

# HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

January 2024

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT**

Epiphany Ponderings...

The Epiphany of our Lord is January 6th. At Mt. Horeb we will celebrate this Holy day on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> as we remember the coming of the Magi who arrive bearing gifts for the baby Jesus. They bring to our Christ:

- Gold for a king.
- Frankincense as a fragrant offering for the one who is God among us.
- Myrrh for one who is to die for us.

So, what is afoot during this season seemingly stuck between Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter?

In western Christian tradition, January 6th is celebrated as the Epiphany of our Lord. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as Three Kings' Day.

Epiphany Day is the culmination of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day.

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*Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor*

*Bob Hawkins, Interim Parish  
Musician*

*Camille Joseph, Admin*

*Lisa Smith, Treasurer*

*Peggy Miller, Preschool Director*

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**WORSHIP, LEARN, WITNESS**

**SERVE, SUPPORT**

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## **Newsletter Deadlines**

*Happenings @ the  
Mount deadline is the  
18th of each month.*

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Epiphany means manifestation or reveal. The season of Epiphany revolves around the manifestation or revelation of God in and through Jesus Christ to the world. We celebrate and remember the visit to Jesus by the Magi. The first Sunday after the Epiphany (which we will celebrate January 14th) is the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord which marks the beginning of his public ministry. The last Sunday in the season of Epiphany this year is February 11th when we commemorate the Transfiguration of our Lord. Upon Mount Tabor as our Lord is transfigured before us, we receive a glimpse, a foretaste of his Easter glory to come. Epiphany can have as few as four Sundays and as many as nine Sundays depending upon the arrival of Ash Wednesday. This ancient season of the church, Epiphany, serves as a bridge between the birth of our Lord and his passion. On the Epiphany of Lord, his Baptism and Transfiguration the paraments are white expressing light, glory, victory, holiness, and celebration as our Lord receives the Magi, begins his ministry, and later is transfigured before us on the mountain.

On Sundays between the first and the last Sunday our paraments are green as we grow during this season in a clearer vision of Christ and his nature as the son of God manifest among us. The season of Epiphany is one which offers us challenges and opportunities to grow in Christ and his love. We respond in faith to his grace that is manifest as we shine the light of the gospel unto all the nations.

Peace,

Pastor Pat



**WE CARE** January needs are grits, pancake mix/syrup, canned fruit, span, mac & cheese, corn muffin mix, family size soups, spaghettios, ramen noodles, and Vienna sausages. As always, they need toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. They also accept pet food.



**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** meets Friday, January 19th at 11:30am at the church. We will go to Catch 22 for lunch.



**LEISURE TIMERS** will meet January 9th (2nd Tuesday) at 9:30am to travel to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for a guided tour at 10:30am. Sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome. Invite a friend.



**LUTHERAN MEN** will meet Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm.



**A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL** meeting will be on Sunday, January 7, 2024 immediately following the 10am service.



**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend a Meet and Greet at 2pm on Saturday, January 6, 2024 when you will have an opportunity to meet our candidate. Refreshments will be served.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** The Call Committee is happy to announce that the Church Council unanimously approved our motion to recommend to the congregation to vote to extend a call to our Primary Candidate. A Called Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 7, 2024 immediately following the 10am service to extend a call to him. The Council also unanimously approved the mutually agreed upon compensation package for the candidate, which will be voted on as well. A letter has been mailed to all members sharing this information along with the candidate's bio and compensation package. You are also invited to attend a Meet and Greet at 2pm on Saturday, January 6, 2024 when you will have an opportunity to meet our candidate. Refreshments will be served. If transportation is needed to either event, please contact the church office by January 3 so that transportation arrangements can be made. Any questions or concerns about the candidate or the compensation package can be addressed to any member of the council or call committee. We ask for your continued prayers for our congregation and our candidate.





## GIVING REFLECTIONS

### Blessings be with you during this season of Epiphany

January 6th, Epiphany, is the 12th day of Christmas and an ancient feast of the church which celebrates the arrival of the Magi. Many equate our gift giving at Christmas to this Holy day. May we each take a moment to remember the gifts of family and friends and be thankful for the many blessings that God has showered upon us. Most of all we rejoice for our precious gift Jesus the Christ. Our Lord Christ brings love, peace, faith, and hope into the world and into our lives. The treasures he bestows upon us we share with all the world. May his presence permeate every part of our lives now and always.

Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithe.ly, or the offering plate) makes an enormous difference in our mutual ministry.

Thank you for your joyful and generous support.



**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** We continue to support our brothers and sisters in time of crisis through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Forms are on the Welcome Center to aid Ukraine. If you would like to assist in the Middle East, send to Lutheran Disaster Response.



Write "Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.**



**CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS** Pick up a handmade card today from the card rack in the Fellowship Hall! \$3 donation and \$5 for two cards. All donations support local, regional and global missions!



**PROGRAM** Mt. Horeb has committed to provide 204 cans of pasta each week. This program continues through the school year, so we need your support. If you can help, please leave your donations at the Welcome Center.



**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED** helping with the Altar Guild Ministry? We need volunteers to help prepare sacraments for Holy Communion. It's a fulfilling use of your time and requires about an hour (40 minutes to prepare and 20 minutes to put away). If you have questions or are interested contact Ann Hutchens at (803)331-3345 and sign up on your Time and Talent sheets.



**WE CAN NOW EMAIL** contribution statements. If you prefer this, email Lisa Smith at [treasurer@mthoreb.net](mailto:treasurer@mthoreb.net) to let her know. Provide your email address and envelope number in the body of your email.



**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAMS** Your annual reports are due in the church office. Please email them to [frontdesk@mthoreb.net](mailto:frontdesk@mthoreb.net) by **January 5th** for the 2024 Directory.



## Congregation Council Highlights for December 2023

The council met on Sunday, December 10 and took action on or discussed the following items:

Council welcomed the new council members, Tom Griffin, Sandra McKie, Diane Senn and Greg Shealy, who were elected by acclamation at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting.

Thank you to our outgoing council members, Rosemary Frick, Billy Griffin, Stephanie Stoudemayer, David Williams for your three years of service on church council.

Thank you to the Constitution Task Force Team, Rae Davis, Billy Griffin, Laurie Schmidt and Lisa Smith, for all their hard work. The 2023 Constitution was approved at the December 10, 2023 called church congregational meeting. The 2023 constitution will be sent to the SC Synod Office.

Voted to use Thrivent Choice Dollars to purchase four chasubles for the pastor to wear during seasons of the church year.

Voted to replace the 60+ year-old water pipe in the cemetery that has been leaking.

Council elected 2024 officers. Katie Moran will serve as Vice Chair and Trina Free will serve as Secretary.

Call Committee Chairperson, Deena Bishop, gave background information on the Primary Candidate that the Call Committee will present to the church council at a special called council meeting. Todd Soderlund explained a compensation package being proposed for the Primary Candidate.

Pastor and Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.

**ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:**

- +Vie Wilmot
- +Jim Johnston
- +Nancy Hess
- +Nancy Crogen
- +Charlie Shealy
- +Margaret Greene
- +Henri Bishop
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Pauline Wodtke
- +Brady Amick
- +George Wessinger
- +Steve Cartin
- +Audrey Fulmer
- +Bob Irwin
- +Anne Mitchell
- +Bill Stockdell
- +Holly Knight
- +Randy Bundrick
- +Phyllis Barton
- +Lois Bundrick
- +Peggy Roche
- +Susan Addy
- +Lynette Shealy



- + Payton Dominick, great-nephew of Glenda Lindler
- + Tyler Richardson, son-in-law of Pastor Dick & Jeannie Webber
- + Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend
- + Jimmy and Liane Talbert, uncle and aunt of Mattie Smith
- + Richard Gregerson, son of Vie Wilmot
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton
- + Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Lindler and Michael Naughton
- + Chris Shealy, son of Gene and Ann B. Shealy
- + Roy Talbert, father of Mattie Smith
- + Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell
- + Wayne Lineberger, friend of Millie Courtney and Margaret Robinson
- + Philip Kleckley, son of Dot & Heyward Kleckley
- + All those serving in the military

**PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne 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
- + Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy
- + Eddie Shealy, son of Gene & Ann B. Shealy
- + Tommy Ward, friend of Jim Pope
- + William Eckley, cousin of Vicky Shealy







## **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 Troy Comalander  
Linda Moser  
12 Pastor Dick Webber  
13 Lisa McDonald  
14 Andrea Hollis  
15 Brian Rister  
Greg Fulcher  
Jerry Mesimer  
16 Bladen Vadin  
17 Pat Lewandowski  
22 Bill Barton  
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 - 55  
6 Brian & Jennifer Wells - 17  
21 Randy & Susan Addy - 53  
23 Bob & Lorraine Irwin - 64  
30 Marion & Rosemary Frick - 53

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

## JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

<b>Mon Jan 1</b>		Happy New Year!
<b>Tue Jan 2</b>	6:00	Jr. Women's-conf rm
<b>Wed Jan 3</b>	10:00 11:00	Fiber Friends Dorcas Circle
<b>Thu Jan 4</b>	7:00	Finance
<b>Sat Jan 6</b>	2:00	Meet & Greet - FH
<b>Sun Jan 7</b> (white) <b>Epiphany</b>	9:00 10:00 11:15 11:15	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Congr. Meeting Council
<b>Mon Jan 8</b>	12:30 6:30	Chapin Chirpers LMM
<b>Tue Jan 9</b>	9:30 6:00 6:30	Leisure Timers Jr Women's DF Choral
<b>Wed Jan 10</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

<b>Sun Jan 21</b> (green)	9:00 10:00	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion
<b>Mon Jan 22</b>	12:30	Chapin Chirpers
<b>Tue Jan 23</b>	6:30	DF Choral
<b>Wed Jan 24</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

<b>Sun Jan 14</b> (white) <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>	9:00 10:00  3:30	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion  Girl Scouts
<b>Mon Jan 15</b>	12:30	Chapin Chirpers
<b>Tue Jan 16</b>	6:00 6:30	LutheReaders DF Choral
<b>Wed Jan 17</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends
<b>Thu Jan 18</b>	6:30	Agape Circle
<b>Fri Jan 19</b>	11:30	Friendship Circle



<b>Sun Jan 28</b> (green)	9:00 10:00  3:30	Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Girl Scouts
<b>Mon Jan 29</b>	12:30	Chapin Chirpers
<b>Tue Jan 30</b>	6:30	DF Choral
<b>Wed Jan 31</b>	10:00	Fiber Friends

# Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

<p>1</p> <p>e</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p>	<p>be</p> <p>do</p> <p>all</p> <p>for</p> <p>has</p> <p>joy</p> <p>not</p> <p>you</p> <p>baby</p> <p>been</p> <p>born</p> <p>find</p> <p>good</p> <p>Lord</p> <p>news</p> <p>sign</p> <p>that</p> <p>this</p> <p>town</p> <p>will</p> <p>bring</p> <p>David</p> <p>great</p> <p>lying</p> <p>today</p> <p>afraid</p> <p>Christ</p> <p>cloths</p> <p>manger</p> <p>people</p> <p>Savior</p> <p>wrapped</p>
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Answer: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

" \_\_\_\_\_ . I \_\_\_\_\_  
 24    26    1A    5    3A    8    13    18

of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 4    27    16    9A    1A    2D    7    15

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_  
 12    28    23    20    22    1D

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ; he is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ ." Luke 2:10-11, NIV  
 3D    8    19    10

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January's Youth Calendar at a glance:**

--Look for information (via email or text) for January's activities.

--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](mailto:sjz85@sc.rr.com).

We hope to see you soon!!

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