



Zion Chronicle

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2020

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At Home with God



Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

—A.W. Tozer

The New Year

The Year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said.
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.
And now with purpose full and clear,
We turn to meet another year.
—Robert Browning

Welcome,
2020!

Stewardship

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism,

placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

"I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]," St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His "yes" to you, but others will find it, too, through you. "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

Instruments of Praise

Some innovative musicians play instruments that actually melt at their fingertips. Their ice creations — everything from drums and a pipe organ to harps and didgeridoos — make awe-inspiring sounds (search online to hear for yourself).

The unique challenges posed by dissolving instruments seem to increase their impact.

"ICEstruments" sculptor Tim Linhart says concertgoers, whose bodies also are largely composed of water, often feel a "spiritual connection" to the music.

Although people don't melt, our physical bodies eventually return to ashes and dust. Despite that impermanence, God created us as wonderful instruments to make joyful noises for him: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!" (Psalm 150:6).

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Christian Symbols

The Chi Rho is an ancient monogram of Christ. The symbol is composed of the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ: XPICTOC (pronounced Christos). There are many variations, but the most common form superimposes the "X" (Chi) on the "P" (Rho). Although it isn't considered to be a cross, the Chi Rho invokes Jesus' crucifixion. The symbol has been in use for more than 1,600 years. Early Christians used the Chi Rho as a sign of their faith, and Constantine the Great placed it on his soldiers' shields.

Ladies Society

The annual meeting/brunch was held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Karen VanWert's bell program was awesome. Hanna Circle prepared and served the meal, Martha Circle did clean-up, and Ruth Circle decorated the tables. THANK YOU!

Hanna Circle prepared treat bags for the Sunday School children and Martha Circle gave Poinsettias to our shut-in members. THANK YOU!

The Ladies Society took a turn of preparing and serving an Advent supper and for all who helped in any way, THANK YOU!

2019 has come and gone. It was a busy year and 2020 looks to be busy as well. If you were able to serve on a committee (or two), THANK YOU!

Have a Blessed New Year.

HANNAH CIRCLE

January 7 at 9:00 am @ Zion
Hostess: Alayna Rohne & Vickie Sanvik

LADIES EXECUTIVE BOARD

JANUARY 6 AT 3:30
JANUARY 27 AT 3:30

MARTHA CIRCLE

January 7 at 1:00 pm @ the Home of
Hostess: Nancy Golde



RUTH CIRCLE

January 7 at 7:00 pm @ The home of
Hostess: Elaine Nelson

Check out the LWML Websites.

The National LWML Website:

www.lwml.org

The LWML Minnesota South District Website: www.mnslwml.org

Stewardship News

Time and Talent Forms:

Everyone at Zion Lutheran Church is encouraged and urged to fill out our 2020 Time and Talent Forms. Forms are in the bulletin January 5-19. God has blessed each of us with special talents and the time to serve Him, His church, and the people in our community and abroad. Please take the time to fill out these sheets today and place completed forms in the small church.



2020 Offering Envelopes:

The 2020 offering envelopes are here! Pick-up your box of envelopes, that are in your church mailbox! If you have any questions or did not receive a box of envelopes, please contact Dawn Drescher or LeAnn Houle.

Thank you.

Thank you. - Pastor Matt

Installation of Officers

On January 23 and 26, elected officers from our Annual Meeting on January 19, will be installed at the service they attend. Let us support these men and women who will be leading our congregation in the year ahead.

*"I will instruct you and
teach you in the way you
should go; I will guide
you with My eye."*

Psalms 32:8

What awaits us?

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2020? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell

The Hymn of the Month



The "Queen of Chorales" is the title given to hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright." Composed and authored by Philippi Nicolai, it is considered to be one of the great gems in the hymnal. It is in a style of diction, poetic structure, and has a grand tune. This hymn is in an acrostic structure, that is, the initial letters of each stanza of the original German forms a phrase. The phrase goes: W, E, G, U, H, Z, W which referred to *Wilhelm Ernst, Graf und Herr zu Waldeck*, a friend and student of Nicolai as well as referring to his birthplace. It was first published by Philippi Nicolai in the appendix to his *Freuden Spiegel des ewigen Leben* of 1599.

Psalm 45 is the textual basis of this hymn. The reference to the "Morning Star" is more reflective of Revelation 22:16. Nearly every word of this hymn is taken from Holy Scripture, according to one churchman. This hymn is a favorite to use at festival occasions throughout the church year, but especially at weddings.

The tune is known as *Wien schon leuchetet*, also known as *Morenstern, Frankfurt*. The tune to this queen of the chorales has been used by many great composers such as J.S. Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and even Paul Manz, to name a few.

Catherine Winkworth says of this hymn in her book *Christian Singers of Germany of 1869*: "So popular did it soon become, that its tune was often chimed by city chimes, lines and verses from it were printed by way of ornament of the common earthenware of the country, and it was invariably used at weddings and certain festivals."

You can find this hymn in *Lutheran Service Book*; it is hymn number 395. This is one of the great hymns of the Epiphany Season. We will be singing this hymn on Sunday, January 12th as part of our Epiphany-Baptism of Our Lord Festival.

*"The reference to the
"Morning Star" is more
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22:16"*

The Old Family Bible

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he held in his hand was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found!" the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" asked his mother.



The young boy answered in a voice hushed with awe, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Thoughts from an Elder

Prior to Thanksgiving Day, Christmas music is the season's sounds.

Upon recently hearing John Denver and the Muppets rendition of the "12 Days of Christmas", I couldn't help but smile, but I also recalled that over time, Christian meanings were attached to each of the verses, and I had to investigate. (Internet search engines are a wonderful thing!)

We are still in the Christmas season even though you may be reading this at the beginning of January. The 12 days of Christmas start on Christmas day, and end the day before Epiphany, January 5th, with the Epiphany of our Lord on the 6th.

Even if they don't exactly line up with our Lutheran understanding of theology, (can you spot it?), the verses do remind us about our wonderful Christian teachings.

1. The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ.
2. The 2 Turtle Doves are The Old and New Testaments.
3. The 3 French hens are Faith, Hope, and Charity, the theological virtues.
4. The 4 Calling Birds are the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.
5. The 5 Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The 6 Geese A-laying are the six days of creation.
7. The 7 Swans A-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments.
8. The 8 Maids A-milking are the eight beatitudes.
9. The 9 Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
10. The 10 Lords A-leaping are the ten commandments.
11. The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles.
12. The 12 Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

Let us always continue to celebrate that God came to us as the Christ Child almost 2000 years ago, the most precious gift ever.

Merry Christmas,

Keith Kemkes

Sunday Lessons and Themes

Second Sunday after Christmas – January 5

Sunday School Christmas Program

Only One Service --- 9:00 AM

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday – January 12

Theme: "The Light: Peace and Justice" Isaiah 42:1-8

Lessons:

- Isaiah 42:1-9 (*The Chosen One of the Lord.*)
- Psalm 29 (*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.*)
- Romans 6:1-11 (*We are created to walk in newness of life in Christ.*)
- Matthew 3:13-17 (*Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.*)

Service will include a Baptismal Remembrance

Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 19

Theme: "The Light: Shining Through Us" Isaiah 49:1-7

Lessons:

- Isaiah 49:1-7 (*The Light for the Gentiles has come.*)
- Psalm 40:1-11 (*I waited patiently for the Lord.*)
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (*Paul writes of the Lord's faithfulness to His people.*)
- John 1:29-42a (*Jesus is proclaimed to be the Lamb of God.*)

Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 26

Theme: "The Light: Living in It" Isaiah 9:1-4

Lessons:

- Isaiah 9:1-4 (*A great light is seen by those in darkness.*)
- Psalm 27:1-9 (*The LORD is my light and my salvation.*)
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (*Paul makes an appeal for unity.*)
- Matthew 4:12-25 (*Jesus calls four of His disciples in Galilee.*)

What the New Year Offers!

- ♦ A fresh start in the totality of our life.
- ♦ A chance to do good things for others, especially older members of our family.
- ♦ An opportunity to plan better for the future, including the use of our time, talent and possessions.
- ♦ A challenge to read helpful books about living according to God's plan.
- ♦ A chance to better control stress and anxiety in body and spirit.

Bible Studies

Sunday Mornings

The Psalms: Hymns of the Bible

The "Pilgrim Psalms" are on the docket for our next group of psalms we will study. They were a group **psalms**, songs of the pilgrims, that were sung as they journeyed to Jerusalem.

January 12: Psalm 120, 121

January 19: Psalms 122, (84)

January 26: Psalm 123, 124

Men's Bible Study -

Monday Mornings --- (6:30 AM)

Lost Books? By: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In *Lost Books?* We will look at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short.

January 6: "Who Made Up Those Rules?"

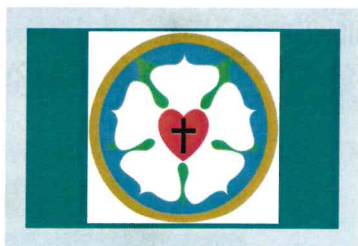
January 13: "Filling in the Blanks"

January 20: "Buried Treasures"

January 27: "Step in For A Closer Look"

Confirmation—(6:00-7:15 PM)

Confirmation students will be studying the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Office of the Keys and Confession. A meal is provided for them and the J.A.M. kids at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



January 1: New Year Day Break

January 8: The Power of Baptism

Memory: Power of Baptism (Third Part)

January 15: What Baptism Indicated

Memory: What Baptism Indicated (Fourth Part)

January 22: Confession

Memory: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?

January 29: The Office of the Keys

Memory: What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?

Sunday School—(9:15-10:15 AM)

January 5: Christmas Program Practice at 8:00 AM

January 12: A Divided Kingdom—Jeroboam and Rehoboam

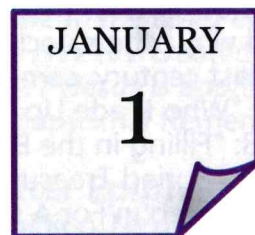
January 19: Comfort in Captivity—Jeremiah

January 26: A Trap and a Release—Daniel

When the New Year Begins for Us

In 46 B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar first chose January 1 as the date of the new year. Six hundred years later, the Roman church proclaimed that the new year would henceforth be March 25, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation (when the angel spoke to Mary).

March 25 was the accepted New Year's Day for almost 1,000 years. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII moved it back to January 1.



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What are the grown-ups doing?

A Sunday school teacher was teaching a group of youngsters about the Israelites in the Old Testament. She kept referring to the Jews as the "children of Israel."

Questions: What are we grown-ups doing to show that we are faithful children of God today? What is our mission? What is our calling? What does the Lord require of us to prove that we are God's loving and serving children today?

"Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"

A little girl interrupted her, wanting permission to ask a question.

"Certainly," the teacher responded.

"Well," the child said, "you keep talking about the children of Israel. The children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. The children of Israel built the temple. The children of Israel did this and did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"

Do good and...

share what you have,

for such sacrifices

are pleasing

to God.

Hebrews 13:16



Thank you to...

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Once again, it has been a blessed Advent-Christmas tide! We have a lot to be thankful for as God's people, for He has richly blessed us in Christ! St. Paul said, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17) How evident that shined at Zion. I would like to reflectively pause with words of thanks!

- Stunningly Radiant! The house of the Lord, resplendent in Christmas glory, was lovingly decorated by the members of the Flower and Altar Committee with the assistance of the Trustees.
- The Christmas poinsettias, purchased by many members of Zion, are rich in brilliance as they adorn the church chancel.
- Who tended the Christmas poinsettias? Nancy Golde and Sue Schmidt keep the plants looking fresh and lovely. It is a time-consuming task in watering them during the festive season.
- Accolades are given to those who provided delicious evening meals between the midweek Advent services. Zion members were excellent supporters and gave generously to each weekly ministry project!
- Utterly amazing, we heard Zions' Bell ring for the first time in years, once again calling people to the house of the LORD for worship! We rededicated the bell at the beginning of each Christmas Eve! Funds were donated by the faithful of Zion to make this possible. David Overland, Bruce Bakken, and Kent Dollum, Zion's trustees spent a myriad of hours in making all the parts work together for the resounding joyful sound!
- The church staff, LeAnn Houle (office assistant), Natalie Nelson (inside cleaning), Angie Drescher (organist), and Bruce Drescher (outside cleaning); did a fabulous job at each of their duties during this very busy time of the year! There were lots of extra hours and work put-in by each of them!
- It takes a variety of skilled people to assist with all extra worship services! We rejoice that God has blessed us with multiple worship assistants: elders, lectors, AV team, acolytes, ushers, greeters, communion assistants, altar guild, praise team!! Your help and talents made for seamless services, and as we welcome many visitors to Zion.
- Sunday School and J.A.M. for working so hard in presenting this year's annual Christmas Program (January 5 at 9:00 AM). Our educational team, Jennifer Overland, Travis Drescher, Toni Timm, and Dawn Dace lead with enthusiasm and loving guidance.
- God calls and gathers us as His family for worship! Let us thank Him for the blessings of Word and Sacraments, prayer, and fellowship! We joyfully, once again, celebrated and remembered the wondrous birth of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior!

If I have missed someone, please know that I give thanks to God for each of you in my prayers. I pray that you have a blessed and happy New Year in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Peace!

Pastor Matt

Anniversary Committee



To God be the Glory! Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2020! The time, though we are a little behind, has come for us to put together a planning committee to celebrate the church's Diamond Jubilee! If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matt or James Hedin. We hope to have a list of committee members by the Annual Meeting on January 19.

For the New Year

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)

Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)



To Forgive is to Love

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.

There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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to Love

- stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.
- cancel (a debt)

A well-balanced church

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each

leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

Humor to break up the winter blahs

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
- People are funny: They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Working for God on earth doesn't pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.

Good News on the Airwaves

January 5

"Mercy In This Dojo"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series
(Genesis 37)

January 19

"Unforgettable"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy
New Series
(Genesis 40:1-23)

January 12

"People are Treasure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series
(Genesis 39)

January 26

"Call it a Comeback"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series
(Genesis 41)



Thank You!

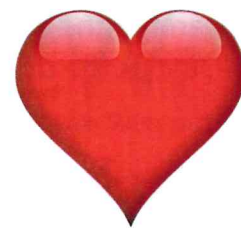
I just want to thank our generous congregation! Because of you , we were able to adopt a family with seven children for Christmas. Each child has at least three gifts. I was amazed at how well the youth did shopping. They were very thoughtful on what they purchased for the kids from the information we were provided. I want to especially thank some people who added to our "pot". Angie Drescher, Joy Meyer, Ruth Circle and Dean Johnson. With this extra I purchased gift cards from Kwik Trip, HyVee and Jakes Pizza. We are truly blessed!
Thank You!

Toni Timm and the Zion Youth

Thank you to my Zion Family for all your prayers, cards, visits and the poinsettia.

It was greatly appreciated,

Fern Vietze



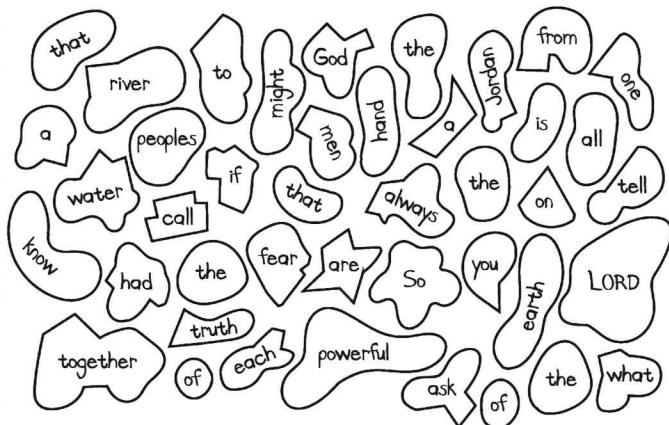
Activity Page



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
 _____ the
 the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV



LET THERE BE LIGHT

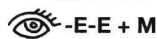
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

"Y O U , _____ , A R E



_____ ; T H E



M Y



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 I N T O _____ .



2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV



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Zion Lutheran Church

*"Sowing the Good News
of Jesus Christ"*

Mission: Zion exists to enthusiastically share the Good News of Jesus with all in our community by connecting people with the Word and serving others with Christ's love.

Mission Statement: Sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Gracious Gifts Given in Memory of ...

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| Gayle Sternberg | \$10 | Endowment Fund |
| | \$10 | Church Bell Fund |
| | \$10 | Food For Backpacks |
| | \$25 | Memorial Fund |
| Jennifer Estes | \$20 | Library Fund |
| Ralph & Carol Springer | \$1000 | General Fund |



January 2020



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | New Year's Day 1 Office Closed | 2 | 3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed | 4 10:00 am Christmas Program Practice |
| Second Sunday after Christmas 5 9:00 am Children's Christmas Program | 6 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 3:30 pm Ladies Exe.Bd 6:15 pm Girl Scouts | 7 9:00 am Hannah Circle 1:00 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting | 8 9:00 am Quilters 5:30 pm Confirmation & JAM | 9 6:45 pm Mid-Week Worship w H.C. 7:45 pm Praise Team Practice | 10 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed | 11 |
| Baptism of our Lord 12 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C | 13 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Safety Comm. | 14 9:00 am Circuit Pastors @ Brownsdale 1:00 pm PEO meeting 6:45 pm All Boards Meet 7:30 pm Church Council | 15 9:00 am Quilters 5:30 pm Confirmation & JAM | 16 6:45 pm Mid-Week Worship w H.C. 7:45 pm Praise Team Practice | 17 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed | 18 |
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Serving in January



| Sunday | 1/5 | 1/12 | | 1/19 | | 1/26 | |
|----------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | 9:00am | 8:00am | 10:30am | 8:00am | 10:30am | 8:00am | 10:30am |
| Acolyte: | Samuel Houle | Cohen Drescher | Claire Stockwell | Carly Hoffman | Layla Prestholt | Hailey Bera | Samuel Houle |
| A-V Team: | Roger Panzer Brooks Drescher Nancy Golde | Roger Panzer Brooks Drescher Willa Olivier | James Hedin | Robin Pettit Fred Rennpferd Nancy Golde | David Kelly | Jim Viktora Brooks Drescher Wayne Prudoehl | James Hedin |
| Lector: | None | Ann Estes | Lois Palmer | Kelly Schultz | Bill Morris | Ann Estes | Dawn Dace |
| Elder: | None | Dana Nelson | Dana Nelson | Dana Nelson | Dana Nelson | Dana Nelson | Dana Nelson |
| Greeters: | Parents of the children | Rick & Bonnie Ashling | Nancy Bottelson | Linda Eggleston | Pam Doss | John & Joleen Domes | Bruce & Janelle Hayden |
| Music: | | Angie Drescher | Praise Team | Angie Drescher | Praise Team | Angie Drescher | Praise Team |
| Ushers: | Ron Timm Jim Viktora Truman Gullord Dwight Meyer | Dave Overland John Domes Fred Rennpferd Dwight Meyer | Bruce Hayden Tim Kasper | Bruce Bakken Orlo Willmert Jerry Kruckeberg Dwight Meyer | LeAnn Houle Bonnie Westbee | Clint Miller Chris Olivier Jock Wenzel Dwight Meyer | Dick Mucha Dana Nelson |
| Comm. Assist: | None | Roger Panzer | Tim Kasper | Jerry Kruckeburg | Bruce Hayden | Wayne Prudoehl | Dana Nelson |

| Thursdays | 1/9 | 1/16 | 1/23 | 1/30 |
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| Elder | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes |
| AV Team | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes |
| Comm. Assist. | Kent Dollum | Kent Dollum | Kent Dollum | Kent Dollum |
| Usher | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes | Keith Kemkes |

Flower & Altar: Sandi Chapman, Sonya Paulson, Arlene Murray, Rebecca Dollum
Financial Assistants: Kelly Schultz, Dawn Drescher

