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WEATHER ALERTS –

With the onset of winter weather here are ways to receive cancellations. The TV stations, WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI will be notified, an e-mail will be sent out (if I don't have your e-mail and you want these notifications, please let me know) and it will appear on our web-site (www.mtcalvarypeoria.org) and facebook page.



That said, some of you may be wondering why this article began with a quote from St. John's Revelation. The image, of course, is of the saints in glory – and the palm branches they carry not only indicated the praises they were giving to the Lamb (think of an eternal "Palm Sunday" here) – but also were considered a sign that they shared in Christ's victory. As He won the battle against sin and death, so they now enjoy the fruits of that victory.

PASTOR'S COLUMN



9After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples

and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As I write this, it's only the "4th Day" of the Christmas season, so there is still; much to celebrate. And I would be remiss if I didn't take to time to thank you all once again for your generosity toward me and my family. We are always humbled by the annual gift. Peace to you all! And also thank you to those who gave us cards or notes of encouragement. It is always a hectic time of year in our household, and your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

And this vision inspired many in the early Church to depict martyred saints as holding palm branches to indicate that in their martyrdom, they lost nothing, but in fact had joined Christ in his victory. So far, so good.

Now – why speak of martyrs at all during these days of Christmas joy? Because it turns out that the entrance of Jesus into this stained and wearied world is not all light, silent nights, and angels singing to shepherds. Jesus, His coming to us in our flesh, and His victory over death and hell has, in fact, turned up the temperature on the old battle to a fever pitch. The devil knows he is going down, but in a rage he is trying to do as much damage as he can before the end. But, fear not! The Mighty One is your defender – and He will not let you be lost.

However, the battle continues – and the custom of the ancient Church was to recognize that with the three "martyrs' days" right after Christmas proper. St. Stephen is remembered on December 26, St. John the Apostle and Evangelist on December 27, and the Holy Innocents (the boys of

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Bethlehem whom Herod had murdered in order to try and eliminate Jesus) on December 28. It is noted that in them, we see the three "faces" (or "types") of martyrdom: Stephen is a martyr in will and deed, John is a martyr in will but not deed, and the Innocents were martyrs in deed but not will.

Why does this matter? Because, as shocking as it may sound, we are all called to live as martyrs. I know, that sounds terribly dramatic. Again, fear not. No one is going to be banging on your door at 2 am to drag you off to jail and worse simply because you are a Christian. Mind you, there are places where that does happen – but North America is not one of those places.

At its root, the word "martyr" simply means to witness – it is a person who gives testimony to what she or he knows is true. As Christians, we are called to confess, to witness, to what we know is true – in a variety of ways. One of the reasons we use Creeds so often in public worship is because that is one way to testify to the truth of God in Christ. Another aspect of the witness you are called to give is in how your life is shaped by Christ. While I'm not fond of the way some have tried to guilt folks into a more thoughtful living of their faith by asking "If Christianity were illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" – the question does have merit. As we come to the end of AD (Anno Domini, or "the Year of our Lord") 2022 and head into AD 2023, it is worth asking ourselves: does my life witness to Christ as clearly as it could?

Of course, the answer we all give that question is, "no." Hence, everyone needs to go to confession, receive absolution, and then get back to work. And no one is going to say you are a "better" or "worse" Christian on the basis of your personal witness – that's God's to judge.

However, can we make improvements. So – what might your witness look like? First, come to worship. The act of setting aside time, in spite of everything else that demands your attention,

and everything else you might rather be doing, to come and hear God's Word and receive His gifts in Christ witnesses to others about your priorities. This is important enough to make time for – regularly.

Then try to come to a Bible class or Sunday School. Again, this is about witnessing to the place these things have in your life. You are showing others what you consider important – and are pointing them to what should be important for them as well.

Spend time in fellowship with your brothers and sisters here. One of the things we miss out on in our "atomized" and "individualistic" church life is the community we are called to be a part of. It goes beyond the confines of this article to address why in our current culture people are generally "cut off" from one another with the exception of immediate family, or groups they find affinity or identity with, but it has been much commented on by those who study society and culture. Consider our life at Mt. Calvary – many of us have to rush off to something else right after worship – and so don't get to visit, or get to develop friendships with our fellow members. This frustrates one of the gifts of congregational life: the opportunity to share in each other's joys and sorrows. Congregations in the early church were able to minister to members effectively because they knew one another, and spent time together.

And lastly – as least for this article – work on being gracious, kind, patient, and forgiving. Finally, these are fruits of the Holy Spirit born in us through Word and Sacrament – but it doesn't hurt to keep an eye out on yourself. Listen to what you say – watch the judgments you make (silently or aloud). Work to forgive rather than taking offense. You are witnesses, my friends – Christ is in you. Show His grace to the world around you so that they can know Him too.

In Christ,



Worship Notes

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Arlysha Bovane-Morrow
Steven Flynn
2. Sherri Long
4. Barbara Zook
6. Edmund Fletchall
8. Kyra Lee (Szold)
10. Colin Barr
John Brauer
11. Debbie Livingston
12. Rilla Adcock
14. Keith Crook
Elsa Wilhite
16. Leon Adcock
17. Michael Wilson
18. Doug Auer
Abbie Matson
19. Stephen Bremer
20. Larry Frank
Benjamin Craig
Jeff Fager
Trinity Foote
Rachel Terpening
21. Greg Browning
22. Theresa Johnston
23. Eric Hoffman
28. Ella Barr
Bret Miller
30. Colton Maske
31. Aaron Keehner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

28. Larry & Julie Frank

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 1 — Barb Zook

January 8 — **Open**

January 15 — **Open**

January 22 — Theresa Johnston

January 29 — **Open**

ELDERS

January 1 — Dr. Joel Eckert

January 8 — Tom Brosowski

January 15 — Phil King

January 22 — Gary Beenders

January 29 — Dr. Joel Eckert

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Mary Ann Auer & Pam Lehmann



LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

Circumcision & Name of Jesus – January 1st

Psalm 8; Numbers 6:22-27;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21

Baptism of Our Lord – January 8

Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9;
Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 15th

Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

3rd Sunday after Epiphany – January 22nd

Psalm 27:1-14; Isaiah 9:1-4;
1st Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

4th Sunday after Epiphany – January 29th

Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Mary Ann Auer & Pam Lehmann

JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH – WE'RE BACK!!!!

Please join us on **Sunday, January 15** for "Locked-In"! We'll be here at church **from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.** for a movie and board games. As we have done in the past, we'll have a couple of movies to choose from and you'll vote for the one to watch! Then we'll play some board games – so remember to bring your favorite! We'll also have popcorn and drinks. Sign-up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office or call 693-8095 (Michele) to let us know if you'll be able to join us! As always, friends are welcome too!

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TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!



✠Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin
- † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin
- † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- † Christiane Ramahi – member
- † Jerry Jungck – member
- † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- † Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller
- † Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
- † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- † Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
- † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren –
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
- † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- † Josh Crosiar – member
- † Anne Maske – member
- † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
- † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- † Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- † Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
- † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- † Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
- † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Bill & Pam Barr – members
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
- † Sally Taylor – member
- † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- † Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members
- † Dale Brinkmann – member
- † Richard Coltrin – member
- † Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
- † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- † Gary Ruckle – member
- † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson
- † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler
- † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar † Valerie Conner - Lorrie Kaspar's sister † Virginia Tackmann - mother of Michele Keehner † Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph's aunt † Delcie Lane - member † Mark Manthey - member † Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann's sister † Earl Boyett - grandfather of Nick Brusick † Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us † Brian Kelly - uncle to Josh Joseph † Luann and Shelby Cooper - members † Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall † Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia † Mark Dickman - co-worker, Chris Brusick † Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar † Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo † Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke † Harriet Nora - member † Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver † Daryl Claudin - member † Joy Wessler - daughter-in-law to Carol Wessler † Natalie Brusick - member, wife to Nick † Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston † Carol Loughridge - member † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk - daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien † Cheris Hoffmann - member † Harriet Caughey - member † Carole Hoffman - member † Amanda Carpenter - member † Maureen and children - extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman † Jacqueline Pendarvis - member † Teresa Kerrick - † Mary Dowds - occasional visitor † Pr. Drews - member of our local circuit † Joann Bettinghouse - mother to Abbie Matson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey † Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty † Keith Crook - member † Tina Maxwell - member † Patty Caughey - member † Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey † Maria Victoria Corrales - extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel) † Ada Becker - mother of our custodian, Michelle † Scott Grinslade - member † Pr. Mark Matthews - brother in law to Tom Brosowske † Jessica Horman - member † Scott Wilson - custodian Michelle's boy friend † Ron Achterberg - member † Lisa Garrison - sister to Jim Kaspar † Kinea Howell - Deb Wilson great-granddaughter † Angel Howell - Deb Wilson granddaughter † Katie Wilson - member † Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to MaryAnn and Doug † Tomi - mother to Christ Brusick † Cameron Dorsey - member † Nancy Meyer - member † Bill Parrott - Brad Parrott's father † Mr. Paul Thompson - Concordia's principal † Marty Liex - friend to LaVelle Borders † Deb Wilson - member † Diane Norris - friend of a member † Ann Jacobson - sister to Richard & Harold Pauli † Jeanne Donald - sister to Eileen Benne † Addie Wilson - mother to Eileen Benne † Jennifer Lenz - niece to Paula & Gerry Horst † Lee Mauschaugh - member † Doug Auer - member † Hugh - friend of member † Maddie Johnson - member † Vicky Cox - friend to Julie Frank |
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 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

Lessons & Carols – 12/18/2022



On December 18, 2022, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was presented by the choirs and the Sunday School children. This service dates back to 1918 at Kings College in Cambridge and is still presented there every Christmas Eve. The lessons and carols follow the seasons of Advent into Christmas and are texts from both the Old and New Testaments. This year our Shepherds (narrators) were Tim Anders, Tom Brosowske, and Phil King. The Sunday School portrayed the birth of Christ as the Holy Family, angels, and shepherds. Costumes were made by Katie Tagge. The full service was prepared by Bruce Tagge, our Minister of Music. Thank you to all those who practiced with the children, dressed them on Sunday, and helped in any other way.

Women of Mt. Calvary



WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY GIVING TREE

Women of Mt. Calvary would like to thank everyone who brought gifts for LSSI. Your generosity provided Christmas for children and adults who might otherwise not have received gifts.

Note:

Remember, we do not meet in January, so our next meeting will be on February 13th at 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET AGAIN — Our Sunday School Classes will begin meeting again on Sunday, January 8th at 10:30 am. They will continue in the New Testament with the Story of the Wise Men Visiting the Christ Child. Sunday School meets at the same time as the Adult Bible Class, so there is a place for parents while the children are in Sunday School

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Sunday Morning Adult Class – *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* Based on Pastor Matthew Richard's book of the same title, this video series and discussion (led by him) will explore some of the false images of Jesus that tempt Christians to turn from the Lord Who actually comes to us. The books for this study are available and have been a gift of the John Riddle Memorial. We thank the family for providing these books.

Men's Bible Study Topic – *The Reason I Believe* – We'll be reading Allen Quist's book on the basics of Christian apologetics – a branch of theology focused on defending and explaining why Christianity is the true faith and Jesus our only Savior. Text will be provided.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! – We've added a little extra to our Thursday lunches: a Bible study. As we start expanding our offerings at Mt. Calvary, one of the natural places to begin is around a time of fellowship and meal sharing. So, the plan is to gather for lunch at Noon, eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of Scripture together and talk about it. Some days we might have more to say, some days less – so there's no "set" time for this. In fact, if you need to run after lunch, you can; and if you don't want to join us until we get to the Bible part – you can do that too (try to arrive around 12:30 pm for that). We're reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew together. Come join us!



Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
December 4	95	72	\$7,561.10
December 7	30	—	—
December 11	104	36	\$11,550.00
December 14	27	—	—
December 18	102	16	\$4,485.00
December 24	104	77	—
December 25	34	28	\$14,903.10
		Total	\$38,499.20

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
Vice-Chairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS
Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson Mary Ann Auer
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD
Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Mary Ann Auer
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Tom Brosowski

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD
Brooke Anders & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Alex Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teresa Brusick, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell


BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING
Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Douglas Auer, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Tim Gosnell, Lee Mauschbaugh, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowski

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar, Timothy Anders

BOARD OF ELDERS
(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowski
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

FOOD PANTRY
LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



PUZZLE

Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
God made wild animals and livestock.						○ _ _ _
God said, "Let there be light."						_ _ _ _ ○
God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.						_ ○ _ _ _
God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God created plants and trees.						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God separated the light from the darkness.						_ ○ _ _ _
God made the water teem with living creatures.						_ _ _ _ _
God made the sun and moon.						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God made birds fly above the earth.						_ _ _ _ _
God made stars.						_ ○ _ _ _
God created mankind in his own image.						_ _ _ _ _

God _aw all tha_ he _ad ma_e, an_ _t was ve_y g_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

CONCORDIA OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday afternoon, January 22nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Concordia will hold their annual open house. This is a good time to tour the facility, meet the faculty and school board, and learn about all the programs available at the school for our students.



Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fourth, fifth, sixth; God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.



Mews & Announcements

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the members of Mt. Calvary for thinking of me at Christmas. I am very humbled by your gifts. Thank you also to the volunteers who have helped me during the past year in the office. I could not do without your help.



Judy Honig, Secretary

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

To Mt. Calvary Congregation: I would like to thank all the Mt. Calvary family for my very generous Christmas remembrance. I appreciate it very much!

Bruce Tagge, Minister of Music

CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb."
Luke 1:41 NIV



Peoria Area **Lutherans for Life** believes in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. We are preparing for our annual fundraising event and we need your help to make it a success. The event is called "**Pennies for Life.**"

Since this is our only fundraising effort each year, we rely on the proceeds from this event to fund our ongoing efforts throughout the coming year to educate Lutherans of all ages in the tri-county area to support life. We attempt to accomplish this mission through events such as our annual life essay contest and by lending financial support to many pro-life organizations such as the state and national Lutherans for Life organizations, Central Illinois Right-to-Life, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Women's Care Center, Lutheran Hillside Village, and Peoria Rescue Ministries.

On **Life Sunday, January 22**, we hope that you will express your thankfulness to your Heavenly Father by contributing a penny for each year of

life you have been blessed with.

Please consider this opportunity to support life. We stand ready to continue our work, but we need your help! Please also consider joining us the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. We are a family of believers supporting God's gift of Life.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

"Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials." *Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois*




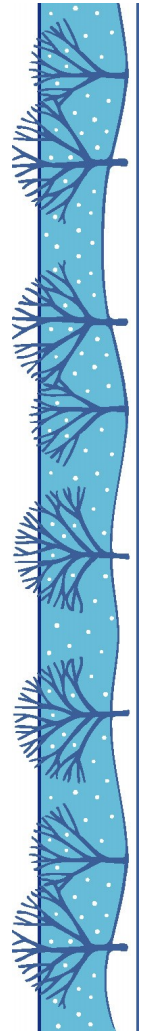
"When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved." *Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope -*

December 2022						
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February 2023						
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26	27	28				



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Circumcision & Name of Jesus</i> 9:00 a Sung Divine Service 	2 	3 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	4 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	5 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study	6 <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 11:15 a Spoken Divine Service 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service 	7
8 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:00 a Sung Matins 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	9	10	11 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	12 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 a Sung Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation 6-11:00 p Youth Movie & Game Night	16	17 3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders	18 <i>Confession of St. Peter</i> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	19 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	20	21
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1 CORINTHIANS 1:9, NRSV