

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Epiphany— January 6, 2013

VISITORS WELCOME! – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE : In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

VACANCY: Pastor Spahn is in the office most Thursdays. For an emergency please contact an elder or call directly to Pastor's cell phone: 847-224-9524.

LWML RETREAT: LWML is hosting the 25th Annual LWML Young Women's Retreat Feb. 1 & 2, 2013. Please see the bulletin board in front of the secretary's office for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The visit of the Wise Men, as told in Matthew 2, is the Bible story in Sunday School today. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. Discuss how in our sin we are like Herod and do not want to worship Jesus. Talk about the details of the story and see how they compare with "tradition."

CARICATURE PORTRAITS: A talented young artist from Pentecost Lutheran Church is working his way to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas, July of 2013. Ian Barclay is using his God-given talent in a unique way. For a small fee, \$50.00 for 2 hours or \$90.00 for 4 hours, Ian will attend your party or event, bringing all the supplies necessary to draw caricature portraits for your guests. 8 ½ x 11 sized paper is used for a black and white unframed drawing. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to add a unique twist to your next party or gathering, and support a youth in his journey to the NYG. Please contact Ian directly to make arrangements, 262-995-3451. Special pricing is available for larger, all day events or individual requests.

WE RECYCLE: Please put your bulletins on the back counter in the fellowship hall if you are not taking them home with you. We will recycle them. Thank you!

FLOWERS: The flower chart for 2013 is up. Please sign up for flowers!

ENVELOPES: Giving envelopes for 2013 are in your mailboxes. Please pick them up!



PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES & JUICE: Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Quantities needed and instructions are also listed there.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION: The students of Christ Lutheran Academy would like to announce their eleventh annual baby item collection. Rather than exchange Christmas gifts with one another, the students traditionally collect new and gently used baby items such as diapers, blankets, and clothing. They donate them to Care Net Family Resource Center of Kenosha. The items will be collected at both Lamb of God and Messiah from Epiphany Sunday through the end of January. We thank you in advance for contributing to this worthwhile cause!

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**412**
Confession & Absolution.....203

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*).....204
Gloria.....204
Collect.....Insert
Old Testament..... Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual.....Insert
Epistle.....Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.....205
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Nicene Creed..... 206
Sermon Hymn.....**383**
Sermon
Prayer of the Church..... 207
Offering 207

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 208
The Lord's Prayer 209
Words of Institution..... 209
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 210
Dist.Hymns.....**395, 400, 533**
Nunc Dimittis.....211
Prayer.....212
Benediction.....212
Silent Prayer
Final Hymn **397**

*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Allen Weber, and Lynn Christensen, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, Lillian Sciortino, Crystal Stoll and John & Pat Mills.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, John Hrupka, George Metallo, Peter Campagna, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen’s brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), Parker & Camden Blair, Dick Moe, and John Mills.
- For Messiah as we call a new pastor.

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder: Tyler Nehls
Ushers: Mike Snodgrass & Austin Nehls

Greeter:
Altar Guild:
Organist: Evone Hagerman
Cookies:



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,255
Budget Income Received 12/24	\$839
Budget Income Received 12/25	\$1,033
Budget Income Received 12/30	\$1,087
Budged Income Received to Needed	-\$296

Attendance 12/30: 75 Communed: 58

This Week’s Events for Messiah

Tuesday, Jan. 8th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Wednesday, Jan. 16th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 17th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Planning	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19th	Altar Guild Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 31st	KALEA meeting at LOG	7:00 p.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil

Baptism Anniversaries

1/7 Betty Hrupka
 Cara Russo-Bichsel
1/8 Trevor Gray
1/9 Kaiden Heitkamp
1/10 Louise Braya
1/11 Jamie Kauppila
1/12 Tamara Weathersby

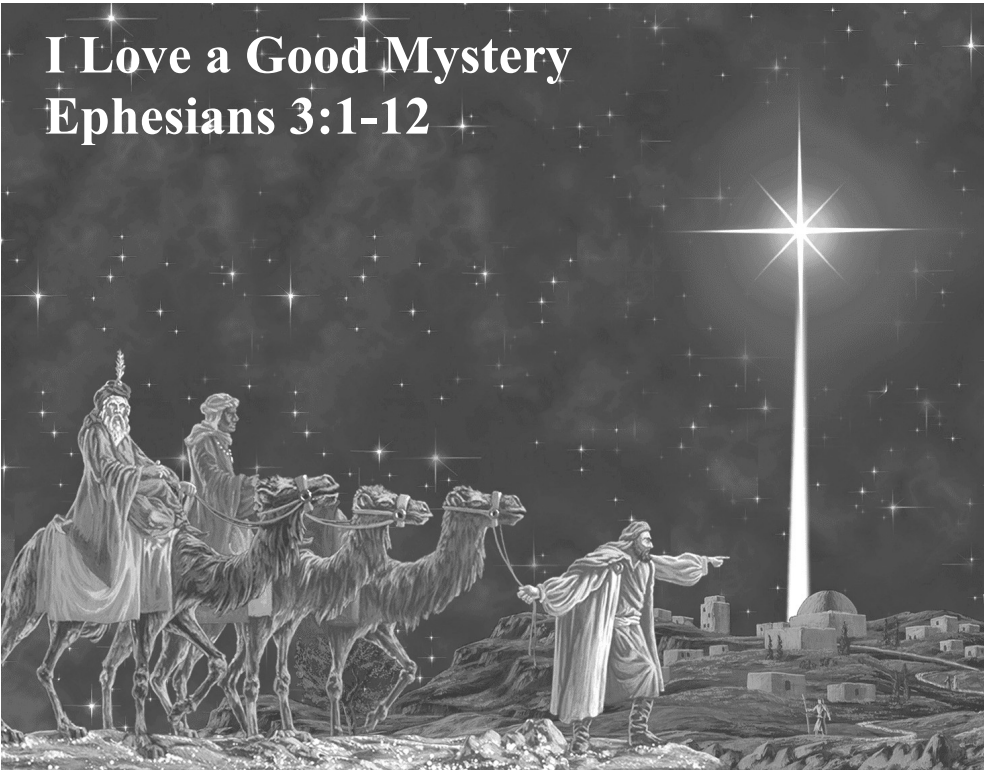
Pray for our members

1/6 Cara Russo-Bichsel
1/7 Jordan Heitkamp
1/8 Jennifer Bertz
1/9 Keith Kentala
1/10 Heidi Tobalsky
1/11 Miles Cleereman
1/12 Cheryl Moe

Birthdays

1/9 Bill Colombe
1/10 Paul Swift

Epiphany
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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. While 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 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). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).