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Epiphany: A Season of New Beginnings

As the calendar turns to January, we step into a new year filled with fresh opportunities, resolutions, and hope for what lies ahead. For the Church, this season also marks the celebration of Epiphany—a time when we remember the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, symbolized by the visit of the Magi. Epiphany invites us to reflect on how God’s light continues to shine in our lives, offering new beginnings and guiding us in the year to come.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “revealing.” In Matthew 2:1-2, we read: “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.’” These wise men represent the nations coming to Christ, showing us that the light of Jesus is not confined to one people or place but is for all.

As we consider the story of the Magi, we see a model of faith and new beginnings. They followed God’s star into the unknown, trusting that it would lead them to the King. Likewise, we are called to follow God’s guidance in our lives, even when the future feels uncertain. Each new year brings with it the opportunity to trust God’s promises anew and to let His light guide our paths.

Isaiah 60:1 beautifully declares: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” This verse reminds us that, as followers of Christ, we are called to reflect His light into the world. Epiphany isn’t just about remembering the past—it’s a call to action in the present. Just as the star led the Magi to Jesus, we are invited to lead others to Him through acts of love, kindness, and service.

This January, let’s embrace the opportunities before us to grow in faith, to share the light of

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Christ, and to walk boldly into the future God has prepared for us. Whether through deepened relationships, new ministries, or personal growth, we can trust that God is with us, revealing His glory every step of the way. With God's light guiding us, we can step forward in confidence, ready to embrace all that He has in store.

Blessings on your New Year!

In Christ,
Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Faith Renewal Class

The Sunday Faith Renewal Class is held in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a four week course starting on Sunday, January 12th. This class is for everyone who wishes to build their relationship with the church and the pastor. For new members, we want to get to know you too and this class will be necessary for membership with Holy Lamb.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code) and all women are welcome to join us to delight in God's word as sisters in Christ! We are finishing our study of the Gospel of John and will begin the book of Acts using our Study Bible as our guide. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link please contact Darcy Taiani (call or text) at 724-840-0888 or email at darcytaiani@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday morning bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall. We are using Living Way Bible Study on Ephesians. We hope you can join one or all of our bible study opportunities



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

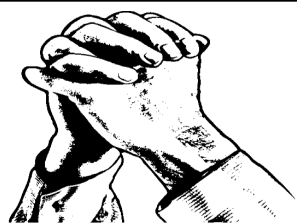


Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter
Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
Terri, Pat Allison's daughter
Mary, friend of Paul & Jane
Pastor Omar Krieger
Sue Bennett
Les Cotton
Paula, friend of Lois Murphy
Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina
Dorothy O., Adell Keeney's friend
Eleonore Kidder

For Our Homebound

Sue Alderson, Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Bob and Myrle Rumsey, Brenda Tainter



Prayer Requests

For Healing

Mary Ann , mother of Michael Zabbara	
Verlene , sister of Myrle	
Ron , Ed's Cousin	
Scott , son of J.R.	
Brian , Son of Adell Keeney	
Joan , friend of Marsha Dunn	
Nathan , B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort	
Eric , brother-in-law of Doug	
Bobby , brother of Sharon Bumgarner	
Brian , friend of Hayley Lauritsen	
Bill , stepdad of Darcy Taiani	
Nancy , mother of Warren Gall	
Maureen , neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner	
Tammy , sister of Sharon Bumgarner	
Pat Allison	Norm Boulet
Marsha Dunn	Merle Falke
Mary Margaret Kluge	Mary Lee
Karen McCarthy	Kathy Orłowski
Steven Rehm	Marty Reynolds
Doug Ruddick	Bob & Myrle Rumsey
Sylvia Stedina	Doc & Nancy Rehm
Monica Steele	Al Heiber
Theresa Zweigle	Jim & Erin Murphy
Henry Twentier	

Prayer Requests

Unless otherwise requested, prayer request information will be announced in worship, shared with our prayer chain, and published in our bulletin or newsletter. To respect the privacy of those for whom we pray:

- * With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.
- * Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.
- * Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are on the podium in the Narthex.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of December (to date)	\$20,159	\$17,775
Year to Date Needs	\$175,524	\$184,860

Praying in Color Ministry

Attention Praying in color team and anyone who would like to know more about this program. Please mark your calendars for March 8th and plan to come to our annual meeting. We will meet about 11 AM after the LWML meeting that starts at 10 AM. We will have a potluck lunch and well you will just have to come to see what else is planned. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex starting Feb 2nd. We hope to see some new faces. Hey men, come join us! My husband finds it very relaxing.



Eileen StClair

February 14 St. Valentine's Day Dinner

Please join us for a wonderful evening with Appetizers, Dinner, Silent Auction and Raffle. The cost is \$20.00 and all proceeds go to support our Church LED Sign Fund.

Appetizers 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Please see Dave Bingham or Pat Marquardt for tickets



In His Service January 2025

Altar Guild	Sylvia Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder 1/28	
Bulletin Assembly	Doug Ruddick	

Jan. 5		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Julia Diem	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

Jan. 12		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Usher	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

Jan. 19		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

Jan. 26		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen



Volunteers Needed Ushers (both services) Audio and Video (both services)

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run our worship services smoothly. Without you, it would be difficult to do the many things we need to do. We are in need of volunteers to run the sound system (8am and 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. **Just one hour a month is all we're asking ~ male or female.** Please volunteer!

Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am.

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.

Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday, January 4th, from 4pm-7pm.**

Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.



You are
Appreciated

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for January 2025



January 5th ~ New Pastor, Praise be to God!

January 12th ~ Lauren's Birth Day by Linda
& Dave Katai

January 19th ~ Vacant

January 26th ~ Sylvia's Birth Day by Ed
Stedina

*The Holy Lamb Family
Welcomes
Pastor Scott & Sonja Kirchoff
To our church family!*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so that by the power of the
Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
Romans 15:13*



Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It provides various publications and Bible studies but its primary function is providing a weekly sermon for radio broadcast. The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast since 1933.

There are new ways to listen to the Lutheran



Listen to 'The Lutheran Hour' on **Sirius-XM Family Talk** 131 Sundays at 10:00am ET

You can download "The Lutheran Hour" app and listen there or wherever you listen to podcasts

AFN Version: If you're interested in the weekly AFN (American Forces Network) version of *The Lutheran Hour*, you can listen to it by clicking on the sermon title on their website² or directly on the AFN

Flower Purchase Reminder

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office.

The cost is \$40.00.

If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

**Please do not put flower payments
in weekly offering envelope.**

If you have questions, please contact Linda Snyder.

We have many openings for altar flowers during 2025. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.



January



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| 12th | Pam Gall | 2nd | Pastor Scott & Sonja Kirchoff |
| 14th | Julia Diem | 15th | Maurice & Margaret Bartelotte |
| 14th | Michael Zabbara | 30th | Pete & Linda Snyder |
| 27th | Ron Hajduk | | |
| 27th | Sylvia Stedina | | |
| 28th | Theresa Falke | | |
| 30th | George Hulshart Jr. | | |
| 31st | Pete Snyder | | |

Please notify the office of any changes to the Birthday and Anniversary information so that we are current. Thank you.

LWML News

Sunday, January 5 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area put LWML MITES. We are grateful for all your support.

In conjunction with **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, which will be **January 19, 2025**, we will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Coastline Women's Center in Conway. The goal of Coastline Women's Center is to transform the lives of those they serve by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life, and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. Abigail's Closet is a room at Coastline where mothers and/or fathers can go to purchase items with "Mommy money" earned from attending parenting classes. Put any of the items from below in the marked box in the Narthex on January 19 and 26. Thank you in advance for your donations. **From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." John 15:16. – lutheransforlife.org

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 11 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Linda Katai will be the Bible study leader.

Our next project is the red stocking that was handed out on December 1. Anytime in January is the month to put one (1) quarter in. Anytime in February you will put two (2) quarters in.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday Faith Renewal Class	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am