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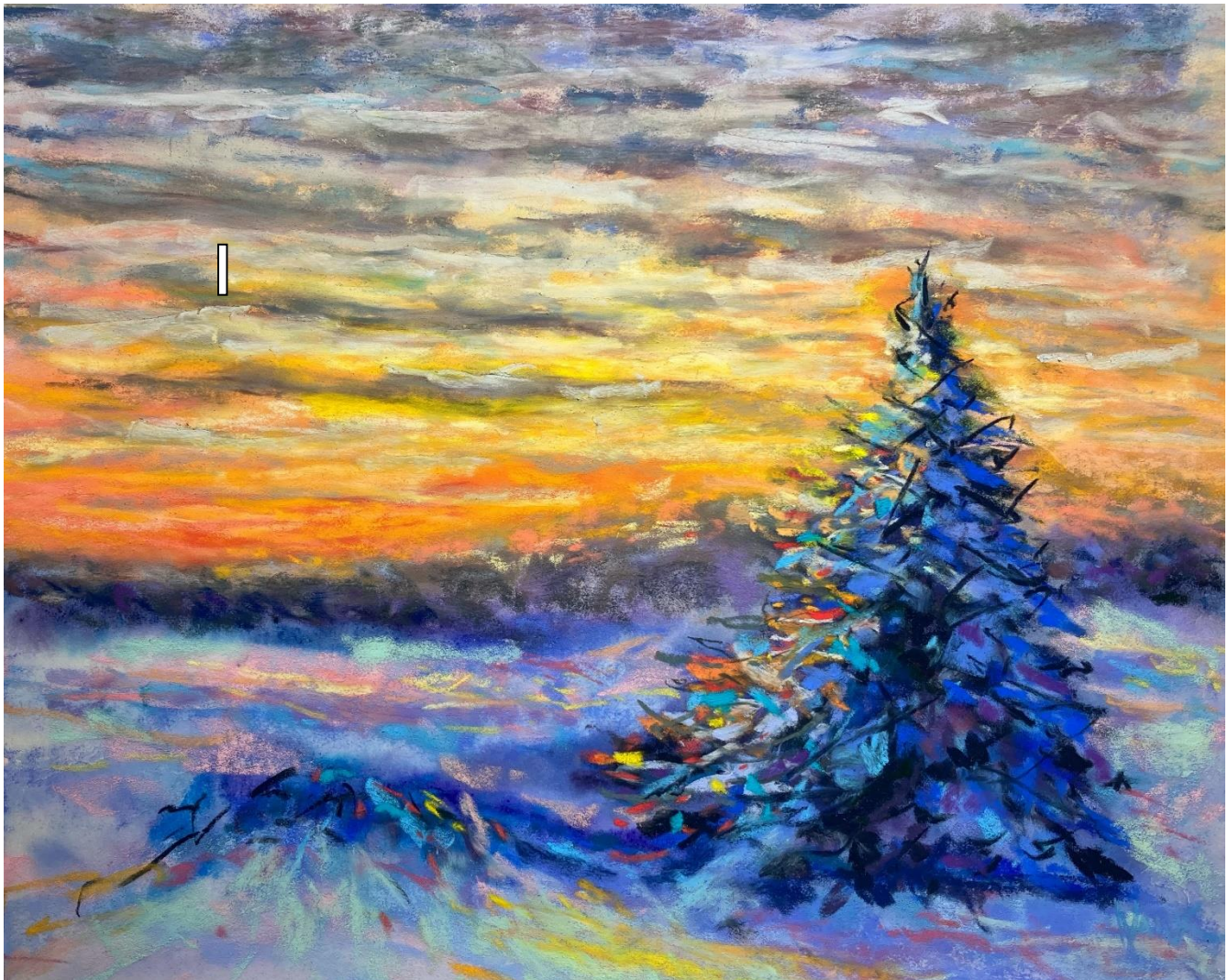
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship, and outreach.



**Saturday:** 5:00 pm Liturgy I  
**Sunday:** 8:45 am SCS  
10:00 am ELW  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Liturgy II

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY**  
**9:00am – 5:00pm**  
**SATURDAY**  
**11:00 – 7:00**



- 1-1 Mark Howard, Valerie Fogarty
- 1-2 Kelly Schwartz
- 1-3 Cody Beran, Bruce Friedbauer,  
Rorrie Lang
- 1-5 Sara Bennett
- 1-7 Joni McDonald
- 1-8 Leanne Buttke, Wally Hogan,  
Denise Schmid
- 1-9 Howard MacMillan
- 1-10 Aly Pinkos
- 1-11 Jodi Heine, Bert Ugrotzi, Mary Manthei
- 1-13 Diane Hogan
- 1-14 Rob Betz, Wendy Osse
- 1-15 Patrick Hochevar
- 1-16 Jason Koenig
- 1-17 Sherri Schroeder
- 1-19 Kay Thein
- 1-20 Paul Turlais
- 1-21 Benjamin Kawczynski, Lori Rathmann  
Julie Wishall
- 1-22 Penelope Martinez
- 1-24 Elaine Kuehn
- 1-25 Kate Miller, Michelle Thom
- 1-26 Eva Brown, Karen Koktowski
- 1-27 Keaton Atwood
- 1-28 Hannah Guibord, Sydney LaFond,  
Jeffrey Runge, Rick Wettengel
- 1-31 Karol Docter

- 1-1 Cheri & Keith Saylor
- 1-2 Brad & Felipa Larson
- 1-4 Peggy & Richard Rudolph-Lisle
- 1-6 James & Patti Sprague
- 1-20 Pat and Kenneth Bruss-Horswill



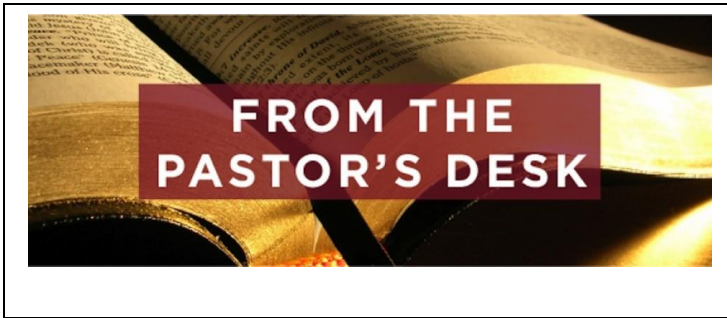
**COVER ART**

**“Blue & Gold” –  
Original pastel painting  
by Kinga E. Vnuk**



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Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records.  
This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

## Comment Article: The Year ahead.



What ought we to expect for the next twelve months? God only knows, right?

What will we encounter along the way?

A person of faith can and must go forward with hope. "The one who has hope," "lives differently."

Of the three theological virtues — faith, hope, and love — hope is often the one that receives the least attention, left to some vague supporting role, which is often confused with mere optimism. The Apostle Paul, in particular, communicates time and again his preference for faith and love “over hope.”

"If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains," he writes to the Corinthians, "but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

Or more memorable, "Faith, hope, and love remain, these three.

But the greatest of these is love." Hey, wait a minute! What about “hope?”

It's important to note that this hope isn't blind. Not at all.

It isn't thinking that everything is okay and will be okay because it always is, and because good people somewhere will always do what is right.

It isn't cheerful or naïve.

It isn't the refusal to see the somber realities ahead and instead dreams of a world without such obstacles.

Hope doesn't deny an awful reality; it looks it in the face and still, it **hopes**. It acknowledges that there is good in this life even if it can't be seen right here and now.

Hope is not blind; rather, it changes how we see things.

It does this not by averting our eyes from a difficult reality, but by drawing our eyes to it so that something different can reveal itself.

Whether we see it or not, hope is alive.

It is alive in anyone who has suffered intense loss and kept moving, who has made the decision to love another with no promise of a return, who has doubted the existence of God and yet prayed anyway, and who has endured suffering for the sake of someone else and actually found great strength in doing so.

What will 2023 bring?

Heaven knows. God knows...it is beyond my pay scale.

But we do know what we must bring to 2023 and hang on to it with dear life!

And that - will make all the difference. Maybe even a huge difference.

Praying for you, and for us...be hopeful!

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson

Worship continues on Saturdays at 5:00, Sundays at 10:00, and every Wednesday at 7:00. Join us!

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 P.M. – The Mutual Ministry Committee is Meeting!**



**Just a gentle reminder that to vote at the Annual Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, you must have given a record of offering in the year 2022, and you must also have received the sacrament of Holy Communion at least once. (Again, it must be recorded!)**

**“Young people who are confirmed” but have not given a recorded offering in their own name are in ineligible to vote.**

**Giving is personal.  
Communing is personal.  
Voting is personal!**

## Did You Know?

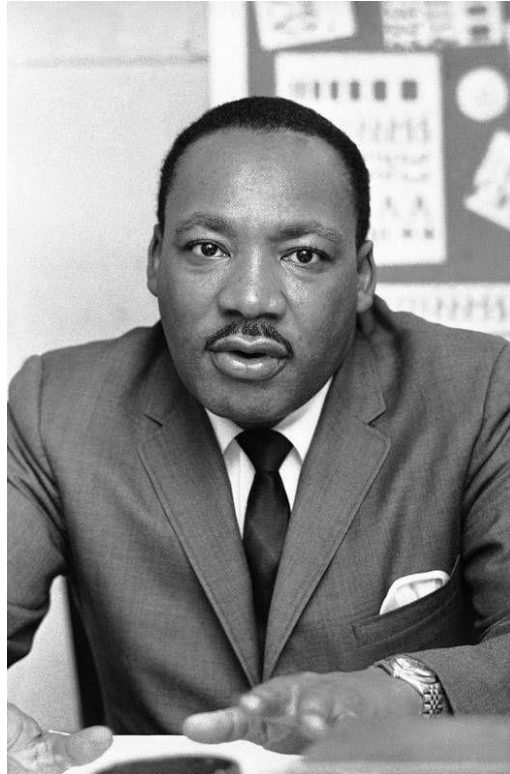
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(All About Epiphany!)

- January 6 is observed as “a church festival” in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ.
- an “appearance or manifestation” especially of a divine being
- a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something
- an “intuitive grasp” of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking
- an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure
- The word Epiphany actually comes from Greek.
- Epiphanea is the word in Greek.
- The word epiphany originally referred to insight “through the divine.”
- In the Christian tradition, Epiphany (ə-PIF-ə-nee) is a festival celebrating Christ's appearance to the Gentiles, observed every year on January 6.
- From the “Christian sense” we get an additional religious sense, "the appearance of a god or deity" and the more common modern usage, a noun meaning "a sudden revelation."
- There's nothing religious about most epiphanies these days — your "Eureka!" moment could come when you realize that you're in the wrong line of work and you need to quit your job to join the circus.
- Another example of an epiphany might be - Isaac Newton's realization that a falling apple and the orbiting moon are both pulled by the same force.
- Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas).
- Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.
- In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century, the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6.
- In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night.
- The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.



January is named after Janus, the ancient Roman god of gates and doors symbolizing endings, beginnings, and transitions. He's depicted with two heads: one head looking at the past and the other at the future.



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and sometimes referred to as MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year.**  
**"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."**  
**"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."**

**"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."  
"The time is always right to do what is right."**

**"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."  
"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."  
"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."  
"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."**

**"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."**



## Christian Education

The next Chris Ed Committee Meeting will be held Sunday, January 15th at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to let me know if you wish to join the committee and are planning to attend.

Sunday School – *All children ages 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Kids can join us at any time throughout the school year.*

In December the Sunday School kids supported our church by participating in Santa in a Shoebox and donating food to the Panty. We may be a small group, but together the kids are being shown they can help make a difference!

Hopefully you were able to attend Sunday Services on December 18<sup>th</sup>. If not, check it out on the Church's Facebook page for a replay. Our Sunday School kids read the day's lessons, psalmody and prayers as well as sang the first verse of the Hymn of the Day - *Away in a Manger* – with the congregation joining for verses two and three. We had Mary, Joseph, an Angel and baby Jesus in the Manger. Thanks to the Sunday School kids and their parents for all their efforts working preparing for the service: Sydney LaFond; Kaitlyn and Tara Roslawski; Cora, Winnie, Luke and Kelly Meier; Luke and Brittany Czarny; and Jack, Joe, Christy and Bert Ugrotzi. Special thanks to Mary Jo Meier for her help with costumes and teaching the younger kids hand motions and to Lori Rathmann for being willing to assist with whatever we needed her to do that day.

As you can expect, there will be no Sunday School on Christmas or New Year's. Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The kids will spend some time during the early weeks of January recapping the stories we've learned thus far this year. By the end of January, we'll be discussing the stories in 1 Samuel and introducing Saul as the first King and David, who succeeds him.

Pericope - If you listen to announcements before each service, you will hear a reminder about Pericope. Come join others on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Church Kitchen to discuss the proper lessons of the day.

Confirmation – Thanks to all the confirmands and their families who braved the cold and joined in Caroling on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Memories were certainly made by those in attendance. Please be sure to remember to log those service hours!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue LaFond  
moremail4sue@yahoo.com  
414-897-6354 (text)

**A few photos from the Sunday School Christmas program that happened on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, during the morning Liturgy.**







## **We are so blessed...**

- **Thank you for all the gifts under the Harley Tree for sheltered animals!**
- **Thanks to all of you who continue to bring in food for the food pantry.**
- **Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate for Christmas...**
- **Thanks to those of you who purchased poinsettias for Christmas.**
- **Thanks to you who have live-streamed for us!**
- **Thanks to all of you who are watching our liturgies being live-streamed!**
- **Thanks to those who read...**
- **Thanks to those who count money...**
- **Thanks to those who fold bulletins...**
- **Thanks to those who take home the wash!**
- **Thanks to those who fill for communion, three times a week...**
- **Thanks to those who set up and clean up...**
- **Thanks to our CPIC's who make sure everything is running smoothly...**
- **Thanks to our Gift Card Sellers!**
- **Thanks to all of you who regularly purchase Gift Cards!**
- **Thanks to those who delivered the Harley Tree items for us!**
- **Thanks to those who are currently serving on the Church Council.**
- **Thanks to all those who baked cookies for the Christmas Bazaar!**
- **Thanks to those who do all the parament changes at church!**
- **Thanks to those who decorate inside and outside.**
- **Thanks to all of those who care about this place and call it home!**



- Betty Ford
- Tom Coonan
- Rita Cieszynski
- Pam & Dick Kahle
  - Joel Raison
- Diane & Wally Hogan
  - Chuck Kocourek
  - Joni McDonald
    - Val Fogarty
    - Katie Ruka
  - RB & Linda Wood
    - Jeri Koss
    - Eva Brown
    - Mary Manthei
    - Debbie Maley
  - Barb Grobschmidt
  - Elizabeth Trahan
    - Kathy Carroll
    - Mr. McGraw
- For Tegan Eichstadt, Granddaughter of Mary Zahn
- For the Father of Pam Kawczynski, Pam Kahle, Suz Pitts...and Jodi Heine, and for the parents of Karl and Lisa Kleppek...
- For Nicole, the niece of John and Sandy Montague...
- For all those hospitalized or suffering from COVID -19, RSV, and the FLU.
- For John Krajnak and family...
- For our POLICE OFFICERS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, AND FOR ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES...
- For all those addicted and still suffering...



## Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the December 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting:

- A motion was approved to accept Pam and Justin Halter as new members.
- A motion was approved for a Special Liturgy and Pet Blessing to be held on Wednesday, January 18.
- A motion was approved to allow an offsite fun activity to be scheduled in January or February for the youth.
- A motion was approved to allow a Special Liturgy to be used on New Year's Eve.
- A motion was approved to allow First Communion classes for Blake and Connor Atwood (non-members).
- Three new Council Members and a Secretary are needed for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Hochevar  
Church Council Secretary

# The Harley Tree

**First off, thanks to all who contributed to the tree. You guys are awesome. Like with most things that happen around here, many people are involved. We appreciate your involvement. Special thanks to Dale and Nina Slowik, Lori Kolosowsky, and Barb Schrubey for all of their work and help. Thanks too, to Greg and Kathy Bauman for getting the Thrivent Action Package to go with it.**

**Thanks to those who made blankets, quilts, and pillows for the animal companions, something to call their own...**

**Thanks to those who made monetary gifts. Bless you, for your kindness. Thanks too, to the businesses that gave of themselves toward the Harley Tree.**



# HINT, HINT, HINT....

Nope you are not seeing things...your vision is fine. We do have elections coming up at the January Annual Congregational Meeting. We are looking for people to hold office. People to make ALL SAINTS even better, kinder, more caring, more responsive, family oriented. It is simple: Just fill out nomination papers and stick them in the box!

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I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2023 Church Council.

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**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 P.M.**

**All Animal Companions Welcome!**

**My favorite line for this night is: "It's a zoo in here!" And it really truly is!  
We never know what we will quite get and how many!  
Every year it is different.**

**It seems like there is nothing more natural, more calming, than coming to  
worship with your faithful animal companion at your side.**

**So, what if someone is loud? So, what if someone has an accident? It's no  
biggie! Every year we get through it. It is about THEM; it is not about US!**

**Plan on joining us, it's been a zoo here before, you know?**



## Evangelism

Evangelism is undergirded by love and unity!

Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In that same discourse, he prayed that “his disciples would be unified so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Jesus says the love we have for one another in the church is evidence that we are truly converted. And, when we are in the church, we show the world that Jesus is the Son of God. Love confirms our discipleship, and unity confirms Christ’s deity. Well, the year end is approaching quickly.

Happy Holidays to all!

The next meeting is after the liturgy on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, where we will be discussing ideas on “how to bring more people into our congregation.”

We need to continue to introduce new families and get the youth involved in the church again. I look forward to our next meeting. Bring your ideas.

Brian Rathmann,  
Evangelism Chair

## ○ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you to our church members who donated to our Food Pantry this month:



- Phil and Audrey Haerle
  - Pat Loso
- Jeri Koss

**CBS58 Home**  
**<https://cbs58.com>**

**On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Natalie Shepherd from CBS – Channel 58 stopped at All Saints around 4:00 in the afternoon.**

**She was greeted by Moriah, of course, she was! Moriah was barking!**

**It was Dale Slowik (of our church family) who originally made the initial contact by calling CBS – Channel 58 and suggesting a possible human-interest story for them: The Holy Harley Tree.**



**Natalie and a camera man showed up on time. They met with Lisa Kleppek, as Lisa volunteers at Secondhand Purrs, one of the beneficiaries of the Harley Tree.**

**They left for dinner and shopping and came back and started filming again, this time, as people arrived for the Holden Evening Advent Liturgy at 7:00.**

**Natalie informed us the story would stay on the website because it would be in the cloud. Meaning that you should be able to look at it, whenever you have the time to check it out.**

**It aired on 10:00 P.M. evening news,  
On December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**You can check it out – under Natalie’s Heroes!**

**ONLY AT ALL SAINTS!**



## Finance Committee

Member Present: Timothy Jackalone  
Barbara Schrubey

### Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Tim at 18:10.

We reviewed the annual raises for our paid employees. We took into consideration that the inflation rate has averaged 7.1%. Since it was such a large increase, we now recommend a 5% raise.

We spoke about the insurance policies that we are paying. It was decided that the medical coverage should not be changed. However, I will at least check to see if we could get a better rate for the building and liability insurance.

I inquired about why mortgage did not have a large tax bill. Since we are a Church, we pay only about \$400 a year on the land. Which we pay directly from our checking account. That leaves us with the mortgage of just \$1356 per month.

The rest of the meeting was reviewing the accounting of our different accounts, such as "Special Purpose Accounts".

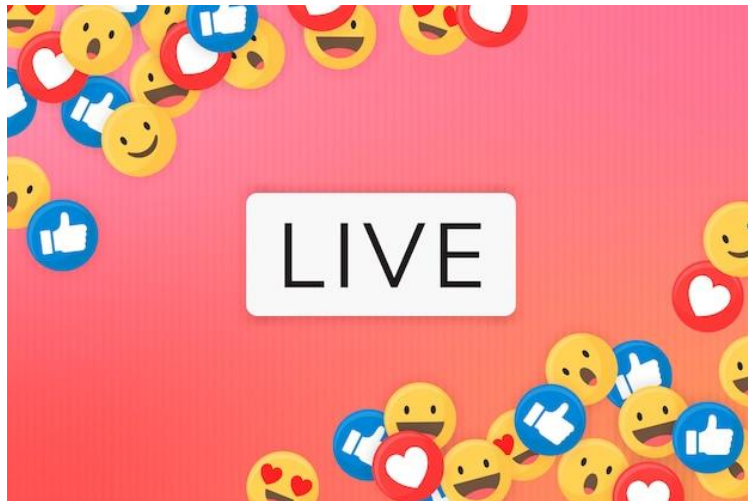
The meeting was adjourned at 18:43.

Timothy Jackalone  
Finance Chairman



**Council Meeting – Monday, January 16th at 6:30 pm**  
**Check the Calendar for the dates and times**  
**of the various Committee Meeting**





**It was decided at the December meeting of the Church Council that FACEBOOK LIVE - STREAMING would continue on Sunday Mornings, but the other two liturgies (Saturday night and Wednesday night would be dropped indefinitely!)**

**You will see that reflected in the following schedule:**

**January 1 – Dennis Schneider**

**January 8 – John Montague**

**January 15 – Judy Wolter**

**January 22 – Dale Hochevar**

**January 29 – John Montague**

**OR**

**Dennis Schneider**

**Thanks to all of you who continue to watch, it is helpful if you comment!**

**We want to know that we are continuing to provide a valuable service to our members. Just the “other day” Brian Rathmann commented that it was kind of cool being in his deer stand out in the woods and worshipping with his church family back at home at the same time!**

# Offering Envelopes

We hate to sound like a broken record, but if you need offering envelopes, please let us know by signing up on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall or by calling the Church Office (414-762-5111) and requesting a box of envelopes.

We will not be ordering envelopes again this year (saving our church more than \$700.00) We are recycling the offering envelopes from years past.



So again, let us know if you need envelopes. Thanks...

## All Saints Constitution Update:

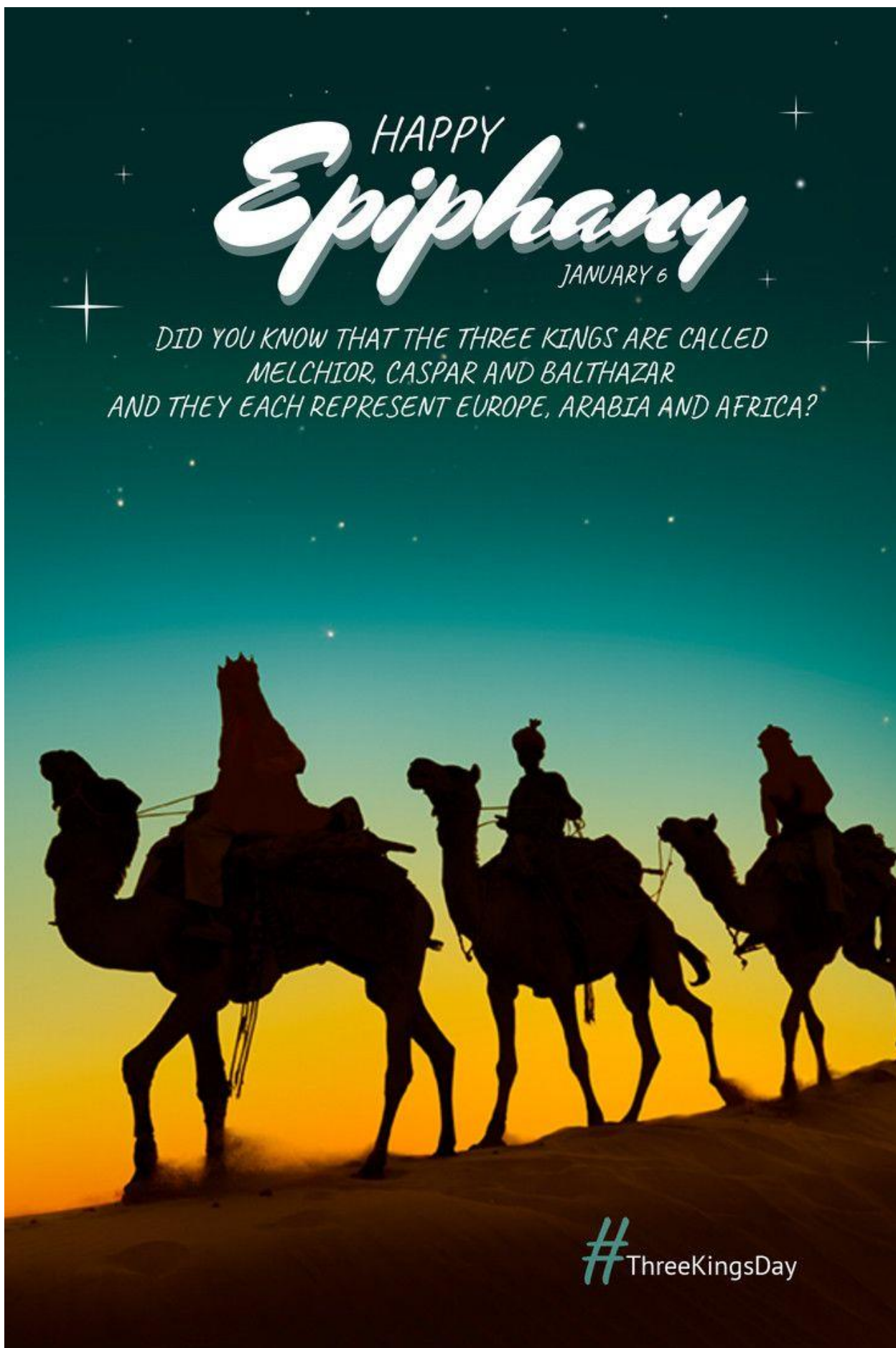
Just prior to our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and immediately following the Church Council meeting, our updated constitution was emailed to the SYNOD OFFICE for their perusal of the document. Unfortunately for us, the SYNOD OFFICE is on Christmas Vacation until after the first of the year, delaying a quick return of the document. Thanks to Sue LaFond for her critical eye in making sure that the document looked good before it was sent. Thanks, Sue!

And now, we wait...

HAPPY  
*Epiphany*  
JANUARY 6

*DID YOU KNOW THAT THE THREE KINGS ARE CALLED  
MELCHIOR, CASPAR AND BALTHAZAR  
AND THEY EACH REPRESENT EUROPE, ARABIA AND AFRICA?*

*#ThreeKingsDay*



Epiphany is the day and the season of the church year when we patiently watch and listen as God is quietly revealed before us once again. Sometimes, even when we try hard to do so, we just don't see God in our everyday lives or in the events of our troubled world. Epiphany gives us the time and the resources to watch, wait, listen, look, anticipate, and discern the light, life, and truth of the Lord's presence in our midst.

**But,**

## **Epiphany is more than a day!**

Contemporary observances of Epiphany include the coming of wise men with gifts for the Christ child and the baptism of Jesus. The season concludes with Transfiguration Sunday, when the church remembers the radiant vision of the disciples who saw Jesus' garments turn bright and they heard a voice from a cloud that overshadowed them saying, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

## **Epiphany is an entire season!**

Epiphany is the time when the church gathers to remember and reflect on the mighty acts of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. As we watch and wait for the light of Christ to overcome the darkness, we see the Christ child who will become a prophet, healer, teacher, and savior. Much of the story remains to be told, but the biblical readings for Epiphany remind us of the direction in which this one sacred life is moving. Here was life at its purest and best. A life lived as it should be lived. A life that came from God, walked with God in the world, and would one day be fully back with God in the world to come (John 13:3). The life of Jesus is our light and model for how we too may live. As we recognize the image of our true humanity in the life of Jesus Christ, we also begin to understand that we have come from God, are invited to walk in faithfulness with God in this world, and one day will be welcomed to our eternal home. There we will still be with the God who loves us beyond our capacity to fully understand.



## 2023 DONATION CHART

**Our 2023 Donation Chart for flowers, candles and bulletins is now posted on the bulletin board in the ASLC Informative Board. Bulletin cost is \$15; Memorial/Honor Candle is \$8. Flowers need to be ordered on your own and need to be on the Sanctuary Altar before 5:00 pm on Saturday evening. Please help out All Saints by donating those items. Your help is greatly appreciated! God bless you!**



## Swap & Helping Hands Board

Are you looking for a used item of some kind or have something that is too good to toss and would like to pass on to someone else? Or do you have a need for some helping hands or would like to offer your services if needed??? Give me your "Needs" and/or "Give aways" and it will be listed in the "Revealer" every month. Do not call the church office.

I, Margaret Coonan, will be organizing these services. No monies will be exchanged. I can be reached at 414-764-3197. GIVE AWAY:



Yep, it is happening, again!

The event never grows old!

PJ's classic line is: It is a "ZOO" in here! And it is so right on! And like in every Zoo, there is always room for one more!

So, Plan on coming and joining us!

The date is:

**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**

The time is:

**7:00 P.M.**

Who is invited?

You and your animal companion!

Come, and see how natural it is, how comfortable it is, how very normal it all seems to be ...  
to worship God with your awesome household pet by your side or on your lap!

**Only At All Saints!**



## She was good, until she wasn't!

We have been so proud of Miss Moriah. She did exceedingly well, that is, until she didn't! You have to remember that the Harley Tree for Animals in shelters, awaiting their "FUR-EVER" HOME went up the Friday after Thanksgiving Day...and it was up every day until following our Christmas Day liturgy.

Every time she came in or went out, she had to pass the Harley Tree, filled with toys and treats, blankets, and pillows, and tons of smells. She could have "grabbed and ran" at any time. But she did not.

She inspected it all daily. Making sure everything was where it should be. Nothing was disturbed. Noting anything new being added. It became a routine. Stop. Look. And Sniff. Check it all out. And move on...

That is...until they started packing things up. Dividing the sheep and the goats as it were. Dog stuff here. Cat stuff there. On Christmas morning all the dog stuff left for HAWS in Waukesha County. The Cat supplies were moved to the Narthex area awaiting being taken to SECOND-HAND PURRS.

Totally by accident, a dog toy, one-single-dog-toy was overlooked and added to the Kitty pile. Guess who saw it? Guess who spotted it? Guess who decided it was not going to go to those "CATS!" It was a dog toy, after all! And it must belong to her...God given, fell out of the sky, just for Moriah Joy, and for Moriah Joy alone! And three minutes later, it was destroyed, stuffing everywhere, squeaker pulled out. Dog toy, kaput!



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Give anywhere,  
Anytime,  
From your computer,  
From your smartphone,  
From your tablet.

You can donate to one of our special project funds.

You can set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again!  
Get started today.

Visit our donation page to set up your online contribution. Here's the site address:

[Allsaintsoakcreek.org](http://Allsaintsoakcreek.org)

Once on the site, click on GIVE in the grey box; then click on the VISA/MASTERCARD logo. You now will be able to set up your giving. It is a safe site (MANY of our church members have already signed up) and you can change your selections at any time you wish!

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## HARLEY TREE UPDATE

By now the Harley Tree is once again history. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way with their gifts of cash, physical toys, and food for the shelter animals. We would specifically like to recognize the businesses in our area who contributed: Blue Pearl, Bark n' Scratch Outpost, Bentley's Pet Stuff, IDEXX – Veterinary Diagnostic Consultants. Also, special thanks to Kathy and Greg Bauman for reaching out to Thrivent for a monetary donation.

ALL GIFTS, food, and toys will be divided between SECOND-HAND PURRS and HUMANE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY in Waukesha (both are no-kill shelters, the best kind!)

And did we even mention that channel 58 CBS did a special interview with Lisa Kleppek and Moriah for Natalie's Heroes about our Holy Harley Tree which aired on December 28<sup>th</sup>? If you missed it, you can find it on the CBS website. It will be there on the cloud permanently. You can also find it on YouTube.

Thanks again for all the great support this year. You can feel good about helping out a lot of animals who are looking for their "fur-ever homes."

Make sure you check out the interview!

Only at All Saints!



# Epiphany

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| Balthasar | Bethlehem    | Camels | Child     | Epiphany |
| Feast     | Frankincense | Gaspar | Gifts     | Gold     |
| Homage    | Jesus        | King   | KingHerod | Light    |
| Magi      | Manger       | Mary   | Melchior  | Myrrh    |
| Night     | Offering     | Star   | Three     | Treasure |
| Twelfth   | Wisemen      |        |           |          |

# The Chalking of the Doors!

**Epiphany** (also known as **Twelfth Night**, *Theophany*, or **Three Kings Day**) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.”

The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2023 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 23**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — **Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar** — who came to visit Jesus in His first home.

They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “**May Christ bless the house.**”

The “+” signs represent the cross, the “20” at the beginning and the “23” at the end mark the year.

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States.

It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing **on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.**

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice.

In some places, it is done on New Year’s Day. More commonly, it is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — **the Twelfth Day of Christmas.**

## 20+C+M+B+23

(All you need is a piece of chalk!)



## World Concerns



### Santa in A Shoebox Project

We were a drop off point for the nonprofit Santa in a Shoebox for Oak Creek. All Saints Church received quite a lot of social media for this project.

Thank you to our scrip donors: Bob and Sue Payne, Howard MacMillan, Judy Wolter, Peggy Todryk, Jeff and Marcia Serfort, Doris Templin, and Peggy Rudolph Lisle. With their support and the Thrivent Action Team donation – we were able to purchase \$500 in kids' toys, and gift items for Santa in a Shoebox project.

Our church members donated about 100 gifts.

We added cards with All Saints service times, and McDonald's gift cards that were donated.

St Matthew's Catholic church donated 70 boxes.

US Cellular donated 48 gifts.

Our Sunday School Children donated 6 gifts.

Thank you to Sue LaFond, Sydney LaFond, Cora Meier, Winnie Meier, Joe Ugrotzi, Jack Ugrotzi, Bert Ugrotzi, Christy Ugrotzi, and Katelynn Roslawski.

Our confirmation students packed, wrapped, and labeled about 65 gifts.

Thank you to Tyler Roslawski, Bryce Jolitz, Kobi Maley, Samara Lang, Rorrie Lang, Addyson Borchardt, Clare Thein, Brodie Burke, Ben LaFond, Maresa Grudzielanek, Dan Roslawski, Sara Jolitz, Jill Borchardt, Kay Thein, Dennis Schneider, Dale Hochevar, and Mary Jo Meier.

We had 3 wrapping parties at All Saints.

Everyone was so generous and worked hard to make these gift beautiful.

Thank you to World Concerns committee members who were able to donate and help with the gift wrapping: Dale Hochevar, Sara Jolitz, Brittney Czarny, Lynn Friedman, Derk Vander Molen, and Mary Jo Meier.

Thank you to all the church members who donated gifts or shoeboxes to this project.

We collected and donated a total of 226 gifts for Santa in a Shoebox.

We had an average of 25 gifts for each age group from toddler to senior citizen. Wow!!!!



Next **Blood Drive** for All Saints is Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 2 – 7 PM. Mark your calendar please.

Requests for Our Food Pantry: Please help if you can.

- Canned meats (tuna, ham, spam, chicken)
- Canned soups
- Rice or instant potatoes
- Peanut Butter and Strawberry jam
- Shelf stable milk (can be found at Walgreens, the Dollar Store, and some grocery stores)

Thank you to everyone who donated food this past month! You are appreciated!

Thank you to Pat and Ken Bruss-Horswill who work faithfully each week putting away groceries and make up bags to give to the hungry. We are blessed to have you both!

We were able to help feed 30 families last month! Our families in need increased this past month. Food prices continue to rise, and many Oak Creek families are left needing food. Please donate nonperishable food items if you can.

Next World Concerns meeting is Wednesday, January 11 at 6 PM. All are welcome!

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# AGAPE LUNCH COMING TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH!

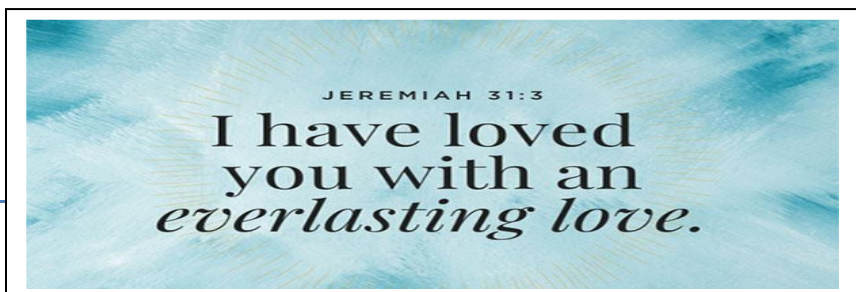
Mark your calendars!



Time to gather again with our church family!

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM – 1:30 PM**

What is Agape? The true meaning of agape is “the fatherly love of God!” Sign up for a potluck item on the Narthex doors. Bid on a white elephant raffle item (optional) wrapped in colorful wrapping paper. We will be taking communion together as a congregation (after a long 3 years of Covid social distancing)! Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex door.



# Saturday, December 10th 2022

## The Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale

### Revisited:

18 Area Businesses Supported the Event

16 People worked the actual Event

Around 1800 raffle tickets were sold

There were 22 Raffle Baskets

Top 3 Items were: Woodman's Gift Cards, Laptop Computer, and Target Gift Cards

The Event was Thrivent Supported thanks to Greg & Kathy Bauman

31 Individuals baked for the Event

9 People did the tear down/ Set up

4 People worked on the Finances

5 People made Chili

6 People Cleaned up

19 People Packed Cookies

10 People worked on the Christmas Memorabilia

3 Individuals worked the check-out counter

(119 individuals were involved

12 Crafters were involved

with

many people obviously

Lynn Speaks - Raffle Coordinator

overlapping!)

David Speaks - Santa

Jasmine Schneider - Elf

Sara Jolitz - Kitchen Coordinator

Square Reader - \$783.50 (Credit Card Sales)

24 Quarts of Chili were sold

16 Bowls of Chili were sold

5 cups of Chili were sold

There were 2 Quarts and a Bowl of Chili left over.

Every Cookie was sold.

As a result, we were able to bring almost \$8,000.00 into the church...

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all that you constantly do!

We have been blessed.

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## **So we did something NEW!**

I am sure you have heard of “flash mob gatherings.” A flash mob (or “flashmob”) is a group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place, perform for a brief time, then quickly disperse, often for the purposes of entertainment, satire, and artistic expression. Flash mobs may be organized via telecommunications, social media, or viral emails.

So, we thought we would try something a little different. The idea was to just show up, unannounced at various NURSING HOMES in OAK CREEK, sing and leave, as quickly as we came. So, here is where we went:

**Country View  
Willowcrest Care Center  
Franciscan Villa  
Meadowmere  
Azura Memory Care  
Ignite Medical Resort**

And then, back to the church for pizza, soda, and Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen.

Special thanks to Dennis Schneider for downloading some music to lead and guide us...and for his purchase of a Blue Tooth Speaker to give it all volume! Thanks to the 15 folks who came out and caroled! You rock!



## Just for Laughs...

- Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance. He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The Reverend Morgan then sat down. Jerry, St John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 109: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'
- One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...  
 A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes  
 A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes  
 And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.  
 Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'





# Spaghetti and Meatball "Stoup"

(thicker than soup, thinner than stew)

- Level: Easy
- Total: 45 min
- Prep: 20 min
- Cook: 25 min
- Yield: 4 servings

## Ingredients

- - 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan
  - 1 carrot, peeled and chopped into a small dice
  - 1 medium yellow skinned onion, chopped
  - 2 small ribs celery from the heart, chopped
  - 3 cloves garlic, chopped
  - 3 cups tomato sauce or one 14-ounce can plus one 8-ounce can
  - 3 cups chicken stock, available in a box on the soup aisle
  - 1 pound ground beef, pork, and veal mix (meatloaf mix), available at butcher counter
  - 1/2 cup grated cheese, Parmigiano, or Romano, plus more to pass at table
  - 1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs, a few handfuls
  - 1 large egg, beaten
  - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley leaves
  - 1/2-pound spaghetti, broken in half
  - 1 cup basil leaves, torn or shredded
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- 1 loaf Italian crusty bread, for dunking

## Directions

1. Preheat a medium soup pot over medium heat. Add extra-virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan, carrots, onions, celery, garlic, and sauté 5 minutes. Add tomato sauce and stock and cover pot. Turn up heat and bring to a fast boil.
2. While soup comes to a boil, mix the ground meat with cheese, breadcrumbs, egg, and parsley. Roll into 1 1/2- to 2-inch balls.
3. Remove lid from soup and slide balls into soup. Bring back to a boil then stir in spaghetti. Reduce the heat and simmer soup 10 minutes more, until pasta is tender, and balls have cooked through. Stir in basil and remove "stoup" from the stove. Serve soup with bread and cheese.



## “Tis the Season of giving...”

Joni McDonald of our church family gave a tip to a Walmart cashier. The cashier gave it back to Joni requesting it would be donated instead to All Saints Lutheran Church! Thank you!



Thank you to Dale Hochevar who made TWO Advent wreaths for our church this year! First one, at the beginning of Advent season.

And the second one before Christmas to replace the first one that has dried up.

It is very much appreciated.

Thank you Dale for your talent and your thoughtfulness!



Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

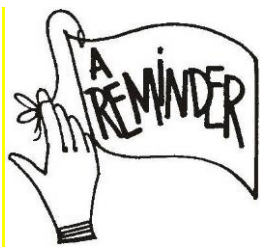
The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

**Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles and Bulletins you help the church budget, and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. PLEASE PRINT**



## Donations:

| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Flowers</u> | <u>Flowers</u> | <u>Bulletins</u> | <u>Memorial Candle</u> | <u>Honor Candle</u> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| January 1 to 6   | Open           | Open           | Open             | Open                   | Vnuk                |
| January 7 to 13  | Open           | Open           | Open             | Open                   | Open                |
| January 14 to 20 | Open           | Open           | Open             | Open                   | Open                |
| January 21 to 27 | Montague       | Open           | Open             | Open                   | Open                |
| Jan 28 to Feb 3  | Open           | Open           | Open             | Open                   | Open                |



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday January 18th by Noon.

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets -

this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

**Name of Jesus**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8  
Gal 4:4-7  
Luke 2:15-21

**Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

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