

The Visitor

CHRIST Evangelical Lutheran Church | 500 Park Street - West Salem, WI

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Uncovered

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. ¹⁶ After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷ and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him." (Mathew 3:13-17)

"I just had an epiphany," is what one might say when something becomes clear and understandable for the first time. It is more than simple "lightbulb" moment, though. Our epiphany is because God has uncovered the truth for us to see.

The church season of Epiphany, which we are currently in and goes to the end of February, does that exact thing for us. At the Epiphany of our Lord (which was January 6th), and the Sundays that follow it, God gives insight into the truth of who Jesus Christ is. God reveals the truth to us that Jesus Christ is his Son, God himself, sent to earth in human form.

Mathew records the events of Jesus baptism for us that makes this point abundantly obvious. After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove and the Father spoke from heaven, "*This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.*"

Could it be any more obvious who Jesus is? God the Father himself claims that Jesus is his Son. This is the one he promised long ago to send into this world of sin with the intention that he would die to save us from death. This Jesus is the one who would live a perfect life in our place so that the promise of eternal life would be ours.

God wants us to have no doubts about who Jesus is. He wants there to be no doubt because it is only through faith in what Jesus has done for us that we will benefit from it. "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith (Ephesians 2:8)," God tells us. He reveals his Son to us once again so that we might place out trust in him and live. "That by believing you may have life in his name," (John 20:31) he says.

I encourage you all this Epiphany season to remind yourself daily of whom your Savior is and what he has done for you. He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who sacrificed himself on a cross that you might live. We have forgiveness and life in Jesus' name. This is what God has uncovered for us through his Word. This is why we rejoice.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Don Frelitz

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

We gather around the Word to grow and mature in our faith! Join us as often as you can!

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:15AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY MORNINGS — 6AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY EVENINGS — 6PM

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILY BIBLE HOUR: Throughout the year, we've been rejoicing in this fact: *I am the Church*. So far we've rejoiced that *I Know Jesus Lived for Me* and *I Know I Live for Jesus*. In February, we'll begin a study entitled *One by One* to help us rejoice in the fact *I Know I Love for Others*.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY: We are just beginning a study of the Passion History according to the Four Gospels. Join us as we review the timeline of the suffering and death of Jesus, which guarantees us life and salvation.

THURSDAY EVENING LADIES STUDY: We are just getting into the book of Romans. Join us any time! "The Righteous will Live by Faith!"

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: This class is a wonderful review for anyone wanting to brush up on the basic teachings of God's Word. It's also the class designed for those interested in membership in our congregation. Contact Pastor Frelitz if interested.



Dates to Remember

Thursday, Feb 3: Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30PM
Tuesday, Feb 15: Ladies Aid Too Meeting 6:30PM
Ash Wednesday, Mar 2: Services at 2:00 & 6:30PM
Palm Sunday, Apr 10: Services 8:00 & 10:30AM
Maundy Thurs, April 14: Services at 2:00 & 6:30PM
Good Friday, April 15: Services at 1:00 & 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday, April 17: Sunrise Service; 6:00 AM
 Festival Services; 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Mon, April 18: Confirmation Examination; 6:30PM
Sunday, April 24: Confirmation Service; 10:30AM



The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.
 We welcome you to worship with us at either 2PM or at 6:30PM.
The theme this year is: The Crucial Hours



Enjoy receiving encouragement and prayer requests by participating in our Prayer Chain! Submit prayer requests

by:

EMAIL prayers@christlutheranwestsalem.com

DROP them in the prayer box in the narthex

CALL the pastor; 786-1250 x113

FEBRUARY Altar Guild Servers

Dona Baker
 Kathy Rudser
 Joy Martin

FEBRUARY Women of CHRIST

GROUP 1

Last Names: Ad - Ca



Remember our website!
christlutheranwestsalem.com



If you have recently moved, please remember to inform the Pastor or church secretary of your new address information and phone number so that we may keep contact with you. Thank You.



Sunday Morning	8:00 am
	10:30 am
Monday Evening	6:30 pm

HEADED FOR THE HOSPITAL? ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH? MOVING?

Your pastor is here to serve you, so when things change, let us know! We'd love to take you to God's grace; a grace that won't change even as our situations in life change!



February 1 st	Randy Garbers
February 2 nd	Dan Cook, Marilyn Justin
February 6 th	Noah Stockheimer
February 8 th	Kevin Hoyer
February 9 th	Brinley Kendhammer
February 10 th	Damian Lewis
February 11 th	George Gorniak, Megan Schauf
February 12 th	Steve Deyo, Brayden Hanson, Ruth Molling
February 13 th	Lukas Braaten, Levi Braaten, Paul Gilster, Linda Werner
February 15 th	Bonnie Garbers, Ryan Rasmussen
February 17 th	LaVonne Garbers
February 18 th	Jessica Hauser, Jon Levendoski, Robin Lewis, Jessica Lounsborough, Mabel Rick
February 19 th	Simon Buchanan, Jennifer Black
February 20 th	Rachel Mellor, Tim Degenhardt, Maya Hoff, Landen Hoffman
February 21 st	Bruce Wehrs, Jean Stengel
February 22 nd	Cheryl Dettmering
February 24 th	Tyler Gorniak, Dylan Lewis, Tyler Miller, Emmalyn Schauf
February 25 th	Samantha Hoffman
February 26 th	Carol Witte, Randy Mathe
February 27 th	Hunter Young, Donna Beyer, Paul Gilbertson, Lynn Schaller
February 28 th	Ruth Hage, Thomas Rech
February 29 th	David Adams

NOTES & NEWS

Women of Christ



Your Service Booklet is finished and waiting for you! Find your copy in the narthex of the church. Inside is a calendar, aid responsibilities list, and your name along with others you are serving with. Your chair or co-chair will contact you if a need arises.



Please note below! We are in need of volunteers for our snow shovel brigade! Many hands make light work!

OFFERING SUMMARIES

are available in the narthex of the church through February.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS:

Watch for updates

CARING CHRISTIANS MENTAL HEALTH

February 7th @ 6:30PM | First Lutheran, 400 West Ave S | LaCrosse. The topic will be: Making realistic goals.



CHRIST LUTHERAN LADIES AID TOO meets February 15th at 6:30PM in the Multi-purpose Room. All ladies of Christ are welcome.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets Feb 1st at St. John's in Barre Mills at 7PM. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come and be encouraged by God's Word and fellow Christians. Pastor Riediger at 512-0028 | Pastor Schultz at 786-1742.

CHRIST LUTHERAN LADIES AID

will meet in Feb. 3rd.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

meets Feb 8th @ 5:00PM

2022-2023 Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins soon! Registration for our church members will open on Sunday, February 6th. Packets will be available in the church lobby that week and at the school office. There will be an **Open House on Sunday, February 13th, from 12:00-1:30 PM** at the school, with registration packets also available that day. The Open House is for any families interested in enrolling their child in 3K or 4K. Registration will be open to the public on the day of the open house. The classrooms fill up quickly! Hand in your packet early to secure your spot. If you have any questions please contact the school office at (608) 786-1250.



Church Directory Photos Needed



If you have not yet submitted your photo there is still time! Please do so by **Friday, February 4th**. Maybe you have a favorite picture from your vacation, family gathering or professional portrait.

Please submit your photo to jmartin020681@gmail.com as soon as possible. Each submission should include all names, address, phone number, email address, and any necessary release forms (professional photos). We prayerfully hope you take advantage of this extension.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian Holzhausen at Brian@brenengen.com OR Jim Svendsen @ 608-786-3112 or skipduffy91@gmail.com.

Snow Shovel Brigade for the Month of February



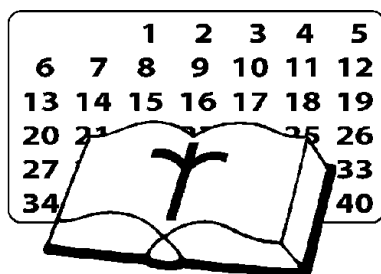
Jan 30-Feb 5	Adam Greene
February 6-12	Needed
February 13-19	Needed
February 20-26	Needed
Feb 27- March 5	Needed

Thanks to those who keep the church's sidewalks clean during the winter months!

Monthly Bible Readings

The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan offers special features that will help you in your journey through the bible. By reading from four separate places in the Scripture every day, you should be able to better grasp the unity of the Scriptures, as well as enjoy the variety of seeing four different viewpoints.

Don't become frustrated if you fall behind. Each month lists only twenty-five readings. That offers several "free days" each month for catch up if they are needed. Here are the passages for FEBRUARY.



NEW TESTAMENT			OLD TESTAMENT	
	MATTHEW	ACTS	PSALMS	EXODUS
1	10:21-42	15:22-42	24	1-3
2	11:1-19	16:1-15	25	4-6
3	11:20-30	16:16-40	26	7-9
4	12:1-21	17:1-15	27	10-12
5	12:22-37	17:16-34	28	13-15
6	12:38-50	18:1-17	29	16-18
7	13:1-23	18:18-28	30	19-20
8	13:24-43	19:1-22	31	21-23
9	13:44-58	19:23-41	32	24-26
10	14:1-21	20:1-12	33	27-29
11	14:22-36	20:13-38	34	30-31
12	15:1-20	21:1-26	35	32-33
13	15:21-39	21:27-40	36	34
14	16:1-12	22	37:1-22	35-37
15	16:13-28	23:1-11	37:23-40	38-40
				LEVITICUS
16	17:1-13	23:12-35	38	1-4
17	17:14-27	24	39	5-7
18	18:1-14	25:1-12	40	8-10
19	18:15-35	25:13-27	41	11-13
20	19:1-15	26:1-18	42	14-15
21	19:16-30	26:19-32	43	16-17
22	20:1-16	27:1-26	44	18-20
23	20:17-34	27:27-44	45	21-23
24	21:1-11	28:1-16	46	24-25
25	21:12-22	28:17-31	47	26-27



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

February Financial Summary

Needed Monthly to meet budget	\$46,760
December Income Received	\$ 50,977
December Expenses	\$69,090
Income (vs) Expense	- \$ 18,113

Outstanding Debts

\$ 0



Thank you to those who attended Mission Festival and Christ at Work at the end of January. We also thank Vicar Jacob Roecker for leading worship and for sharing news about the mission work available to us all.



*WELS Coulee
Women's Retreat*
Gather. Encourage. Go Forth.

WELS Coulee Women's Retreat will be held at our Church Saturday April 2nd from 8:30am to 4:00PM. Sign up information and registration packets are on the table in the narthex.

Christ-St. John's Lutheran School

Serving: Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, West Salem & St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Barre Mills

Teaching Christ's Love.

Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade.

*The academics are challenging. The teachers are nurturing.
The lessons learned are for a lifetime.*

Again and Again and Again

Have you watched the movie Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray? In the film, Bill Murray finds himself waking up every morning and finding it is still February 2nd. He doesn't break the loop and move on to February 3rd until he reexamines his priorities and changes his ways. (Does this introduction sound familiar? I used it last year in February too!)

This school year has kind of felt like the Groundhog Day movie to me. With everything going on, it seems like we only keep doing the same thing again and again and again. Again another change from the government or the CDC. Again more political fighting. Again more negative reports about COVID-19 and a new variant. And yet, there is a much better outlook on breaking the COVID-19 cycle than there is of breaking our cycle of sin. Time after time we find ourselves falling into the same sins over and over again. Day after day we wake up sinful. Try as we might, we cannot break the loop of sin our sinful nature keeps us in. Praise be to God that he sent his Son, Jesus, "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins". Colossians 1:14

We fall to our knees in repentance and ask God to forgive us because Jesus has died for those sins. We do that through prayer and are reminded in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray continually", even as we sin over and over. And we can pray for more than just our own sins! We can thank God for getting us through to this point so far. We can thank him for allowing us to maintain in-person instruction at school. We can pray for healing for any affected by COVID-19. We can pray that he ends that cycle and lets us go back to a lifestyle we are more used to.

And we need to pray confidently and sincerely, knowing our Almighty God has the power and ability to forgive our sins over and over and over. Matthew 21:22, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Although COVID-19 will most likely still be here tomorrow and we will still be sinful tomorrow, we can look forward to our February 3rd when we rise in heaven, finally free from sin. Give thanks to our forgiving God!

-Nate Livingston

School Calendar for February

- 1 Principal Conference @ Luther
- 8 Knight for a Day - Cancelled
- 10 No Afternoon Bussing – early release for W.S. School District
- 18-19 No School – Western Wisconsin Teacher's Conference



Using SCRIP is EASY! Buy CSJ SCRIP cards for stores you already shop – spend them like gift cards - help fundraise for the school! Find out how; call Lisa Black to sign up or ask questions; 786-1250 x100 |



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Mission Festival 8:00 AM Worship Ushers – C 9:15AM Family Bible Hour 10:30 AM Worship Ushers – I 11:30AM Christ at Work	31 6:30 PM Worship Usher – Garbers	1 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 7:00PM Grief Support @ Barre	2 5:30PM Confirmation Class 7:00PM Choir	3 1:30PM Ladies Aid 2:00PM Salem Trc 3:00PM Mulders 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	4 8:00AM CSJ Chapel	5
6 8:00 AM Worship Ushers – D 9:15AM Family Bible Hour 10:30 AM Worship Ushers – J	7 6:30PM Worship Usher-Cook 6:30PM Caring Christians @ First Lutheran	8 5:00PM Evangelism 6:00PM Elders 7:00PM Trustees	9 5:30PM Confirmation Class 7:00PM Choir 7:00PM CSJ Voters Call Meeting 7:30PM Luther Conf. of Delegates Meeting	10 1:00 Mill St. Manor 2:00PM Salem Trc 3:00PM Mulders	11 8:00AM CSJ Chapel	12
13 8:00 AM Worship Ushers – E 9:15AM Family Bible Hour 10:30 AM Worship Ushers – K	14 6:30 PM Worship Usher – Miller	15 6:30PM Ladies Aid Too	16 5:30PM Confirmation Class	17 6:00PM Women's Bible Study No CSJ: Teacher's conference	18 No CSJ: Teacher's conference	19
20 8:00 AM Worship Ushers – F 9:15AM Family Bible Hour 10:30 AM Worship Ushers – L 1:00PM Ladies Aid Too "Snack Packing"	21 6:30PM Worship Usher- Osgood	22 6:00AM Men's Bible Study 9:00AM Pastors' Conference, Ridgeville	23 5:30PM Confirmation Class	24 6:00PM Women's Bible Study	25 8:00AM CSJ Chapel 5:00PM CSJ Winter Carnival	26
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