



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CELEBRATION SUNDAY JANUARY 6 AT 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. SERVICES

**EPIPHANY**, or the twelfth day of Christmas, falls on January 6 and marks the official end of the festive Christmas season. The word "Epiphany" comes from Greek and means to show, referring to Jesus being revealed to the world. It is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It has been celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was even established. This ancient Christian feast day for Eastern Christians is significant as a celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan. For Western Christians, the feast primarily commemorates the coming of the Magi, with only a minor reference to the baptism of Jesus.



This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday – January 6, 2019. Be sure to join together for "Epiphany of Our Lord" worship at either the 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. service that day. We shall experience the visit of the three kings or Wise Men as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## CHILI AND CORNBREAD COOK-OFF

The celebration **starts Sunday, January 6 at 6 p.m.** with a chili and cornbread cook-off followed by a short **devotional**. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, so you can sign up to bring chili and/or cornbread for the cook-off or offer a dessert. **We are asking for donations of Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks.** You can drop them off in the FAB when you come for the chili cook-off. Monetary donations will be donated to the Woodyard Fund, supported by Salvation Army. Thrivent Action Team will provide seed money for the evening.





## JANUARY! REALLY?

I'm sitting here at my desk still with 12 days left until Christmas. My head is stuffed with thoughts of more Sundays in Advent, Christmas Eve services, and the service for the First Sunday after Christmas. January isn't really on the horizon for me. Nevertheless, here we go.

You might have noticed that this year our 3 Wise Men have not yet made it to the chancel with the rest of our figures in the manger scene. There's a reason for that. They're on their way, but, according to the church calendar, they don't actually arrive until the Day of the Epiphany. We tend to forget, but Matthew's introduction of the Wise Men begins this way: "In the time of King Herod, *after Jesus was born*, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem...."

Like you, and most all of us, I grew up with manger scenes going up just after Thanksgiving replete with 3 wise men – though, in fact, we presume the number 3 from the gifts, not because we're told that there were 3 wise men. Regardless, manger scenes with animals, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, and wise men are what we have seen all our lives. Those pesky details have been glossed over by habit.

This year, however, The Day of the Epiphany actually arrives on a Sunday – the 12<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas. (You begin counting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.) So, we get to go back to those pesky details and celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Until then, our Wise Men will grow ever closer to our "little Bethlehem." This year, for all of us, we'll finally be able to fully understand the 12 Days of Christmas that start with the partridge in a pear tree, for we'll get to be in church on that 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas.

Now, I also know, that stuck in between Christmas and Epiphany there is January 1<sup>st</sup> – the start of a new year. For most of us, if we haven't celebrated the incoming year too much the night before, we find the beginning of this new year as a day of hope for what will be. We make resolutions – though we know that too often we are not able to keep them. We make them, nonetheless, out of that hope that comes with the beginning of a new year. New Year's resolutions often reflect the best of us, of a reflection on our lives and how we might better live those lives – and that is a useful activity for all of us.

So, I hope all of you have had a very Merry Christmas and I sincerely wish you a Happy New Year!



## CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that 2018 is now just a memory. As I write my last letter as President of the Congregational Council, I would like to thank those of you have been a part of making this year successful. There have been some really exciting moments and then there have been some disappointing ones. As you know we had two members of the Council resign due to family or personal health reasons and one other resignation for personal reasons. However, we as the Council and some of the members stepped up and tried to cover all the important issues that arose. I think we did a pretty good job as a whole.

On another note, we did have one really exciting event happen during 2018. Good Shepherd was able to retire the roof loan and become debt free. I know many of you have been praying for this moment and what better Christmas gift could we have. Thank you to everyone who has had a part in the retirement of this loan. We were able to pay it off three years early and save a considerable sum of money that can now be applied to other programs here at Good Shepherd.

We have also added two new staff members. Kimi Dail joins us as a part time Director of Christian Education and Deborah Mitchell joins us January 1 as the full time Parish Administrator. We welcome both of you and the gifts and talents you bring. I am sure we will all look forward to meeting and working with these two new staff members. Welcome aboard.

As I close, I would just encourage each and every one to step up in 2019 and become more active. Come check out our Sunday School programs, join one of the committees, invite people to come and visit with us, or call someone you have not seen at church in a while. Let them know they are missed. These are ways we can make our church more inviting and appealing to our own members, a new pastor taking a look, or visitors who may be looking for a church. Everyone likes to see the pews filled with people and not just empty spaces. Come and participate.

In Christian Love,  
Becky Shealy



**Snodgrass  
children enjoying  
their Advent  
Calendars.**

## JANUARY SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS

The Woodyard Fund is the social ministry emphasis for January at Good Shepherd.

A joint project of The State newspaper and The Salvation Army, the Woodyard Fund helps residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. Applicants are vetted and must meet certain criteria to receive aid.

Eligible households get vouchers redeemable at businesses that provide heating services. The Salvation Army reimburses the businesses for the voucher amounts.

The fund dates to 1816, when the Ladies Benevolent Society provided firewood and coal to families in need in Columbia. In 1930, The State newspaper began publicizing the fund each winter.

Good Shepherd has supported the fund for a number of years. If you'd like to support this effort, you may put your contributions in the offering plate any Sunday in January. You may also send your donation to the church office.

Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.

## 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

The Congregational Council officers elected for 2019 are **Nancy Hyatt**, President, and **Lauren Chandler**, Vice President. **Anna-Marie Plyler** will serve as Secretary and **Rebecca Richardson** will be Treasurer. Committee chairpersons and council representatives to the committees are as follows:

<b>Communication:</b>	<i>Wade Wingard</i>
<b>Evangelism:</b>	<i>Penry Gustafson</i>
<b>Finance:</b>	<i>Jamie Sanders</i>
<b>Gifts:</b>	<i>Marcia Woodward</i>
<b>Learning:</b>	<i>Katie Bostic</i>
<b>Parish Life:</b>	<i>Karen Lucas</i>
<b>Property:</b>	<i>Rod Kent</i>
<b>Social Ministry:</b>	<i>Steve Steck</i>
<b>Worship Life:</b>	<i>Donna Foster</i>
<b>Youth &amp; Children:</b>	<i>Mitch Uehling</i>

At-large members are Jennifer Ross (Parish Life), Robert Ellington (Learning), and Lauren Chandler (Finance). Each committee will be in contact with those who volunteered to serve on their committees about meeting dates and times for 2019.

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is continuing to gather information on potential candidates, complete site visits, and candidate interviews. We are earnestly working to ensure our next pastor is BEST for our church and congregation, and not just a new leader to fill a vacancy. This requires extensive research, time, and prayers.

Based on the Transition Team report and findings from the gathering with Bishop Yoos, we are working to find a pastor who meets the needs of the congregation as a whole including (but not limited to):

- \* Biblical teaching
- \* Fosters and supports both Contemporary and Traditional worship services
- \* Identifies and fosters lay leadership
- \* Establishes interpersonal relationships with all members, taking time to visit those who are ill, unable to attend Sunday worship, dealing with loss, etc.
- \* Grows involvement in ministry and worship

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and direction, for the members of the Call Committee, and for our future pastor.

Humbly,

Amanda Snodgrass  
Call Committee Chair



## CHURCH BUS NEWS

The church bus is available for all members of Good Shepherd. However, it is not available to the Day School due to liability issues. To use the church bus notify Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator in the church office, to be put on the calendar. Only drivers who have been qualified with less than 4 points on their license, have done a short walk around, and taken a short road test may drive the church bus. This is for safety and insurance and is checked annually. All drivers must be qualified. Any problems or questions about bus usage, call Rod Kent, bus caretaker, at 803-261-2905.

## GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS

God's Young Followers will meet on January 27, 2019, following the late service for Game Day! Please bring your favorite board game and join us for a brief devotion and some fellowship and fun. Also, please bring your lunch or eat before you come. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join us! For more information or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Lisa Sanchez at [mikelisasanchez@gmail.com](mailto:mikelisasanchez@gmail.com).

## YOGS NEWS

### JANUARY

**1/13/19 - ALL YOGS - Personal Safety Program** led by Forest Acres Police Department Community Action Team. Dinner and program will begin at 5 p.m. Leigh Ann Tollison will be leading this event. More details to follow.

**1/27/18 - ALL YOGS - Youth Sunday Practice** 5-8 p.m. Jennifer Ross and Jim Johnson leading this event. More details to follow.

### FEBRUARY

**2/3/19 - ALL YOGS - "Souper Bowl of Caring"** Sunday. After 2nd service youth will serve grilled cheese and soup and collect a love offering to be given to local charities.

**2/10/19 - ALL YOGS - "Youth Sunday"** - All of our youth will participate and lead the Sunday worship service. Adult Leaders Jennifer Ross, Jim Johnson and Eric Wolfe

**2/24/19- ALL YOGS - Bowling outing Sunday 5-8 p.m.** More details to follow.



*Decorating Christmas Tree*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SC SYNOD RETREATS

Contact Mitch Uehling or Lisa Boozer for more information or to register for retreats being held this year for youth in SC. All costs for these weekend retreats are \$95/youth, but our GSLC youth budget will pay for \$50/youth attending. <http://scsynod.com/youth>.

### 9th—10th Grade Winter Retreat

"God's Got This" at Camp Kinard on January 18-20, 2019  
If you are interested in more information or signing up, check out online website. <http://scsynod.us/lcy910wr>

### 11th—12th Grade Winter Retreat

"Where Do We Go From Here?" on February 15-17, 2019  
at Coastal Retreat Center . <http://scsynod.us/lcy1112wr>

### Spring into Action March 15-17, 2019

at Coastal Retreat Center. <http://scsynod.us/lcyspring>

### Middle School Retreat April 26-28, 2019

at Camp Kinard <http://scsynod.us/lcymshr>.



## 25th ANNUAL HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

## LAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**January 2019 Tuesday  
evenings: January 8, 15,  
22, and 29, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church  
210 Grace Street  
Prosperity, SC**

**Check out the flyer on the bulletin board  
in the narthex for more information.**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School classes meet downstairs below the sanctuary. Come at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship, hot coffee, and brief announcements before class.

Join any class you like or give all our adult classes a try. Our classes are always open for new folks!

Adult Sunday School classes are looking for teachers for 2019. If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher for any of the adult classes, please let Kimi Dail know ([khd1987@gmail.com](mailto:khd1987@gmail.com)). Material can be provided, or you may come up with your own.

The Fellowship Class will continue to meet in Classroom 2.

In February, *Being A Healthy Church Member*, will be led by Bruce Shealy in Classroom 1.

### **NOTE:**

#### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES**

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you can't be here, please get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment.

If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

<u>SERVICE AREA</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Worship Life	Donna Foster, Chair 743-4284
8:15 a.m.	David Lucas 776-9216
Grushers	776-9216
10:45 a.m.	Chris Herrmann 787-0433
Ushers	787-0433
Worship Assistants:	Donna Foster 743-4284
Acolytes & Crucifers:	Neal Inman 600-5637
Nursery:	Mitch Uehling 804-405-8908
Coordinator	804-405-8908
Contemporary	Susan Weaver 600-1936
Coordinator	600-1936

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)**

<b>1</b>	Donna Haigh	<b>7</b>	Penny Pedersen	<b>18</b>	Kitty Howard	<b>20</b>	Gigi Middlebrooks	<b>26</b>	Stacy Gross
	Rachel Richardson		Shane Porter		Rosemary Nance		John Van Duys	<b>27</b>	Kathie Aller
<b>2</b>	Susan Weaver	<b>11</b>	Joey Allison		Adams Smith	<b>22</b>	Lachlan All-Black	<b>28</b>	Kathy O'Quinn
<b>3</b>	Luvelle Terrio	<b>12</b>	Becky Silvia		Michael Stallings		Brooke Grosh	<b>29</b>	Lila Smith
<b>4</b>	Chandler Ford		Greg Sox	<b>19</b>	Maddie Boozer	<b>23</b>	Phyllis Nilson	<b>30</b>	Rosemary Shuping
<b>5</b>	Eden Rowell	<b>13</b>	Brayden Jones		Alycia Fortner		Jamie Sanders	<b>31</b>	Bobbie Storey
<b>6</b>	Pat Quattlebaum	<b>16</b>	Ansley Seay		Mike Traufler	<b>24</b>	Matthew Herrmann		
<b>7</b>	John Allen	<b>17</b>	Betty Fellers	<b>20</b>	Preston Haigh		Silas Holmes		

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements (CI-1)  
 9:25 AM Children's Music (Children's Music Room)  
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult  
 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5  
 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**January 2019**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<p><b>NOTE:</b>                      Church Office Hours:                      Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.                      Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.                      In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.</p>		<p><b>1</b>  <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>                       Church Office Closed                      Day School Closed</p>
<p><b>6</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE                       EPIPHANY                       6:00 pm Chili &amp; Cornbread Cook-Off</p>	<p><b>7</b>                       6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)                       5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)                      6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)                      6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)                      6:30 pm Worship Life Mtg (CI-2)</p>
<p><b>13</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE                       3:00 pm Confirmation                      5:00 pm All YOGS Personal Safety Program</p>	<p><b>14</b>                       6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>15</b>                       11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)                       2:00 pm Executive Comm Mtg (CI-2)                      5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room)                      6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)                      7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)</p>
<p><b>20</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE                       FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY                       1:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2)                       5:30 pm Council Meeting (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>21</b>                       NEWSLETTER DEADLINE                       6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>22</b>                       11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)                       5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room)                      6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)                      6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>
<p><b>27</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE                       12:00 pm GYF's Game Day (FAB)                      5:00-8:00 pm All YOGS Youth Sunday Practice</p>	<p><b>28</b>                       6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>29</b>                       11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)                       5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room)                      6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** 11:30 a.m.—Classroom 2

**Wednesday Choir Rehearsal:** Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

*Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at <http://www.gslc.com/>.*

*Click "See the Current Calendar" at the bottom of the page.*

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>2</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>  10:00 am Mary Group (CI-2) 5:30 pm Call Committee Mtg (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>  2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group	<b>18</b>  SCLCY 9th & 10th Grade Winter Retreat at Camp Kinard  Live Wire to Shealy's for lunch (leave church at 11:00 am)	<b>19</b>  SCLCY 9th & 10th Grade Winter Retreat at Camp Kinard  9:00 am Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast (FAB)
<b>23</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)		

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

DATE	1/6/19	1/13/19	1/20/19	1/27/19	2/3/19
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Mitch & Stephany Uehling	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	TBD
<b>USHERS</b>	Team # 6 Jeff Inabinet	Team # 6 Jeff Inabinet	Team # 6 Jeff Inabinet	Team # 6 Jeff Inabinet	TBD
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Grayce Boozer	Matthew Herrmann	Lennae Sox	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Jake Lalumondier	Brock Tollison	Millie Sox	Eric Whitlow	William Foster
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Barbara Rowell (L & C)	Mille Sox (L) Marcia Woodward (C)	Lula Camp (L) Cheryl Christian (C)	Gaye Tucker (L & C)	TBD
<b>NURSERY</b>	Kimi Dail, Susan Uehling	Kimi Dail, Anna Ross	Kimi Dail, Eden Rowell	Kimi Dail, Lennae Sox	Kimi Dail, Stacey Gross
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Leigh Ford, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, David Lucas	Terri Tokaz, Betty Cox	Mitch Uehling, Lavina Chandler	Mary Stallings, Jerry Vaughn

**COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH:**

**Steve Steck**

**OPENING BUILDINGS:**

**Joey Allison**

**FOOD PANTRY: TBD**

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

DATE	1/6/19	1/13/19	1/20/19	1/27/19	2/3/19
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	Team # 1 Lucas	Team # 1 Lucas	Team # 1 Lucas	Team # 1 Lucas	TBD
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>NURSERY</b>	Kimi Dail, Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, Anna Lawson	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail, Amy Kemp	Kimi Dail, TBD
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



## THANK YOU GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH



Thank you to all who helped a needy child in the Midlands by filling a Salvation Army Stocking this Christmas. You made Christmas morning a little bit brighter for 79 children!

Social Ministry Committee



Thank you so much for the lovely ornament in memory of my dear husband Jim. It will be a treasured part of our Christmas this year.

Warmest regards,  
Kitty Howard

This year's Angel Tree was a big success! Seventy-five men, women, and children were blessed with your generosity.



Social Ministry, Thrivent Financial, Dorcas and Tamar Groups

The Social Ministry would like to thank Good Shepherd members for their contributions in 2018. We were able to financially help the following groups:

- Big Red Barn Retreat—\$626.00
- The Homeless Period Project—\$200.00
- Newberry College—\$223.60 for Campus Ministry
- St. Martin's In-The-Fields—\$810.00 for Back Pack Ministry at Crayton Middle School
- Newberry Boy's Farm—\$400.00
- The Animal Mission—\$498.65



On behalf of the Youth Committee, we would like to extend a word of thanks to Jim Johnson and Susan Sturkie for their time, talent and patience to lead our Children's Advent Program on Sunday, December 9. We give thanks for all of the parents, volunteers and church

members who showed their love and support to all of our youth and children by attending the program.

### LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION BREAKFAST

The Lutheran Men in Mission will meet for breakfast, Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the FAB to plan and organize activities and outreach. The Lutheran Men in Mission is a multi-generational group open for all men that provides fellowship and church activities. Planning will include: the most convenient date and time for meeting and the meeting frequency. Possible Fellowship activities could include a meeting at: The Hunter-Gatherer Brewery and Ale House, the Curtiss Wright Hangar at Owens Field, Hudson's Smokehouse in Lexington, the River Rat Brewery Tour and tastings, Midwood Smokehouse, Little Pigs Barbecue, the Enoree River Vineyard and Winery in Newberry, SC, a Fish Fry, a Fireflies Baseball game, a Fall Church Cleanup Day, the Christmas Dinner and more. Come support the Lutheran Men in Mission and give us your ideas and input.

### LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will be going to Shealy's for our January 18 meeting. Meet in the FAB parking lot at 11:00 a.m. If we do not have a bus load then we will car pool. The bus will promptly leave at 11:00 a.m., so please be on time.



### STAFF CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Throughout January, we are observing **Joey Allison's** 26th year with us as Sexton.

As a congregation, we give thanks for his talents, dedication, and commitment to serving with us at Good Shepherd. During the month, take time to personally express your gratitude and appreciation to him!

## **LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2019**

### **JANUARY 6 – EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God’s presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God’s praise.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

*All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)*

#### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 3:1-12**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God’s promised salvation.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12**

*God’s promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

### **JANUARY 13 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 29**

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

#### **SECOND READING – Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God’s beloved Son.*

### **JANUARY 20 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride.” By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people’s return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 36:5-10**

*We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another’s spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God’s Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus’ signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God’s creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

### **JANUARY 27 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

#### **FIRST READING – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 19**

*The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

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**Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**

The Bible Study Class will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings starting January 8 at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 2. The class is being taught by Pastor John. Coffee will be served.

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- Jan. 1**—Church Office & Day School closed
- Jan. 6**—**Epiphany Service 8:15 & 10:45**  
Chili & Cornbread Cook-off 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 19**—Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast
- Jan. 20**—**Food Pantry Sunday**

- Feb. 3**—Souper Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 10**—Youth Sunday
- Feb. 17**—Food Pantry Sunday
- Feb. 24**—Annual Congregational Meeting



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