

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 3 - 8th grade-Sundays at 9:15.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Starting on Sunday, January 8, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we'll begin a study on Noah and the flood. Join us as we explore this Old Testament event and the implications it has for our lives today. Led by Pastor Stanton

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: The Gospel of John-Tuesdays at 6:30am.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: A Study on Advent-Tuesdays at 9:00am.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY: LWML on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Good Shepherd-Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Beginning January 11th, we will be studying the book of Hebrews and how, through Jesus, we are made capable of enduring and overcoming the struggles of life. Please contact Duane Graf or Jaime Greene in the church office if you plan to attend, so we can have enough study guides for the class.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of Mark-Thursdays at 9:30 am.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy- 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: For the first quarter of 2023, our Special Mission Offering will support Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW). LBW works to ensure that all people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired will have access to the Good News of salvation, by providing Bibles, pamphlets, and other materials in Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials. To sponsor Special Missions, please sign up on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: Second quarter Sunday school offerings will be going to India - Gospel Adventures through Lutheran World Relief. Offerings will support youth clubs in India and ensure the continuation of the spreading of the Gospel!

CHURCH INFORMATION

WINTER PICNIC: Please note that the Epiphany Extravaganza, which was to be held following the late service on January 8th, has been canceled.

POINSETTIA PLANTS: Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for the Lord's Altar! If you would like to take your plant home, you may do so at your earliest convenience.

ALTAR FLOWERS, BULLETINS, AND SPECIAL MISSIONS: If you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Bulletins and/or Special Missions, please see the Bulletin Board for the 2023 sign-up sheet.

RAISE RIGHT: Thank you to everyone who purchased RaiseRight gift cards throughout 2022! Because of you, we sold over \$46,000 worth of cards and raised \$1,500 for education programs at Blessed Savior! This is an ongoing program for us, and you can continue to purchase gift cards at the table in the hallway, or by using the Order Form, which is available by the bulletin boards on the west side of the hallway.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS NEEDED: Blessed Savior Lutheran ECC is looking for loving, energetic, qualified team players to serve as teachers/aides in our childcare room. This is an immediate need we have to fill so please spread the word! Early childhood courses and experience is preferred. Hours are flexible, wage

is based on experience! Contact Director Jennifer Leinss to learn more about becoming a part of this great team! 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: New offering envelopes for 2023 have been placed in your mailbox. Families with 3 or more, your boxes will be on the ledge of the mailbox unit. Take them home today!

PARTNERS IN PRAYER: Please join us as we cover our students and schools in prayer on Monday, January 9th at 9am!

DECORATION TAKEDOWN: On Sunday, January 15th following the late service, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please plan to stick around and lend a hand!

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th -12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday, January 15th, from 6-8pm. It's game night, so bring along your favorite game(s) and join us in the Fellowship Hall! We'll be ordering dinner, so come hungry!

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS FAIR: We are excited to celebrate Lutheran Schools later this month! Stop in the Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour on Sunday, January 29th to visit with our area Lutheran Schools to see what exciting things they are up to in their ministry, and to listen to our church members share what they love about their school.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year on Monday, January 23rd. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT: Join us on Friday, January 27th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for some family crafting fun. We will be making necklaces, bracelets, bookmarks, snowflakes, and more! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway if you plan to attend!

FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK: Men's Bible Study and the Board of Evangelism is hosting a Fat Tuesday Potluck on Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm. We will have the opportunity to hear from Jeff Van Biever of Acts 1:8 Ministry on how we can use Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (P.A.C.K.s) to reach others with the message of the Gospel. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a snack food to share!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Judy Karen Nancy Alice Bettylynn Joanne Ron Marc Linda Norma Grace

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Geraldine Frank Curtis Anita Lynn

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Garrett Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Melissa Best in memory of Allen Ackley and in celebration of Addy's 12th birthday.

Bulletins are sponsored by

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WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 6th - 15th

FRI	6:00pm Craft Night	WED	9:00am Quilters
SAT	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal		7:00pm Bible Study
SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion		7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am Education Hour	THURS	9:30am Bible Study
	10:30am Worship and Communion		7:00pm Worship
MON	9:00am Partners in Prayer	SAT	8:30am Men's Bible Study
TUES	6:30am Bible Study		9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study	SUN	8:00am Worship
	6:30pm Elder's Meeting		9:15am Education Hour
	6:30pm Women's Home Bible Study		10:30am Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm

PASTOR STANTON'S OFFICE HOURS:

By Appointment Only

Attendance: New Years Eve 41 **Offerings:** \$2,226.00 **Needed Weekly:** \$10,212.08
New Years Day 54 \$3,507.00