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Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."





SPECIAL DAYS FOR JANUARY 2024

New Year's Day	January 1, 2024
Epiphany	January 6, 2024
Baptism of the Lord	January 7, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 15, 2024
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 18-25, 2024

Epiphany



Perugino: *Adoration of the Magi*

Adoration of the Magi, oil on wood by Perugino, c. 1496–98; in the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Rouen, France.

Epiphany, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, “manifestation”), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are

Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.



Baptism of Christ

Baptism of Christ, fresco by Fra Angelico, c. 1438–45; in the Museum of San Marco, Florence.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ’s birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ’s birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence

that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.

In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honour of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.



Timket

Ethiopian Orthodox priest celebrating Epiphany (*Timket*), in Gonder, Ethiopia.

Ethiopian Orthodox Christians celebrate Epiphany, or *Timket*, with a major festival that begins the night before, on *Ketera* (January 18). In honour of Christ's baptism, celebrants escort a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, a *tabot*, to a local body of water with great ceremony. The night is spent in prayer and hymn services. The following morning the congregation is blessed with holy water, and the *tabot* is brought back

to its church in a colourful procession.

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January
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Chips Paulson	Jan. 3
Steve Schunk	Jan. 3
Billie Miller	Jan. 7
Sue Gathmann	Jan. 8
Ruth Ann Kamerad	Jan. 8
Ron Wilke	Jan. 14
Mark Mayeau	Jan. 17
Kelly Wheeler	Jan. 19

ANNIVERSARIES

No known Anniversaries this month

Scripture readings for January

Jan. 7 - Baptism of the Lord

Gen. 1:1-5 *and Ps. 29*; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Jan. 14 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20) *and Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18*; 1 Cor.6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Jan. 21 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10 *and Ps. 62:5-12*; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 28 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 18:15-20 *and Ps. 111*; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Session Meeting December 19, 2023

Present: Reverend Richard Blood, moderator, Kathy LaBarge, Mary Jane Stevens, Ralph Kerler, Owen Karlmann, Tom Gelwicks, Steve Schunk, Glenn Morrison, and Bill Raduege.

Absent: Jill Consie

After determining a quorum Reverend Blood called the meeting to order at 11:00 with prayer.

Motion by Steve Schunk, seconded by Ralph Kerler to approve the minutes from November 19, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Copy of report attached.

Clerk's Report –Letter received from Kathy LaBarge to resign her position on the session. The letter was acknowledged and approved by the session.

Mission –The rest of the mission monies have been sent out.

Pastor Report – There is the possibility of a highly qualified person available to us in the Spring.

Buildings and Grounds – As Tom Gelwicks is leaving, Ron Wilke will step in to help.

Motion made by Glenn Morrison, seconded by Steve Schunk to pay Christmas bonus' the same as last year. Motion carried.

Stewardship – There was a discussion on the membership pledges. It was decided that Steve Schunk will write a letter and give it to Glenn Morrison for mailing.

Old Business – Motion by Glenn Morrison, seconded by Ralph Kerler to pay Kathy Smith the additional amount for preaching. Motion carried.

New Business – A discussion on what is going to happen over the next several months. There is a candidate who is extremely interested and may be willing to do stated supply.

Next session meeting will be January 10,2024 at 9:30. It will be the Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion made to adjourn made by Glenn Morrison and seconded by MaryJane Stevens. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 12:07 with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session



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