

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE
EPIPHANY 2, SUNDAY JAN 14, 2024

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

WORSHIP SERVICES:

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

VERSE

Is. 49:3

Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. **Alleluia.**

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Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

BULLETIN The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update

The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word

READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-10 (antiphon: v. 14)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “*come and see*” that He is “*the Son of God*” and “*the King of Israel*” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “*greater things than these*” (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “*as a prophet of the LORD*” (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel “*and let none of his words fall to the ground*” (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you*” (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “*for the Lord*” and shall be raised up like Him, now “*glorify God in your body*” (1 Cor. 6:13–20).

2) IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

Shut-ins: Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

Those with other needs: Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Hans & Anna Schroedter, Edgar Rapp, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Peter Haug, Tomdaiya, Bill & Shila Mandel, Jairam Ganpat, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Razack, Jess Chant.

If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.

PRAYERS: LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA MISSIONS CAMBODIA-JANUARY 14, 2024

This week, we pray for Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi) who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel;
Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

FOOD BANK:

The proceedings of the Food Bank on Jan 11 went very well. Tony picked up the bread from Bread of Life ministries. The truck arrived at 9:30 am with eight skids of food. Tony & Lois, Renee, Ingrid, Pastor Joseph, Marcellus, Taeler, Jennifer, Maura, Isaac, Charles, Majdulin, Sadia, Sameer, Khami, Mala, Bahija and Wilson, Ralph & Jeanette, Mariya, Marlin, Luis & Mariam, Harrison, Kiyara, Franklyn & Hiral helped with the unloading of the skids, serving the clients. Tony, Al, Isaac, Pastor Joseph & Ralph helped with the intake. The previous week's recycling bins that Bismark had put out the day before were picked up by the city in the early hours of the morning. There was a devotion at 12:30 p.m.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR Jan 11, 2024

Total Food Hampers given out: 353

Those food hampers provided food to:
768 adults and 314 children for a total of 1082

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW -

Sunday January 28, 2024 - Semi annual Congregational Meeting.

A light lunch will be served after the 11 a.m. service, with the meeting to follow. It is important that you attend.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THE TIME OF EPIPHANY

Begins with evening prayer on January 5 and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter Season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany, from the Greek word *epiphaneia*) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the Theophany ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi came to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew, and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi.

Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This season is marked at its beginning and at its end by two important feasts of Christ.

During Epiphany, we worship Jesus, who has given all mankind access to God through Himself.

Matthew 2:1-12 Matthew 3:13-17 John 2:1-11

EPIPHANY PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- Like Christmas, the Epiphany of Our Lord, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord are feast days of Jesus. The colour for feast days is white, the colour of divinity, purity, and joy. The Sundays after the Epiphany focus on the growth of Jesus' ministry, and the colour green is used to symbolize that growth.
- On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father sent Jesus to bear the sins of the World. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the World. He is baptized into our sins so that Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins..
- The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season, is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian Church Calendar. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpse their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the centre of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples, then and now, that He is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.
- The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the last Sunday before the Lent. Because we give up singing *Alleluia* during Lent, at the close of the service on Transfiguration we say farewell to *Alleluia* with the hymn "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (LSB 417).

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Sunday Jan 14	EPIPHANY 2
	10 a.m. Bible Study
	11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Thurs Jan 18	2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank
Sunday Jan 21	EPIPHANY 3
	10 a.m. Bible Study
	11 a.m. Sunday School
	11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

God's Blessings,
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Vacancy Pastor

Jan 13, 2023

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