



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION CHILI AND CORNBREAD COOK-OFF SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Chili and Cornbread Cook-off will be January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the FAB. Come celebrate with a warm meal and short Epiphany service.

We will be collecting warm clothing (men and women) for the shelters in our area.



## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



Throughout January, we are observing **Joey Allison's** 27<sup>th</sup> year with us as Sexton and **Deborah Mitchell's** first year as Parish Administrator. We give thanks for both of these dedicated staff members and their talents and commitment to serving



with us at Good Shepherd. During this month, take time to personally express your gratitude and appreciation to Joey and Deborah!

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”  
John 1:1

This is the beginning of our assigned Gospel lesson for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Christmas, which falls this year on January 5. In our culture, we have a tendency to start Christmas off after Thanksgiving (or, God help us, after Halloween in some cases) and end Christmas some time on Christmas Day. Stores even have “12 days of Christmas” sales which start on December 16<sup>th</sup> and end on the 25<sup>th</sup>, never mind the fact that the 25<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Christmas, not the 12<sup>th</sup> day. This reading from John’s prologue helps us to observe the season of Christmas from a unique perspective.

The prologue of John’s gospel (John 1:1-18) is among the most familiar passages of scripture. It is also one of the most beautifully poetic passages in the Bible. There is, even in English translations, a beautiful flow and rhythm to these words and the ideas that the words convey. When I was studying Greek in seminary, my classmates and I always liked getting passages to translate from John’s gospel because compared to, say, one of Paul’s letters, John’s words were easier to translate and understand. We jokingly referred to John as the “See Spot Run” gospel. We did not mean this irreverently, but rather as a point of admiration: John uses relatively simple vocabulary and sentence structure to convey powerful and complex ideas about God and about humankind.

In his prologue, John conveys a monumental truth through very simple words. In essence, he says this: God has come among us in human flesh to enlighten everyone and make all of us God’s very own children. This is the Christmas story according to John. Here, unlike in Luke’s version, we find no manger and no inn; no Joseph and no Mary; no shepherds and no angels. Unlike in Matthew’s version, we find no magi and no murder of the innocent children of Bethlehem. Unlike in Mark’s version, we find ourselves starting not with Jesus’ baptism at age 30, but starting rather at the very dawn of time before the world existed.

Each Gospel account speaks powerful truth to us. Luke emphasizes the humility and meekness of Jesus and the kingdom he came to bring—the baby born into a manger would surely embrace the humble and the poor. Matthew emphasizes the disruptive force that Jesus and his kingdom would bring—this tiny infant Jesus caused sages to travel from afar and caused a tyrant like Herod to lash out in fear. Mark emphasizes the immediacy and spontaneity of God’s kingdom—Jesus shows up fully grown and ready to begin his ministry. And John emphasizes that even when the world was being created, the Word was. That same creative force; that same divine presence that spoke all things into being has now taken up camp among us in the person of Jesus Christ. The darkness of this world does not comprehend what God is up to, nor can the darkness of this world conquer the incarnate light of God among us. This is gospel news, indeed.

But perhaps my favorite part of John’s “Christmas story” is his mention of John the Baptist in verses 6-7: “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.” Through the witness of John the Baptist and the other witnesses brought forward throughout the Gospel of John, we ourselves are made into witnesses of Christ’s presence among us. By the end of the Gospel, we are the ones, like John the Baptist, sent to testify to the light. As your loved ones and neighbors are taking down their Christmas lights and getting ready for Valentine’s Day or Easter or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, prayerfully ponder how you can testify to the light and love of Christ in their lives this season and always.

*Pastor Andrew*

## MESSAGE FROM PRESENT AND PAST CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT



It is with pleasure and a privilege that I will be taking the role of your president as of January 1, 2020. Thanks to outgoing president Nancy Hyatt for leaving me with a seasoned and dedicated council. Having little turnover this year allows us to get a jump on our tasks at hand. I am also looking forward to a great partnership with Pastor Andrew moving Good Shepherd forward. In February, we will be having our council retreat with Pastor Andrew heading up the program. This time with Andrew and council will give us a glimpse of his plans for the future of our ministry at Good Shepherd. These are exciting times and I am looking forward to bringing in a new decade with a group of dedicated people. As always you may contact me with any concerns or celebrations you might have. My cell is 803-261-0188 or email is ed.beaman@scav.com.

*Ed Beaman*

It is hard to believe that I am writing my last newsletter message as your Council President. This has been a challenging and exciting year. I will be honest. I sometimes thought time had stood still. I wanted time to move on. I wanted (and I felt and heard your need for) a new spiritual leader/pastor for our congregational family. However, during that whole time, I experienced some mighty powerful “aha” moments. I saw them in our staff, Council members, committee workers, SCS teachers, choir members, Food Pantry workers, Ramp builders, Transitions servers, children reciting the Lord’s Prayer together on retreat, Shepherd’s Visitors sharing communion with shut-ins – the list could go on and on. I experienced and saw God’s Work with Our Hands! How humbling and gratifying it was and is to experience these special moments with you!



Another “aha” moment was the calling of Pastor Andrew as our next pastor, climaxed at his installation service in early December. What a glorious service of praise and thanksgiving with Assistant to the Bishop Ginny Aebischer preaching and our choirs providing wonderful music and a great fellowship reception following to welcome Pastor Andrew and his family. How thankful we are to have Pastor Andrew installed as our new pastor!

And now, I find myself asking “Where did the time go? Is the year over already?” Yes – but! Don’t you just love those “yes – but” responses.

Yes, the year is coming to an end. BUT that does not mean we stop doing God’s Work with Our Hands!

2020 – a new year! A new year to learn and grow under the guidance of our new spiritual leader/pastor. A new year to expand and to fill permanent staff positions. A new year to serve together under the leadership of new Council officers. A new year to experience more “aha” moments.

Let’s not let time fly by without those “aha” moments! Thank you for sharing them with me this past year, and I look forward to continuing to do so in the years to come!

Happy New Year and Peace Be With You,

*Nancy Hyatt*

# Called to *Serve*

## USHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being an usher please contact Donna Foster at [scplant@bellsouth.net](mailto:scplant@bellsouth.net). As with most things, many hands lighten the load and we could use a few more ushers to help the dedicated volunteers we already have. Volunteers will be trained and teamed with an experienced usher until they feel comfortable with the process.



## 2020 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES

January 26	Cook on Saturday 25
March 29	Cook on Saturday 28
May 31	Cook on Saturday 30
August 30	Cook on Saturday 29
For more information, contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936	

## 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 several 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.



## CHURCH BUS RESERVATIONS

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.

# Save the Date



**2020 Congregational Retreat  
at Lutheridge  
April 24-26, 2020**



**WELCA Retreat  
October 2-4, 2020  
at the Coastal Retreat Center  
Isle of Palms**

## YOUTH & CHILDREN EVENTS

### *God's Young Followers (GYF)*

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to attend a fun afternoon of learning how to Love God, Love Ourselves and Others. Our GYF will meet at 2:30 p.m. and carpool to St. David's Lutheran on **Sunday, January 26**, returning home 5:30 p.m. Contact Mitch Uehling or Lisa Sanchez if your child is interested in attending.

### *Youth of Good Shepherd (YOGS)*

**Monday, January 13** at 6:30 p.m. – Youth Committee Meeting

**Sunday, January 19** at 5:00 p.m. – All YOGS join us for an Italian Pasta Dinner and Program on Mental Health and/or Addiction awareness. Contact Jennifer Ross or Mitch Uehling for more information.

**Sunday, January 26** – ALL YOGS EVENT – Youth Sunday Practice – MORE DETAILS to follow.

**Sunday, February 2** – YOUTH SUNDAY and Souper Bowl of CARING - Immediately following Youth Sunday, the entire Congregation is invited to join us for Souper Bowl of Caring. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided by the youth with a love offering collected with proceeds given back to our Food Pantry. Contact Jennifer Ross, Deborah Whitlow or Mitch Uehling for more details.



## SAVE THE DATE



**Tuesday, February 25** - Shrove Tuesday and Talent Show - Talented acts are needed and all ages and members of GSLC are encouraged to participate and share their talent!! Contact Jennifer Ross or Mitch Uehling if you are interested in sharing a gift or talent!







**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- 8:30—9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)
- 9:30—10:00 AM CHILDREN'S MUSIC (CHILDREN'S MUSIC ROOM)
- 9:30—9:45 AM FELLOWSHIP
- 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:00—10:35 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)

*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.*



**January 2020**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<b>5</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>  <i>6:00 pm Epiphany Celebration Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off (FAB)</i>	<b>6</b>  <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i> <i>6:00 pm Learning Committee Meeting (CI-1)</i> <i>6:00 pm Worship Life Committee Meeting (CI-2)</i>
<b>12</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE  <b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>6:00 pm Beta Sigma Phi Mtg (FAB)</i> <i>6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)</i> <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>4:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg (Pastor's Office)</i> <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i>
<b>19</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b>  <i>5:00 pm All YOGS Event</i> <i>6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conference Room)</i>	<b>20</b>  <b>FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i> <i>7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)</i>
<b>26</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <i>Transitions Service Project (FAB)</i> <b>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>  <i>2:30 pm GYF Event</i> <i>All YOGS Event—Youth Sunday Practice</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)</i>  <i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</i> <i>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i>

**NOTE:****Church Office Hours:****Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:30 pm****Friday 9:00 am—2:00 pm****In the event of an emergency call the church office at  
803-787-4413 or call Pastor Andrew at 803-409-8270.**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b> <i>Day School Closed</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Mary Group (FAB)  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>  6:00 pm WELCA Board Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>15</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (offsite)	<b>17</b>  11:00 am Live Wire Trip to Shealy's (Bus Reserved)	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Transitions Service Project (FAB)</i>  8:00 am—12:00 noon <i>American Guild of Organists (Sanctuary)</i>
<b>29</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	<b>31</b>	

## 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

DATE	1/5/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	1/26/20
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	David & Karen Lucas	Russell Slice, Marilyn Hogan	Mo Denny, Marilyn Hogan	Russell Slice, Mo Denny
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Connie Donovan (L & C)	Cheryl Christian (L & C)	Barbara Nagy (L & C)	Joann Nagy (L & C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Katie Bostic	Alexis Boyles, Mitch Uehling	Alexis Boyles, Amy Kemp	Alexis Boyles, Michelle & Evelyn Ortiz
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Connie Donovan	Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler

**COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH: Katie Bostic      OPENING BUILDINGS: Michael Brown**  
**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, JANUARY 19: Jake Lalumondier, Eden Rowell**

## 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

DATE	1/5/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	1/26/20	2/2/20
<b>GREETERS</b>	Bonnie Hammond	Justine Parker, Linda Taylor	Anne Rush, Penry Gustafson	Jerry & Judy Rogers	<b>TBD</b>
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Eric Whitlow	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Sid Havird, Forest Havird	Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird, Forest Havird, Eric Whitlow	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Robert Ellington	<b>TBD</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Savannah Gross	Eden Rowell	Kelly Grace Lalumondier	Chloe Porter	Savannah Gross
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Brock Tollison	Noah Adams	Jake Lalumondier	Forrest Havird	Lennae Sox
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Millie Sox (L) Jennifer Ross (C)	Wade Wingard (L) Gaye Tucker (C)	Perry Shuping (L) Kerry Stubb (C)	Lula Camp (L) Barbara Rowell (C)	<b>TBD</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Susan Uehling	Alexis Boyles, Deborah Whitlow	Alexis Boyles, Anna Ross	Alexis Boyles, Laura Leigh Smith	Alexis Boyles, Leigh Ford
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	<b>TBD</b>
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Terri Tokaz, Mary Margaret Hoy	Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck	Mitch Uehling, Penry Gustafson	Mary Stallings, David Lucas	Leigh Ford, Becky Shealy

### LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will not be having a covered dish in January. We will be meeting at the bus on January 17 at 11:00 a.m. to go to Shealy's in Batesburg-Leesville. If the bus is full then we will carpool. Please call Betty Cox 622-2064 if you are planning to attend, so we will have an idea of the number going for the reservation.



Betty Cox

**Bible Study** will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings starting January 7 at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 2. The Bible Study is being led by Pastor Andrew Isenhower. **Coffee will be served.**

COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
Study

### THERE'S A NEED FOR...



- Personal-sized toiletries for various shelters
- Wide-mouthed pill bottles
- Plastic grocery bags
- Food donations
- Shoes
- Yarn

Collection bins are in the hallway across from the office. **Please note:** If no bin is available for an item, that item is not needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



In December, Food Pantry Volunteers packed and distributed 40 bags of groceries serving 156 individuals. In addition, they gave 40 Christmas gift bags of food to pantry participants. Special thanks to Patty Fowler for providing the Christmas bags.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

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

## JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

### COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

This class is studying the Gospel for the succeeding Sunday. This study allows participants the opportunity to discuss and to study the upcoming Gospel lesson with a focus on what the Gospel says relative to one's daily living and with regard to our life within this congregation. The intent is that this study will help prepare participants to hear and to receive the Gospel message in a new light and perhaps with new revelation.



### AROUND THE CORNER CLASS—CLASSROOM 2

The topic for this month is "Self care." What does the Bible say about taking care of yourself? We will discuss ways to take care of our minds and bodies, and how it relates to scripture.

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

This class will continue the Augsburg Adult Bible Study. This series provides great insight into scripture through questions, prayer, and daily readings. The theme is "Sustaining Hope."

### NEW FELLOWSHIP TIME LOCATION

**Come join us downstairs in the Parlor before Sunday School starts. There are always coffee, a sweet treat, and an opportunity to get to know one another better. There will be brief announcements at 9:40. We would love for you to stick around and check out one of the Sunday school classes. All are welcome!**



## CLASSES SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS

Seven community and congregational needs are being supported by year-end contributions totaling \$968 from Good Shepherd's Fellowship and Come and See adult Sunday School classes.

The money was collected during 2019 through special donations made each week by participants in the two classes.

The money was divided as follows: A Good Shepherd member with a special financial need, \$170; the Forgotten Patients Fund at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, \$150; Oliver Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, Free Medical Clinic and Meals On Wheels, \$137 each; and Good Shepherd's Food Pantry, \$100.

## 2020 COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

At the November Council meeting the following were elected Council officers and Committee chairs for 2020.



<b>President</b>	Ed Beaman
<b>Vice President</b>	Marcia Woodward
<b>Secretary</b>	Anna-Marie Plyler
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jamie Sanders

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Katie Bostic	Learning	2021
Karen Lucas	Parish Life & Liaison to Communication	2021
Jamie Sanders	Treasurer & Liaison to Finance	2021
Marcia Woodward	Vice President & Gifts	2021
Ed Beaman	President & Liaison to Property	2020
Donna Foster	Worship Life	2020
Penry Gustafson	Evangelism	2020
Jennifer Ross	At-large Youth & Children	2020
Steve Steck	At-large Social Ministry	2020
Mitch Uehling	Youth & Children	2020
Noah Adams	Youth Deacon	2020

### NON-COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Don Caughman	Social Ministry
Lauren Chandler	Property
Rebecca Richardson	Finance
Wade Wingard	Communication



## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Please remember that any use of the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB) must be reserved with the Parish Administrator. Even if you have a recurring event or use each year, you must still reserve the FAB each year.

Also, whenever the stove/oven in the kitchen is used, please make sure that the oven is turned off. At times we've found the oven still on the next day after a function, causing a potential fire hazard. It is hard to remember everything, but let's all try to keep this in mind when we are closing up after an event.

Thanks from the Property Committee for the care and cleanliness shown in the use of the FAB and the FAB kitchen this year. Your attention to this has made it much easier for the next group to use the FAB.

## LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2020

### **JANUARY 5 – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 147:12-20**

*Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

#### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

### **JANUARY 12 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 29**

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

#### **SECOND READING – Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

### **JANUARY 19 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 40:1-11**

*I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 1:29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

### **JANUARY 26 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.*

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

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- Jan. 1 Church Office & Day School closed
- Jan. 5 Epiphany Celebration  
Chili & Cornbread Cook-off 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 19 Food Pantry Sunday
- Jan. 25 & 26 Transitions Service Project

- Feb. 2 Youth Sunday  
Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb. 16 Food Pantry Sunday
- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday Service



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