



Start the New Year with
Prayer

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Pastor's New Year's Message



Epiphany – The Second Christmas

Here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi.

"The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry

The most well known of the Biblical Christmas Stories is the one in Luke. The one that we all acted in during our Sunday School days. Mary and Joseph in the stable in Bethlehem, the angels bringing Good News of Great Joy to the Shepherds, and then the shepherds coming to Bethlehem to see the new born Christ Child.

There is however, another story. It is not nearly as dramatic as "no room at the Inn", but never the less powerful in its own way. It is Matthew's story of the Magi. A group of seers from the east follow a star in order to find the new born king of the Jews. Amazingly, when they find the young child Jesus, they are so moved that they immediately fall down and worship, and then in response to the awe of the moment they offer up their gifts. There are no strings attached, the offering of gifts is in response to the profound holiness of the worship experience.

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It is this concept of selfless giving that William Sidney Porter (O. Henry) shares in the most famous of his short stories "The Gift of the Magi". Della sells her golden hair in order to buy her beloved Jim a fob for his beautiful gold watch, and Jim sells his watch in order to buy exquisite tortoise shell combs for his wife's amazing hair. O. Henry declares at the end of his short story the quote above. Even though Della and Jim appear to be foolish, in reality they are modern Magi. They do sacrificial giving out of their profound love for each other.

That is the call of our Second Christmas – Epiphany. The Christmas Season is twelve days long (December 25 – January 5), then on January Sixth comes our Second Christmas – The Epiphany of Our Lord. It is on this day that the Church remembers the Magi of Matthew's Gospel. It is as a result of Matthew's Magi story that the concept of Christmas Gift giving comes. Gift giving that is meant not to impress, but comes out of profound awe at the experience of worshipping Christ.

The Festival of the Epiphany often gets lost in our culture as the major retailers are off and running towards Valentine's Day. However, for us as Church, it is absolutely essential that we remember not only the shepherds of Luke coming to Bethlehem, but also, the Magi of Matthew falling down in worship, and then their profound sense of gift giving.

We are blessed that Epiphany Day falls on a Sunday in 2019. As we celebrate the powerful story of the Magi let us remember O. Henry's Della and Jim. May we also be the Magi.

REGULAR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contemporary Worship: Saturdays at 5 pm with Fellowship after Worship

Traditional Worship: Regular schedule of two services:
Sunday: 8 am and 10:45 am.

Fellowship will be at 9:15 am in the Commons Area.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals
Wednesday's in January
at **6:30** in the Worship Center Sanctuary.

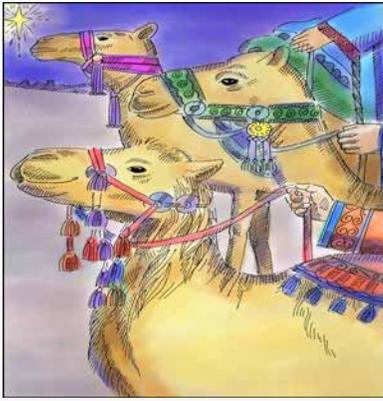


BELL CHOIR rehearsals
Thursdays in January
at **6:30** in the Worship Center Sanctuary.

Both Choirs would love more participants.

WEEKEND WORSHIP IN JANUARY

Epiphany – A Day and a Season



Like Christmas (December 25 – January 5), Epiphany is not just a day, but also a season. Unlike the Christmas season, the length of the Epiphany season is not the same each year. The length depends on when Easter is. In 2019, Easter Sunday is not until April 21. As a result, the Epiphany season will not conclude until the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the weekend of March 2 /3.

The Gospel Reading for each of the four weekends in January will have a story indicating that Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah. Each weekend the earthly Jesus will be revealed / manifested / made known as the Christ. Below are the four weekends, the Gospel Reading for that weekend, and the epiphany / revealing that takes place.



Saturday, January 5, and Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord: Matthew 2:1-12
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he is worshipped by the Magi.



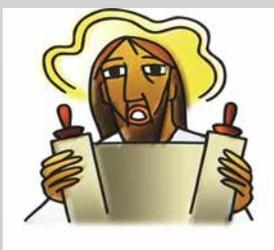
Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of Our Lord: Luke 3:21-22
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ when the voice from heaven declares him to be the Son of God.



Saturday, January 19, and Sunday, January 20

Second Weekend after Epiphany: John 2:1-11
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he changes water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.



Saturday, January 26, and Sunday, January 27

Third Weekend after Epiphany: Luke 4:16-21
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he preaches at the Synagogue in Nazareth.

UN-GREENING OF THE CHURCH Saturday, January 12, 8 am



Volunteers are needed to help in the un-decorating of the outside, removing the strings of lights and garland. Inside, we need volunteers to help un-decorate in the narthex, sanctuary and commons area, as well as un-decorating the interior of the Life Center. There is Much to accomplish, and many are needed to help. Call **Ginger Trucano** at 344-6687 for more information.

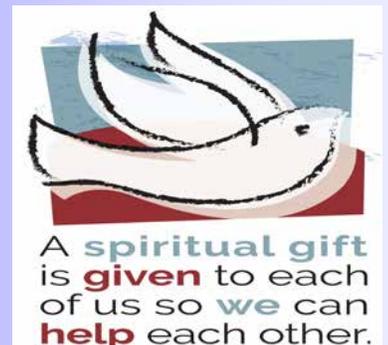
UN-LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH Saturday, March 2, 9 am

The un-lighting of the church will happen in two stages. The manger scene will be removed on **Saturday, January 12 at 9 am**. The Star will remain lit and shining through the season of the Weekends after Epiphany. So the Star will be lit through February and taken down before March 2-3 The Transfiguration of Our Lord – the last Weekend after Epiphany.

WORSHIP HELPERS MINISTRY!

(Of course, we can still use your help!)

Volunteers are needed every week to help with worship! These servant spots include: acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, assisting minister/lectors (Saturdays), greeters, ushers, greeter/ushers (Saturdays), altar guild, projectionist, ride givers, and fellowship.



Two Ways to Sign Up:

People Power on the www.ourlords.org website. Go to People Power, find the date you want to volunteer & sign up! **OR**

People Power Sign Up Sheets: will still be available for those electronically challenged.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lord's Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 27, 2019



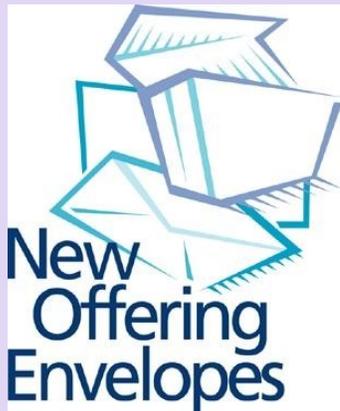
The 2019 edition of the Our Lord's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 27**, following an all-congregation noon luncheon.

The meeting will include reports from the various ministry teams of Our Lord's, election of officers for 2019, and discussion and approval of the 2019 budget.

In addition to the "business" of the congregation, there has been built into the schedule, time for reflecting on possible new ministries or improvements to our beautiful campus.

The Super Bowl is not until February 3, so save the date for this important gathering in the life of Our Lord's!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The new 2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the Worship Center hallway mailboxes. If you haven't already pick up yours, please do so as soon as you are able. Remember, only use them in the year 2019! Envelope numbers may be different from 2018 to 2019 due to members being added or removed. Please use only 2019 envelopes for the new year's 2019 contributions. Envelopes for confirmed children

may be in a box in the Commons Area, due to lack of mailbox space. Please make sure you check for all your confirmed family members to ensure you get all the 2019 offering envelopes for your family. Picking them up and taking them home saves the church over \$2 each in postage per envelope pack, so please help Our Lord's in keeping our postage costs down. Thank you.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

ANNUAL REPORT final deadline:
Sunday, January 7th!

Reports should include all the things your team has accomplished in 2018. The church office will be compiling the reports for the big 2018 Annual Report during the first few days of 2019 so they will be ready for you to read a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. Thank you.



TREASURER'S REPORT

as of November 30th, 2018

**... opening their
treasure chests,
they offered him
gifts of gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.**

MATTHEW 2:11, NRSV



Monthly expenditures exceeded receipts by	2,831.32
YTD receipts exceeded expenditures by	51,127.11

Cash - Unrestricted	43,912
Cash - Replacement Reserve	43,570
Cash - Designated for specific purposes	10,268
Venturing In Faith contributions	14,001
Cumulative since campaign inception	777,877
Total Principal Paid on Mortgage	13,392
Remaining Principal balance on Mortgage	204,480

Submitted by Alan Kramer 12/05/18

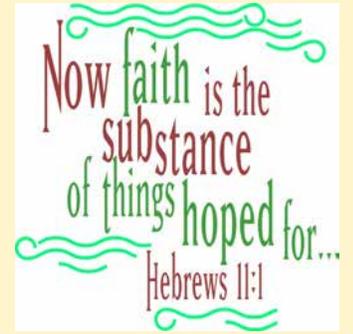
VET CENTER

The VA has a community-based, free and confidential counseling center specializing in combat veterans. It is located at Hwy 157 & Church Lane in Belleville. For more information, call 618.397.6602.



BIBLE CRUNCHERS STUDY

Wednesdays, 5:15 pm in the Worship Center Conference Room. Topic continues to be the New Testament book "Hebrews". All are welcome. Leader: **Pastor Park**. **NO** Class on Wednesday, **January 2**.



MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, January 10 and 24, (2nd & 4th

Thursdays of the month) 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The new 2019 Winter study is from the **Gather** magazine – the "Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus" by the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr. Rev. Kanarr is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair,

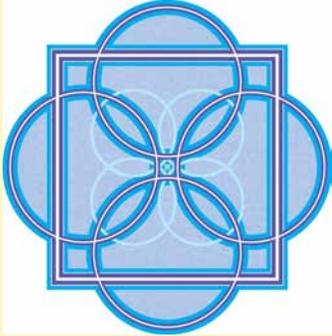
Washington and is an avid outdoorsperson, enjoying sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping. All through John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. You will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. The January Session is "Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith" where we meet John the Baptist, watch as the circle of Jesus' disciples grow, and go from the wedding in Cana to the cleansing of the temple to reflect on how the character of God is revealed in Jesus. All women welcome. Leader: **Debby Gunderson**.

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Death, Dying, and the Afterlife-Lessons from World Cultures" is by Professor Mark Berkson of Hamline University. All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich**. Class resumes on Monday, **January 7!**

(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Sundays, 9:15 am in the Worship Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Jesus and the Gospels" is by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University. The series covers the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John). All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich**. Class resumes on Sunday, **January 6**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for ages 3 – 5th GRADE

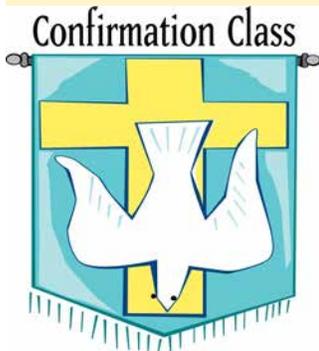
Sundays, 9:30 am in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall
No Classes for January 6, 2019. Classes resume Sunday, January 13.



We are using the Whirl curriculum.

Lesson in January: Jan. 13 – John Baptizes Jesus (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Jan. 20 – Water to Wine (John 2:1-11); Jan. 27 – One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a).

CONFIRMATION (Grades 6, 7 & 8)



Sundays, 9:15 am (usually) using the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum. Lead Teacher: **Ed Foppe**. Classes resume Sunday, **January 6**, 2019.

January Lessons: Jan. 6 – Epiphany, Gospel Overview; Jan. 13 - Baptism/Wilderness; Jan. 20 – Miracles of Jesus; Jan. 27 – Hard Sayings of Jesus/Annual Meeting.

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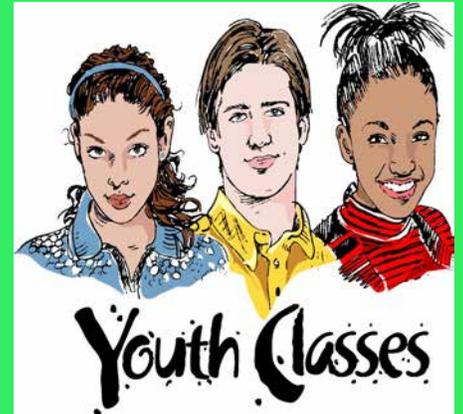
HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Youth Room in the
Worship Center

NEW Curriculum: re:form from Augsburg Fortress.

This new curriculum for teens is intended to engage them to explore their faith. Each session has a three-part sequence to encounter, engage and respond. Youth will watch an animated video, join in creative activities, and share thoughts and ideas about the session's questions.

Teachers: **Debby Gunderson & Scott Comrie.**



HIGH SCHOOL OUR LORD'S YOUTH (OLY) NEWS

The High School Youth will meet on **Sunday, January 6, 4-6 pm** at the **Hoelscher's** home.

Dates to enter into your personal calendar:

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 6:30 pm – Trivia Night.
Watch for details on time, theme and cost.

Saturday, February 9, 6:30 pm – Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner. Great food and entertainment.

*(For more information and details, see our "Youth Ministries" brochure
or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)*

LATE BOOMERS IN JANUARY

The Boomers will be meeting Sunday, **January 20, 3 pm** at Joe & Georgeann Smithies. They will provide BBQ Pork and Chicken, Rolls, Coleslaw & Relish Tray. Bring sides and desserts to share. BYOB! Bring ideas for 2019. RSVP by January 18.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on **Monday, January 21 at 11:30 am.** In January, you are invited to read The Soul of America by Jon Menchan. Bring a drink and a brown bag lunch to enjoy as the book is discussed. The book club meets in the Life Center Conference Room. All welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 19, 8 am at the St. Louis Bread Company in Collinsville on Hwy. 157. Come out to discuss how to handle today's life challenges in a more Christ-like manner. All men welcome. Leaders: **Steve Hoelscher & Pastor Park**



MEN'S CLUB

Our Lord's Men's Club meets on Saturday, **February 2, 7 am.** There is **NO** meeting in January! February's chefs are yet to be determined so watch for the information early next year! Come out for food, fellowship & chores around the inside and outside of the church, including working on the new Worship Center office and un-decorating the inside and outside of the church for Christmas!





SOS SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, January 10, 3:30 - 7 pm

St. John Evan. UCC, Collinsville

Menu: Tacos!

Sign-ups in the Narthex for food and volunteers.

We truly need you!

Questions: **Gail Jorgenson**



**S.O.S.
SOUP KITCHEN**

CASSEROLE TEAM

Provides meals for members experiencing an illness, a birth or other circumstance when meals would be helpful. Volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, as a meal preparer or deliverer, or have questions, please contact Team Leader:

Debby Gunderson



**Casserole
Ministry
Team**

OFFICE ANGELS

Thursdays at 10:30 am in the
Life Center Conference Room

Purpose: to help assemble bulletins
& visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**



**Office
Angels**

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

Once a month at **9:30 am in the Life Center Conference Room** towards the end of each month. In January, we move it to **Wednesday, January 30.**

Purpose: to help assemble printed newsletters & visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

Just a side note: **January's Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for February's Newsletter) is Tuesday, January 15!**

MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER



Open to residents of Maryville, and members of Maryville churches or schools.

Ministries Include:

Resident Assistance Program (RAP): to help people in difficult financial situations. Office Hours: Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm

Food Pantry: helps families in food deficiencies twice a month. All food items, toiletries, paper products & cleaning supplies are needed. Also, food items easy for homeless people to eat, which does not require cooking and is easily opened.

Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30-7 pm; Thursdays 10 am – noon; Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Grandma's Attic: Store offers super cheap clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods, small appliances. Donations accepted when Attic is open or can be placed in tubs under Worship Center mailboxes.

Attic Hours: Tuesdays 10 am-noon & 5:30 -7:30 pm; Wednesdays 10 am – 1 pm, Thursdays 10 am – 1 pm; and Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Our Lord's Liaison to Maryville Outreach Board: **Carol Orr**

CARING MINISTRY TEAM

Being God's Presence in Someone's Life

Provides care to church family as needed. Tasks Include: Visit people in hospital or homes, take previously consecrated Communion to our homebound or sick, called on those experiencing a personal crisis, provide transportation to doctor appointments or grocery shopping.

If you need assistance, or can help provide needs, call **Mary Olsen** or the church office.

Current team members include **Mary Olsen, Carol Gocken, Kathie & Terry Brady,** and **Carol & Rod Orr.**



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



***Faith in Action's* Elder Connection Starts a New Year**

Elder Connection is starting its 2019 schedule. And it's going to be lots of fun, particularly if you join us. For the month of January, we're gathering at Fazzi's in Collinsville for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, to feast on made from scratch Greek, Italian, and American entrees. OPA!

On February 9, we'll celebrate the Chinese New Year with lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Shangri-La in Edwardsville. We'll sit down to enjoy a huge variety of delicious Chinese food. For the rest of the year, we'll lunch monthly at restaurants like Morrison's Irish Pub in Alton, Sugo's in Edwardsville, the Roundtable Restaurant in Belleville, Olive Garden in Fairview Heights, Dewey's Pizza in O'Fallon, the Pere Marquette Lodge Restaurant in Grafton, and many more.

Collinsville *Faith in Action* started Elder Connection in 2009 as a program of social activities for our care receivers. Since its beginning, care receivers and volunteers alike have enjoyed sharing experiences. Wonderful friendships have been forged. As usual, volunteer drivers are available for those care receivers needing transportation. And because of a special grant, CFIA pays lunch costs for care receivers on our Elder Connection outings. These social events are open to individuals who are registered as care receivers of Collinsville *Faith in Action*. If you're not a care receiver, you need to talk to **Beth** at 344-8080 to sign up.

Celebrating 20 years of following our faith 1998-2018



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances.

FEBRUARY

- Presentation of Our Lord, Feb 2
- Men's Club Breakfast, Feb 2
- Boy Scouts Recognition, Souper Bowl of Caring, Council Installation, Feb. 2-3
- Lutheran Campus Ministry Trivia Night, Feb 2
- Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner, Feb 9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (1st Presbyterian), Feb 12
- Valentine's Day, Feb 14
- Martin Luther Died in 1546, Feb 18
- President's Day, Office Closed, Feb 18

MARCH

- Men's Club Breakfast, Mar 2
- Transfiguration of Our Lord Weekend, Mar 2-3
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Mar 5
- Ash Wednesday, Mar 6
- Girl Scout Recognition Weekend, Mar 9-10
- Daylight Savings-Spring Forward, Mar 10
- Soup Suppers, Mar 13, 20, 27
- Wednesday Lenten Holden Evening Prayer, Mar 13, 20, 27
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen, (St. John), Mar 14
- St. Patrick's Day, Mar 17
- Spring Begins, Mar 20
- Newsletter Assembly, Mar 28

APRIL

- Soup Suppers, Apr 3, 10
- Wednesday Lenten Holden Evening Prayer, Apr 3, 10
- Men's Club Breakfast, Apr 6
- Palm Weekend, Apr 13-14
- Tax Day, Apr 15
- Maundy Thursday, Apr 18
- Good Friday, Apr 19
- Easter Vigil, Apr 20
- Easter Sunday, Apr 21
- Easter Monday-Church Office Closed Apr 22
- Earth Day, Apr 22
- Newsletter Assembly, Apr 25





**Prayer List for
Military Personnel**

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
 Major James Carmichael
 Capt. Blake Crosby
 Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
 Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
 SPC Bill Homes
 Charles Homes
 Zach Huff
 Rueben Lerma
 AB Luke Maue
 John Meyer
 Zachary Neubauer
 Amador Ochoa
 Josh Pace
 Scott Prengel
 Jack Scoles
 Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
 Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
 Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer



**Prayers for Church
Members**

Carole Callahan
Barb Erickson
Greg Fremder
Sue & Jim Green
Dave Geiler
Faith Hoelscher
Luke Huster
Rudy Kantola
Don Klingsick
Erick Larson
Janice Lotz
Claire Maue
John Puricelli
Jeff Scheiter
Harry & Lynn Thiel
Emily Callahan Thompson
Zach Tiemann
Joan Vail
Jean Weishaupt
Elizabeth White
Lisa White

THANK YOU

Dear Our Lord's Praise Band,

As we look back at all we have to be thankful for, all you wonderful, talented folks come to mind! We have been truly blessed in many ways. Your friendships, commitment to church and music, as well as your ongoing love and support of Lucas is amazing. Please accept our donation of 'Thanksgiving' to your Praise Band for whatever your group sees fit to use it on.

Take care, God Bless and have a Merry Christmas,

Paul and Dawn Williams



Thank you to the Anonymous Donor for your generous donation which paid for subscriptions to The Living Lutheran Magazine for the year at Our Lord's.

IN SYMPATHY

Brian Lotz & sister Janice Lotz (at the death of their cousin Terry Poneleit on December 1)





Joe Smithies
 Jeremy Lange
 Gary Sides
 Denise Cigliana
 Bob Rinkle
 Mike Williams
 Nicole Spencer
 Mason Minnegan
 Sarah Endres
 Rebecca Reynolds
 Mason Treat
 Dave Gocken
 Rhonda Comrie
 Donna Beauchamp
 Beth Giese
 Drew Klingsick
 Barb Carver
 Tim Nyland
 Justin Orr
 Jo Steele
 Alex Peterson
 Erika Kohoutek
 Joette McNeilly
 Jim Spencer
 Sue Kramer
 Karen Hammond
 Chelsea Lang Litwicki
 Connie Reynolds
 Cash Barnett
 Brittney Mihalich
 Erik Larsen
 Nicole Soehnl
 Lynn Lang
 Teagan Short

Ron & Becky Garrison
 Dennis & Bonnie Eberle
 Gregory Jones & Cassi Fremder Jones
 Robert Valentine & Kris Pineda
 Bob & Georgia Rinkel
 Greg & Susan Perkins



Anna Foppe Graduated from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau with a degree in Accounting. She will be serving as an intern at Anders CPA Firm in St. Louis this spring, then go on to get her Master of Accounting at UMSL in January of next year.

Kelley Humphrey McGuire received her PhD from SLU in Nursing Philosophy. She plans on continuing to teach as SIUE and spending more time at home with her and Ben's Children.

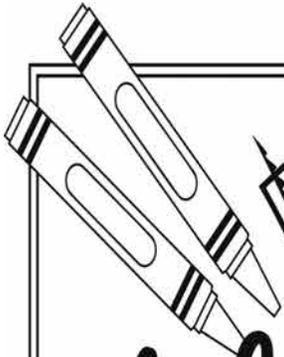
Prayers for Family and Friends of Church Members

Gladys Adams (Nicole Williams' friend)
Pam Ames (Klingsick's friend)
Steve Anderson (Beth Giese's brother)
Timmy Axton (Rod & Carol Orr's friend)
Jeff Bombal (Comrie's nephew)
Pr. Tommy Beaver (Loretta William's brother-in-law)
Billy
Jeff Callahan
Linda Carter
Lucian Cojucaru
Pam Conner
Bill Cross (Mike Williams' friend's uncle)
Timmie David (Mike Williams' friend)
Kristen Cummings (Karen & Erick Larson's daughter-in-law)
Jeff Davitz (Carole Callahan's friend)
Priscilla Donals
Vickie Finan (Kassing's niece)
Fire/Hurricane Victims
Bob Gbersoldt (Larry & Ginger Trucano's friend)
Paul & Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's parents)
Louise Gibbons (Rhonda Comrie's Friend)
Miranda Goes (Kassing's friend)
Shayna Hadley (Gocken's daughter)

Robert Hardy (Sue Green's friend)
Sue Harris (Linda Spencer's close friend)
Jane Hogg
Jean Huster (Dora Clawges' sister-in-law)
Immigrant Families
Sharon Janda
Ann Joyce
Julane Kuy Kendall (Robin Wellner's great nephew)
Pr. Tim Kennedy (Loretta Williams' brother-in-law)
Brenda Kilgore (Carol Gocken's friend)
Allison Lemke (Jim & Marcine Lemke's daughter)
David Lydick (Deanne Holshouser's cousin)
Jerry McBride
Charlie McCord
Ruth Ann McGrory (Erick Larson's friend)
Michael Meyer (Barb Erickson's grandson)
Dan Miner (Linda Spencer's cousin)
Nancy Miner (Linda Spencer's mother)
Monica (Don Simonson's friend)
Don Muller (Terry Menz' brother)
Margaret Neubauer (White's sister-in-law)
Bob Palme
Peggy (Caryl Kassing's friend)

Aaron Peters (Carol Gocken's nephew)
Todd Raukman (Jeff Waterman's friend)
Rhonda Reuter (Sue Green's H.S. friend)
Donna Ruddis (Carole Callahan's friend)
Alex Spadich
Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)
George Stickssel (Karen Cummings-Larson uncle)
Rod & Sharon Summer (Williams' neighbors)
Shooting Victims
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Chris Tiemann
Brenda Turner (Mike Williams' friend)
Sergio Vieira
Doug Wannan
Jean Wheeland (Beth Giese's mother)
Robert White (David White's father)
Diane Wooden
Kalene Young (Mike Williams' Friend)





PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
 through baptism into death in order that,
 just as Christ was raised from the dead
 through the glory of the Father,
 we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,
 LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since _____
 _____ us, we _____

 1 _____ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV

Answer: file new life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
6 Epiphany 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation; Adult Bible Study; Hospitality 9:30 - High School Class 10:45 - Worship	7 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Church Council	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	2 6:30 - Chancel Choir	3 6:30 - Bell Choir	4 10:30 - Office Angels	5 Epiphany 9 - Altar Guild 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:30 - 1st of the Month Dinner Out @ Boogies, Maryville
13 Baptism of Our Lord 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship	14 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Steering Team Mtg	15 Newsletter Deadline 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	16 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study 6:30 - Chancel Choir	17 10:30 - Office Angels 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - Recovery 360-Family Support	18 Confession of Peter Prayer for Christian Unity Begins	19 Epiphany II 8 - Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9 - Le Leche League 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
20 Epiphany II 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship 3 - Late Boomers @ Smithies	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed 10 - Questions Bible Study 11:30 - Serendipity Book Club 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy	22 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon; Praise Band	23 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study 6:30 - Chancel Choir	24 10 - Morning Glories 10:30 - Office Angels 6 - M.O.C. Board Mtg 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - MEHCCA	25 Conversion of Paul Prayer for Christian Unity Ends	26 Epiphany III 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:30 - OLY Trivia Night
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