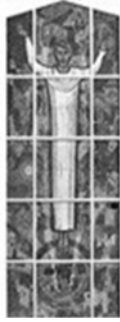


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# 2023

## Pastor's "Lion" Message for January 2023

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,  
On Friday, January 6 the church celebrates the Epiphany of Our Lord, the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi (Wise Men).

The Epiphany is a celebration that has much to teach us:

Historically it is "older" than the celebration of Christmas. Epiphany celebrations date to the third century; Christmas celebrations to the fourth century. When we combine the two (include the wise men the night Jesus is born) we muddy the waters of Christ's coming and cloud the meaning of both Christmas and Epiphany.

The birth of Jesus is announced by a star which the wise men see and follow. Only the magi, not Herod, not Herod's wise men, not the shepherds, see the star. An indication that the Holy Spirit leads us to look for Jesus? The star, like the angel in the Christmas story, is God's "birth announcement".

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## STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey  
Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-1 p.m., & by appointment  
Church Organist: Sam Robinson  
Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment  
Sexton: George Poliska  
By appointment  
Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore  
By appointment  
Administrative Assistant: Joseph Baur  
Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pastor's "Lion" Message for January 2023 (continued)

Jesus is Savior and Lord of all people. The wise men are Gentiles (non-Jews). Jesus has come for all men, women and children.

The gifts of the wise men, and by the way there are three gifts not necessarily three wise men, are not mere trinkets. They symbolize who Jesus is and proclaim what he brings.

**Gold:** Jesus is a King who reigns over a kingdom. This kingdom Jesus brings among us.

**Frankincense:** Jesus is Emmanuel. Frankincense was used as incense to welcome God.

**Myrrh:** Jesus is sacrifice for our sins. Myrrh was used in embalming. A reminder that Jesus will die and rise again.

The Epiphany helps to put Christmas into focus. It proclaims that the baby Jesus of Bethlehem is the Christ who brings us salvation. The Epiphany leads us forth into a new calendar year filled with possibilities and helps us face the future unafraid. God is with us and made manifest among us (manifestation is the meaning of the Greek word, epiphany)!

Happy Epiphany! Happy 2023!

**Grace + Peace,**

**Pastor Brian Vasey**



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently studying, *Living the Kingdom; Reflections on the Small Catechism*. We meet in the Middle Lounge at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome.



## HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sunday, January 1: The Holy Name of Jesus. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP TIME OF 9:30 A.M. ON JANUARY 1. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET ON THIS SUNDAY. Happy 2023!

Monday, January 2: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY.

Sunday, January 8: The Baptism of Our Lord. Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Installation of new Congregational Council Members at both services.

Sunday, January 15, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, January 22, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, January 29, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School, 9:15 a.m.

## NEXT MONTH

February 19, The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School, 9:15 a.m.

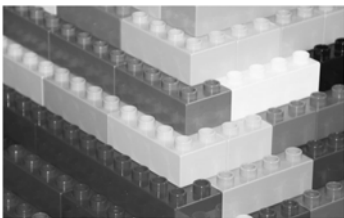
February 21, *Shrove Tuesday*.

February 22, Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion, 12:15 a.m. (Chapel)  
Holy Communion, 7 p.m. (Nave)

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We look forward to continuing the outreach ministry of Operation Christmas Child in 2023, and have set a goal to pack 75 beautiful boxes! These shoeboxes will then be sent to kids around the world toward the end of the year. Monthly collections make this process a little less daunting come November, and we very much appreciate your generous donations throughout the year. In January, we are collecting: **Fun Pads (small, activity pads) Journals/ Small Notebooks Knit Hats T-shirts\* ("Cute" or plain white. Either is fine!) Socks/Undies\*** These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support in helping spread the good news of God's love! \*Just a note ~ the age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 for both boys and girls. This may help with clothing sizes.



Random Bricks  
By  
Joseph Baur



Happy New Year!!

First thank you for all the well-wishes and gifts during the Christmas season. Everyone here is so kind and wonderful. I feel the best gift I have received is being here at St. Mark's and part of this wonderful group of people.

The picture above is Grandview United Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. If you have ever visited Mount Washington, Pittsburgh at night you have seen the cross glowing red, a landmark in Pittsburgh. It is the church I grew up in. December 31, 2022 is the last day the church will be open and will close due to declining membership and needed expensive repairs.

Memories of the Pooh Bears (church basketball team), George Washington Suppers, the Mountain-top Experience (bell choir), Singing in the choir, weekend retreats, performing on stage at the Pie Socials, the amazing Joan Marshall, being allowed to preach during youth Sunday, serving as a Ruling Elder at age 20 and of course all the friends and family that were there.

So I bid farewell to this large part of my life and hope the current membership can continue to do God's work.

*Don't forget the Deadlines for bulletins and newsletter. The bulletins should have any information that needs to be in it by Wednesday of the week before. The deadline for the newsletter should be on the calendar published each month in "The Lion". Thank you to all who supply articles to the newsletter and those who help put it together.*

***My wish for the New Year is health and happiness, peace and love to all . Resolutions are to just do a little better this year and do the same for Saint Mark's.***

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Meeting Minutes

# Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

### “To know Christ and make Christ known”

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on December 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.

Ed Gair led us in opening prayer.

Council recited St. Mark’s mission statement ~ “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

Paper roll call was taken.

**Present:** Bob Campbell, Wanda Fortin, Ed Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Linda Rosini, Mel Wentzel, Glen Yapple, Ralph Zeigler,  
**Pastor Vasey Absent (Excused):** Shelby Weber

#### President’s remarks:

- Thank you to council for work that has been done and work that continues to be done.
- Shared a thank you note from the West Branch Chorale for their use of the Nave for their Christmas concert. A donation was made to St. Mark’s as well.
- Merry Christmas!

**The Secretary’s Report:** for the month of November was approved as submitted.

**The Treasurer’s Report:** A report was not available for this meeting.

**Pastor’s report:** As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

**M(Pam Jensen ~ 2nd Mel Wentzel) SC: CC: 22.12.1** Motion approved to allow Ray Huff to access and use St. Mark’s *Sundays and Seasons* account as he prepares to preach and preside as a lay minister. There is no change in cost for this subscription by allowing Ray access.

#### Committee Reports:

**Evangelism & Fellowship:** Update provided by Linda Rosini, liaison

- As submitted by Becky Miller Pryor.

**Faith Formation:** Update provided by Vicki Haussmann

- A brief, working meeting was held December 1st to prepare for Christmas Eve service.

**Finance:** Update provided by Pam Jensen

- Nothing to report. Next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

**Little Lambs:** Update provided by Wanda Fortin

- Nothing to report

# Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

(continued)

## **Nominating:** Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- The Nominating Committee will meet at 5:15 p.m. prior to the February Council meeting to work on identifying lay delegates to the Annual Synod Assembly and to identify members of the congregation to serve on the Audit Committee.

## **Personnel:** Update provided by Mel Wentzel

- Update given on our new sexton.

## **Property:** Update provided by Ed Gair

- Parking lot lights on east side of building have been repaired.
- Discussion within the committee on possibly leaving lights on in church building to make the building feel more welcoming.
- Explanation as to the difficulty in lighting the stained glass "Christ Triumphant". The possibility of lighting this piece of stained glass was researched several years ago.
- The flood light on the east side of the building will be turned to illuminate the St. Mark's wording on the side of the building.

## **Publicity:** Update provided by Pam Jensen

- St. Mark's holiday ad was in the religion section of the newspaper this past weekend.

## **Safety:** Update provided by Herb Poff, liaison

- Doors around building do not close properly. Please make sure doors are closed and secured when leaving the building.
- \*It would run roughly \$660.00/month to hire a security service to come check the doors once a night. Is this something we are interested in pursuing?
- Committee continues to work with Fry's on obtaining 2 additional fire extinguishers and moving other fire extinguishers to more useful locations.
- George Poliska (Sexton) has been asked to remain in the Narthex from 9:30-10:00 on Sunday mornings to open the doors and greet people as they arrive at church.

## **Women of the ELCA:**

- Open leadership opportunity.

## **Worship and Music:** Updated provided by Ray Huff

- Thanks to all who have helped decorate and prepare for both Advent and Christmas.
- Announcement was placed in bulletin explaining that white poinsettias are not available for Christmas services.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **Growing our Church:** Will be revisited in the new year.
- **Spire Update:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Dossal Update:** Adam Miller from Merhaut Company located in Pittsburgh met with several members to discuss the dossal project. A second opinion will be obtained in/around February.

## **New Business:**

**M(Executive and Personnel Committees) SC: CC: 22.12.2** Motion approved to accept the November 28, 2022 resignation of Deborah Kershner as part-time bookkeeper for St. Mark's.

# Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

(continued)

**M(Executive and Personnel Committees) SC: CC: 22.12.3** Motion approved to hire Jackie Baysore as a salaried, part-time bookkeeper for St. Mark's. This salary is retroactive to December 1, 2022.

**M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 22.12.4** Motion approved to cancel the previously approved payroll services contract with Ministry Works. This service is no longer needed with the hiring of Jackie Baysore as part-time bookkeeper.

**M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 22.12.5** Motion approved that the January 2023 Council meeting be moved to Monday the 23rd as the 16th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 22.12.6** Motion approved that the updated, approved, and ratified Constitution and By-Laws be forwarded to Synod for review and approval.

**M(Vicki Haussmann ~ 2nd Pam Jensen) SC: CC: 22.12.7** Motion approved to send a donation in the amount of \$150.00 to be used to support the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State University.

**M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 22.12.8** Motion approved to form a committee comprised of both Council and non-Council members who will sort through the pros and cons of moving to one service. This will take place at the January 2023 Council meeting.

**M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Wanda Fortin)** Motion amended to refer this discussion to the Worship and Music Committee (with additional congregational members if they so choose) for further review. This amended motion was passed by Council.

Ed Gair led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. (Middle Lounge)**  
**\*Note this is the 4th Monday in January.**



Honey, our lawyer wishes us,  
but in no way guarantees,  
a Happy New Year.

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## Staff Update

Welcome back Jackie Baysore to the position of Bookkeeper.



## Usher Schedule for January

January 1	9:30 a.m.	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber, Chales Kurtz
January 8	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Mike Jensen, captain Gary Weber, Pam Jensen, Shelby Weber
January 15	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler
January 22	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Carl Albright, captain Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
January 29	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber, Charles Kurtz



## Altar Guild for January

Deb Buckman  
Leah Haussmann

### *Can You Help?*

St. Mark's is looking for additional volunteers for Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors.



## Lectors For January



**Note to all Lectors: We have lost some of our folks so we could use some more lectors. So if you know anyone please send their names. to me, Joyce Hershberger**

January 1	9:30 a.m.	Gary Weber
January 8	8:00 a.m.	Leah Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Karen Mariana
January 15	8:00 a.m.	Candy Dewar
	10:30 a.m.	Phil Thomas
January 22	8:00 a.m.	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Brenda Gair
January 29	8:00 a.m.	Pastor Vasey
	10:30 a.m.	Dan Zeigler



## Communion Assistants for January

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

**All 8:00 a.m. services will be one of the following: Becky Pryor or Drew Haussmann or Jackie Kinney**

January 1	9:30 a.m.	Carl & Audrey Albright
January 8	10:00 a.m.	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
January 15	10:00 a.m.	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
January 22	10:00 a.m.	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
January 29	10:00 a.m.	Dan Zeigler



# Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

## Notes for “The Lion” January 2022

### Thank You for the Christmas Gifts

*Thank You*

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their support of their many December projects. Without your support we could not have been the hands of God at this very special time of year.

During December the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, with assistance from the congregation, accomplished the following outreach:

One hundred thirty-nine assorted clothing items, hygiene items, fleece throws, watches and batteries were donated to the residents of the Danville State Hospital. The committee is grateful for Tracy Fox of Redeemer Lutheran for transporting our items along with Redeemer's to Danville.

Donations of body wash, slipper socks and pudding cups for the seventeen ladies of CM-6 at the Selinsgrove Center were donated. A snack basket was prepared for their caregivers. Due to ongoing health concerns for a third year, we were unable to sing and tell stories to the ladies. The staff was grateful for our gifts and hope 2023 will be the year we can return in person.

On December 9, 2022 we hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall. Twenty-one units of blood were collected including donations from Matt and Wanda Fortin. We are tentatively scheduled to host blood drives on July 14 and December 8, 2023.

Thank you to the members of the congregation who took Christmas cards from the table in the Narthex, added a cheery message and mailed them to our Special Concerns Folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.

The felt pinecones and Polish stars crafted by Lou Ann Zeigler brought joy to many. To date \$180.00 has been donated. That joy, given as \$15 grocery gift cards, will be shared with clients of the United Churches Food Pantry.

The Faith Formation and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees thank the congregation for participating in Reverse Advent. As of press time the Advent bags were being returned filled with non-perishable food items and hygiene products.

These gestures of Christmas spirit given by members of our congregation were certain to comfort the individuals receiving them in Christ's name



### Go Green for Gifting

Do you have more Christmas gift bags, new greeting cards and tissue paper than you can use? Donate them to the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 and others in 2023. We can also find homes for extra 2023 calendars and day planners. Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex.



# Resolutions for 2023?



Are you thinking of making any changes to your life in 2023? Maybe you want to become more fit or be more organized. Maybe our Lord has been calling you to be more involved at church or in our community. If so, please consider joining the Parish Life Committee, Faith Formation or Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.

If joining one of these committees does not work in your life at this time, please consider being part of the Card Ministry team. From the comfort of your home, you can send one or two cards per week to folks on our Special Concern list. All cards, stamps and addresses are provided.

If any of these ideas is a fit for you, speak with Vicki Haussmann or Becky Miller Pryor.



## Sharing in the Caring Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Needed are non-perishable canned goods (vegetables and fruit) pasta, cereal and healthy snacks.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Needed are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, tooth paste and toothbrushes for adults and children, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, Kleenex, hand and dish soap. Diapers in sizes 5 and 6 and adult pull-ups are especially needed.

**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** Easily prepared foods like Cup of Soups, individual packs of crackers and cookies, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and individual boxes of cereal are needed. Travel size hygiene items are also needed.

**If you would like to be involved in making sandwiches in our kitchen for the Blessing Box, speak with Becky Miller Pryor. We make sandwiches the second and fourth Mondays of each month.**

**Sojourner Truth Ministries:** Bleach, Dawn dish detergent, aluminum foil, mayonnaise, cooking oil and cans of cooking spray.

**Donations to the Food Panty, Shepherd of the Streets, the Blessing Boxes or to Sojourner Truth Ministries may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.**

# Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:



**Community Dinner** on Thursday, January 12, 2023 beginning at 5:00 P.M. until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees provide desserts each month to support Redeemer's dinner. **This month we are in need of nine sheet cakes (9"X13") in any flavor with any icing.** Cakes are needed Wednesday, January 11 and can be placed in the kitchen. Contact Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a cake to serve.

For future desserts we are asking for brownie mixes and cooking oil. Donations can be placed in the kitchen.

**Daniel's Closet** Distribution of free seasonal/winter clothing on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. Winter weather brings the need for warm clothing and sturdier shoes for adults and children. Blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

**Donated Clothing: Donations for Daniel's Closet will no longer be accepted the same day as the community dinner.** Donations will be accepted the evening of set-up, which is the Thursday before each Saturday distribution.

**This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, January 26 from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

If you have a large quantity of clothing or cannot make the scheduled drop-off at this new time, please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment.

## A Look Ahead to February



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee needs the congregation's help in sending lovely Valentine's Day greetings to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.

Cards will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 5, 2023 after each service. Please add a cheery message, affix a stamp and mail in time for Valentine's Day. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:**  
**Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School (for all ages), 9:15 a.m.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## January Birthdays (continued)

Anna Zeigler	January 15
Laura Zeigler	January 15
David Butters	January 16
Lee Doane	January 16
Donna Boston	January 17
Nathan Kimble	January 17
Beth Miller	January 17
Ruth Rees	January 17
Herbert Poff	January 21
Neil Eshelman	January 24
Walter Doebler	January 25
David Heaps	January 26
Marc Kinney	January 26
Dustin Kimble	January 27
Sean Buckman	January 28
Devin Owen	January 30

## January Birthdays

Shelby Weber	January 1
Jeremy Hinds	January 2
James Newcomer, Sr.	January 4
Andrew Zeigler	January 10
Peter Zeigler	January 10
Toby Zimmerman	January 10
Suzanne Hutchins	January 11
Matthew Reitz	January 12
Jackie Kinney	January 13
Riley Weber	January 14

The tradition of celebrating "Baby New Year," or the first baby born on January 1, has its [origins in ancient Greece](#), and was popularized in America by a series of illustrations in the *Saturday Evening Post*. The magazine, which ran illustrations of Baby New Year on its cover from 1906 to 1943, saw the infant as emblematic of American resilience. New Year's babies enjoy luck that extends beyond having an easy-to-remember 1/1 birthday — sometimes being the first baby comes with [serious prizes](#).

The [two most common career paths](#) for people born in January are general practitioners or accountants. Alternately, very few people born in January become real estate agents.

According to a study in the *Journal of Social Sciences*, people with the Aquarius zodiac sign are [more likely to become celebrities](#). (Sorry, Capricorns.) If you know an Aquarius, get an autograph now.



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December 19, 2022

My Dear Friend in Christ,

Each year, the worldwide **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (January 18-25) encourages us to renew our commitment to pray and to work for greater unity among all followers of Jesus Christ. In 2023, we joyfully commemorate the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of the **Decree on Ecumenism** of the Second Vatican Council, which brought the Catholic Church into the modern ecumenical movement.

It is a pleasure to invite you to join me for an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on **Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 12:10 p.m.** in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Pennsylvania. A luncheon will follow in Saint Peter's Cathedral Rectory.

In order to help promote this Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word, please consider publishing information about this prayer service in your church bulletin or newsletter several weeks prior to the celebration. I humbly encourage you to make a special effort to personally invite members of your faith community to join us in Saint Peter's Cathedral. All are most welcome to attend!

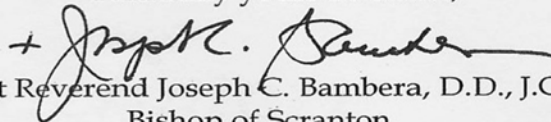
Vesting for clergy will take place in the lower level of the Cathedral Rectory (Bishops' Hall) prior to the liturgical procession into the Cathedral. There will be reserved seating for clergy in the Cathedral Church. If vesting, please wear vesture which is appropriate with the ecumenical nature of this celebration. Participants who are not vesting may go directly to the Cathedral where ushers will direct you to reserved seating for our invited guests.

We will not be using a separate response card this year and ask that you RSVP by calling or emailing Jennifer Andres at [Jennifer-Andres@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jennifer-Andres@dioceseofscranton.org) or calling 570-207-2213 by Wednesday, January 11, 2023. When responding, kindly provide an email address in order that we may build a distribution list for future use.

I do hope that you will be able to attend.

May God graciously bestow upon you every blessing during this Christmas season and in the New Year ahead.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ 

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton



Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank You for your continuous support. We are grateful for the food donations during this unpredictable year. Our clients are so appreciative and looking forward coming to our pantry.

May you and your family have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

United Churches Food Pantry



THANK YOU

Thank You to all who shared well wishes, cards and gifts with the Vasey Family this Christmas Season! All of us in the Vasey House wish all of you, the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ and blessings for 2023!

Pastor Vasey and Family.



Do you make New Year's resolutions or goals? Try these .....

Make plans to take a mini adventure.

Try something new.

Take a 24-hour break from social media every month.

Put together an emergency kit.

*With all the recent storms it is a good idea to be prepared both in the car and at home.*

# January 2023

# Happy New Year!

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1 Holy Communion Service 9:30 a.m. (Only Service) No Sunday School	2 Church Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Installation of new Congregational Council members	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	16 Office Closed  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	23 Church Council Meeting 6 p.m.	24 Deadline for February "Lion"	25	26	27	28
29 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	30	31				

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