



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 7



9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, January 8

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee
7:00 pm South District 12 Meeting
7:30 pm Worship and Music

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 10

Thursday, January 11

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13



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"SEEING OUR KING"

January 3, 2021 | Daily Devotions from the Lutheran Hour Ministry

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.

(Matthew 2:9-11a)

Picture the scene—Mary and Jesus in the house on an ordinary day. Mary was probably cooking or cleaning. Most likely, Jesus was playing on the floor, maybe with a toy Joseph had made for Him. It was a simple, homely scene. They didn't know the wise men were coming.

I wonder if the wise men were any better prepared for what they saw? Either way, they did exactly the right thing: they fell down and worshiped Him. They saw the real King, the real Son of God, playing in His toddler's clothes, and they were happy and celebrated.

We too see our real King, our real Savior, in the humble baby in the manger; in the Man in dusty robes who walked the roads of Galilee and Judea; in the Man hanging on the cross—our cross—to bring us life and forgiveness; and in the risen Jesus, who left the grave to be with us forever.

This is our King, and this is our God. Hallelujah!

THE PRAYER: *Dear Father, thank You for making Your Son known to us. Amen.*



January 7, 2024

Service Assistants

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant: David Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman
Acolyte/Crucifer: Jonathan Hess; **Torchbearers:** Brennen Hess, Alyx Taylor
Altar Guild: Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower; **Greeters/ Presenters:** Dennis and Sue Shoemaker
Cantor: Janet Stroble; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 9:30 pm Service: Attendance: 80

Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm Service: Attendance: 128

Christmas Eve, 11:00 pm Service: Attendance: 94

The total days offering: \$8,518.10 Capital Campaign: \$10.00

Sunday, December 31, 2023, Attendance: 74 Offering: \$6,329.20 Cap. Campaign: \$70.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and celebrating the Baptism of our Lord.

The Basket of Flowers is Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Maisy Boyles' Baptism by her family.

The Bud Vase is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jamie Wither on the anniversary of his birthday, January 12, by his wife and son, Kathy and Sean Wither, his daughter and son-in-law, Vanessa and Brett Hollfelder and grandchildren, Ali Rudinski, Gordie Emick, and Jackson Summers.

Bible Reading

Sunday, January 7 - Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Monday, January 8 - Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, January 9 - Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16

Wednesday, January 10 - Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 11 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Friday, January 12 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25

Saturday, January 13- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13



Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



Pastor LeCrone will be offering a New Members Class sometime in January. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

Bible Study and Fellowship will begin on January 17, 2023. The Topic will start out with Angels. *All are Welcome!*



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Where is our library? It's above Shaheen Hall in the Education Wing. As you go in the alley door, instead of going downstairs, go one floor up and the door to our library is at the top of that one flight of stairs. (there is also an elevator that stops on that floor as well). Name of the room where the library sits is Jensen Lounge.

Using our library is easy. 1)select a book or video 2)take the card out of the sleeve on the last page of the book or on the back of the video 3)write your name on the card and place it in the small plastic box on the table in the library 4)pick up a card with the due date in the lid of the small plastic box and place it in the sleeve of the book/video 5)enjoy the book/video 6)return the book/video by the due date, placing it in the large plastic box on the table. **DO NOT PUT IT BACK ON THE SHELVES.** 7)choose another book/video and begin the process all over again.

Daniel's Closet



Clothing for Daniel's Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.

Daniel's Closet is currently in need of children's clothing. The boys' table is especially thin at this time and is in dire need of donations. Donations may be placed in the large blue bin inside the church in the alcove near the Chapel. The next Closet will be held on January 27. ***Thank you for your support!***



Food Pantry Needs: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cream of mushroom soup, egg noodles, cereal/pop-tarts, pudding, beef stew, chili, spaghetti, instant mashed potatoes, popcorn and microwavable meals.



The new 13-week cycle of GriefShare at Redeemer will begin on

Monday, January 15, 2023, 1-3 p.m. Mark your calendar now if this interests you! We encourage any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one to stop in and let us offer you God's gift of hope. There is no cost involved, but donations are welcome. Please register at GriefShare.org. Call Barb Horn if you have any questions. **(570) 974-3744** We are located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the main Washington Blvd entrance.

What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.

