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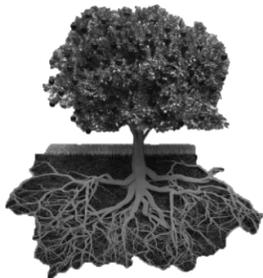


## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS WITH 2020 VISION

### THE LORD BLESSED US MIGHTILY IN 2019:

1. Over 65 worship services conducted
2. Over 200 Bible Studies conducted
3. Over 160 different members attended a worship last year
4. 11 new members received
5. Over 5000 total people attended worship services here at Faith in 2019
6. Volunteer hours almost doubled as participation in our life together grew
7. The Choir grew from 16 to 25 participating members
7. We committed ourselves to one another in love completing new electrical systems upgrade for the building and ordering a modern organ to lead worship for the next generation. We met all our expenses and ministry commitments.
8. We stood watch with Kitty Scott and Richard (Dick) Matson as our Lord received them into His rest until the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
9. We called Rev. Ben Schumacher to serve as our Assistant Pastor

### 2020 WILL BE A FANTASTIC YEAR CELEBRATING



**“DEEP ROOTS  
AND  
ABUNDANT FRUIT”**



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FOR MORE

Serving you, Serving Jesus,

Pastor John Perling

# The Pump

January 2020

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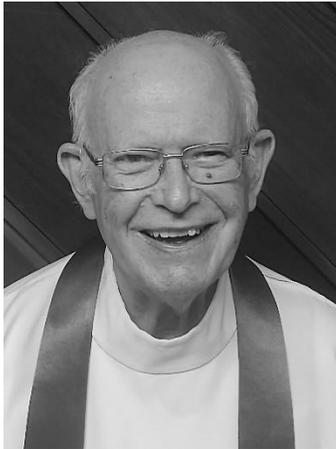
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# The Installation of Pastor Benjamin C. Schumacher

## January 5, 2020



Benjamin Charles Schumacher was born on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1943 in Seymour Indiana. He grew up in North Miami Florida, where his father served as Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. It was there that he was inspired by the church organist to study organ and music. In 1959, at 16 years old, Ben began attending Concordia University in Seward while it was still an academy and teacher's college. He graduated in 1965. It was also at Concordia University where Ben met and fell in love with his wife Elaine. In 1966, upon Elaine graduating, they were married.

Ben's first call was to teach 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and music for all grades at Bethany Lutheran School in Milwaukee. In 1973 He received a call to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade and music at Trinity Lutheran School in Freistadt, WI. In 1975, while teaching, Ben graduated from Northwestern University with a master's degree in Music.

Ben received a call to serve as a Director of Christian Education in 1982 from Salem Lutheran School in Black Jack, MO. During his 19 years at Salem Ben directed the music program by playing for Sunday services and directing the choir, he led Bible Studies and new members classes, made hospital and evangelism visits, and everything in between.

In 2001, Ben made the decision to begin classes at Concordia University in Saint Louis in pursuit of serving in the Pastoral ministry. He was assigned to Grace Lutheran Church in Aurora, MO for his vicarage year and in 2004, upon graduation and ordination, he accepted a call from Grace to serve as their Pastor. In 2009 Ben retired and spend his time serving as chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Aurora, MO and as a Hospice Chaplain at the Veteran's Hospital in Mount Vernon. It was during this time that Ben saw how important it was to minister to people in the midst of their suffering. In 2017 Ben and Elaine moved to Saint Robert to be closer to their family. In total they have 2 children, 3 grandsons (& wives) and 5 great-grandchildren.



### The Installation of Pastor Ben Schumacher

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Installation Service for Pastor Ben Schumacher
  - A reception will follow the service
- 2:00 PM Games (Board, Card, Strategy)
- 5:30 PM Twelfth Night Potluck, Bring anything  
(Game Meat dishes are encouraged at this event)
- 7:00 PM Epiphany Service



# January Worship Preparation Summaries

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(5 January 2020)



1 Kings 3:4–15  
Ephesians 1:3–14  
Luke 2:40–52

### *The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church*

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(6 January 2020)



Isaiah 60:1–6  
Ephesians 3:1–12  
Matthew 2:1–12

### *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son*

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord,

that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(First Sunday after the Epiphany)  
(12 January 2020)



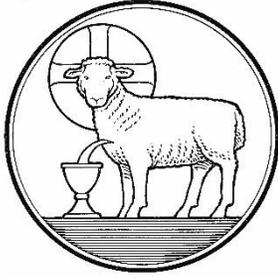
Isaiah 42:1–9  
Romans 6:1–11  
Matthew 3:13–17

### *The Servant King Reveals Himself in Holy Baptism*

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(19 January 2020)



Isaiah 49:1–7  
1 Corinthians 1:1–9  
John 1:29–42a

### *God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross*

“The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,” calls forth “his Holy One” (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, “from the womb” of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also “as a light for the nations,” whose salvation reaches “to the end of the earth” (Is. 49:6). John came “baptizing with water” (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended “from heaven like a dove” and “remained on him” (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and “called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we “are not lacking in any gift,” but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, “guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(26 January 2020)



Isaiah 9:1–4  
1 Corinthians 1:10–18  
Matthew 4:12–25

### *The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry*

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).



### **Deep Roots and Abundant Fruit**

The theme, “Deep Roots and Abundant Fruit”, in 2020 describes the work, purposes and mission of an intentionally Lutheran Christian congregation. Worship, Education, and Fellowship deepen our roots in the Word, which is Christ with us. Our Lord delivers His Word by spoken, written, and sacramental means.

Psalm 1 teaches:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on His law he meditates day and night.  
3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Deep roots enable the Christian to withstand the onslaught of temptation, trials, grief, and loss; not just to survive, but to thrive. Abiding in Christ, the Christian bears much fruit, abundant fruit, fruit that will last (John 15:5-8).

This Fruit of the Spirit multiplies the church, replants its seeds for the sake of new growth, and makes the otherwise hidden presence of God visible to the naked eye: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

“Deep Roots and Abundant Fruit” describes why we retain time tested modes of ministry even while evil appears stronger than ever. Our Lord has sustained the Faith of His people through every age by His precious Word. His people have given testimony to His word through sacrificial love (2 Timothy 1).

# LADIES AID

I hope everyone is enjoying a blessed Christmas Season with special time with family, church family and friends.

The New Year - 2020 is here. The year 2019 went by quickly. How many remember when the Year 2000 arrived? Now, the year 2020 is here. A year with lots of activities forthcoming.

All ladies of Faith are invited to join us at our first meeting of the New Year on January 9, 2020 in the Parish Hall. Karen Boorum will lead our Bible Study. Our President, Linda Keener, will conduct the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided by: LuAnn Clark and Kim Bradford.

Each month we bring our "Mites" to the meeting which go toward our LWML Mission Grant Projects. We also collect "Free Will" offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

Ladies Aid will be providing Refreshments on the first Sunday of the month for our fellowship time together after the Worship Service. On January 5, 2020: Kim Bradford, LuAnn Clark, Mary Jones, Emma Gill and Dalina Farris will be providing refreshments. Thank you, Ladies.

At our workday on January 23rd, we will be working on several projects. Starting with preparing Christmas Cards for the area nursing homes for the year 2020. Any Christmas cards you do not want to save, please give them to our Ladies Aid Society. We will also be working on our sewing project. All Ladies of Faith are invited to join us for special fellowship time together.

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly Birthday Luncheon. On January 23rd, we will be going to The Hub beginning at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us to help celebrate Donna Wogan's birthday. Please let Linda Keener at 573-774-1208 know if you plan to attend the luncheon.

January 19, 2020 will be our "Sanctity of Life Sunday." We will be collecting the Baby Bottles and Diapers. We will be handing out Mite boxes which will be collected on February 23.

The Spring Tea for 2020 is planned for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be working on other projects throughout the year.

Please continue to save your Best Choice labels for our fund raiser. We need the barcode, or you can save the whole label and we will cut the label out. If you have a label that is difficult to remove on a jar or on plastic, give it to Vernetia Tassus and she will remove it. Price Cutter and the Country Mart Stores in Crocker, Richland and Dixon sell the Best Choice brand products. Please give your Best Choice Labels to Marion Munson - box G8.

Please save your canceled stamps for "Stamps for Missions" which supports LWML Mission Grant Projects. Give your canceled stamps to Karen Boorum - Box G2. Thank you.

Guests and Newcomers are always welcome to all our Ladies Aid events and luncheon.

Happy New Year and may God richly bless each and every one of you.



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## Ladies of Faith

Our Ladies of Faith group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the church library. This is a wonderful way for working women to be a part of Ladies Aid. They are continuing their study of 'Family Trees and Olive Branches' by Christina Hergenrader.



### LWML GIVING OF...

**Love:** The Gift of Love in our Savior's birth is a wonderful gift to share with friends and neighbors all over the world. The LWML shares that love through the Grants that are bestowed on as many places as possible.

**Mites:** LWML Mites are gathered year round, but "Giving Tuesday" occurred on December 3 this year. All mites given that day on line were doubled by two anonymous donors matching our Mites up to \$20,000.

**Stamps:** Ladies, continue collecting those special stamps. No Forever. No Love. No Christmas. There are still many other kinds that collectors will purchase.

**Time:** Women in all of our circuit congregations are giving of their time, I'm sure. Quilts, Christmas cards, meals, clothing, special treats and many other things are being made by women in our congregations. Many are LWML members and many are not. The recipients of these gifts will never know or ask if an LWML'r made it.

**Telling:** During this blessed time of year be a TELLER. Tell of Jesus' love for you. Tell how much He gave completely of Himself for you. Tell how His birth is like a new event every year in your heart. When we can share our love of Jesus in every way possible, that love becomes so real and is a part of your heart and will become a part of the hearts of those you love.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,  
Karen Boorum

## Free Women's Center

IT'S TIME FOR THE BABIES!!!

**DIAPERS, BABY BOTTLES,  
WIPES, BABY SHAMPOO....**

Upon receipt of this PUMP newsletter, there is one month remaining to help replenish the supply at the Free Women's Center.

Take a list along to Walmart and choose some items:

- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Baby body wash
- Baby lotion
- Size 3 diapers
- Size 4 diapers



This list is not necessarily in the order of the need. Larger sizes of diapers are not donated as readily as smaller sizes, but all of the above items are needed.

This drive ends on LIFE SUNDAY – January 19.

So fill those bottles!

MANY THANKS FROM THE FWC!!

### Evangelism Workshop--Jan 26

*Caring  
About  
People*



*Sharing  
About  
God*

Dialog Evangelism offers 10 conversation prompts which move a conversation from first steps, that

1. each person is valuable to God,
2. to why life so often seems so hard,
3. to our Lord's justice and mercy,
4. to our Lord's rescue in Jesus Christ,
5. arriving at possibilities for next steps in faith and life.

You serve as your neighbor's guide to know, trust, love, and follow Jesus



## Board of Young People

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY???...YOU BETCHA!!**

This fantastic group of young people had a great time...and not one noticed it was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and with a full moon...well, almost. The evening began with pizza, cheese bread, soda of your choice, veggies and snacks. (Oops! One pan of cheese bread became a burnt offering. The cheese under the black wasn't too bad.) Due to sickness and school obligations the absentees were truly missed.

Martha Strong presented an enjoyable Bible Study/discussion on Joseph's dream (Genesis) in relation to Joseph's visit from the angel in Gabriel. She led the Youth through some climaxes in their lives: baptism, confirmation, etc. That led into decorating the Manger Scene cookies Ronda Cortesini had made. The whole ordeal was almost not a mess, but the cookies looked pretty good and very colorful. A highlight of the evening was to take a plateful of the "Manger Scene" to Bev Richard with the surprise of caroling for her. She truly enjoyed it and sang along. The group would love to have made the rounds to many of you, but we couldn't walk that far in the dark.

The evening ended with the Youth having their own little game they made up. The final project was painting on artist's canvas with acrylic paints provided by Martha. Some beautiful paintings went home to be enjoyed and for gifts to be wrapped and given away.

On January 5 there will be an opportunity to play Mafia or some other game of choice. After the final Christmas season worship service plan to enjoy refreshments furnished by the Ladies Aid. Game time will take place that afternoon with Epiphany Worship service. Watch for details!!

Board of Young People meeting at 5:00 on January 9.  
Some important summer issues to discuss and decide upon. Please put that on your calendars.

*A Blessed 2020 to everyone!!*

## Board of Christian Education

Thank you to all our Sunday School children (and the older kids who helped) for a wonderful Christmas Program!

We will continue our study of the Old Testament in January with these four lessons:

### **Jan 5- Joseph and his brothers**

Joseph was hated by his brothers who threatened him with death and sold him into slavery, but he was rescued by God. God's son, Jesus, was also hated and was killed for our sin. He is our deliverer from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

### **Jan 12 -Joseph's Troubles**

The Lord was with Joseph and, through him, saved Joseph's family and others. God promises to be with us in every situation, and through His Son, Jesus, a descendent of Joseph's brother Judah, God saves us from our sin.

### **Jan 19- Joseph feeds Egypt**

God used Joseph to save His people, all Egypt, and other nations from famine. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil.

### **Jan 26- Joseph Forgives**

Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and forgave them. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments.

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# Widows of Faith



The Widows of Faith will meet on **Wednesday, January 8, 2019** at Cracker Barrel, at 12:30 p.m. We hope all widows will join us on this outing.

For more, contact Liz Joyce at 573-336-7331.



## Hello, Choir!

Thank you for the beautiful job you have done with our Advent/Christmas choir pieces!

On January 5<sup>th</sup> the choir will be singing for Pastor Ben's installation. He requested we learn 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is' (LSB #709).

In Ben's own words, "The reason I'm asking for this is because this hymn expresses well what I consider to be my personal relationship with Jesus."

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*<sup>2</sup> Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.*

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This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 written by Henry W. Baker who served as an Anglican priest in a parish in the picturesque countryside of Herefordshire England. The beauty of his natural surroundings can be seen in the text of the hymn joined with his vision of the Christian life shaped by the Gospel and Sacraments.

I would encourage you to pull out your hymnal and read through the 6 stanzas of this hymn as a devotion or prayer and see the richness and beauty for yourself!

In the meantime, stay tuned and stay in tune! 🎵  
--Heidi Perling

# Board of Stewardship

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



## We're so close!

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of our Organ Campaign.

The Voter's Assembly voted to purchase the organ that the Allen Company has designed for our space.

We are very close to having 100% of the funds necessary to pay for the new organ **in full** for installation at Easter!

Help us to close the gap by the end of the year!

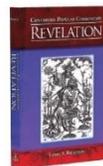
Target Goal: \$77,897  
Current Balance: \$65,519.11  
**Still Needed: \$12,377.89**

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**Mark your calendars!**  
**The Chili Cook-Off is February 23rd!**  
**Time to start fine tuning your chili recipe!**

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## Men's Club

The Men's Club Bible Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, January 11th.

Breakfast is served at 8:00am followed by Bible study and prayer at 9:00am. Join us as we continue our study of the book of Revelation.

# Cook's Corner



## Three bean and Beef Chili

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, diced (1 cup)
- 1 red bell pepper, diced (1 cup)
- 2 carrots, diced (1/2 cup)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 pound extra-lean ground beef (90 percent lean)
- One 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 chipotle chile in adobo sauce, seeded and minced

- 2 teaspoons adobo sauce from the can of chipotles
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- One 15.5-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- One 15.5-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- One 15.5-ounce can pinto beans, drained and rinsed

### Instructions

Heat the oil in large pot or Dutch oven over moderate heat. Add the onion, bell pepper and carrots, cover and cook, stirring occasionally until the vegetables are soft, about 10 minutes. Add the cumin and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the ground beef; raise the heat to high and cook, breaking up the meat with a spoon, until the meat is no longer pink. Stir in the tomatoes, water, chipotle and adobo sauce, oregano and salt and pepper. Simmer, partially covered, stirring from time to time, for 30 minutes. Stir in the beans and cook, partially covered, 20 minutes longer. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

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*If you would like to include a recipe to be printed in the PUMP, please place it in The Pump mailbox or email the church office at [office@felclcms.org](mailto:office@felclcms.org).*



## Twelfth Night Potluck

January 5

In most Western church traditions, Christmas Day is considered the "First Day of Christmas" and the Twelve Days are 25 December – 5 January, inclusive, making Twelfth Night on 5 January, which is Epiphany Eve.

In 567 the Council of Tours proclaimed that the entire period between Christmas and Epiphany should be considered part of the celebration, creating what became known as the twelve days of Christmas, or what the English called Christmastide. On the last of the twelve days, called Twelfth Night, various cultures developed a wide range of additional special festivities. The variation extends even to the issue of how to count the days. If Christmas Day is the first of the twelve days, then Twelfth Night would be on January 5, the eve of Epiphany.

### **Traditions**

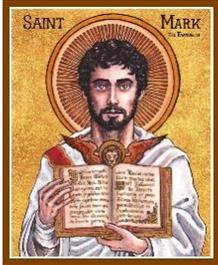
Food and drink are the center of the celebrations in modern times, and all of the most traditional ones go back many centuries. The punch called wassail is consumed especially on Twelfth Night, but throughout Christmas time and door-to-door wassailing (similar to singing Christmas carols) was common up until the 1950s.

Around the world, special pastries, such as the tortell and king cake, are baked on Twelfth Night, and eaten the following day for the Feast of the Epiphany celebrations. In English and French custom, the Twelfth-cake was baked to contain a bean and a pea, so that those who received the slices containing them should be respectively designated king and queen of the night's festivities.

In colonial America, a Christmas wreath and tree were always left up in homes and on front doors until Twelfth Night. When taken down at the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas such fruits, along with nuts and other local produce used, would then be consumed.

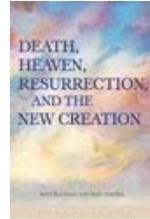
## Bible Studies

### Mark Sunday 9am



The Gospel according to Saint Mark announces that the Lord the Reigns! Jesus Christ has authority to reorder all Creation . He is working through His Words and Deeds to gather and bless all nations. What Moses and Prophets hoped for Jesus gives and will give.

### Resurrection and New Creation Tuesday 3pm

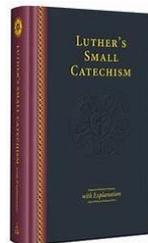


#### New Time and New Study

Death wasn't part of God's original design for humanity, it's an unfortunate reality of living in a fallen world. It feels unnatural because it is. But Christ has conquered death; it has no hold over us. In death, Christ becomes our all in all as we live forever in communion with Him. In light of this promise that is sealed in our Baptism, we can live this impermanent life as an act of bold confession, trust, and hope. This six session Bible study examines the role the physical body plays in life and death, the experience of dying, and the nature of the new creation and our resurrected bodies.

### Luther's Small Catechism Wednesday 9am

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod authorized preparation of a new edition of Luther's Small Catechism. The new edition was to recognize the need for adult education and family devotions. This 2017 edition is currently being used for our confirmation classes and the Crocker Bible Study is reading, marking, learning, and taking it to heart on Wednesday mornings. Written by Martin Luther in 1529, the Small Catechism provides a brief, clear summary of God's Word on the essentials of the Christian faith. In question-and-answer format, it explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine and includes daily prayers, a table of duties for Christians in their various callings, and a guide for Christians as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.



### Matthew

#### Thursday 9am

The Thursday Morning Bible Class will return at 9:00 am on January 9<sup>th</sup> to study Matthew. "God's Word for Today" focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, and that He is the king who loves us, came for us, died and rose again to save us. Through the study we are invited to trust in Him as we live as Christians. Matthew tells us about the Son of God, ruler of the universe and our personal Savior and friend. Come join in to enjoy the learning and social aspect a Bible Class can offer.



### Family Trees and Olive Branches

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm

Christmas and New Year's put family relationships center stage, good and bad. We see up close the tensions in our relationships we would like healed and we long for intentional ways to pass Christ-centered traditions on to the generations growing up behind us. FT&OB tackles these very concerns with practical helps for health and healing in our past, our present, and our family's future.



## **Birthdays**

04 Dolores Colby  
05 Allan Johannsen  
07 Mike Boerner  
Dennis Engstrom  
08 Theresa Boerner  
09 Gene Wilson  
13 Donna Wogan  
16 Mike Robinson  
20 Eden Perling  
21 Mary Littlepage  
23 Stephanie Mitchell  
25 Zola Holsten  
Samantha Holsten  
27 Tim Boettger  
Anthony Cortesini  
Cheryl Hinchman  
28 Ronda Cortesini  
31 Kassy Boorum  
Jordan Hinchman



## **Members & Friends**

### **Anniversaries**

16, 1987 Ron & Cheryl Hinchman  
19, 1957 Herb & Joan Houser

## **Baptisms**

01 Joann Boettger  
Chris Myers  
Bob Neff  
Judy Neff  
Bev Richard  
07 Kathy Drake  
08 Kim Myers  
10 Elizabeth Joyce  
11 Faith Dunn  
26 Abbe Myers

## **Area Events**



**January 4, 11, 18, & 25-**  
Pulaski County Farmers' Market, Waynesville

**January 25-** Polar Meltdown Chili Cook-off, Waynesville



Concordia Seminary's first Faith and Film Festival is a 40-hour gathering to screen and ponder Christian themes in contemporary cinema. Geared toward people interested in film and theology, the festival serves as an opportunity for participants to explore Christian themes in movies and develop eyes to see films in new ways. Participants will spend three days viewing films, hearing from faithful professors and subject matter experts, and engaging in challenging discussions about the ways in which the themes of redemption, reconciliation, mercy, grace and more are embedded in films.

Movies are the vernacular of our time. This gives Christians a unique opportunity to love our neighbors by applying our knowledge of the narrative of God to these popular modern stories — films. Unfortunately, many Christians opt out and reject all but the most simplistic, church-sanctioned titles. This creates an even greater divide between the sinners inside the church and those outside of the church — a divide we can begin to bridge by learning to see film through a new lens.

Festival attendees will get to view five films out of a total of 11 presented, each with its own discussion moderator. Film titles will be revealed on the event's first day.

Continuing Education credits are available. On-campus housing is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This is a limited seating event.

**Disclaimer:** *This festival is for adults only.*

Registration: \$100  
(includes Friday lunch and dinner)  
Registration deadline: **Jan. 10, 2020**

Learn more at [csl.edu/faith-and-film-festival](http://csl.edu/faith-and-film-festival).



What are you doing on Jan. 24, 2020? I hope you're making plans to join your church at the 47th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. I'll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event.

At 11 a.m. EST, we'll start gathering at the corner of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we'll join other marchers from around the world to walk up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you're able to come early, please join us the day before, on Jan. 23, for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel.

The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24. A continental breakfast will follow.

Save the date, and bring your school, group or family to Washington, D.C., to confess Christ in our nation's capital.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

#### **Learn more:**

- For directions and updates, visit [lcms.org/march-for-life](http://lcms.org/march-for-life).

If joining the pre-march rally, please RSVP to the LCMS Church Information Center at [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or 888-843-5267 (THE-LCMS).