

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier; Aiden Snyder; Bob Schneider

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST Christmas morning, Rosalee Rae Sembach, daughter of Caland & Alex and granddaughter of Cyndy and Kenny & Jeanette. Congratulations, and welcome to God's family!

ELDERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLED today at both services. Thank you for your leadership and service to our congregation!

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL the next few weeks. Thank you so much for singing on Christmas Eve! New music coming soon.

ELDERS & COUNCIL MEET this Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6:00 & 7:00pm.

VOTERS' MEETING for the winter quarter next Sunday, Jan. 8, at 9am.

UN-DECORATING: next Sunday, January 8, after the second service. Stick around and help out if you can! Light lunch fare provided!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with our Stockings for Vets project. We were able to donate 109 stockings! We will continue to collect travel size shampoo and lotion for next year. Thanks also to Luci Laughlin for donating stockings for the next several years. We greatly appreciate all of you!

OUR SINCERE THANKS to all who participated in our giving projects this Christmas, and especially to those who worked to coordinate them: Barb Sheets, Marilou Linnemeier, Vicar Woodhouse, and many more. Thank you for your service to our congregation and our community!

FROM PASTOR MULLET: many heartfelt thanks to all of you who remembered our family in the Christmas season with your kind cards, notes of encouragement, and generous gifts. We are greatly blessed!
- Pastor & Megan, Aaron, Josiah, & Jonathan

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CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 1

(Circ. & Name of Jesus)

8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service

w/ installation of Elders & Council

9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study / Confirmation

Mon. Jan. 2

8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings

Tue. Jan. 3

6:00 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council

Wed. Jan. 4

8:30am Matins

9:00am Book of Concord Study (Smalcald Art.)

7:00pm Divine Service

Thu. Jan. 5

7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)

Sun. Jan. 8

8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service

(Epiphany)

9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study / Confirmation

9:00am Voters' Meeting

6:00pm Youth Group

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Today kicks off a month full of special days in the life of the Church!

January 1 & 4: the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Jesus is circumcised on the eighth day of His earthly life, reminding us of His complete obedience to God's Law on our behalf, and foreshadowing the shedding of His blood on the cross.

January 8 & 11: the Epiphany of Our Lord

The Holy Family is visited by the Wise Men from the east, the first Gentiles to worship Jesus. We Gentiles join them in their praises and rejoice that Jesus has come to save *all* nations, even we who are not born to Israel.

January 15 & 18: the Baptism of Our Lord

Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River, the beginning of His earthly ministry. The Holy Spirit rests on Him, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, marking Him as the Messiah, and pointing us to our own baptism into Christ.

January 22 & 25: the Wedding at Cana

The Epiphany Season continues with another revealing of who Jesus is and what He comes to do: He is the Bridegroom of God's people, redeeming us, the Church, as His Bride for the wedding feast which has no end!

January 29 & February 1: the Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Epiphany Season comes to its dramatic conclusion as we glimpse God's glory on the mountain. But we cannot remain. Jesus descends and sets His face toward Jerusalem, now drawing ever closer to His cross and death as we prepare to enter the seasons of Gesimatide and Lent.