

1/1 Epiphany Sunday - No communion this Sunday, but we will have a Missionary report

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Scripture: Romans 11:33-12:2

Title: *New Year Transformation*

Topic: Paul encourages us to be transformed, not conformed to the world. How might 2023 be a year of transformation?

1/8 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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Scripture: Matthew 3: 13-17

Title: *Chosen, Baptized, Called*

Topic: Betty Weiser will be preaching. She requests that we include *The Summons*, #2130 in the Faith We Sing

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

Title: *From Seeing to Believing, From Believing to Seeing*

Topic: Bob Weiser will be preaching

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Scripture: Matthew 15:1-14

Title: *Blind Faith*

Topic: A famous verse by Paul says that “We walk by faith, not by sight.” (2Cor 5:7). Thus, we tend to think of blind faith as a good thing. But, Jesus is not so positive about it. I’ll make a case that living by faith is not blind faith, rather it is seeing with God’s vision.

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Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Title: *Do Justice, Be Kind, Walk Humbly with God*

Topic: Bob and Betty Weiser will preach together by presenting a dialogue.

2/5 Communion Sunday

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Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Title: *Fulfilled*

Topic: Jesus admonished his Jewish contemporaries for not being salt and light. Then he speaks directly about his own mission to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. What does it mean to full the Law? It means to be salt and light. At today's sacrament, let us remember that the Law is fulfilled. Let us receive salt and light, that we may be salt and light.

2/12 Superbowl Sunday

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Scripture: Philippians 4b-11

Title: *Winners or Losers*

Topic: Today is Superbowl Sunday once again! As usual, I'll try to make a comparison to a Biblical theme. Paul was once a winner! He was on top of the religious rankings for his league. Now he considers all that to be rubbish—he's scrapping his trophy for MVP. What could make him do such a thing...?

2/19 Transfiguration Sunday

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Scripture: Matthew 17:1-8

Title: *Transfigured*

Topic: There are several traditional ways of looking at this passage. Jesus is over the Law and the Prophets—hence Moses and Elijah. We can focus on the confusion and fear of the disciples. We can cast our gaze upon the clothing turned whitest white. I wonder what God sees when he looks upon us. Does he see our destiny as children of God, or does he focus on our confusion and fears? I trust God sees us transfigured...Oh, for eyes to see....

2/26 1st Sunday in Lent

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Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-10

Sermon: *What do you see?*

Topic: Last week, I asked the rhetorical question, what does God see when God looks at us. Today, the question is, what do we see. Lent is a time for breaking away from distractions and looking for God in the world around us. It is a time for devoting our time as well as our attention to what is most important.

3/5 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Scripture: John 19:38-42

Title: *Secret Disciples*

Topic: John describes Joseph and Nicodemus as secret disciples—at least until they went to ask for the body of Jesus. The world is full of secret disciples for various reasons—some reasons better than others. Secret disciples all have a common destiny—God will call them out! We live in a land where we are free to worship. Let us not be secret disciples.

3/12 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Title: *Peace with God*

Topic: What is peace with God?

3/19 4th Sunday of Lent

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Scripture: 1Samuel 1-7

Title: *Beautiful People*

Topic: God told Samuel that God doesn't judge the attractiveness of a person the same way mortals do. Rather, God looks at the heart of a person. In our culture we spend a lot of time and resources on physical beauty. What might be some spiritual beauty treatments?

3/26 5th Sunday of Lent

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Scripture: John 10:1-10

Title: *Shepherds and Sheep*

Topic: Jesus says that we are a lot like sheep, and indeed we are.... One problem today is that there are so many claiming to be shepherds. How do we avoid following the evil one? By listening to the voice of Jesus