

***The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism***

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you "might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

## **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:** Please join us at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall as we begin an in-depth study of the book of Ruth. This short Old Testament book is not just a love story, but rather a significant story that points us from the time of the Judges to King David, and ultimately to Jesus.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 7am. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesdays at 7pm.

**TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying Psalm 46.

**WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY** will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Isaiah. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7am.

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets on Thursdays at 9:30am and will continue taking a longer look at the readings for the upcoming weekend.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through a study of Nehemiah.

## **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** Our first quarter Special Missions offering will support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). Through your generous gifts, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF is in more than 90 countries and has publications in 145 different languages so that pastors, teachers, missionaries, and more are able to get the Good News into the hands of people.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:** Second quarter Sunday school offerings will be going to Wild About Kenya - 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. Throughout the month of January, you are invited to place your donations of new teddy bears in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate the church this Christmas! You are welcome to take your plants home at your earliest convenience. The list of orders is available on the bulletin board.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2025 Offering Envelopes are now available in your cubby. For households with more than 2 giving members, your envelopes are located above the mailboxes.

**WINTER PICNIC:** It's not too late to join us for our Chili Cook-off and Tree Burning! Stop in the Fellowship Hall after late church to taste the best of Blessed Savior's Chili and enjoy fellowship with others. Following the meal, we'll head out to the north end of the parking lot, where we'll burn our Christmas trees, showing that Christ is the light of the world!

**ALTAR GUILD:** The altar guild is seeking new members to help prepare and take care of our Lord's altar. This very important work would be great for individuals, couples, or even families. We are also seeking an individual to oversee/lead the Altar Guild. If you have any questions or interest, please talk to Janet Steinhaus or Pastor DeArmond.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** We are looking to establish a group of men that would assist pastor and the elders in the distribution of Communion during our worship services. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor DeArmond. Training will be provided.

**USHERS:** We are currently in need of ushers for all services, but especially Sundays, to help fill out some of the ushering teams. This opportunity to serve is open to all men and women in the congregation. If you have any questions or are willing to serve, please contact Jack Welter or Pastor DeArmond.

**CHILDCARE TEACHERS:** Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking compassionate individuals who are caring and loving to teach our children. We have both part- and full-time positions available. 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](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

**CALENDAR PICTURES WANTED:** Please save those 2024 calendar pictures! Bible Verses can be added to the pictures and sent with shipments for Orphan Grain Train. Your donations can be placed in the bin under the table in the Narthex.

**TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER:** Join us on Friday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a fun night with your stuffed animal. Come to church in your pajamas and bring along a stuffed animal. We will do a fun project, eat a snack, and then say goodnight to our stuffies! Stuffies will have a sleepover at church and can be picked up Sunday, January 26th during Sunday School. We will see what shenanigans our stuffies can get into! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

**CULVER'S FUNDRAISER:** Save the date! We've got dinner covered for you on Monday, January 27th! Stop by Culver's on National Ave from 4-7pm and your purchases will benefit those who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer!

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, January 27th. 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](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

**CALLING ALL CANNERS:** Did you can some delicious foods over the summer when your garden was bountiful? The youth who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering are looking for donations of your homemade canned foods to assemble baskets for our Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner in March (more details on this coming soon!) If you would be willing to donate one of your goodies, please see Jaime Greene.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

**We pray for our members:**

Marvene Lorna Duane Larry

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

Dan Ellie Jason Shane Pastor Alex Gabe Amy Logan Mark Sam Sharlot Danielle Steve

**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 her husband, Jonathan Loiacano; the Kahl family, in memory of Roberta Grace; and Claudia Towne, in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

**Special Missions are sponsored by**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

<b>FRI</b>	6:00pm Craft Night	<b>WED</b>	9:00am Quilters
<b>SAT</b>	8:30am Men's Bible Study		7:00pm Bible Study
	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal		7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am Worship and Communion		7:00pm High School Bible Study
	9:15am Education Hour	<b>THURS</b>	9:30am Bible Study
	10:30am Worship and Communion		6:30pm Worship and Communion
	11:30am Chili Cook-Off and Tree Burning	<b>SAT</b>	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
<b>TUES</b>	7:00am Bible Study	<b>SUN</b>	8:00am Worship and Communion
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study		9:15am Education
	6:30pm Board of Education		10:30am Worship and Communion
	6:30pm Elders Meeting		
	6:30pm Women's Home Bible Study		

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

**Attendance:** 187

**Offerings:** \$9,799

**Needed Weekly:** \$12,535.15

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