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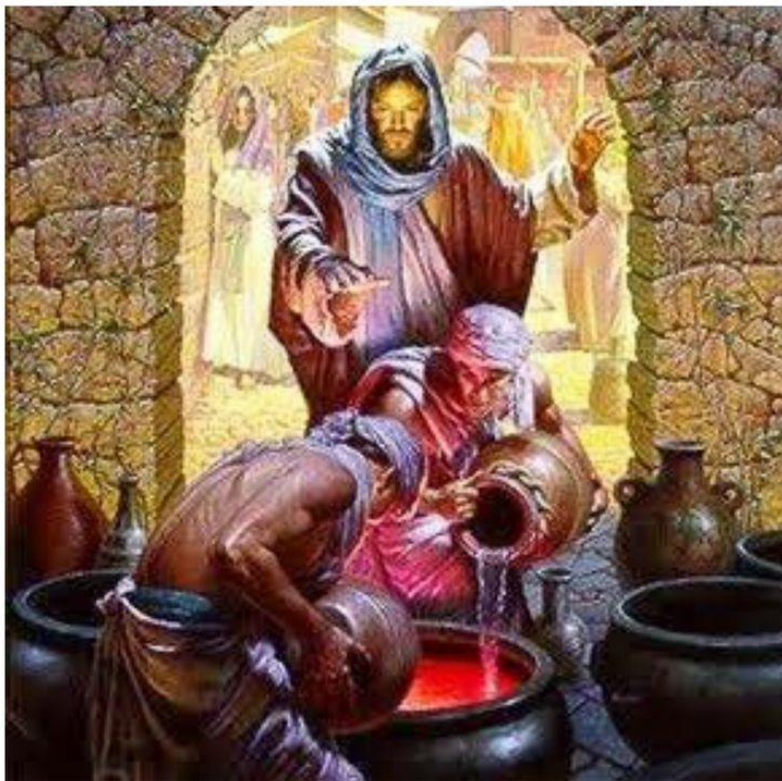
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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the overflow area of the church. Please speak with an elder or usher to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ.

ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please fill them out and give to the usher at the end of service. (St. John's)

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: On the second Sunday of each Epiphany season, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ sent by God is grounded in the Gospel of John, who gives us the deepest insight into the goal of our Lord's entire earthly ministry. We hear of water and wine and the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we are made the Church, the Bride of Christ. In Holy Communion, wine bears the blood of Christ's cross to us, the price of our forgiveness and deliverance. Now the same Spirit who empowered Jesus all along the way of the cross empowers us. The one Spirit enables each of us to love God and one another in a united worship of God and a variety of service and care for one another. "The faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14) overflow in us who already now celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb and His kingdom, which has no end.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection, renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, *"Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood."*
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who share unity with us in our confession of doctrine and faith join us at the altar. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. If you have questions or would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with an elder or the pastor. Thank you.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
January 9, 2022			
Adult Bible Study	10	Offering	\$ 25.00
Worship Attendance	54	Offering	\$ 3,544.00
Total for Orphanages		Needed for goal	\$ \$560.00/mo
(as of 1-1-2022 \$0.00)		Monthly Average	\$ 0.00
Budget for 2022	\$165,648.00	(needed per week: \$3,185.54)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 4,752.00	(2 week avg: \$2,376.00)	

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH			
January 9, 2022			
Worship Attendance	57	Offering	\$ 3,971.00
		Mission	\$ 100.00
Budget for 2022	\$ 64,531.19	(needed per week: \$ 1,240.98)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 3,971.00	(2 week avg. \$ 1,985.50)	

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jackson Haughton..... 17th
- Elaine Harms** 19th
- Sharon Mandery 20th

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today: Ken & Deb Brinkman (St. John's)
..... Larry & Donna Rathe (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday:Larry & LuAnn Carmine (St. John's)
.....Jeff & Sarah Dean (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes:Andrew Kohlmeyer & Jackson Haughton (St. John's)
.....Seth Dean & Natalie Dean (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: Logan Barras & Blayzen Kress (St. John's)
.....Seth Dean & Natalie Dean (Immanuel)

January Elder:Dave Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463 (St. John's)
..... Jon Rathe (402) 866-2142 (Immanuel)
February Elder:.....Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (402) 866-4586 (Immanuel)

January Trustee: Del Lierman (402) 269-8004 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

February Trustee:Marcus Griess (402)209-2283 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

January Altar Guild: Fred & Petey Pooch (St. John's)
February Altar Guild:Kirk & Lisa Bartels (St. John's)

January Flower Committee:Patti Harms & Rosie Sugden (Immanuel)
February Flower Committee:Rachel Goracke & Donna Rathe (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Organist Today:Loretta Kercahl (St. John's)
..... Laura Heiden (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Sierra Goracke (*surgery – recovery*), Lois Ann Bartels (*health issues*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Fell – Broken pelvic bone /Alzheimer’s*), Esther Buethe (*recovery – broken hip*), Alvina Liermer (*Del Lierman’s aunt (102 years old)– heart surgery*), Shirley Frey (*Cindy Lierman’s sister – cancer*), Jim Borrenpohl (*recovery from surgery*), Emma Walters (*health issues*), MaryAnn Waller (*Amy Borrenpohl’s aunt – cancer*), Pastor Donald Cooper, Mary Mommens (*Back Surgery*), Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Sophie Carnagey (*cancer – Dave’s mother*), Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach cancer*), and Alan DeJonge (*pancreatic cancer*) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

†Those needing our sustaining prayers: Rodney DeBur (*Shirley Hesterman’s son-in-law – fractured vertebrae*), Brianna Podtburg (*cancer & leg amputation*), Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Kevin Miesbach (*brain tumor*), Karen Belding (*Covid – recovery*), Josh Wilkins (*spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey’s former foster child*), Bruce Haughton (*Lymphoma*), Kathy Gottula (*recovery*), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Marlys McPherson (*Cancer – Pastor’s aunt*), Addy Kohlmeyer (*Cancer*), LeRoy Buethe (*recovery-Covid*), Rose Kerner (*recovery*), Arlene Bohling (*mother of Lisa Bartels*), Kris Kelle (*cancer*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess’s mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann’s great niece*), Sherri Sapp-Stutheit (*surgery recovery*) Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Deb Brinkman (*surgery-recovery*), Robin Whitney (*Various Health Issues*), Haleigh McDonald (*arthritis & degenerative disk disease*), Brian Thies (*Amputation below knee on both legs– Rick Thies’ cousin*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels’ sister*), Harry Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels –severe osteoporosis*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels – cancer*), Loren Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels – muscle disease*), Bonnie Smith (*continued good health reports*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†We pray for God’s loving and gracious care for those homebound, assisted living and nursing home including: Sherri Sapp-Stutheit, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandery, (*Darla Gottula and Don Cooper*).

†We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces including: Bailey Bohling (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew).

†We lift up all missionaries, including: Pastor Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Andrew & Noel Schaff and all other church workers. And for those served by our adopted orphanages – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

† We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism, as we celebrate with **Kevin McKinney, Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer and Madalyn Kohlmeyer** who celebrate their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Reminder: please let pastor know when you are in hospital so he can visit with you.

For future Church cancellations: – Messages will be on Facebook and an email will be sent out. Elders will also be contacting people by phone if they do not have internet access.

Please mark your calendar: On Sunday, January 23, at 3:00pm the Falls City Circuit of the Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod will hold a Memorial Service for Families who have lost a child through stillbirth, miscarriage or other circumstances. The Memorial Service will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church by Elk Creek, NE. Pastors from area LCMS Churches will be leading the Service Please share this information with anyone who you think would benefit. Peace and joy in Jesus.

Circuit Convocation - Planning Your Christian Funeral: On Saturday, February 5, from 9am to 1pm, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, our Circuit will be hosting a convocation on Planning Your Christian Funeral. In this convocation we will describe what is the Christian understanding of a funeral service, what goes into planning a service and what are some of the misunderstandings that happen at funerals, and what happens before and after the funeral service. Lunch will be provided by the Fall City Circuit.

Grief Support Group: A series of weekly grief support meetings are planned beginning Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Tecumseh Library. These meetings will use materials from griefshare.org. There will be no cost to attendees as memorials for Dave Holthus and St. John's Lutheran Church are sponsors of the program. Although all situations are different, this is an opportunity for those experiencing grief to meet with others who share their journey and to offer fellowship and support to any who have suffered the loss of a loved one. If you are interested in this group, please come on January 9. For more information, contact Patti Holthus at 402-335-0163 or volunteer facilitator Karen Wolken at 402-335-0392.

Immanuel's Announcements

Meals on Wheels: Immanuel has Meals on Wheels from January 3rd to January 28th. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Annex.

Potluck: We will be having a potluck luncheon at 5:30 pm, Sunday, January 30th, Immanuel will provide tableware and drinks. Please bring your favorite food dish to share. We will also be playing games after the meal, bring your favorite game to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

St. John's Announcements

Kathleen Barone: Funeral will be here at St. John's, plans are still pending.

A SPECIAL WELCOME: We welcome Amanda Jo Baumert into God's family by rite of Holy Baptism today. We pray the Lord's blessing upon Amanda as she joins our family of faith.

Priscilla's Meeting: January 18th with Bible Study out of the winter quarterly "Setting Our Focus". All ladies welcome.

Council Meeting: January 20th at 7:00 pm

Voter's Meeting: January 23rd after Church Service.

Potluck: We will be having a potluck luncheon after church on Sunday, January 30th, St. John's will provide tableware and drinks. Meat has been provided. Please bring your favorite food dish to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

Meals on Wheels: St. John's has Meals on Wheels during the month of February. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Thank you: for all your thoughts, words and prayers after the passing of my mother. They were greatly appreciated. Amy

This Week With God

Sunday, January 16, (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel).....8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's)..... 10:30 am

Monday, January 17

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, January 18

Newsletter Deadline

- ★ Quilting (St. John's) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ★ Priscilla's Meeting (St. John's) 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 19

- ★ **Midweek & Confirmation Class (St. John's)**4:30 pm
- ★ **Joint Bible Study (St. John's)**7:00 pm
- ★ **Joint Board of Ed Meeting (St. John's)** 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 20

- ★ Council Meeting (St. John's)7:00 pm

Friday, January 21

- ★ Stewardship Meeting (St. John's)5:30 pm

Saturday, January 22

- ★ No Activities

Sunday, January 23 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel).....8:30 am
- ★ Women of Immanuel Meeting (Immanuel) 9:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's)..... 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (St. John's)..... 10:30 am
- ★ Voter's Meeting (St. John's)11:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was this week's sermon about? What grabbed your attention the most?
What is something new I learned from the sermon?

LAW How was the Law presented in the sermon? How does the Law that was
presented in the sermon, apply to me?

GOSPEL How was the Gospel presented in the sermon? How did the sermon deepen my
understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How can I put
this into practice in my life during this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Pastor or Elder Signature: _____