

NEWS AND NOTES

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Chairman: Bruce Abitz Vice Chairman: Alan Fischer

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Altar Duty for January: Susan Figge

January 11 and 12, 2025

Sunday, December 29, 2024:

January 4 and 5: All services cancelled due to Winter storm

Of the Word Epiphany, meaning revelation, begins on January 6. It celebrates the revelation of the Son of God to the Gentiles, reminding us that Jesus came to bring forgiveness to everyone, to make the world right with Himself. Epiphany continues today as God reveals Himself to us through the words of Scripture and strengthens our faith through the power of His Sacraments. The Holy Spirit works in us, increasing our faith and understanding of the plan and purpose of God for our lives. Responding to His love, we share it with others in both words and deeds. As God's Epiphany work continues in us, we become God's revelation to others of what it means to follow Him. Our Spirit-inspired words and actions have the power to draw others to ask, as the Magi did, "Where is this Jesus? We, too, want to come and worship Him.

Onaga Health and Rehab: Cynthia Althouse

Eastridge (Centralia): Janice Loughmiller, Gary Kolterman

RedBud Assisted Living: Joan Kolterman, Lavona Biesenthal, Larry Stelter

Westy Care Home Assisted Living: Dorothy Schwandt Guth

Remembering in our prayers: Delbert Kufahl, Joe Harder, Lori Florence, Pastor Terry

Sunday School Co Superintendents: Linda Falk and Ireta Schwant

Teaching Staff: PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1: Jenny Donnelly and Bailey Starns

Grades 2,3,4 and 5: Joy Zabel and Tracy Meyerkorth

Grades: 6, 7 and 8: Brenda Schlegel and Dixie Revell

Sunday School and Staff:

January Birthdays: Rylee Sue Wren, Kylee Graf, Karter Graf, Cradle Roll: June Alice

Krohn, Kyron David Boswell, High School: Lily Falk and Waylon Figge

As of November 10: 5 Sundays: Rylee and Luke Wren

November 17: 10 Sundays Clancy Revell

December 1 : 10 Sundays: William, Marie and Donn Spevacek

December 15: 10 Sundays: Michael Henneberg, Kody Krohn,

Elsie Henneberg Ellie Starns

15 Sundays: Hazel and Olive Ubel, Remington and Westin Donnelly

January 12 – Epiphany /Baptism of Our Lord – With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing : “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22).

Church council will meet today, January 12, following morning worship.

Voters’ Meeting Sunday, January 19, 2024, following Worship. Election and Budget for 2025. Youth Group will be serving lunch. (Beef stew, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee)

Pastor wants to thank everyone for their Christmas prayers and thoughtful gifts. Also, for prayers and acts of kindness as he recovers from his accident.

Portals of Prayer for January-March are available in the Narthex and Offering Envelopes are in your mail box.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Children’s Christmas Eve service. And special thanks to the Youth Group who provided the candy sacks for the children.

Tomorrow: Wheaton Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, January 13 at the Wheaton Center with potluck meal at NOON. Business meeting to include election of officers and a pitch game or other activity to be determined.

LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. Ireta Schwant hostess.

Things to Ponder:

***An angel named Gabriel told Zacharias his old wife would have a baby (Luke 1:13-19)**

***The first angels mentioned in the Bible were holding flaming swords (Genesis 3:24)**

***Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel were all angels (Isaiah 14:12, Jude 9; Luke 1:19)**

***The book of Micah prophesied Jesus’ birthplace as Bethlehem 700 years in advance (Micah 5:2)**

***An angel often came down to Bethesda to stir up the waters of its pool. (John 5:2-4)**

***There is nothing in the Bible to suggest that angels were ever human beings elevated to angelic status. Rather, angels are spiritual beings who were specially created by God. (Hebrews 1:7)**