viola Rusch
1/10 Anna Knutson	1/29 Sandra Skidmore
1/15 Steve Schreiber	1/31 Dakota McArdle
1/19 Trisha Petersen	1/31 Marlene Sieker
	1/31 Roger Vetting

80 Years & more of God's Glory

1/4 Lucille Vetter – 84 Years Young
1/8 Sylvia Kasten - 89 Years Young
1/28 Viola Rusch - 94 Years Young

Happy Anniversary To...

1/18 Al & Marlene Sieker – 44 Years!



***If you have a January birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or your anniversary is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks.**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
January 5 th	James Glaeser, Mark Kiesow
January 6 th	Dan Knutson, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten, James Ott
January 12 th	Keith Petersen (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Marty Kiesow
January 13 th	Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Wayne Otto, Larry Hockhammer
January 19 th	Harold Bratz, August Teesch
January 20 th	Dave Williamson, Len Arnold, Jeff Knutson, Al Bonfigt
January 26 th	John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Derrick Krey
January 27 th	Dan Knutson (Server), David Schultz (Server), Larry Hockhammer, Jim Krim

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule

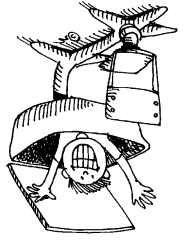
Group 1: Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner

Our Greeters For January



January 6th Al Gulseth
January 13th Bonnie Wagner
January 20th Damian & Jane Bushman Family
January 27th Larry & Amy Hockhammer Family

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Quirky Characters”

1. Which of the following is most known for being hairy?
 - a. David
 - b. Esau
 - c. Peter
 - d. Joseph

2. Which of the following is most known for being a doubter?
 - a. Daniel
 - b. Joab
 - c. Jeremiah
 - d. Thomas

3. Which of the following is most known for being tall?
 - a. James
 - b. John
 - c. Rebekah
 - d. Saul

4. Which of the following is most known for being bald?
 - a. Jacob
 - b. Elisha
 - c. Adam
 - d. Micah

5. Which of the following is most known for being beautiful?
 - a. Esther
 - b. Miriam
 - c. Peninah
 - d. Lucinda

Answers: 1.) b [Genesis 25:25,27:11] 2.) d [John 20:25] 3.) d [1 Samuel 9:2] 4.) b [2 Kings 2:23] 5.) a [Esther 2:7]

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Luke 2 :21-35 (NIV)



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P E S L E R S O D I Z B A F A
A K P I T K D R O Z G S H F R
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X G D Q S T Y B J H D C O N H



Jesus
Joseph
Mary
sacrifice
doves

pigeons
Simeon
righteous
devout
revealed

Spirit
temple
courts
parents
child

praised
promised
salvation
light
Israel

Bible Memory Verse

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
Luke 2:26 (NIV)

