

The Shephard's Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 8:00am
Bible Study 8:00am
Worship Service 9:30am

Wednesdays

5:30pm Confirmation
6pm Choir
3:15pm to 6:30 Youth Group

Holy communion is served on the 1st, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month.



January Events

2nd Elders Meeting 6pm
11th AHG Meeting 6pm
14th Potluck 10:30am
14th Game night 6pm
18th AHG Meeting 6pm
21st Voters Meeting 10:30am
25th AHG Meeting 6pm
28th Game Night

Epiphany: the 'Other' Christmas

January 5, 2022 / [Articles](#) / By [John Bombaro](#) / [5 Comments](#) / [Epiphany](#)

Epiphany is Christmas 2.0. Its conspicuous place following the nativity narrative in Matthew's Gospel presents it as the "other Christmas," the "Christmas of the Gentiles." At the first Christmas we find a swaddled baby in a manger visited by shepherds from the fields summoned by angels. In the "other Christmas," we find a toddler at His mother's feet in a house visited by Magi, Wise Men from the East guided by a star. The first Christmas was announced to Israel, the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham; the second Christmas was for the world, the nations, the Gentiles, the fulfillment of God's promise to Adam.

"Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising," God said (Isaiah 60:3).

An epiphany

The Greek word *epiphany* means "appearing," and in ancient times it was used usually about the appearing of a god or a great king. Some ancient kings thought they were gods. To underscore his divine prowess, Antiochus IV, an ancient Syrian king, took the name Epiphanes after he defeated the Egyptians. But the Maccabean Revolt in Jerusalem exposed his all-too-human vulnerabilities and mortality.

The Magi had come from the east to Jerusalem guided by a star. They were probably Persian court astrologers, stargazers, who looked to the stars for signs, portents and information. The Magi saw what appeared to be a star announcing the birth of a mighty king. While the shepherds of Bethlehem heard the birth announcement from an angel and a heavenly choir, the Persians were given the birth announcement in their own language, so to speak, and in this way anticipate Pentecost and the reversal of Babel's alienation.

<https://witness.lcms.org/2022/epiphany-the-other-christmas/>

Ravioli Bake

Ingredients

- Parsley, Fresh
- 1 (17.6-oz.) bottle tomato basil pasta sauce
- 2 (9-oz. each) pkgs. basil and mascarpone cheese ravioli
- 1/2 (8-oz.) pkg. shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

Step1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8x8-inch baking dish with nonstick spray; set aside.

Step2

Spread 1/4 cup pasta sauce in the bottom of the dish. Top with a layer of ravioli and 1/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese. Repeat to create 3 layers, finishing with remaining sauce and shredded mozzarella.

Step3

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through and cheese is bubbly. Remove from oven and cool 5 minutes before serving.

Right to Life Month

Agape Center Waupaca

Our biggest needs currently are as follows:

- Prayer!! -for all we serve - and our volunteers.
 - Size 4T/5T pull-ups
 - Size 3T/4T pull-ups
 - Laundry Soap
 - Dish Soap
- Bible based children's books - English or Spanish
- Children cough/cold and or fever 'over the counter' meds
 - Childrens' socks and underwear - any size

We are also looking for individuals willing to come alongside our clients as mentors. This can involve going through parenting curriculum or listening and guiding, and above all, praying for them and with them.

If any of you have a knack for organizing and hanging up clothes, we can always use some help in the 'caring closet' and 'baby boutique'.

Here We Stand for Life.

- Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.
- Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.
- Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she's done, no matter what he can't do.
- Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God's purpose, not our own plans.
- Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ's passion, not our own pride.
- Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit's presence, not our own capacities.

Lutheransforlife.org

Find out this January for Right to Life month How you can help and learn More at Lutheransforlife.org

Abortion Was the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2022, Killing 44 Million People (January 2, 2023)

Pastor Gerhard Wilch has Accepted our call and will be joining us mid-March.