

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

January 2021

Last month I talked a little bit about Advent and Christmas. We're ready to plunge into a new season of the Church year, now. Epiphany! (Just try saying that one while brushing your teeth.)

The word "Epiphany" is borrowed from Greek. It can mean an appearance, an arrival, or a realization. In Lutheran circles we use the season to talk about all three.

The day of Epiphany is always January 6, right after the twelfth day of Christmas. It's the day we specifically remember the arrival of the Magi who came to see the Christ child.

To understand this rightly, let's set the scene a little bit. It's different from the scene we normally create in a church Christmas play. When the Magi ask King Herod where this person born king of the Jews is, Herod asks when they first saw the sign in the heavens which led them there. In response to their answer, Herod sent troops out to execute male children two and under. This suggests that the Magi had a very long trip and that Jesus may have been about two by the time the Magi arrived. They find Jesus in a more permanent shelter. The Gospels use the term for a "house" as opposed to a "stable." There's a little calendar confusion about the date. We recognize the day of the Holy Innocents on December 28, but the arrival of the Magi about a week later, on January 6. Yet it was shortly after the visit of the Magi that Joseph was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt and go into hiding. So one or both dates may be off a little. The sequence doesn't quite work.

Whatever the date was, though, the Magi went and found the child born to be the King of the Jews. They recognized him, and brought gifts which even symbolized his coming death, with frankincense and myrrh, used for burial.

January Church Events

- 1.5 **No Adult Bible Study**
- 1.10 Church Council meets after service
- 1.11 1:00 pm Womens Guild meet
- 1.12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 1.19 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 1.24 Quarterly Congregation Meeting after service
- 1.26 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "The Bible and the Divine Service" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Defend Your Faith" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

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The readings of the Church have grown up in the period after the day of Epiphany. While some church bodies recognize just a day, Lutherans keep a whole season, which lasts until Ash Wednesday. This year, that will be February 17th. During the season of Epiphany we walk through some of the parts of the Gospels where we realize just how special Jesus is. We are amazed at his miracles. Our understanding and awareness grows until Transfiguration, this year observed on Sunday, February 14th. At that time, we go up onto the mountain with Peter, James, and John, and we see the glory of Jesus revealed.

During this season of Epiphany, it is my prayer that we will store up the things we read about Jesus in our hearts. We ponder them and consider the fact that Jesus is exactly the same mighty Lord today that he was when he was walking around with his disciples.

May we all have grace to remember Jesus and bring our realization of just who he is and how important his life, death, and resurrection are to our family, friends, and our whole community. Remember Jesus!

Pastor Spotts

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.

Open Wednesday 2-4 & Saturday 9-12

Or by appointment, contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)

Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) SEASON OF SHARING Tree



Centralia Chamber of Commerce's "Community for Kids" Tree



The GSLC high school youth adopted a local family for Christmas. The congregation generously supported this project with gifts for the three children, as well as some family gifts. The family was also invited to our Christmas Eve service to share in celebration of Jesus' birth. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this mission.
-Alane Gronefeld

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	4	5 NoAdult Bible Study this week	6	7	8	9
10 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church Church Council meets After Worship service	11 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	12 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	13	14	15	16
17 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	18	19 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	20	21	22	23
24 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church Quarterly Congregation Meeting after service	25	26 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	27	28	29	30
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January Birthdays

Nataniel Mahieu	1.2
Verda Adkisson	1.4
Tim Billings	1.12
Garon Billings	1.14
Audrey Seider	1.15
Ella Smith	1.15
Kim Decker	1.16
Danny Nadler	1.18



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MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

January

January 3

"Too Much"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior Who is always on the move.

(Mark 1:1 - 2:12)

January 10

"The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about.

(Mark 2:13-28)

January 17

"Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings.

(Mark 3)

January 24

"Why Jesus Told Parables"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 4)

January 31

"Under the Impression"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 5-6)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

January Calendar

- January 3: Second Sunday After Christmas
Text: Luke 2:40-52
- January 10: The Baptism of Our Lord
Text: Mark 1:4-11
- January 17: Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: John 1:43-51
- January 24: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Mark 1:14 -20
- January 31: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Mark 1:21-28

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Gerry Sydow (573) 682-4157

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236

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Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421

John Briggs (573) 424-2257

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling

Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

November 29

Attendance 48
 Current \$ 1,390.00
 Building \$ 386.04

Total \$ 1,766.04

December 6

Attendance 60
 Current \$ 2,200.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total \$ 2,380.00

December 13

Attendance 47
 Current \$ 1,210.00
 Building \$ 310.00

Total \$ 1,595.00

December 20

Attendance 50
 Current \$ 4,475.00
 Building \$ 270.00

Total \$ 4,745.00

December 27

Attendance 46
 Current \$
 Building \$

Total \$ Available Next Month

Current

10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building

100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

Special Services

			Attendance
11/25/20	Thanksgiving Eve	\$115.00	16
12/02/20	Advent Service	\$215.00	26
12/09/20	Advent Service	\$ 75.00	15
12/16/20	Advent Service	\$305.00	20
12/24/20	Christmas Eve (available next month)		53

Other November/December Deposits

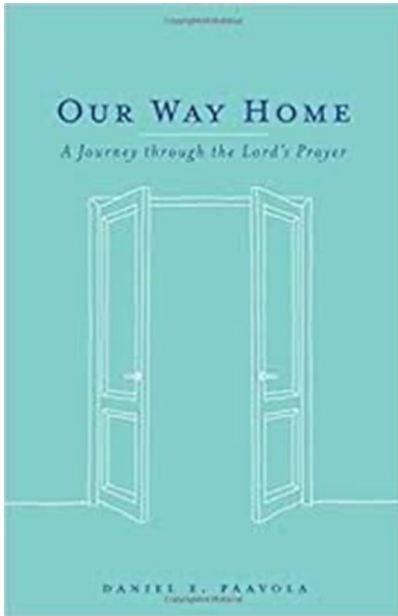
11/29/20	Christmas Treat Bags	\$45.00
	Ministerial Alliance	\$30.00
12/6/20	Ministerial Alliance	\$40.00
	Operation Christmas Child	\$10.00
12/20/20	Missions	\$20.00



Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at www.churchupdates.org

The 2021 Congregational offices to be filled are Elder, President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Trustee. If you would like to be added to the ballot, please contact Gerry Sydow, Donna Hoek, or Judy Maseman.

Bible Study—*Our Way Home*



Join friends from your church and other mid-Missouri area churches for a weekly online bible study via Zoom. Weekly Wednesdays Jan. 13 - Feb. 10 7:00-8:00pm

The bible study resource is the book by Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Paavola called *Our Way Home—A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer*.

Gary and Ann Seider, members of *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, will serve as study leaders. Books can be ordered from CPH or Amazon; but you can also let Seiders know you need a book and they will make sure you have one.

CPH also has a free link to a video *Faith Course* on this book

<https://cphfaithcourses.com/our-way-home/> Feel free to view that on your own before or after each week's bible study meeting.

Email Ann at seider6366@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link or to ask a question. We look forward to 'seeing' you in January

Whether you've prayed the Lord's Prayer a thousand times or you're not quite familiar with every word, *Our Way Home* invites you on an incredibly vivid journey through the Lord's Prayer, where you will discover the power, the beauty, and the depth of the world's most famous prayer.

Paavola surrounds each petition of the Lord's Prayer with captivating imagery and storytelling that will animate your praying, making it a prayer you will live out every day—in any situation and in every circumstance.

Boomer Movers



Very Low Impact Movements and Range of Motion Stretches

Enjoy each week beginning
Tuesday, January 5 at 1:00pm

For ages 55 and older. But, of course, we'll include anyone that wants to break up the day to move. We'll come to you via Zoom or in person. So, invite your friends to join. It's all FREE.

Provided: Weekly Bible Scripture to ponder.

Contact Jacki Stelzer to join:
jstelzer61@gmail.com or 573-682-7231

Hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
120 W. Gano Chance Rd, Centralia, MO 65240
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SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Julian – sister of former member Patti Haubein diagnosed with pancreatic cancer;; **Ed Bartels; Joanne Bettenhausen**- has been moved to Lenoir; **Terry Decker** – husband of Kim; **Chauncey Crosby** – grandson of Sheryl & Ed Bartels; **Rick Dubbert; Mary Brechler; Martha Sydow; Pastor Kriete; Bob Graham; Dick St. John; Kevin Morse; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Baby Klaus; Bob Moss; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Jane St. John; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** – daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Norma R Emmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** son of Ed Ramsey. **Community: Father Mike Coleman; Cheryl Hartgrove; Pastor Hartgrove.**

ARMED FORCES

Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Armand & Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. **Community: Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell; Justin Thurston.**

Christmas 2020



*Happy New Year
2021*



**Many thanks to all the crew that
put up the outside Christmas Tree.**



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