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"LOOK FOR HIM IN HIS WORD"

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2).

It was the work of Magi to observe a new astronomical phenomenon, apply their astronomical reckonings to it, and decide what its significance was. How did the Magi who came to worship Jesus connect the appearance of a star with the birth of a Jewish King? Why, with their high culture, their busy careers, their respected status, should they bother to travel a great distance, at great expense, to pay homage to that King?

How did they know Christ was born?

A guess that gives glory to God is that they connected the appearance of the star with the words of a young Jew who had lived in Babylonia, as a captive exile. More than 400 years before, Nebuchadnezzar had placed Daniel in charge of all the wise men in his empire. The teaching of Daniel and continued contact with a large Jewish community in Babylonia may have provided the Magi with certain scriptural knowledge they connected with the appearance of the star.

To be sure, God could have given them a special revelation apart from Scripture. The miracles recorded in Scripture and the Sacraments our Lord instituted, however, teach us that His usual way is to combine signs with His Word.

How did they know where to find Him?

In any case, the Magi set out for Jerusalem, the place where they might expect a new King of the Jews to be born. They announced their arrival and their mission at the court of King Herod and asked their question: "Where?" Herod asked the Bible experts, and the experts found the answer in the Word of God, in the prophet Micah. The Ruler who would feed and lead God's people Israel, was to be born in the hometown of King David, Bethlehem in Judea. The Magi were the men of science. Men of science can know just so much, however, on the basis of observation and speculation. Nature displays the awesomeness of God's creation, nature does not tell us about the grace and mercy of God.

How do we know where to find Him?

Only the Scriptures can do that telling us where He is to be found - and much more. Where is the One who is born King of the Jews? He is in the Scriptures, which tell us that He is true God and true Man, come to redeem us lost and condemned sinners, purchasing us to be His own. He is in Holy Baptism, where God makes His natural-born enemies His adopted children and heirs of eternal life. He is found in His Supper, where He gives us His body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation. In Bethlehem, in Jerusalem, wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is there. He is at the right hand of God, making intercession for us. He is in this world, controlling all things in the interest of His Church. These things nourish our faith as we look for Him, in His Word.

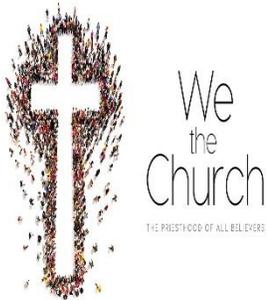
In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kohuke



Ladies Tuesday Bible study **may or may not** be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own drinks. January 5th @ 12:45 pm! We start a new study in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. We would like to invite all the ladies of the congregation to join us. Please let Shirley Holtzen know if you will be joining and she will get you a copy of the study. Ph. 531-289-0396

Sunday Morning Bible Class: On hold at this time.



January Monday Night Bible Study

January 11, 2021 We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers

The formation and growth of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the United States is examined in this video resource. It features expert commentary, instructive graphics, and details the Christ-centered mission-and potential-of the LCMS.

From immigrant communities of German Christians to a mainline denomination of more than 6,000 congregations, *We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers* focuses on the origin and development of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and how the early LCMS met the outreach challenges of its new "American" setting. Beyond the historical context, this video resource examines how early church leaders viewed the role of laity inside and outside of the church. It also challenges today's church members to embrace their rich heritage as disciples by sharing the message of hope we have in Christ Jesus. 17 minutes long video followed by discussion.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-wethechurch>



Regrets, Reality, Restoration

The simple truth is life is full of regrets. Imprinted on our psyches, some resist all attempts at erasure. What do we do when the condemning memory of past offense(s) won't be silenced? Is there a way out beyond our backstory? *Regrets, Reality, Restoration*

shows there is, by sharing the life stories of those who have found resolution and victory over the heartache of their pasts.

Who among us wouldn't like to *redo* or *undo* something from our past? A brief glance backwards is sometimes all the reminder we need to stop us in our tracks with the sobering realization that we, too, have been less than decent human beings. Was it dope? Was it booze? Was it pride and selfishness? Was it violence? We're all capable of producing mind-boggling disasters in our lives and the lives of others.

In *Regrets, Reality, Restoration*, you will hear heartfelt stories from people who have experienced regret in deep and profound ways. What took place previously in their lives --substance abuse, shunning God and family, a series of high-level career missteps, taking a life --weren't unpardonable sins to God. Depending on your past, you may know exactly what this means.

See how, even in these individuals' most tormented moments, it was God's love in Christ Jesus that brought hope to despair and light to crack the darkness.

Each lesson begins with an approximately 14 to 18 minutes long video followed by discussion.

January 18 Session 1 - It Only Took Once

January 25 Session 2 - I'm So Sorry

February 1 Session 3 - You're Forgiven

February 8 Session 4 - But For a Moment

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-regrets>

Special Fund Drive for New Sound System: \$11,850.00 is the bid the Voter's Assembly approved on Oct. 25th. Raised in 2020: \$4,400.00

Thank you to Tim Kechley for providing a temporary mixer so that we can continue to broadcast the service in the parking lot. Tim is the one who will be installing our new sound system. He reports that MOST of the new system has arrived. *If you know of anyone who has scaffolding that we can borrow that will save us on installation costs.*



Thank you to Erin and Bianca Singh, Deb and Greg Pavey, Shirley Retzlaff and Laura Hametis for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree after church on December 13th. While putting up the tree, it was decided that it was time for a new one. Donations were gathered and a new 10 foot pre-lit tree was ordered. We will use it for the first time next year.

Our Mission Dollars at Work



Our \$500 Mission Dollars for January goes to support Lutherans for Life. Their mission is “Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life, by being positive, life-affirming voices that uphold the truth of the God-given value of human life, both in local congregations and in society, and to affirm that each human life is created and gifted by God, that each human life is someone for whom Jesus Christ died and someone the Holy Spirit desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him.”

They offer resources on abortion, adoption, bioethics, creation, end of life, family living, fetal development, sexual purity, worship and more at Concordia Publishing House.

Sunday Circle: Is not meeting at this time.

Dinner Out: Still on hold.....

Mary & Martha League: Will meet via text messaging.

The Mary and Martha League would like to thank the members of the congregation for their support of the various charities that we sponsored this year. Mom's Food Pantry in Bennet received 781 food items, 46 health items, 162 baby items, 35 clothing items and \$437.00. We collected \$552.65 in Mites to be sent to the Nebraska South District LWML. These funds will be used to support various charitable activities in Nebraska, the United States and around the world. From our special door offerings in October and November, People City Mission received \$200.00 and Matt Talbot Kitchens received \$300.00. All of this came from you. We praise God for your generosity.



We encourage you to continue to collect your Best Choice Labels, because of them we able to send \$160.00 to Lutheran Family Services.

From our budget, we sent \$100.00 to each of the following charities: Child Advocacy Center, Debra of America, Lutheran World Relief and the Friendship Home.

Just a quick reminder to please give us your cash register receipts from Russ's Market and Super Saver. We are giving them to Trinity Lincoln and they are collecting Best Choice Labels for us.

We wish a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Voters Meeting January 31st.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084aada82baaff2-voters1>

Reports due on January 11th please email them to: TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com

January Birthdays

- 1/9 - Jacob May
- 1/10 - Tim Malone, Kim Cheney
- 1/12 - Leonard Harper, Arthur Harper,
- 1/14 - John Snoozy
- 1/17 - Madeline Hiatt
- 1/18 - John Bruss
- 1/21 - Lydia Oetjen
- 1/27 - Jakob Kemper,
Steve Cartagena, Matthew Rink
- 1/29 - Ruby Plager



December Baptism



Kilian Tyler Kemper was baptized on December 6th 2020 by Pastor Holtzen. Kilian is the son of Ethan and Mae Kemper and was born on September 25, 2020. Pastor Holtzen also baptized Ethan when he was just a baby. It was a special day for all!

Sponsors are Miguel Garcia, Nathaniel Kemper, Jakob Kemper, Galah Mae Ramos and Arnalíe Dominguez.

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



our Christmas program was based on the Jesse

tree. Jesus had parents and grand-parents and great-grandparents—just as we do! His family began with Adam and Eve,

and it continues through all generations to us today. By pointing out key people in the Bible, this sweet picture book tells the story of Jesus' ancestors and of God's plan for our salvation. Learning about our Savior's family tree helps us see how God kept His promise to redeem us all and make us His children—a promise kept and sustained over thousands of years.

Six kids had worked with Erin & Kathy and Mandi to learn the songs and their parts. Special masks were made for the kids to wear that night. Laura Hametis embroidered "Christ is Born" on them. Then Shirley Holtzen made them into masks. Illness and a car accident took out 5 of the kids that should have been there that night. Bianca Singh was the lone child that played a piano solo and sang the songs practiced so hard. Thank you to all who made the program special.



Special thanks to Deb Pavey and Shirley Retzlaff for cleaning between the Children's Program and the Candle light, and Christmas day services.

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	4	5 Women's Bible Study 12:45 pm Church Fellowship Hall.	6	7	8	9 Elder's Meeting 7:30am
10 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service 11 a.m. Undecorate the church – ALL are welcome to help.	11 Zoom Bible Study: WE THE CHURCH 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Voters Meeting Reports Due	12	13	14	15	16
17 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday	18 Zoom Bible Study: Regrets, Reality, Restoration 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Mary & Martha League, VIA Text 1:30 pm	22 Newsletter Deadline	23
24/31 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service 11:30 Voters Meeting (31)	25 Zoom Bible Study: Regrets, Reality, Restoration 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Newsletter Print Date	29	30

Those serving in January, 2021 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

3rd Alan Retzlaff
10th Hank Oetjen
17th Roger Pearson
24th Tracy Refior
31st Alan Retzlaff

Altar Guild

3rd Shirley Retzlaff
10th Deb Pavey
17th Laura Hametis
24th Kristi Refior
31st Shirley Retzlaff

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