

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 the 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 3-year-olds through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly at 9:15am.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is at 9:15am and is studying the Gospels in chronological order.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Acts and the early Christian Church on Tuesdays at 7am in the Church Library.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin a new study on Joseph.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is at 7pm in the Church Library. We will be studying the Ministry of Jesus, with insight from Dr. Chad Foster, a Rabbi and LCMS Pastor.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: High School Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and will be discussing the gifts God has given us to serve His people.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor DeArmond is leading participants through a longer look at the Sunday lessons.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through the book "Mission Possible".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our first quarter Special Missions offering will support Lutheran Bible Translators. Lutheran Bible Translators make God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they understand best. LBT partners with local leaders around the world to launch Bible translation movements. We know God's Word is for everyone, and LBT is committed to supporting these passionate leaders. When the leaders are equipped with the resources, time, and capacity, more language communities will be reached. More people will experience the hope, life, and transformation that Scripture brings. Lutheran Bible Translators are trusted by more than 100 language communities around the world. Their partnerships are founded on quality and experience to empower church leaders, translators, and entrepreneurs. For more information, please visit their website at <https://lbt.org/about/>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: Second quarter Sunday school offerings will be going to Awesome Australia - Gospel Adventures through Lutheran World Relief. Offerings will support Happyland, a digital resource available to students that keeps children engaged with the Gospel message!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: As part of a community service project preschool students will be collecting new teddy bears to donate to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. We will be collecting BRAND NEW stuffed animals throughout the month of January! If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the bin in the narthex!

CHURCH INFORMATION

POINSETTIA PLANTS: Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for the Lord's Altar! They are labeled for those who ordered one. If you would like to take it home, you may do so at your earliest

convenience. If you would like to donate your plant to the church, please let Julie in the church office know.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The next quarter of Portals of Prayer (January-March 2024) are now available on the table near the front doors of church. Please take one for your personal devotions and another to share with a friend or neighbor!

WINTER PICNIC: Join us Sunday, January 7th after the late service for Twelfth Night - an Epiphany Picnic and Tree Burning! Following a picnic lunch of brats, Spencer steaks, and potluck sides, we'll head out to the bonfire pit, where we'll close up the Christmas season by burning your live Christmas trees and wreaths. Following Christmas, you may place your undecorated trees and wreaths on the parking lot near the sand volleyball court.

FULL-TIME LEAD CHILDCARE TEACHER: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking a compassionate individual who is caring and loving to teach our children. This position is for the lead childcare teacher in our multi-age childcare room and is a full-time with benefits position. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

POSTERS FOR UKRAINE: Women's Ministry is making posters for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and are in need of your old calendar pictures and Christmas Card pictures. If you have any you would like to donate, please place them in the cubby marked "Women's Ministry".

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CLEAN UP: Please join us on Sunday, January 14th following the late service as we pack up our Christmas decorations!

YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING: All 6th-12th graders and their parents are invited to join us on Sunday, January 14th at 6pm as we plan our year of Youth Group! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATION MEETING: It's time to start planning for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering! If you are currently in 7th-11th grade and are interested in more information regarding the Gathering, please join us for an information meeting on Sunday, January 28th at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION MEETING: All Confirmands and their parents should plan to join us on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm for a brief meeting regarding the Confirmation Retreat on February 2-4th at Camp LuWiSoMo. If you are in High School and would like to serve as a Junior Counselor for the Retreat, please plan to attend as well.

RAISE RIGHT: Thank you to everyone who purchased Raise Right gift cards throughout 2023! Because of your support, we sold \$32,000 worth of cards and raised \$1,000 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.

LWML MEETING: Please join us for our first meeting of the New Year on February 6th at 6:30 pm. Carol Flanery from Lutheran Counseling & Family Services will be joining us and speaking about services for children and mental health.

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 2024 sign-up sheet.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Herb Ron Jerry

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

Dan Chance Ellie Jill Jim Ron Micah Curtis Nancy Bernadette

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

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Diane Brookins in loving memory of Jonathan Loiacano and by Melissa Best in celebration of Addy's 13th birthday.

Bulletins are sponsored by Diane Brookins in loving memory of Jonathan Loiacano and by Darrell Kahl in loving memory of Roberta Grace Kahl.

Special Missions are sponsored by Diane Brookins in loving memory of Jonathan Loiacano.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER JANUARY 6th - 14th

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| FRI | 6:00 pm Craft Night | THURS | 9:30 am Bible Study |
| SAT | 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal | | 6:30 pm Worship and Communion |
| SUN | 8:00 am Worship | SAT | 8:30 am Men's Bible Study |
| | 9:15 am Education Hour | | 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 am Worship | SUN | 8:00 am Worship and Communion |
| | 11:30 am Epiphany Picnic | | 9:15 am Education Hour |
| TUE | 7:00 am Bible Study | | 10:30 am Worship and Communion |
| | 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study | | 11:30 am Christmas Decoration |
| | 6:30 pm Elders Meeting | | Takedown |
| | 6:30 pm Women's Home Bible Study | | 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| WED | 9:00 am Quilters | | |
| | 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | | |
| | 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study | | |
| | 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study | | |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Fridays: 8:00am- 2:00pm

Attendance: 133 **Offerings:** \$19,030.00 **Needed Weekly:** \$10,212.08

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