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Jan. 17 ~ Isa 62:1-5, Ps 36:5-10, 1 Cor 12:1-11, John
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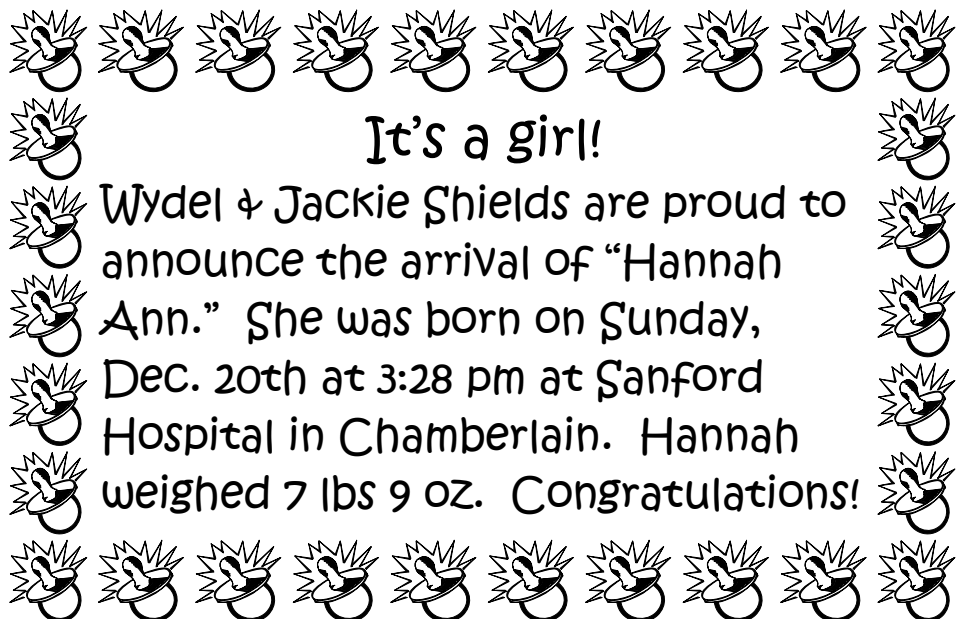
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The Pastor's Column

CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

Many years ago when the church developed its calendar of worship, it was only natural that it would remember the great events associated with the life of Jesus Christ. The important thing to them was that God had come into the world in Christ, the Savior.

Therefore, the first celebrations of the birth of Jesus were not limited to his birthday, but stressed his coming to be the Light of the World. The stories that grew up around him included both his birth in the stable at Bethlehem and the coming of the wise men from the East (Gentiles), who recognized him not only as the Savior of Israel but of all humanity.

These celebrations combined the birth and Epiphany (the showing forth of Christ to the Gentiles). In some parts of the Christian world the Epiphany season and its celebrations are regarded as more important than Christ's birth. In fact Epiphany was celebrated in the Christian church before the date for Christmas was set. The word "Epiphany" means "an appearance" and usually refers to the divine appearance of God in Jesus, God's son. Epiphany celebrates the fact that God came to earth in a human form (Incarnation). The date of Epiphany is January 6.

The season of Epiphany can last for as many as six weeks. Since the length of the season has to be figured backward from the date of Easter in any given year, through the forty days of Lent, and three Sundays in pre-Lent, the length of the season of Epiphany will vary.

Throughout the eight days of "Epiphany" the color is white (eight days from January 6 to 13). Thereafter Epiphany's color is green. Traditionally the Gospel readings for these Sundays emphasize the various events in which Jesus seemed to be showing forth his Divinity: as a child in the Temple, in the appearance of the dove at his baptism, at the marriage in Cana, in the healing of the lepers, and at the time of judgment.

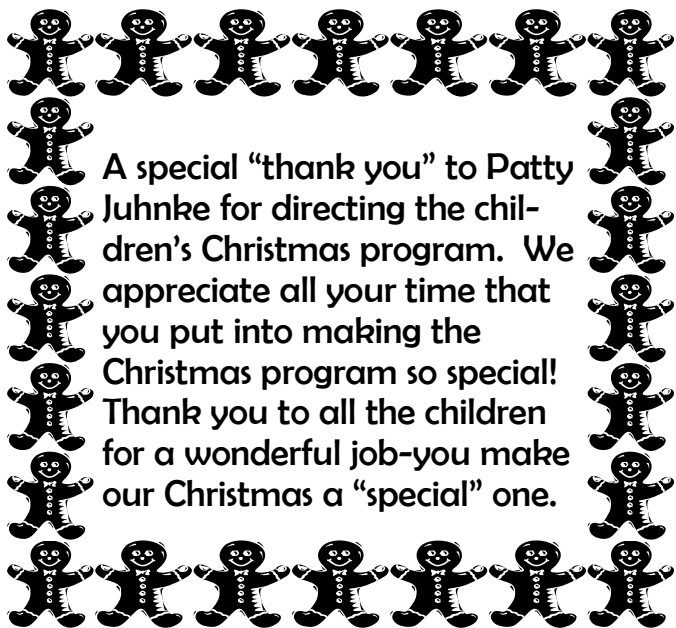
During this season of Epiphany, the season which follows Christmas, we the church are reminded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that he was sent among us to show us what God is like. The emphasis during Epiphany is always on the glory of Christ's appearing. Thus, we Christians who know our faith can proclaim our Savior among all of humanity; even as the wise men returned to their own people to tell of the wondrous things they had seen.

Pastor Ellis

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas sacks for the Sunday school children. Thanks also to the Woman's Fellowship, Youth Group and Connie Priebe for purchasing items to go in the sacks!

I would also like to thank all who provided for the Christmas sacks that went to Ft Thompson; Woman's Fellowship, Youth Group, Wes Schub and the Mission Board. It was very nice to "spread the love and cheer" during the holiday!

Thank you to Diane Hieb for assembling the sacks and thank you, Ty Lloyd, Devin Adcock, Jacob Steckelberg, Alayna Steckelberg, Matthew Steckelberg and Carrie Kickland for helping to finish assembling the Christmas sacks. Your caring, enthusiastic help was greatly appreciated! You put a smile on another child's face this Christmas and for that you can be proud. It is youth like you that is/and will make a difference!



A special "thank you" to Patty Juhnke for directing the children's Christmas program. We appreciate all your time that you put into making the Christmas program so special! Thank you to all the children for a wonderful job-you make our Christmas a "special" one.

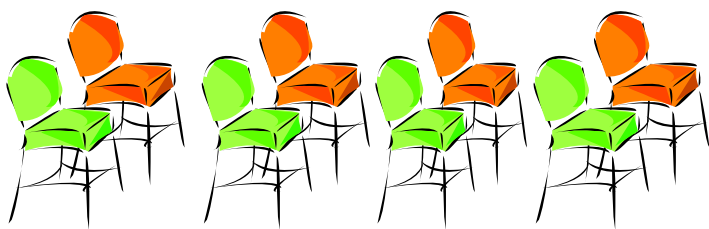
Reminder!

There are Woman's Fellowship cookbooks for sale, they are \$8.50. These cookbooks have some great recipes in them and would be a great gift or to add to your own collection.

~Also remember to purchase your cards from the church. There are some new and some recycled. They cost anywhere from .10-.50 cents and the money goes towards the church or to a good cause!

~There are also 7 "Community Calendar's" left in the office to purchase. They are made by our own "Calendar Girl's" and cost \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00. This money also goes to a good cause!

Thank you to these committees for their hard work and dedication and also for your support!



Nice chairs....comfortable chairs....safe chairs! That is what we now have in the Fellowship Hall and in the Fireside Room. Thank you Alyce Steckelberg for "heading up" this project, and thanks to Midwest Supply for their help with the chairs!

Now, for all the people that helped in bringing the "200 and some chairs" from Midwest Supply to the church, unloading, unpacking, sorting old chairs, setting up new chairs and even organizing the whole project...thank you, thank you, thank you! Jason, Tyler & Makenzie Sorenson, Bill Hansen, Dale & Sandi Knippling, Barry & Deb Swanson, Tom & Cheryl Carruthers, Bob & Cheryl Augspurgen, Ty Lloyd, Diane Hieb, Mandy Juhnke, Judy Houska, Lynn & Levi Miller and Julie Mertz. It was a big job but we did it together!

Thank you to all who made monetary donations to purchase the chairs, it is appreciated!

Thanks Diane Hieb for the meal you prepared for the workers...it was delicious and thoughtful.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above." ~James 1:17

UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

Pastor Ellis Carr II
 Lynn Miller, Secretary
 Sheryl Larson, Diaconate
 Gary Biskeborn, Trustee
 Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator
 Diane Hieb, Women's Fellowship

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
 Jane Cameron, Organist
 Connie Priebe, Religious Education
 Janine Betts, Memorial Committee
 Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations
 Lynn Miller, Youth Group

Helping in January . . .

Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner
Are member's of the Power's circle.

Ushers

Wes Schaub, Doug Johnson,
 Stewve Dominiack and Gary Feltman

Chancel Arrangements

Andrea Schaub

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Date	Attendance
Dec. 6	106
Dec. 13	125
Dec. 20	165
Dec. 24	201
Dec. 27	35

General Fund Collections & expenses	November:	Year To Date
Revenue: Pledges & Loose Offering	\$10,769.69	\$102,307.14
Expenses: General operating	\$11,017.13	\$111,096.39
Net cash flow	-\$ 247.44	-\$ 8,789.25

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me." ~Erma Bombeck

EVERY DAY IS CHRISTMAS

Every day is Christmas when you have the kind of mind,
 That stores up all the goodness and the sweetness it can find.
 When you don't need an occasion, to spread a bit of cheer,
 But just keep on a-giving, of yourself throughout the year.

Every day is Christmas, with a gaily wrapped surprise,
 When you've learned to see the friendship, in someone else's eyes.
 When you try a little harder, and complain a little less,
 Holding fast to all the fervor of the faith that you possess.

Every day is Christmas, when you've found that you can be
 More concerned with words like "you" and less with "I" and "me."
 When it's fun to do a favor, and to lend a helping hand,
 When being understood means less, than when you understand.

Every day is Christmas, with a beauty deeply cast,
 When you find it doesn't matter, if you're first or if you're last.
 When you can face your conscience, and be glad of what you are,
 Then every day is Christmas, with a stable and a star.

-- Author Unknown

From the secretary's desk...

Happy New Year! Did you make new "New Year" resolutions? Good luck with them if you did!

I can't believe a year has gone by and it's time to start thinking about the youth group's "Souper Bowl Sunday," Super Bowl is on Sunday, Feb. 7th this year. The youth will lead the worship service on this day and also prepare and serve a meal following worship, (the meal is free-will donation.) We usually take a "Soup Kettle" offering and the kids decide where/who they would like it to go to. So, youth get ready for this event and adults mark your calendar to come worship and eat with us!

I would like to thank the youth of our church for all they have done so far in/with the Youth Group and with the Sunday school. They are some amazing kids and so ready to jump-in-and- help." Thanks to the parents for your support and encouragement also, kids sometimes need a little "boost" when it comes to "church stuff." Unfortunately, church is usually the first thing to get cut when there are to many things going on, and I thank you for your support! Thanks also to the church members for their support, without you it would be really tough!

We all have to work together and set an example to the youth as they are our future!

On that final note, I hope you had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~Lynn

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

~1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NRSV

The only people who never fail are those who never try. ~Ilka Chase



Jan. 1 Amy Blum	✓
Jan. 2 Kim Gullickson	✓
Jan 3 Alice Schochenmaier	✓
Jan. 4 Jack Mueller	✓
Jan. 5 Alyce Steckelberg	✓
Jan. 5 Nancy Tichy	✓
Jan. 6 Berniece Kindt, Alexa Petersen	✓
Jan. 7 Dee Handel	✓
Jan. 8 Lowell Carlson	✓
Jan. 10 Lane Shroyer, Gerry Steckelberg	✓
Jan. 12 Jayd Chmela, Alona Petersen	✓
Jan. 15 Wayne Johnson, Sarah Vehle	✓
Jan. 19 Michaela Rinehart	✓
Jan. 20 Haley Graves	✓
Jan. 22 Jesse Rose, Andrew Steckelberg, Katelyn Steckelberg	✓
Jan. 23 Laura Hutmacher	✓
Jan. 24 Holly Mosterd	✓
Jan. 25 Jim Glaus	✓
Jan. 26 Jim Dominiack, Dawson Munger, Kim Selland	✓
Jan. 27 Carla Hubbard	✓
Jan. 28 Kara Schelske, Haley Maxon	✓
Jan. 29 Jo Dooley, Bobbie Schoenfelder, Silvana Niewenhuis	✓
Jan. 30 LaRoy Feltman, Jacob Mutziger	✓
Jan. 31 Betty Ellis, Robert Augspurgen, Sara Moore, Angela Mutziger	✓
Anniversaries	
Jan. 21 Teresa and Clive Bremser	✓
Jan. 25 Vic and Elizabeth Twamley	✓
Jan. 28 Holly and Jason Mosterd	✓

**If you know of any birthdays or anniversaries that should be added or changed, please contact Lynn in the Church Office at 234-5202.*

**During this holiday season please remember our shut-in's, those who are ill, the less-fortunate, those in the Nursing Homes or retirement homes and those in the military and in college.*

December Trustee Meeting and November bill list

December Trustees Meeting Dec. 9, 2009

Present: Roger Burfeindt, Doug Johnson, Gary Biskeborn, Barry Swanson and Ronda Schelske, Sally Reimer, Pastor Ellis
 Absent: Lawrence Pickner and Jeff Tichy

Gary opened the meeting with a prayer and Ronda S. made the motion to approve the minutes for the Nov. 2009 meeting minutes. Doug J. seconded. Carried. Doug J. motioned to approve the Nov.'09 bill list. Seconded by: Barry S. Carried. Old Business: The parsonage still has light switch in the study that is not working, so Pastor will contact Bruce Cozine to look and possibly fix it. New business: The trustee members worked on the 2010 budget for quite awhile then discussed the 2010 pledge card. It should be noted, "prior to your committees purchases please pre-approve all purchases." Doug J. will type up a letter pertaining to the 2010 pledge cards and Lynn will put it in the January newsletter and also put some pledge cards and letter out by the east and west church doors for members to pick up. It was noted that the 2009 Annual meeting would be held on Sunday, January 17th after worship. Cassie Gimble requested the fellowship hall for Aria's birthday party on Sunday, Dec. 13th for a couple hours in the evening. It should also be noted that when the 2009 statements are out someone will hand them out after worship to you and those that aren't picked up will then be mailed. The next meeting was set for January 6th, 2010 at 5:30 pm. in the Fireside Room. The meeting was adjourned by Doug J. then seconded by Gary B. Lynn Miller, secretary

November 2009 bill list

CHECK NO.	PAYEE		GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
9005	pastor Ellis Carr	11/13/2009	1,691.82				1,691.82
9006	pastor Ellis Carr	11/30/2009	1,691.82				1,691.82
9007	pastor Ellis Carr	professional	70.35				70.35
9007	pastor Ellis Carr	2 months internet	67.82				67.82
9007	pastor Ellis Carr	milage	81.90				81.90
9007	pastor Ellis Carr	medical	24.00				24.00
9008	McDorman Service-	tune piano			74.20		74.20
9009	Tim Johnson-	monthly custodial contract	385.00				385.00
9009	Tim Johnson-	1 wedding 3 funerals	225.00				225.00
9010	Jane Cameron-	organist			248.58		248.58
9010	Jane Cameron-	reimburse organ light			160.65		160.65
9011	Lynn Miller-	secretary	596.69				596.69
9012	Bryan and Stephanie Witte-	wedding deposit	150.00				150.00
9032	Petty Cash-	to mail pkg back to UCC press	12.60				12.60
9013	Holly Pusch-	replace lost check/pianist			35.00		35.00
9014	Chamberlain Wholesale-	church supplies	21.15				21.15
9015	Servall-	church rug maintenance	43.01				43.01
9016	Office Products-	contract/supplies	257.25				257.25
9017	Burke Oil Company-	propane	1,722.50				1,722.50
9018	Schmitt Music-	music			56.73		56.73
9019	Northwestern Energy-	church/parsonage	433.99				433.99
9020	Steckelberg & Steckelberg	-church/parsonage	40.55				40.55
9021	Midstate Communication	-church/parsonage	136.61				136.61
9022	The Picket Fence-	1 baby rose	5.30				5.30
9023	Midwest Supply-	portion of chair payment	1,024.75				1,024.75
9024	Close Encounters Ministries	-Sunday school	35.44				35.44
9025	Dakota Milestones-	mailing	57.54				57.54
9026	Hutmacher Drilling	-drain sprinklers	86.73				86.73
9027	United Church Press-	offering envelopes	140.89				140.89
9028	Woman's fellowship-	Lunch for A. Schoenhard fun.	175.00				175.00
9029	Pension Boards-	1st quarter	1,680.35				1,680.35
9030	SD Conference-	OCWM	1,000.00				1,000.00
9030	SD Conference-	Placerville	50.00				50.00
9031	Wells Fargo	payroll tax	133.82		52.84		186.66
TOTALS			12,041.88		628.00		12,669.88

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	4	5	6 *Trustees meet at 5:30 pm *Choir 7:30 Epiphany	7	8	9
10 9-10 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship	11	12	13 *Youth Group 6:00 *choir 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual meet- ing 12:00 pm Carry-in	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20 *Missions 5:00pm *RE 5:30 *diaconate 7:00 *choir 7:30	21	22	23
24 and 31 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship	25	26	27 *Blum, Han- sen & Pow- ers circle's meet *choir 7:30	28	29	30

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held;
Sunday, January 17th, 2010
at 11:30 am

Please join us to hear from the
churches committees and
following there will be food and
fellowship.

Merrill Karlen, moderator

**HAVE A SAFE AND
BLESSED NEW YEAR!**



Notes from the Blum Circle...

The Blum circle met at the Regency Retirement Assisted Living on December 3rd. 16 members were present and answered roll call with a Bible verse and a Christmas saying. Florence Foltz and Ruth Blum were the hostess.

Ruth Blum opened the meeting by reading, "Dear God," patience a great quality and the Lord's plan is worth waiting for. Ruth also read Diane's letter, we discussed names for Christmas giving. A motion was made to replace 2 serving trays in the church kitchen. The Blum circle helped with 3 funerals and Darlene Fees and Ruth Blum served coffee on Dec. 6th. Elaine Stone, Sally Reimer and Bev Feltman served coffee on Dec. 13th. We were hostess for Fellowship and potluck dinner. It was decided that there would be no coffee on Dec. 27th, we also gave a Christmas gift to a shut-in.

Florence Foltz read a true story "Legend of St. Nicholas." Elaine Stone read Helen Steiner Rice, "Unto Us A Child Is Born." Wanda Swanson read, "Angel Choir." Ruth Blum closed with, "White Rose of Christmas" and The Lord's Prayer.

~Bev Feltman, secretary



Old Church Chairs Soon For Sale!

Some of the old wooden and metal folding chairs will soon be for sale. It will be first-come-first-serve and will cost between \$1.00 - \$3.00 each. Please contact Diane Hieb, Sandi Knippling, Sally Reimer or Sherry Hansen from Woman's Fellowship with questions and inquiries.

I like to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in!
~George Washington Carver

12 Reasons To Pray

1. It encourages others.
2. It reminds you of spiritual values.
3. It gives hope.
4. It helps you feel better.
5. It allows you to let go of situations.
6. It provides comfort.
7. It relaxes you and reduces anxiety.
8. It builds faith.
9. It deepens character.
10. It broadens your perspective.
11. It brings you closer to God.
12. It works!

Both Christmas and Epiphany are immersed in the imagery of light:



~Jesus, the Light of the world.

~The Light from the star that led the wise men from the east to Jesus. Did you know that trip took approximately two years? The wise men did not visit Jesus when he was a baby, but rather a toddler.

Epiphany is often the day when the flight of Joseph, Mary and Jesus to Egypt are dealt with because that event was set off by the visit of the wise men to King Herod.