


January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 6 PM worship service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	15	16			19	20
21 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship Potluck Annual meeting	22	23			26	27
28 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	29	30	31			

Altar Guild- volunteer
 Cleaning- Pat & Al Meyer
 Potluck- everyone

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Up Coming Events

1st Sunday of the month
Worship with Communion at 6 PM

Other Sunday's
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Services at 10:30 AM

January 7
Worship with Communion at 6 PM

January 14
Worship at 10:30am
Sunday School 9:30am

January 21
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am
Potluck
Annual meeting

January 28
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

Shut In's

Please remember our shut-in's n prayer with a note or visit. Days are long for them, they love to hear from you. Those that are shut-ins: Tom Lechleitner, Laura Weber-Meyers (Howard & Bonnie's daughter), Gary Weber (Howard & Bonnie's Son), Pete Skille, Jacob Skille, Carol Bolstad, Al Meyer. If I have forgotten or missed someone please let me know.

Finances

In order to keep the congregation better informed the council decided to publish the finances each month. We need \$300 per Sunday to meet our budget. This Figure is arrived at by dividing the budget by 52 Sundays.

Income for August (Last Month Available to be Published)

November 5 \$395.00	November 19 \$160.00
November 12 \$66.30	November 26 \$96.65

Communion

We will have communion on the Sunday's/Other Services when we have an ordained minster with us. On other Sunday's Jason Meyer or Richard Pulcher will be serving us, no communion on these Sunday's. Those serving us and communion dates are subject to change.

Visitation

At this time we do not have a full time pastor. If you would like a visit from a pastor or are in need of other services, Jason Meyer has agreed to be the primary contact at this time. His home phone s 715-644-0382, cell 715-703-9071. He will make arrangements for you.

Annual meeting

Annual meeting is January 21st. Reports will be due no later then the Friday January 19th before the meeting to Andrea.

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany means “appearance or manifestation.” Throughout the world, Christians celebrate it on January 6 - 12 days after Christmas Day. Many countries refer to it as “[Three Kings Day](#).” On this day, Western Christianity recognizes Christ’s manifestation to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were represented when The Magi visited the child Jesus and showed how God’s gift of the Good News is for everyone. [Eastern Christianity](#) observes Jesus’ baptism on this day. His baptism revealed his identity to mankind. Epiphany celebrates God revealing himself to the world in the East or the West.

The Origin of Epiphany


To understand Epiphany’s origin, we need to look at the Church Calendar's history. In the first century, the earliest Christians set aside one day a week as the Lord’s Day. We observe this day on Sunday. In the second century, they established Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Lent was a period of time set aside for penitence and the training of new Christians. Easter observed Christ’s death and celebrated His Resurrection, followed by Pentecost, where the church focused on triumph and victory.

In the third century, the early Church leaders established Epiphany. This holiday celebrates and recognizes Christ’s birth, baptism, the adoration of magi, and the first miracle at Cana. It wasn’t until the end of the fourth century that early Christians began observing Christmas and Advent. Christmas became the time to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Advent is the four-week period of time before Christmas. It is used to prepare hearts to receive Jesus.

As we can see, Epiphany originated from the earliest Church leaders and has a spiritual meaning. The Church Year begins at Advent. From then, through Pentecost, Christians concentrated on the life and work of Christ. For the rest of the year—Pentecost to Advent—the church year focuses on the teachings of Christ and their applications to the Christian life. The ultimate purpose of the church calendar ensured that Christians covered the entire breadth and depth of the [Gospel](#) in the course of a year. The six-month period from Advent to Pentecost covers all six major events: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost



Anniversary's, Birthday's, Baptism's, Confirmation's January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 Baptism Jarrod Kulesa	9 Birthday Marcus Meyer	10 Birthday Jade Fredrickson	11	12 Birthday Frankie Mae Haas	13	
14	15	16			18 Birthday Hazel Ann Kippley	19	20
21 Birthday Masen Fredrickson Baptism Amanda Hecker	22	23 Birthday Allen Bolstad Samantha Kinas Confirmation Joe Lodahl	24 Birthday Blaine Hulle	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				