

- At His circumcision, Jesus shed the first blood that is a part of our redemption.
- And, at His circumcision, Joseph was able to honor God’s word and promise by naming Him Jesus. His name was both a description and a promise, it means “Savior”.

The blessed memory of our Savior’s 8<sup>th</sup> day is a gift and comfort to us all.

Have a happy and healthy 2019 blessed in your Savior’s peace.

Pastor Dave

# Events Coming Up

### Ever Thought About Helping Quilt?

Our ladies will be getting together on Wednesdays, January 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to work on quilts they are preparing to send to Lutheran World Relief to help those in need. They need help in tying the quilts, which is an easy task to learn! If you have some time, they would appreciate you coming to lend a hand!

### Confirmation Classes to Begin Again

We will resume our Confirmation Classes following our Christmas break on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting again in the new year!

### Would You Lend a Hand?

We will try again to take down the Christmas decorations this Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11:00 service and would appreciate all willing hands to help!

### Boards & Parish Planning Meetings

Just a reminder that our Boards and Parish Planning Committee will meet again in January on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Parish Planning Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see all of our board and PPC members then!

### Offices Closed/No School

Please note that our offices will be closed and there will be no school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in observation of Martin Luther King , Jr. Day.

### New Member Welcome Reception

Mark your calendar now for the next New Member Welcome Reception. We praise and thank God for all of our new members to the First family. Our new members will be introduced at a special reception during the fellowship time preceding Bible study on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Plan now to join in this special time of fellowship to welcome our newest members.

### Prayer Times

Please remember to join us in prayers on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more details, please see the “Be A Witness” page of this newsletter.

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### Thank You!

All of the staff wish to say thank you to the many people who remembered them with cards, gifts and well wishes during the Christmas season. They were all greatly appreciated!! It is a great joy to serve our Lord together here at First!

## New Member Bulletin Board

The First Family has been greatly blessed with new members. Please check out the “new member” bulletin board near the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. This will give you an opportunity to put information regarding new members together with their name and photo. Take time to introduce yourself to them and welcome them to the First Family! Keep your eye on this special bulletin board as new photos and information on new members will be posted as it becomes available. Praise be to God!

## Share the Good News of Jesus with Invitations/Calling Cards!

In years past when you would visit with someone, you would leave your calling card with them. This showed you cared, and wanted to leave them with a reminder of your visit. Good news, we have Invitations/Calling Cards for you to share with people when you visit with them. These cards are wallet sized cards that have an invitation to join us in church. The inside has our service times along with our address. All you need to do is sign them and share them with people you come into contact with.

These cards are located in the Narthex. There are several different styles, for adults and children to use. This is such a great way to share the Love of Christ with everyone we come into contact with. So grab some cards today and start sharing.



**Adoption Announcement**

**The Worley's are starting the new year of 2019 with officially adopting Steven or he is adopting us...either way it is here!**

Even though we say our official family day is October 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. One step at a time we are here and we could not be happier! It is our family, friends, and you who supported us through the ups and downs.

We welcome you to join us as this truly is a work of God and support from our Brothers and Sisters.

**January 22, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. at Missoula County Courthouse**  
**Be there by 10:45**

**The more the merrier in testimony of God's love**