



Faith *news*

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NEW YEAR - NEW YOU!

Dear People of Faith – Did you know there’s an app for both iPhones and Androids to help you keep your New Year resolutions? That’s right! These apps are designed to track your “resolution progress,” reminding you to keep those New Year resolutions about healthier living and less spending ... Which just goes to show (Once again!) that we are creatures of habit. And these habits are not all good ... and they’re not all new ... and oftentimes we need help getting past them.

To be honest with you, what I need is NOT new resolutions, but a renewed resolve to keep the Divine resolutions already given. St. Paul gives a better encouragement than any app can offer –

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone the new has come!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

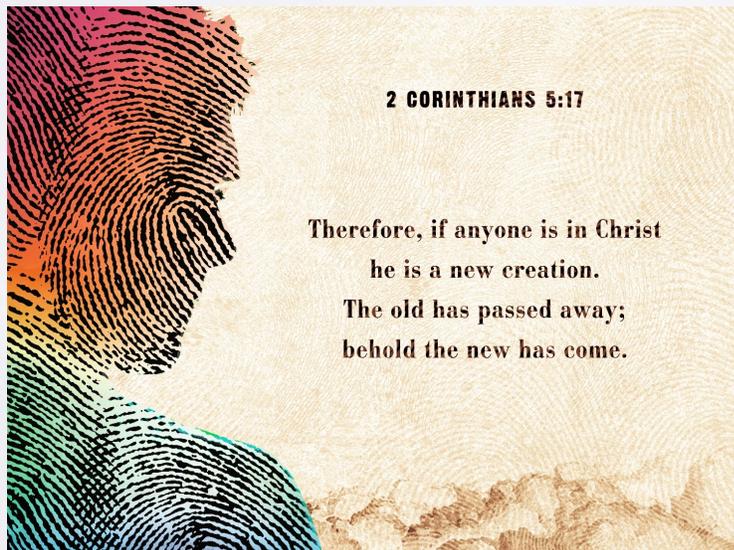
The word “new” can have different meanings. There is newness in time and there is newness in quality. Ancient Greek has two different words for “new” that bring out these different senses – *neos* refers mostly to something recent or young; for example, the fresh, New Year. The other is *kainos*, which refers primarily to newness in quality; a change in substance.

Three guesses which word St. Paul used in 2 Corinthians! His point is this – a “new you” is created,

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"New Year - New You!" continued...

NOT from the OUTSIDE-IN by following rules, but from the INSIDE-OUT. Christ has made each of us new, NOT in the sense of time; as we're getting older with each passing day. Christ has changed us substantially from within. Through faith in the ultimate Christmas Gift – We have been crucified with Christ and have died to sin. The old Adam plagued by sin has gone. And the presence of the risen Christ has taken his place.



Even better, by the power of the water and the Word of your baptismal faith, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in you, offering daily, hourly, moment-by-moment reminders of your new life in Christ.

This does not mean we won't make mistakes in 2020, but we are offered constant reminders that we are being transformed every day. These reminders come as we stay connected to Christ (1) through regular worship, where we are offered forgiveness, (2) through Bible-class attendance and personal Bible-reading, (3) and through the gift of prayer.

As we celebrate the New Year of 2020 (*neos*), what a superb reminder to celebrate that a new you (*kainos*) exists daily – NOT from what you try to be, but from what Christ has made you in Himself.

Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 12 at 9:40am

Update of church business and the life of the congregation





**JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN**
1 THESS 5:16-24

“Joy:Fully Lutheran” is the theme for the 2020 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 which says:

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

January 26 - February 1, 2020

National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) provides the network of 1,950 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work in Lutheran schools.

In this, Lutheran schools thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children they serve and for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with students and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives schools the ability to proclaim these great blessings within the communities they serve. Lutheran schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love through Christ by teachers and students alike.

For more information about Lutheran schools, visit lcms.org/schools.

<https://www.luthed.org/national-lutheran-schools-week/>

Sunday, January 26 at 11:00am
NLSW Family/Teacher Sunday

**Wednesday, January 29 &
Thursday, January 30 at 10:00am**
Family Chapel

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

PROVIDING EXCELLENT ACADEMIC PREPARATION

- Developing love for and excitement about learning
- Excelling at reading, writing and effective communication
- Training minds for success at the next academic level
- Creating a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

- Experiencing and celebrating God’s lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Sharing those gifts with others
- Being transformed by God’s Word
- Clinging to the cross of Jesus

SCHOOLS » 1,950
TEACHERS » 21,764
DISTRICTS » 35

Learn more:
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lcms.org/school-ministry
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SHARING THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF JESUS’ LOVE WITH MORE THAN
200,000
STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

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That They May Have Life

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, The President's Commission on the Sanctity of Life

Human life

Human life is not an achievement. It is an endowment. It has measureless value, because every individual, at every stage of development and every state of consciousness, is known and loved by God. This is the source of human dignity and the basis for human equality. It must therefore be asserted without exception or qualification: No one is worthless whom God has created and for whom Christ died.

Uncompromising respect for human life is fundamental and the foundational principle for human community that enables individuals to live together in security and harmony. This principle calls upon every individual and society to rightly define the human community. Will all be counted as neighbors, or will some be regarded and treated as strangers and cast beyond protection? In a democracy, men and women of every walk and station of life have a role and responsibility in answering these great and significant questions.

A Society of Strangers

American society, in its response to these questions, is steadily becoming a society of strangers, obsessed with personal rights and severing the ties of duty, compassion and love to the weak and unwanted.

American culture has come to favor those who can stridently assert their autonomy and choice in a struggle for political power. As a result, America has become an inhospitable, even dangerous, place for those too weak to compete effectively in this contest of rights—the young, the elderly, the dying, the handicapped.

American society has adopted a distorted definition of freedom. Freedom focused only on the self and its rights. Freedom from the bonds of community. Freedom from duties of parents to children. Freedom from the obligations of generation to generation. Freedom from the responsibility to sacrifice for others. Freedom even from a sense of empathy.

The ultimate and inevitable outcome of this new freedom is the individual's private, autonomous power to choose life or death, for self or even for others. This is the concept of freedom behind the

increasing acceptance of euthanasia and infanticide in American society. This new freedom finds its broadest, most blatant expression in abortion.

Of every three lives conceived in America today, only two are allowed to survive until birth. What was once defended as a rare and tragic necessity has become an accepted solution to unwanted pregnancy, a popular political stand, and a profitable industry. American law against abortion has not been liberalized or reformed but abolished, with abortions now legal through the ninth month of pregnancy, until birth, under any circumstances. Given this most permissive law of any democratic nation, abortion is the most common surgical procedure in America,

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 19, 2020



*Love life.
Love your neighbor's life.*

LIFE SUNDAY



*"I came that they
may have life and
have it abundantly"*

— JOHN 10:10 ESV —



From the time of conception to the time of natural death — and every time in between — life is a gift.

LCMS Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and in the culture at large. We work domestically and internationally on pro-life projects that serve men, women, children, families and those unable to speak for themselves.

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“That They May Have Life” continued...

following circumcision.

Abortion has not only led to the shocking loss of 1.3 million lives each year, it has also resulted in a coarsened society, desensitized to death and disloyal to life. America has crossed over the line of a civilized society, approving routine violence against the weak and teaching its children through actions and attitudes that this is a proper way to treat the inconvenient. It can only be guessed and feared how the next generation will eventually treat its aged parents, its handicapped, and its sick.

God's law and human conscience call America and the world to a different and higher behavior. They call upon American culture to respect and protect,

not just the self and its rights, but life and its promise. They call men and women to show concern and offer care to their weak and suffering neighbors.

Men and women in every walk and station of life have a role in addressing this great concern. Roles will differ as vocations differ with responsibilities in three different circles of society: the teaching responsibility of the church, the civic responsibility of Christian laity in the world and the responsibility of all of society.

To continue reading this article go to: <https://www.lcms.org/life-ministry/library/sanctity-of-life>

Lives enlightened by Epiphany

by Charles Knippel

When the splendor of Epiphany has shown radiantly and brilliantly into our lives, we can never be the same. Why? Because in Holy Baptism our lives have been “epiphanized.” We are the people of light who are transformed and transfigured.

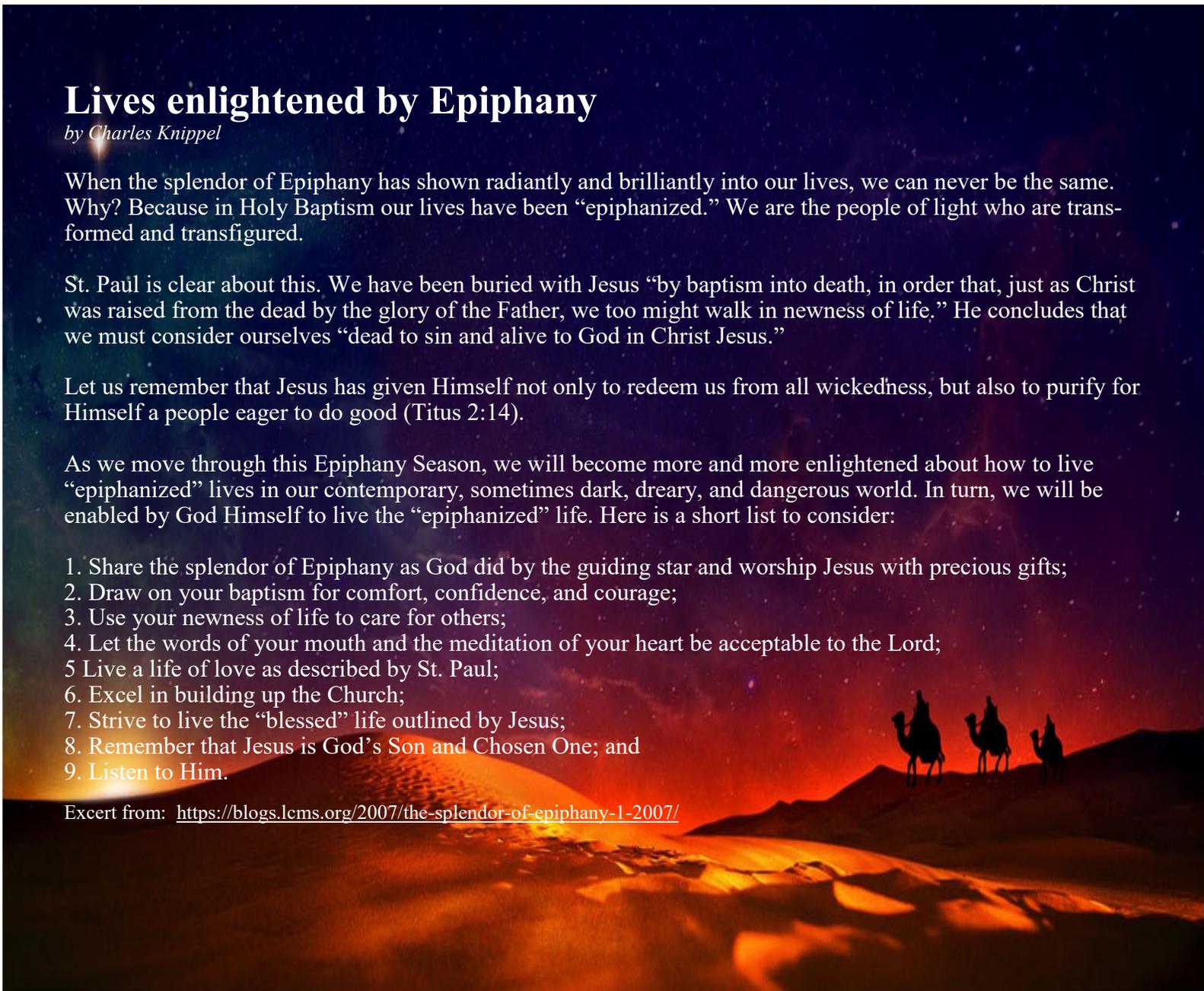
St. Paul is clear about this. We have been buried with Jesus “by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” He concludes that we must consider ourselves “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Let us remember that Jesus has given Himself not only to redeem us from all wickedness, but also to purify for Himself a people eager to do good (Titus 2:14).

As we move through this Epiphany Season, we will become more and more enlightened about how to live “epiphanized” lives in our contemporary, sometimes dark, dreary, and dangerous world. In turn, we will be enabled by God Himself to live the “epiphanized” life. Here is a short list to consider:

1. Share the splendor of Epiphany as God did by the guiding star and worship Jesus with precious gifts;
2. Draw on your baptism for comfort, confidence, and courage;
3. Use your newness of life to care for others;
4. Let the words of your mouth and the meditation of your heart be acceptable to the Lord;
5. Live a life of love as described by St. Paul;
6. Excel in building up the Church;
7. Strive to live the “blessed” life outlined by Jesus;
8. Remember that Jesus is God’s Son and Chosen One; and
9. Listen to Him.

Excerpt from: <https://blogs.lcms.org/2007/the-splendor-of-epiphany-1-2007/>



Tanzania-South East of Lake Victoria Diocese

Dear Faith Family,

Mission teams from the Mid-South District LCMS have been going to the Northwest region of Tanzania for over 16 years. There is a trip currently planned for May 21 - June 4, 2020. The trip will focus on outreach to the Sukuma tribe, in a group of villages, located in the South East of Lake Victoria District (SELVD). The Holy Spirit has placed in my heart the desire to “go and make disciples.” The good news is that I will be traveling with a group from Christ the King LCMS.

The Sukuma are the nation’s largest tribe, comprised of 6 million people. Most of the people believe in superstitions, magic, ancestor worship and traditional religions. They are comprised mostly of farmers, merchants, builders and traditional doctors living in the countryside. Our goal is very simple: spread the Word of God, witness to all those we encounter, baptize new Christians, and commune with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In preparation for our trip, we will be receiving the required vaccinations, planning additional fundraisers, (I) will be updating an old passport, preparing for home evangelizing and praying daily for God to bless this mission trip. None of the goals mentioned above are achievable without God’s help, your prayers and donations. The approximate cost for each team member is \$4000.00. We would like to ask you to consider becoming a part of our mission to bless and be blessed half way around the world. First and most importantly, we need your prayers. We need prayer for safety, success and that we would be emboldened in our work to spread the Word of God. Secondly, we would ask you to consider making a donation, of any amount, to our mission. Checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “Tanzania Mission Trip” in the memo line and dropped in the offering plate or taken by the church office. Funds raised in excess of the amount needed will be used for the purchase of Bibles and evangelism materials as well as cross necklaces for those we baptize and soccer balls for local villages.

Isaiah 61:1-2 gives us this charge: *“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn...”* Your support of our Mid-South District outreach ministry supports the preaching of the good news to the poor and brokenhearted – I can already feel God preparing me to spread the “good news!”

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Jenny Whitely

New Member Reception/Potluck January 12, 2020

Welcome to Faith!

Harvey Haynes

Deanna, Leo Meske

Sharon Moore

Keith & Sherry Rueter

Randy & Pam Turner





A recap of the beginning of my seminary education:

I made it through the first of four semesters at Concordia Seminary! Although I was nervous to start this new chapter in my life and begin new educational endeavors, I'm very proud of myself for taking the leap to do the thing I feel called to do. I have learned so much about Biblical interpretation, doctrine, the essentials of spiritual care, and the history of the Christian church so far, and I look forward to continuing this education for the next year and a half.

This semester has been a new experience for me in "leaning in" to my faith. I was much more intentional about my devotional life for a large portion of 2019, although those habits tend to be inconsistent for me still. Surrounding myself with people who are also on the same walk, discovering how best to understand and effectively proclaim the Gospel is an amazingly unique experience and provides me with the motivation I need to effectively grow in my individual and communal devotional life.

While I am enjoying the theological education and academic rigor I am receiving at Concordia, I also relish all the wonderful relationships I have made with students here. There are six other deaconess students in my class, and we have become very close over the course of the semester. We shared one introductory class and one formation lab, which allowed us to connect and foster a theological community, as well as community outside of class over meals and other gatherings.

I also made another significant new relationship: I got a boyfriend! Jon is a fourth year seminarian from Indiana. We met the first week of classes and started dating two weeks later! He is such a wonderful guy, and I'm excited to share such a big part of my life at the seminary with him, as well as watch him become a pastor this summer!

Thankfully, throughout the semester I was able to connect with friends and family throughout this semester, both at the seminary and at home! Early in the semester, I was able to visit with my supervisor from the Young Adult Corps, Pastor Dutzmann (left), and the pastor who confirmed me, Pastor Gierke (right)! They are both members of the Alumni Council for the seminary, and came for their yearly visit to understand the best ways they can contribute to the growth of the seminary, financially and in number of students.



My parents also came to visit for the Disaster Response Conference on campus in October. It was great to show my parents around Saint Louis after I spent more time there, and we were able to attend chapel together on campus as well.

I was able to go home a few times this semester; one of those times was for Rhodes' homecoming weekend to reunite with some college friends! I hadn't seen Catherine since we graduated, so it was great to be reunited as a group and reminisce on our time in undergrad.

I hope you all had a wonderful 2019, and I pray that everyone has a blessed 2020! If you have any questions about my education or how best to support me (through prayer or financially), feel free to shoot me an email sarahtalenajohnson@gmail.com

Stay tuned for updates on my winterim course in January and the start of the spring semester in February!

In Christ,
Sarah Johnson

Note: Sarah Johnson is the daughter of Stacey & Charlotte Johnson who are members of Trinity Lutheran in Memphis and often worship and attend bible study here at Faith.

2020 LWML OFFICERS

Congratulations to the 2020 LWML Officers!!

President Christine Acomb

First VP Kathy Lehman & Lois Hobby-Clayton

Second VP Lynne Lang

Treasurer Heidi Welch

Secretary Diane Cannoles

LWML Roster Membership 2020

If you would like to be on the 2020 LWML Roster and still need to renew or join, please contact Ann Lipe. Your \$15 contribution includes the LWML Quarterly magazine and allows you to vote on any LWML business as needed. You will also get regular correspondence about LWML events and other district and national items of interest.

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, January 25, Annual International Night

Featured Countries

France

Israel

Peru

Vietnam

Saturday, February 22, Work Day

Projects

Health Care Kits

Please see Happenings for more details.

WHAT ARE MITES?

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.



Mite boxes are available to Faith members on LWML Sunday and at the cookie table each week. Deliver your mites to the cookie table on the first Sunday of each month or bring to any LWML event.

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY - On the 1st Sunday of every month, bring in your loose change and place it in the large MITE BOX located on the information desk in the narthex.

Where does the money go? The monies collected are sent to LWML Mid-South District where it is distributed as follows:

25% National LWML Mission Grants (the list of 2017-2019.Mission Grant Recipients can be found on the LWML bulletin board next to the restrooms).

75% Mid-South District Mission Grants (the list of 2018-2020 Mission Grant Recipients can be found on the LWML bulletin board next to the restrooms).

WHAT about Cookie Table Donations?

Every month Faith's LWML chooses an organization (Local, District, National) to sponsor which is announced in the Happenings. If there is an organization you want LWML to sponsor please contact Lynne Lang.



ALTAR FLOWERS- THE "HOW TO'S" OF HONORING LOVED ONES

Why should you sponsor Altar Flowers? Sponsoring the Altar Flowers is a beautiful way to honor loved ones. Flowers are often given to mark special life events such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; or memory of a loved one; or a thanksgiving for life's blessings

What happens to the flowers after the Sunday services? The flowers may be taken by that Sunday's sponsor after 11:00 service, remember there are two flower arrangements for two sponsors unless you purchased both of them.

What is the cost? The donation for sponsoring the altar flowers for a specific Sunday is \$35.00 each. NOTE: More than one family can sign up for each Sunday as there are two flower arrangements. You may sponsor

more than one Sunday. These honorariums, remembrances, and thanksgivings are acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. Our expectation is that we will have your payment in one week before your Sunday dedication. All donations are tax-deductible.

How do you become a sponsor? Complete the form located on the bulletin board outside the library. Place your payment in one of the envelopes and put in the box or offering plate. You may also stop by the church office where the staff will be happy to assist you.

What about Christmas and Easter Flowers? The Altar Guild will adorn the sanctuary with Easter Lilies for Easter and Poinsettias for Christmas. Approximately three weeks prior, donation forms will be available on the bulletin board across from the library. These honorariums,

remembrances, and thanksgivings are acknowledged in the Easter & Christmas Eve bulletins. They will be available to take home two weeks after Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve.

REMINDER: During Lent, when no flowers are used, you may now make your dedications and donations for one of the Sundays. On the first Sunday after Easter, all of these dedications will be published in the bulletin.

Forms are located on the bulletin board across from the library.



THE ETERNAL FLAME

When we see the eternal flame we are reminded that God is always present in our lives, and He promises to never leave us. God is especially present in His sanctuary where we hear His living Word and receive his wonderful Sacraments

St. John 1:3-5 "All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the shadows and the shadows cannot overcome it."

St. John 8:12 – Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in shadows but have the light of life."

Sponsorship for the Eternal Flame is \$25 per month. Forms are located on the bulletin board across from the library.



January

BIRTHDAYS

Lori Buckley	1-Jan
Gwin Hiatt	2-Jan
Susan Krenik	2-Jan
Noah Harbin	3-Jan
Mike Bradshaw	7-Jan
Julie Hurdle	7-Jan
Ann Lipe	7-Jan
Beth White	7-Jan
Susan Graham	8-Jan
Chris Baxter	9-Jan
Chelsey Burrows	15-Jan
Scott Woods	16-Jan
Donna Kuhlmann	17-Jan
Jared Rodgers	17-Jan
Cheryl Swinderman	19-Jan
Jim Nelson	21-Jan
Cynthia Canfield	22-Jan
Irma Jordening	22-Jan
Rose Shaw	22-Jan
Tom Vickers	22-Jan
Kathy Christiansen	23-Jan
Kim Davis	25-Jan
Addison Holliday	25-Jan
Meghan Madea	30-Jan
Chloe Cox	31-Jan

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Christine Arena	6-Jan
Alan & Marianne Hooper	10-Jan
Phil & Andria Regalado	11-Jan
Roger & Judy Arnold	17-Jan



JANUARY 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

29 FLP Winter Break 9:40am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 1pm Futsal	30 FLP Winter Break	31 FLP Winter Break	1 FLP Winter Break Church Office Closed 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal	2 FLP Winter Break 6pm Futsal	3 FLP Winter Break 6pm Futsal	4 FLP Winter Break 8am Men of Faith 9am Futsal 9am Quilters
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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Connect as Christ's Family

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Alan Lang, *Treasurer*

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Friday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

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The Mission of Faith Lutheran Church is:

Embracing Our Community – Connecting as Christ's Family

Just as Jesus spent time embracing His community with His care, the people of Faith believe we are strategically placed to reach out and share His Good News with our community. Our goal is to advance the Gospel and make Christ's love known to all. Living the Gospel. Proclaiming the Gospel. Advancing the Gospel. Through Christ's love at Faith Lutheran, friends become family.

