

HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

January 2023

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT

Happy New Year Mt. Horeb!

Welcome to Epiphany!

Now let me ask you:

- Just what is all this Epiphany business about?
- Just what do we do during this season that seems stuck between Christmas, and Lent?

One of my Pastor Buddies waggishly commented that Epiphany is the Rodney Dangerfield of Church Seasons as like the comic said of himself, “it doesn’t get any respect.”

I don’t believe that to be the case....

So let’s look into the above questions.

Epiphany means manifestation. This season witnesses to the manifestation or revelation of God in and through Jesus Christ to the world. Far from getting “no respect” the truth is after Easter; Epiphany is the oldest season of our church year. The day of The Epiphany of our Lord is a set day which falls every year on January 6th. At Mt. Horeb we will be celebrating this day on January 8th during Sunday Worship remembering the visitation of the baby Jesus by the magi. The following Sunday,

Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor

Bob Hawkins, Interim Supply

Organist/Choir Director

Camille Joseph, Admin

Lisa Smith, Treasurer

Peggy Miller, Preschool Director

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each month.***

the first after the Epiphany, is the celebration of The Baptism of our Lord Jesus. His baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan marks the beginning of his public ministry. This year we will celebrate it on Sunday January 15th. The season of Epiphany will reach its climax on the festival of The Transfiguration of our Lord. This is the last Sunday in our season of Epiphany and it falls on February 19th. During our Lord's transfiguration we receive a glimpse, a foretaste of his Easter glory to come. This wonderful ancient season of the church serves as a bridge between the birth of our Lord and his passion. On the day of Epiphany, the first, and last Sunday of this season the paraments are white. White expresses light, glory, and holiness as our Lord begins his ministry and is transfigured upon the mountain. On the Sundays between the 1st and the last in Epiphany the color is green. This represents growing as we journey through Epiphany into a clearer vision of Christ's nature as the son of God manifest among us. The season of Epiphany is time which offers us challenges and opportunities for growth in Christ's love as we prepare for our Lenten Journey which looms ahead.

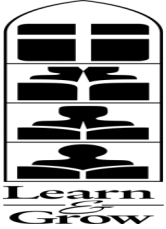
Blessings,

Pastor Pat





CONFIRMATION CLASS is for all in 6th-8th grades. Pastor Pat leads the group each Sunday morning in Room 203 during the Sunday School hour at 9:00am. We are studying the New Testament during the 2022-2023 school year. Classes resume January 15.



LEARN MINISTRY TEAM Teachers are **STILL** needed for Sunday School grades K - 5th! Contact Lisa McDonald at Lisamcdonald1979@hotmail.com if you would like to significantly impact children's lives in the name of Christ!



From Pam Shear and Stephanie Stoudemayer—

A huge “thank you” to all who helped with last week’s Christmas program, including the entire gathered congregation who opened their hearts and minds to experience “first hand” the Very First Christmas!

Innkeeper/narrator: Brandon Miller; Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus: Cameron, Brandon and Tillman Prince; Lead characters: John and Cathy Rodgers, Katie and Billy Morgan, Deena and Joey Bishop, and Heather, Jonathan and John Adams; Angel choir: Rae Davis, Kay Shealy, Jim Lindler and Sandra McKie; Costume/props crew: Deena Bishop, Kim Goodman and Gloria Addy; Set props: Rosemary and Marion Frick; Video/Audio: Barry McCall and the Schmidt family; Photographer: Lillie Free; Bulletin/insert: Camille Joseph.

Thanks also to Dr. Bob Hawkins for musical accompaniment and to Pastor Pat and Dr. Bob for their overwhelming support of this “out of the box” program!

Our hearts are overflowing with joy and thanksgiving! To God be the Glory!

As we came, saw and experienced, now let us go and tell of the boundless love of God given to us all!

CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS Are you in need of a greeting card to send to a family member or a friend? Don't forget about the card rack in the Fellowship Hall for an assortment of handmade cards; Birthday, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You and a few miscellaneous cards are available. A donation of \$3.00 per card or \$5.00 for two cards is greatly appreciated. All donations will go toward local, regional and global missions.



GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT St. Paul writes (that we) *“are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” Romans 3:24*

We have been given the gift of salvation from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our calling is to share that gift with others. Our Stewardship theme this season is GIFT. Giving In Faith Together. Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithely, or the offering plate at the entrance) makes an enormous difference. Thank you for your joyful and generous monetary support. Thanks be to God!



WE CARE Personal care items are running very low this month. Please donate *shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, deodorant*, etc. Look for January needs in the bulletins in January.



ONE WORSHIP The Mt. Horeb Church Council held its monthly council meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022, after the 10:00 worship service. The council considered the congregational surveys for number of church services each Sunday and times as well as times for Sunday School. After discussion, the council voted to continue the one 10:00 am worship service with Sunday School at 9:00 am.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. We continue to support our brothers and sisters in time of crisis through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used to support people impacted by conflict. Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.



LUTHERAN MEN will meet January 9, 6:30pm.



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed January 16.



PRAISE BAND practices on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. ALL are welcome to join. Contact David Williams for details.

Welcome
2023

Happy
New Year!

Good Words to consider for the New Year of 2023...

Let worship be a priority for you and your family as you prepare to celebrate the coming of the new year, 2023.

Take a moment to look both back, and ahead at the year that was and the year that is to come. As we reflect on days past, we see a world of sin, despair, and a struggle in our lives to do what is right to love God and our neighbor. But we also see the grace of God in our lives, and in the world, bringing comfort in the middle of the storms of life, and strength to press on when the going gets rough.

We see God at work in our lives and the world to make things look more like they should, bringing the light of the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Looking back, we see God at work in a world that is desperate for redemption, forgiveness, and peace.

But looking ahead. Looking ahead, what do you see?

The book of James is careful to warn us that we should be careful in estimating our ability to predict the future.

Truth be told, we do not know what lies ahead for us in 2023.

But does it matter?

If what we believe about God is true, does it matter that the future remains a hazy mix of possibilities and the fearful unknown?

It does not.

We know how the story ends:

Christ returns, raises the dead and gives everlasting life to those who are his.

We know that he has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we might walk in faith and not according to the flesh all the days of our pilgrimage as we wait for his return.

And so, we rejoice for another year of faith and praise God for his promised presence and forgiveness in the year to come!

From Pastor Duncan (2015)

Zion, Lutheran church, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

**Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2022**

EXPERIENCING AND SHARING GOD'S PRESENCE

Rosemary Frick called the meeting to order at 11:18 am. The meeting was held in the sanctuary after the 10:00 am worship service.

Pastor Pat led the congregation in prayer.

Rosemary thanked the outgoing council members Benny Counts, Wil Hutchens, Derek Miller, Tim Schmidt and Mattie Smith. She presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Rosemary presented the order of the agenda.

1. Approval of 2023 – 2025 Council Members.
2. A motion from the Council to approve the 2023 Ministry Plan with a Ballot vote.
3. Worship Service Survey to be given out and collected.
4. Power Point presentation of the Transition Process.

The 2023-2025 council nominees were introduced. No "At Large" nominees were received, and per our church constitution, the following were approved by council and are elected by acclamation. Travis Goodman, Katie Morgan, Cameron Prince and Laurie Schmidt will serve a three year term on Council.

Council voted to approve the 2023 Ministry Plan of \$585,500 at the October 9, 2022 Council Meeting. A motion was made and seconded from the congregation to approve the 2023 budget. Russ Burleson gave a brief overview of the Budget/Ministry Plan. There were no questions from the congregation. Ballots were distributed and collected to be counted. The motion to approve the 2023 Ministry Plan was passed with 99% in favor of and 1% not in favor.

Worship Service Surveys were distributed and collected. The results will be tabulated and discussed by Council at the December Council Meeting.

A Power Point presentation was given explaining the Transition Process of our church and where we are now in the transition.

We closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned. Everyone was invited to the Fellowship Hall for the covered dish luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Free
Secretary



Highlights of the Congregation Council meeting December 11, 2022

The council met on Sunday, December 11 and took action on or discussed the following items:

- ◆ The council voted to continue the 10:00 am worship service with Sunday School at 9:00 am.
- ◆ The Council will have its annual planning retreat on Sunday, January 22, 2022 after worship.
- ◆ The Worship Team has taken measurements and will soon order new robes for the choir and acolytes.
- ◆ The Youth have been busy with an outing to the Palmetto Trail with singing camp songs around the campfire and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. They had a Friendsgiving meal at the church and made ornaments to take to the residents at Generations when they go caroling.
- ◆ The Serve Team reported all fourteen boxes in the community garden have been planted – 9 with collards and 5 with broccoli. The produce will be given to We Care.
- ◆ The Congregational Vitality Survey will be available to the congregation in January.
- ◆ The council elected officers for 2023. Rosemary Frick will again serve as Vice Chair and Trina Free will again serve as Secretary.
- ◆ Pastor's report and the remaining Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.

ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:

- +Vie Wilmot
- +Miller Lindler
- +Jim Johnston
- +Mary Kern
- +Nancy Hess
- +Nancy Crogen
- +Charlie Shealy
- +Margaret Greene
- +Carolyn Bishop
- +Henri Bishop
- +Jane Ramsey
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Pauline Wodtke
- +Ron Stockman
- +Sharon Shealy
- +Brady Amick
- +Gertice Rister
- +George Wessinger
- +Taylor Ann Fiber
- +Steve Cartin
- +Audrey Fulmer
- +Bob Irwin
- +Phyllis Barton



PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- + Cindy Heming, Gavin Wells' godmother
- + Melissa Smith, sister of Dean Smith
- + Ronnie Chapman, nephew of Rosemary Frick
- + Sadie Gillian, friend of Jennifer Wells
- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Jeanne Thompson, sister of Susan Addy
- + Donna Miskeyko, niece of Mary Kern
- + Nan & James Nicholson, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Kern
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne Wessinger Hill
- + Tyler Grubbs, friend of Lillie Free
- + David Owens, friend of Tommy Hill
- + Lorraine Revels, daughter of friend of JoAnne Hill

- + Al Zaback, cousin of Jerry & Vicky Shealy
- + Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Susan Addy
- + Diane Nichol, friend of Susan Addy
- + Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy
- + Chris & Eddie Shealy, sons of Gene & Ann B. Shealy
- + Tommy Ward, friend of Jim Pope
- + William Eckley, cousin of Vicky Shealy
- + Payton Dominick, great-nephew of Glenda Lindler
- + Tyler Richardson, son-in-law of Pastor Dick & Jeannie Webber
- + Todd Buehler, Debbie Hjelseth's brother
- + Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend
- + Jimmy and Liane Talbert, uncle and aunt of Mattie Smith
- + Richard Gregerson, son of Vie Wilmot
- + Jason, great nephew of Vie Wilmot
- + Farris Gregerson, daughter-in-law of Vie Wilmot
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + Charles R. Risher, Uncle of Kay Comalander
- + Derald Edwards
- + Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell
- + Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton
- + Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Linder and Michael Naughton
- + Laura Riley, daughter of Bill Stockdell
- + Jackie Perry, friend of Cindy Rego
- + Timmy Bundrick, son of Lois Bundrick
- + All those serving in the military





BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryan Bolen
- 2 Joan Suhr
Haley Shealy
- 4 Todd Comalander
Jonathan Miller
- 6 Janet Bailey
Gail Bundrick
Michael Hatchell
- 8 Pete Ayoub
Sandy Zdrojewski
- 9 Linda Moser
- 12 Pastor Dick Webber
- 13 Justin Luck
Lisa McDonald
- 14 Andrea Hollis
- 15 Brian Rister
Greg Fulcher
Jerry Mesimer
- 17 Pat Lewandowski
- 22 Bill Barton
Evan Sansbury
- 23 Glenda Lindler
Carol Teal
Gavin Wells
- 25 Haley Hutchens
Caleb Williams
Eric Schmidt
- 26 Maria McCall
Tyler Shealy
- 27 Sharon S. Shealy
Brian Wells

28 Travis Goodman
Jacob McCall

30 Ben Goodman
Jane Ramsey

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Wayne & Gloria Addy—54
- 6 Brian & Jennifer Wells - 16
- 21 Randy & Susan Addy—52
- 23 Bob & Lorraine Irwin—63
- 30 Marion & Rosemary Frick-52

***If you do not see your birthday or anniversary
(or if our info is incorrect), please contact the
church office. Thank you.***

JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Sun Jan 1 (White)	9:00 10:00	Fellowship/LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion
Wed Jan 4	10:00 11:00	Fiber Friends Dorcas Circle
Thu Jan 5	5:30 7:00	Praise Band Finance

Sun Jan 8 (White)	9:00 10:00 11:15	Fellowship/LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion Council
Mon Jan 9	12:00 6:30	Chapin Chirpers LMM
Tue Jan 10	6:30 6:30	Jr. Women's DF Choral
Wed Jan 11	10:00	Fiber Friends

Sun Jan 15 (Green)	9:00 10:00	Fellowship/LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion
Mon Jan 16		Office Closed
Tues Jan 17	6:30	DF Choral
Wed Jan 18	10:00	Fiber Friends
Thu Jan 19	5:30 6:30	Praise Band Agape

Sun Jan 22 (Green)	9:00 10:00 11:15	Fellowship/LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion Council Retreat
Mon Jan 23	12:00	Chapin Chirpers
Tues Jan 24	6:00 6:30	LutheReaders DF Choral
Wed Jan 25	10:00	Fiber Friends
Sun Jan 29 (Green)	9:00 10:00	Fellowship/LEARN Livestream with Holy Communion

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UPCOMING LCY EVENTS

January's Youth Calendar at a glance:

- BOARD GAME NIGHT: Sunday, Jan. 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game and join in the fun! All 6th-12th graders are invited and welcome!
- Check your e-mail for more details and reminders.
- All youth and families, if you are not on the email list for youth news, please send current contact info to Stephanie Stoudemayer: sjz85@sc.rr.com.

We hope to see you soon!!



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