

Augsburg Church

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						1 (A) Ron & Debbie Harmeier 66 (B) Lisa Smith
2	3 (A) Carla & Judd Newcomb 04	4 (B) Madeline Gladson	5	6 (B) Alex Gladson	7 (B) Caryl Hickerson	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 (B) Keith Torbeck
16 (B) Molly Hickerson (B) Ryan Schaal	17	18 (B) Shawn Cripe	19 (B) Diana Bauer	20 (B) Brandi Cripe (B) Susan Williams	21	22
23	24 (B) Ron Harmeier	25 (B) David Wasmuth	26	27	28	29
30	31 (B) Jacob Smith					

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January, 2022

Dearly Beloved,

On January 6, the thirteenth day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Epiphany of Our Lord. It's the day we remember the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12). While we will not have a service that day, we still do well to remember the day, at least in our personal or family devotions.

Why would we want to remember that day? Well, it's the day we remember the revelation, the epiphany, of our Lord to the gentiles. Those magi had seen the star that appeared when Jesus was born. By God's grace, they determined that it signified the birth of the King of the Jews. Perhaps they had heard the prophecies from the Israelite exiles in Babylon years before. So when they saw the star, they wanted to pay homage to that King.

Of course, it took a while to travel from the east to Judea, possibly a year or more.

And while they sought Him, they didn't know where they might find Him. So they went to Jerusalem, the capital city of Judea. And when they arrived and inquired where the King might be found, Herod was distressed. He would not allow a possible rival to live. Yet, he didn't know where to look either.

So he called the chief priests and the scribes to ask where the Christ was to be born. The only way they might know was it was prophesied by Micah. They had to consult the Scriptures, the Word of God. It was only by God's revelation that they would be directed to the Christ-Child.

The magi, non-Israelites, believed that Word, and went to Bethlehem. They were guided by the star according to God's will. And when they found the Child, they rejoiced. They had sought the King of the Jews, the Christ, and found Him by following God's Word. "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11).

Of course, gold is a gift for a King. The frankincense reminds us that Jesus is divine. When the Israelites offered their sacrifices, they were often accompanied by incense. Furthermore, the Psalmist writes, "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" (Ps. 141:2). That verse is used in Vespers, the evening prayer service. And myrrh was an aromatic resin used in preparing a body for burial. So, it reminds us that the Child the see and worship would die, thus pointing us ahead to Good Friday.

Then, being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went home another way.

It is most certainly good to seek Jesus, but only where He has promised to be found—in His Word and Sacraments. That's why it's so important to have personal/family devotions each day and to attend and participate in the Divine Service each week. For that is where He is revealed to us as God and Man, our Prophet, Priest, and King, our Good Shepherd, our Savior, our Lord. No, we will not find Him as the magi did, but we will most certainly see Him by faith as He is revealed to us. That's what His epiphany is all about.

Since the house in which Jesus was found by the magi was blessed by the presence of Jesus, so the Church observes the custom of blessing homes during the Epiphany season. It's a tangible way to think of our homes as being blessed by Jesus. Such a house blessing is a short time of hearing God's Word and praying in your home so that, as God is continually present in your life, you would recognize that He comes to you in blessing in your home and in all you do. If you would like such a house blessing, please let me know and I will be happy to serve you.

Jesus has indeed promised, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." He is indeed with you, bringing you life, forgiveness, and salvation!"

God grant you very blessed and joyous Epiphany season.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor

P.S. Kathy and I thank all who sent cards, gave gifts and encouragement. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. We love you and appreciate you.

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Officer Installation – Jan. 2 during service

Council Meeting – Jan. 5th @ 7:00 pm.

Voter's Meeting – Jan. 9th after the service

March for Life - If you would like to attend the March for Life in Chicago on Saturday, January 8, 2022, a bus will run from Holy Cross, Vandalia. Please see the flyer and registration blanks on the bulletin board.

Rural King Church Week was Dec. 9th – 24th. Rural King will donate 10% of qualified purchases to our Church. You may give your receipts to Scott Torbeck to submit online.

Receipts must be submitted by Jan. 7th, 2022. Scott will return the receipts back to you, if you wish. Thanks for your support.

Thank you for all the prayers, visits and cards for Verna Spoto & myself. Keith Cole & Family

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

A discussion was held concerning the treasurer's position. Scott Torbeck will no longer be able to continue these duties after this 2022 term. We ask that someone from the congregation step up and take over this position while there is time to work with Scott in the 4th quarter of 2022 to learn the system. Please consider this and let one of the elders or Scott know that you are interested.

Trimming Stamps for Mites -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

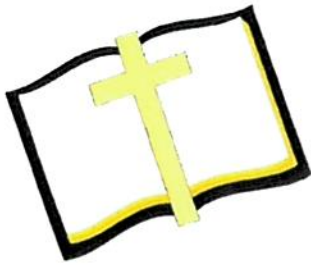
Augsburg is collecting Christian materials, Bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

Church Closings Update – Church closings will be announced on the Augsburg Facebook page. Closings will also be announced on local radio stations. Scott will send Church closing via text, if you would like that also. If you would like a phone call, please contact Pastor or an Elder with the number they can contact you with.

Name:

Date:



Christian Word Search Puzzle

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Abraham

David

Jesus

Elijah

Joshua

Samson

Noah

Joseph

Philemon

Galatians

Babel

Heaven

Israel

Jerusalem

Salvation

Sacrifice

Baptize

Gentile

Faith

Persecute

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