



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | GLENBURN AND LANSFORD | JANUARY 2021

# Trinity United Parish

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."*

Matthew 2:1-3 NRSV

Dear Friends,

Christmas is almost over (yes – I said almost.) Epiphany is upon us. This is one day in the church year that I think we overlook. Yes – we put the wise men in our nativity scenes each year as if they were there at the stable. They make some sort of an appearance at our Christmas programs on the years where we are able to have them. Yet, it is often just a passing nod to three guys who brought three strange gifts to the Christ child.

The wise men or Magi are pretty amazing though if we think about it. These three (or more) men saw a star, and something about this star made them embark on quite a journey. It was not a short journey. Scholars say that the journey could have taken them up to 2 years. So, as much as we hate to admit it, these men from the East were not at the stable in Bethlehem. They endured quite a journey to meet "the child who has been born king of the Jews." We do not know why that mattered to them because they were not Jewish, but they made the journey to meet the Christ child. Something drew them to travel and meet him.

I think the Magi could be a great example for us as we move into this new year. The Magi were observant, and they saw God working even if they were sure what was going on. They did not just brush it off as something strange and move on. They followed their curiosity. They let their inquisitiveness take over. They saw the star and they followed it.

Are there times in your life when it feels like God might be working in and through you? Are there times when you have questions or even doubts about God or your faith? Maybe instead of brushing them off, follow where they lead. Be curious – do some digging – follow where the Spirit is guiding you. You might be surprised where the Spirit will lead you. You might be led right to the Christ child. Your faith will grow. You will see God more clearly. You will have an epiphany moment – a sudden revelation or a striking breakthrough – where you feel even more close to God.

Let's start 2021 that way. Let's put 2020 in our rearview mirror with all its struggles and setbacks, and let's look ahead with expectation, hoping to see Christ in new and more powerful ways.

Blessings,  
Pastor Martha

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## **Prayer List**

For comfort for the family of  
Donald Heinze.

For comfort for the family of  
Wendy King, daughter of JoAnn  
Sanders.

For Healing for Darren McLean.  
For healing for Bob Helming.  
For strength for Shay Stevens and  
family.

For strength and continued  
healing for Amy Artz.

For healing for Shannon Sisk-  
Wulick.

For healing Ron Johnston.  
For healing and strength for Cole  
Schlag and Tamara Zumbaum.

## **Military**

Clay Pilgrim

Bill Tilton

Wes Netcher

Kent Johnson

Nick Swenson

Jesse Hartle

Robert Blevins

Jay Montejo

## **Confirmation Worship Assignments:**

Please make sure you are in worship when  
you are assigned or find someone to switch  
with you if you cannot make it.

January 3      Jayden Nelson  
                         Carson Nett

January 10     Caleb Clementich  
                         Bobby Zumbaum

January 17     Gracie Boschert  
                         Reid Morlock

January 24     Jayden Nelson  
                         Cole Schlag

January 31     Caleb Clementich  
                         Carson Nett



## GLENBURN NEWS

**Confirmation Classes:** Class is cancelled on January 6<sup>th</sup>. No Class January 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Class on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4-5:30pm GLB.

**Bible Study:** January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm GLB.

**Ruth Circle:** Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm GLB.

**Annual Meeting:** January 24<sup>th</sup> following the 11am service. Our worship service will be short, and we will move directly into the annual meeting after. Please attend if you are able. We will spread out as much as possible, and we encourage you to wear masks for the meeting. Please get your annual reports to the church office as soon as possible.

**Glenburn Food Pantry:** Our Pantry could use syrup, pancake mix, gravy jelly, peanut butter, Hamburger Helpers, soups of any kind, and toiletries. Any non-perishable food, paper products, and monetary donations are always greatly appreciated. There is a cart in the back of the church. Thanks for donating. We NEED Plastic Bags. Contact Andrea Boschert or Michelle Peters with any questions. Clothes Closet: If you have anything to drop for clothing, please call Michelle Peters at 701-578-4285.

**Food Pantry & Clothing Closet Dates:** Is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Backpack for Buddies Program:** Is a program that will feed a student in need of food for the weekend. Non-perishable and easy to make foods needed. Examples are: Oatmeal packs, veg. and fruit cups, mac n cheese cups, jellies, tuna packs, ramen noodles granola bars, etc.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, it costs \$340.00 per year. We currently have 26 students we are helping.

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## PARISH NEWS

**Sunday Service:** Time change for Worship on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Glenburn @ 9am and Lansford @ 11am. Lansford Annual Meeting will follow the 11am service.

**Secretary Hours:** Our parish secretary, Ramanda Nash, will be in the office from 12 pm - 3 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 10 am - 2 pm on Thursdays. If you need anything from the Church office outside of office hours, please feel free to call or text Pastor at (701) 833-1701.

# Prayer Ventures for January 2021

**1** Give thanks and praise that God knows intimately our complexities, failures, accomplishments, questions, goals and hopes, and still looks upon us with loving kindness, newness and a desire for us to thrive as individuals and communities.

**2** Pray for our companion churches and international leaders as they confront multiple waves of the pandemic. Ask the Spirit to fill them with hope, resilience and reassurance that our faith in the presence and love of God, which we share as siblings in Christ, will unify us in caring for one another and in doing God's work in the world, using our diverse gifts, cultures, languages, resources and perspectives in every circumstance.

**3** Give thanks and praise to God that we are children of God, knowing and testifying to the good news that Jesus Christ became flesh and lived among us, and that we have seen the glory of God's only son, full of grace and truth for the world.

**4** *National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month* We remember and pray for victims of sex trafficking, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and forced labor in our nation and around the world, and we ask God's guidance in caring for victims and actively working to end this abuse, injustice and oppression.

**5** Pray for Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, members of the ELCA Church Council and the Conference of Bishops. Give thanks for their humble service, their faith in Christ, their leadership and gifts, and their commitment to wrestle with difficult decisions and issues for the sake of the church and the world.

**6** *Epiphany* As people of faith, we are not immune from wondering about God, Jesus Christ and the Spirit. Pray that God will be patient with us, illuminating the truth of who we are as baptized children of God and the reality and certainty of the good news of Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, our Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and teacher.

**7** As the pandemic continues, pray for doctors, nurses, emergency responders and health care workers who need renewal, strength and our gratitude and recognition as they continue to serve at great personal risk and sacrifice for the sake of our health and well-being.

**8** Give thanks for the people in our lives who inspire hope, faith and courage, and whose words and actions touch us, teach us the meaning of grace and move us to become bearers of mercy in the world.

**9** In Christ we have received forgiveness of our sins and salvation through God's unfathomable grace, showered upon us every day. Praise God!

**10** Give thanks for God's love and forgiveness in baptism, which marks the beginning of our journey with our siblings in Christ to share the good news, serve all people, grow the church and strive for peace and justice in the world.

**11** Pray for parents, students, employees and business owners whose plans and routines change day by day and week by week due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, that they might be hopeful, resilient and able to adapt, change and endure.



**12** Pray for our faith-based schools, early childhood education programs and day care centers as they provide experiential education, social interaction, stability and calm for the youngest of our children, who are often most vulnerable during times of uncertainty and anxiety.

**13** God is mighty, majestic and eternal throughout the universe, generously sharing strength and blessings with us. Give glory and thanks to God, and shout for joy!

**14** Ask God to help us practice justice, generosity and care for creation, sharing our resources with others who have few or who have lost resources or productive land as a result of natural and human-caused disasters.

**15** Pray for the young adults who have applied for a yearlong journey in international service with our companion churches and organizations through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program, which will resume in 2021-2022 after a time of sabbath during the pandemic.

**16** Thank God for our special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

**17** Jesus invited Philip to follow him as a disciple, and Philip, in turn, invited Nathanael. Ask God to help us be faithful followers, students and, at the same time, disciples eager to invite others to join in God's good work in the world.

**18** *Martin Luther King Day* Today we remember the life, ministry, sacrifice and activism of Martin Luther King Jr. Pray that his life and the legacies of others who have

fought for civil rights and social reform will inspire our own commitment and persistence in working for racial justice, dismantling racism and combating white supremacy.

**19** We may argue about what is legal, what we are entitled to or what we have the right to do with our bodies and lives. But Paul reminds us that we have been made one with the body and spirit of Christ; we "were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." Pray that the Spirit will guide us to live with humility and deference for who we are in Christ and in obedience to the ways and desires of God.

**20** *Inauguration Day* As members of society and the church who represent varied political affiliations and perspectives, pray together for our nation's newly elected president and vice president, that the Spirit will grant them wisdom, strength, commitment to serving all people, a deep understanding of justice and mercy, and the courage to enact change for the well-being of our communities and nation.

**21** Pray for the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering, an online event happening right now that gathers ELCA World Hunger leaders for learning, networking, sharing ideas and planning for our common ministry to address hunger and its root causes.

**22** Pray for reconciliation, understanding and renewal in our divided nation so that we might work together for justice, compassion and generosity, serving our neighbors in need and the well-being of our communities as they struggle with vexing, deep-rooted problems. Ask the Spirit to inspire and guide our lives so that our values, decisions, actions and words reflect the gospel, the teachings of Jesus and the ways of God, who is good, gracious, merciful and just.

**23** Praise God that, as small and insignificant as we might be in the vast universe, we are wonderfully made and God knows every little thing about us and our human ways.

**24** In Scripture we read about Jesus' simple, personal and compelling invitations to Simon, Andrew, James, John and the other disciples to drop everything and follow him. Pray that when God calls us to follow and serve, we will respond with faith and trust, even if we do not yet know where God is leading us or what God is calling us to do.

**25** Pray for ministries, nonprofit organizations and agencies that serve the daily needs of communities, families and individuals; pursue justice and equity; build resilience to cope with disasters and crises; accompany immigrants and refugees; and bring the hope and love of Christ where there is despair and weariness.

**26** When, like Jonah, we are reluctant to forgive, practice mercy or share the gospel with those we deem undeserving, ask the Spirit to help us discern God's ways, grace and mercy for all people, and to act boldly without personal bias.

**27** *Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith* Praise God for the witness and ministry of women of the early church.

Give thanks for women of all ages and backgrounds who, responding to God's call, continue to use their gifts, life experiences, knowledge and passions to grow the church, serve all people and be bearers of hope and healing in the world.

**28** Give thanks for the Lutheran liturgy and worship practices that equip us for daily life, helping us to praise God, listen to God's word and experience unity in the body of Christ.

**29** Give thanks for the self-sacrificing generosity of people who demonstrate their gratefulness for God's gift of life and their concern for their neighbors' well-being by donating blood, plasma and even organs.

**30** Remember in prayer those who continue to struggle with unemployment, underemployment and job searching as a result of the economic and health impacts of COVID-19.

**31** Though our creeds do not speak of Jesus' teachings, miracles or example, give thanks that, through Scripture, the Spirit reveals Jesus to be the source of our redemption and a trustworthy guide, instructing us how to live with one another, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world today.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Pastor Martha is out of town January 3-6 for continuing ed.					1	2
3 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am	4	5	6 Confirmation Cancelled	7 Bible Study 6:30pm GLB	8	9
10 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am	11	12	13 No Confirmation	14 Bible Study 6:30pm GLB	15	16
17 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am	18	19 Ruth Circle 2pm	20 Confirmation 4-5:30pm GLB	21 Bible Study 6:30pm GLB	22	23
24 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am Glenburn Annual Meeting after 11am service	25	26	27 Confirmation 4-5:30pm GLB	28 Bible Study 6:30pm GLB	29	30
31 GLB Worship 9am LFD Worship 11am Lansford Annual Meeting after 11am service.						

Metigoshe Ministries is Adventure Anchored In Christ where people experience and celebrate the gifts of God in a life together.

# Metigoshe

monthly update



January 2021



## Register for Camp on January 1

The time is here again for campers to register for summer camp! Camp is for everyone...grandparents and grandkids, parents and their children, teenagers and elementary students! Go online to [www.MetigosheMinistries.com](http://www.MetigosheMinistries.com) and register today. Due to the unknown with Covid-19, camp capacities will be limited and we anticipate camp will fill quickly. Because of this, we are encouraging everyone to register as soon as possible. If a camp is full, please still register and you will be placed on the waiting list. If restrictions are lifted, we will increase our capacities and will register those on the waiting list by the order they were received.

Our popular Earlybird Discount is available again this year. If registrations are received on or before Friday, March 19, campers will have their choice of \$20 off the registration fee OR \$10 off PLUS a cool, one-of-a-kind T-Shirt. Families sending more than one camper will also be eligible for our family discount.

Register today! If you have any questions, please email [registrar@metigosheministries.com](mailto:registrar@metigosheministries.com). We can't wait to see everyone at camp this summer!

## 2021 Summer Camp Dates

Mark your calendars! 2021 Summer Camp dates are listed below, so start planning your summer schedule now. There is a camp for every age group. Need more information? Head to our website and see more detailed information on each camp.

Day Play (2nd & 3rd)	July 1-2, 11-12, 25-26, Aug. 5-6
Trailblazers (4th & 5th)	June 13-16, June 27-30, July 11-14
Trailblazers (cont.)	July 25-28, August 1-4, August 8-11
Pioneers (6th & 7th)	June 20-25, August 1-6, August 8-13
Homestead (7th & 8th)	July 11-14, July 25-28
Discoverers (8th-10th)	June 20-25, August 8-13
Stargazers (8th-10th)	August 1-6
Infinity (8th-10th)	July 18-23
Seek Week (10th & 11th)	June 20-25, August 1-6
Explorers (12th & College)	June 13-18
Voyageurs	June 14-17, June 28-July 1,
Voyageurs (cont.)	July 5-8, July 19-22
Confirmation Camp	June 27-July 2
Ojibwa Week	July 5-8
Voyageur Partners (9th-12th)	July 18-23
City Trek (9-12)	July 25-31
Grandparents Camp	June 20-22, June 23-25, June 27-29,
GP Camp (cont.)	July 18-20, July 25-27
Family Camp	June 27-29, July 11-13
Trinity Youth Camp	July 14-18, July 28-August 1

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Work Day	June 5
Quilt Auction	June 26
CIII Appreciation Picnic	June 26
Women's Day Out	July 27



## Camp Metigoshe Summer Staff

Are you looking for a summer "job" that allows you an opportunity to make a difference in kids' lives?

What would it be like to have a summer job where you get to grow as a leader, make a difference in people's lives and be outside in God's great creation? Join the team of over 45 young adult leaders in a summer full of adventure and make-life long memories at Camp Metigoshe.

We would love to visit with you about serving Camp Metigoshe on summer staff. For more information on the positions available, please call Katie Vogel at 701.263.4788 or email [program@metigosheministries.com](mailto:program@metigosheministries.com). An exciting Adventure Anchored in Christ is awaiting you.

Please go to [www.MetigosheMinistries.com](http://www.MetigosheMinistries.com) or call 701.263.4788 to register for a retreat.