

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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The Celebration of Epiphany

January 1, 2023

We will follow the blended order of service.

The Sermon: "Drawn to the Light"

The Text: Matthew 2:1-12

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Christmas Un-decorating	9:00 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Board Meetings	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Thursday	Scouts	6:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship	9:00 AM
Bible Class	10:15 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM
Scouts	4:00 PM

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "Our Exodus" based on Matthew 2:13-23. Lutheran Hour seasonal program: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North (Fargo)."

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "Out of Egypt" (Matthew 2:13-23) with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. "Out of Egypt I called my son," with these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today.

WORSHIP CHANGES IN JANUARY: Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. with communion on the first and third Sunday. Coffee, Sunday School and Bible study will be at 10:15 a.m.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART is posted in the front lobby. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on one or more Sundays, please sign up on the chart.

LUMINARY ADDITION: We apologize for missing a luminary for Christmas Eve given in memory of Matt Harju by Miles, Vivian, Max, and Zach. "We love and miss you, Daddy."

UN-DECK THE HALLS: Tomorrow we will take down the Christmas decorations starting at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and treats will be served. Please join us!

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS will resume with Pastor Neubauer on January 10 at 8:30 a.m.

BOARD DIRECTORS: Please notify your members of the time your board will be meeting for January.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Harvala will be starting a new Bible study this Wednesday entitled "It's a Wonderful Life (in Christ)." Please join us at 10:30 a.m. in the social hall.

NOON COMMUNION SERVICES will resume this Wednesday, January 4.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The cost is \$25.80 and is due by January 29. There is a special Lutheran Witness envelope in your offering packet.

Please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us double check for correct addresses.

LADIES AID will meet on Thursday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rhonda Lageson from Helping Hands. She will be addressing a project that needs the following items for children in school: shampoo, large tubes of toothpaste, brushes, bars of soap, chapstick, underwear for girls and boys sizes 4,6,8 & 10, and boys socks. We hope to have a gift basket for her that day.

HAVE YOU signed up to usher in 2023? The sign up sheet is located where the ushers stand. Please pick a month in which you could help with the service to our congregation. If you can't help for a whole month, just specify which services will work for you. If we have dates that need to be filled I will call on members and ask for a hand. Thank you for your help in providing this much appreciated service to keep our worship services orderly and friendly. - ***Tim Ranisate, Board of Elders***

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume next Sunday, January 8 at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Just a reminder, our offerings are collected each week to assist Good Shepherd Lutheran School in North Fort Myers, Florida. Let's fill our fish bowl with coins so these children can continue to learn about the Savior. We welcome parents to join Bible study in the social hall during the Sunday School hour.

JANUARY ASSISTING ELDERS: (1/1) Tim Ranisate & Steve Schauland, (1/15) Mike Poole & Larry Hetrick.

JANUARY ACOLYTES: 9:00 - (1/1) Khloe May & Kaitlyn Maves, (1/8) Addy DeVore, Max Harju, Aiden May & Jada Lapping. (1/15) Samantha Fiemeyer, Brock Knutson, Kiften Luther & Hayden Hafner. (1/22) Taylor Arola, Clinton Koch, Mellaney Hall, Sawyer Harvey. (1/29) Brooke Kimball, Sophia Neubauer, Kryton Nilson & Alex Lof.

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Karen VanDeVenter.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Att. 1:00 p.m. - 88. 3:00 p.m. - 172. 5:30 p.m. - 102. Total - 362. Offering: Unified - \$2,195.00. Christmas Eve - \$2,522.00. Christmas Day - \$35.00. Plate - \$573.00. Total - \$5,325.00.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Att. 9:00 - 110. Total -110. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$915.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$850.00. Plate - \$2,300.00. Advent - \$15.00. Christmas Eve - \$140.00. Christmas Day - \$1,320.00. Gift - \$10,000.00. Total - \$15,540.00.