

Scripture Readings

Jan. 7	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Is. 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Jan. 14	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-10	1 Cor. 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan. 21	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62	1 Cor. 7:29-31 (32-35)	Mark 1:14-20

NEED HELP - HIRE A YOUTH.

The high school youth group is looking to help you out around the house. For a free will donation as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans the summer of 2025. Call Brett Ohlde @ (785)632-7054 or Addy Pfizenmaier (785)630-1016 for details.

Community Blood Drive
Friday, January 12
8:30am to 2:15 pm
Catholic Parish Center

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesday, January 9
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
NEW SERIES
All Ladies Very Welcome to Attend

Looking for people to sign-up to be a Greeter. Please contact Gene Ferguson if you would like to be a greeter or have any questions.

This Week's Schedule - January 6 through January 14

Saturday Board Retreat - 9:00 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
Family Education - 10:30 AM
Undecorate Church - 4:00 PM

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
Midweek - 6:00 PM

Next Saturday All Men - Food, Faith & Fellowship - 7:30 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM

Next Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
Family Education - 10:30 AM

Welcome

to

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January 6 & 7, 2024

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "thirteenth day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Roger & Carma Leonard -

In Celebration of their Anniversary.

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

The Epiphany of Our Lord
Hymn #s - 370, 397, 412, 398, 383, 623, 394

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman
Greeters The Baxter Family
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson, Brad Dieckmann
Altar Guild Lisa Dieckmann, Macey Hynek
Fellowship Host Chuck Tromp

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)

4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)

7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
Dec 24			71
Dec 30 & 31	27	91	118

Family Education Attendance	Total
Dec 24	N/A
Dec 31	22

Men! Food, Faith and Fellowship on January 13!

Calling all men to join us for breakfast on Saturday, January 13th. at 7:30 am.

We look forward to a time of fellowship and breakfast, with a short devotion. Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning to join us!

We hope you will be there!

****Sunday, Jan. 28 **** there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. The children in Hand-Chime Choir need to report to the preschool area around

A Call meeting has been scheduled for January 28 at 2:00 pm.

Our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Phillip Miller, will be here to lead us through the process of calling an Associate Pastor to St. Paul. Please join us for this important meeting. In the days ahead of the meeting pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we call an Associate Pastor and continue to move forward in ministry!

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking, Ann Worley-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place.

Health concerns: Melissa Baxter, Michelle Tessaro, Sierra Hitsman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, Dee Noffsinger, and Ann Worley.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Brayden Ratliff, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Jimmy Carlson, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

Military: Kyle, David, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer list.

A birthday card shower for Evelyn Novak who will celebrate her 95th Birthday on January 12, 2024. Mailing address is: 1121 Clarke St., Clay Center, KS 67432

Pancake Supper

Hosted by the Zion Men's Club

210 Church Street
 Linn, KS

January 14

5:30pm-8:00pm

Free Will Donation

Call in to-go orders

Kyle Peters 785-632-0372

Terry Ohlde 785-747-6554

Levi Ohlde 785-747-6398

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!