

NEWS & EVENTS

Epiphany....a time to pay attention. During Epiphany, let's notice the ways God appears to us....

The name Epiphany comes from the Greek epiphaneia, meaning "manifestation." Most of us think of an epiphany as a flash of insight, but what if Epiphany is an invitation to notice the beauty and brilliance of what's already there?

The magi found a new star in the sky. They bore witness to the presence of God within little Jesus. And during the time after Epiphany, we'll hear Gospel stories of Jesus growing in his understanding of who he is as God's child and of the kind of messiah he is called to be. Perhaps, then, Epiphany is less a sudden realization and more a growth in understanding.

When I realign my focus, when I notice how much I cast my eyes to the ground or hunch over, I can lift my head, straighten my posture and enjoy a new perspective. With my eyes up, I'm free to perceive and appreciate the beautiful diversity of the people and plants and creatures I encounter. I can truly see my neighbors, noticing when someone is having a rough day. I can even serve my neighbor who's reaching out for help.

Amid what's been a very challenging season for many, something as simple as letting someone know you've noticed them can produce a profound impact. We long to be seen by each other and God.

Epiphany calls us to see our neighbors—our neighbor in need, our neighbor who's struggling, our neighbor who puts on a brave face at worship while suffering inside, as well as our neighbor who's rejoicing. It calls us to notice neighbors who don't look, worship, speak, vote or pray as we do. It calls us to recognize them, too, as God's children.

When we notice and focus on what draws us together rather than what drives us apart, we can approach our differences from a place of genuine care and concern for one another's wellbeing. By seeking to understand our neighbors, we can build the world God intends—a world ruled by peace, built upon equity and justice, and infused with the sweet fragrance of love.

During this time after Epiphany, let's commit to noticing and celebrating all the ways God appears in our time and place. You might create a list and write down every time you notice God in your world—from people, plants and animals to the movements of stars and other heavenly bodies.

A hug THANK YOU to Larry Hayes & Tiya Tonn for their endless service on the church council the last 6 years!! Your devotion to Christ Lutheran has been a true blessing+ The new council officers were approved at the annual meeting: Camille Frakes, President- Bruce Hawthorne, Vice President- Karla Fowler, Treasurer Margaret Spires, Secretary and Butch DeHaven

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ CHRIST LUTHERAN FEBRUARY 14TH @ 6:00PM

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FIRST OF THE MONTH OFFERING

All loose money and designated checks received will be given to Marshall Elementary Student Needs fund to help with enrollment fees for 2024 - Andy & Karen Hughes received \$481.00 this includes WELCA's \$100 contribution. Thank you to everyone that that was able to contribute+

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*unofficial minutes THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

<u>Present –</u> Larry Hayes, Camille Frakes, Karla Fowler and Tiya Tonnby phone.

<u>Call to Order –</u> Meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm by Larry Hayes

Opening Prayer- Larry Hayes

Inspirational Time - Camille Frakes shared the devotion, Confession of Peter...Jesus said, "and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it".Reports of decline with church memberships around the world in North America are no longer new.. We ask ourselves why and wondering how the church can remain relevant in this overscheduled world we live in today. Everyday survival and taking on more responsibilites for whatever that may be can cause us to loose track of who we are and whose church this is... I will explain more of this devotion on the front page of this newsletter.

<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> – Karla Fowler moved to accept the minutes as read; Camille Frakes 2nd

<u>Financial Report</u> – Tiya moved to accept the financial reports and C. Frakes 2nd the motion.

FOM Report/Communications-

2nd- Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am and 10:30am at CLC -4H club meeting at 5:30pm

5th- Community Food Bank noon-2pm @ SDA church

7th- WELCA meeting at 2pm in the bell tower room & CHRIST KIDS CAMP 4-5:30PM

10th-Sandwich Quilt Guild 9-Noon in the bell tower rm

11th-Sunday worship at UFR 8:30am and 10:30am at CLC

12th- Music Club 2pm in the bell tower room

Lisa Cox received \$224 for December FOM. A letter from the ELCA Synod was read asking for contribution.

Committee Reports-the amount of \$485 was made at the beef and noodle fundraiser. Thank you for everyone that helped! This will help fund a youth trip this summer.

Pastor Report-The Curnutts were communed on December 31st. Karen Hughes was communed on Dec.9th and Andy Hughes was communed on December 10th. A new hymn list for January and February has been prepared. The Hymn of Praise has been added for the Sundays of the Epiphany Season. During Lent, the Kyrie will return as hymn #96 from LBW. Funeral for Madeline Dicke Anderson was held 10am December 8th at Christ Lutheran church. Memorial service for Martha Ann Francis was held here at Christ Lutheran at 10:30am on December 30th. Reminder, Pastor and his wife will be taking their anniversary trip overseas around July 10-24th, 2024.

Old Business- none

<u>New Business</u> - electrical work needs attention outside. Larry Hayes will contact Kevin Cornett.

2024 Council Members

Camille Frakes, President Bruce Hawthorne, Vice President Karla Fowler, Treasurer Margaret Spires, Secretary & Butch DeHaven

<u>February FOM-</u> will be going to the Marshall Elementary Student Needs, to help with enrollment fees.

Other Items/Announcements-

Copies of the annual report will be ready on Friday, January 26th in the bell tower room. Tiya Tonn and Larry Hayes will be going off the council. The council will need nominations at the annual church meeting for President, Vice President and Treasurer. Fat Tuesday will be February 13th. The Cub Scouts will again, help serve drinks and clean-up. The council will ask Pastor Bauer to begin a members class possibly in February on Sundays after worship service at CLC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm by Vice Pres. Hayes followed by the Lord's Presser

Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Council Secretary - Camille Frakes



21st-Christ Kids Camp 4-5:30pm in basement

22nd-Council meeting at noon in the bell tower room & Comm.Linc meal @ 6pm

25th-Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am and 10:30am at Christ Lutheran

28th- Christ Kids Camp art activity at The Art Studio in Eureka 4-5:30pm

THURSDAYS- Ladies quilting continues in the church basement @ 1pm



13th-Fat Tuesday Meal @ CLC 5-7pm

14th- Ash Wednesday 6pm @ CLC with Pastor Bauer and Rev. Linda Pope -NO Christ Kids Camp

15th - Ministerial Alliance meeting at 10am at CCC

18th-Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am and 10:30am at Christ Lutheran

19th- Community Food Bank, noon-2pm @ SDA church -1710 E.River St.



All women who attend Christ Lutheran & UFR churches are invited to participate in WELCA's monthly gathering. Come enjoy a short devotion and <u>refreshments!</u> THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST @ 2pm



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Brandon Cornett Sue Williams Annaliese Casper Jessi Meyer
 - Margaret Spires
 - Shannon Rockhill Kyle Rockhill
 - Janessa Jones
 - Jozie Garner
 - Logan Hayes
 - Trenton Jones Mica Coulter



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PASTOR BRIAN BAUER JEAN BOOTH **KATHY BORCK** LISA BRATTON LACEY BREECH **DEB BURTIN MICHELLE COOPER (Lisa Moots** sister) MORGAN CRAPSER **CARRIE CURNUTT** CHARLES CURNUTT DOLORES CURNUTT LAURETTA FRAKES STEVE FRANCIS **BOBBI (ZENISHEK) FRANK ROSALIE GARRISÓN PEGGY GILLEN (Margaret Spires** daughter) VANESSA HOGAN **ANDY & KAREN HUGHES** SHARON KREGER **MINNIE JOHNSON** STEVE MEAD JAMES MOODY(Son of Cayla & Evan Moody) **KRIS OLSON** ERIC REYNOLDS SYBIL ROCKHILL EMILIE RYAN VIRGIL STUBER SUE WILLIAMS SHERYL WELCH & FAMILY

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| SERVICE | FEB. 4 | FEB. 11 | FEB. 18 | FEB. 25 | MARCH 3 | MARCH 10 |
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| ALTAR GUILD | CAMILLE FRAKES | MARGARET SPIRES & LINDA STUBER | CINDY HAYES & MARGARET SPIRES | SHANNON ROCKHILL | MARGARET SPIRES & LINDA STUBER | CAMILLE FRAKES |
| SCRIPTURE READER | CAMILLE FRAKES | PASTOR BAUER | CINDY HAYES | PASTOR BAUER | CINDY HAYES | CAMILLE FRAKES |
| USHERS | LARRY HAYES | BUTCH DEHAVEN | LARRY HAYES | BUTCH DEHAVEN | LARRY HAYES | BUTCH DEHAVEN |
| GREETERS | CAMILLE FRAKES | BUTCH & CINDY DEHAVEN | LARRY & CINDY HAYES | BUTCH & CINDY DEHAVEN | LARRY & CINDY HAYES | CAMILLE FRAKES |
| ACOLYTE | SYLVIE FRAKES | ANNALIESE CASPER | CINDY HAYES | BRODY ROCKHILL | ANNALIESE CASPER | SYLVIE FRAKES |
| COMMUNION | CAMILLE FRAKES | CINDY DEHAVEN | CINDY HAYES | SHANNON ROCKHILL | CINDY HAYES | CAMILLE FRAKES |
| SOUND TECH | BOB CRAPSER | BUTCH DEHAVEN | BOB CRAPSER | BUTCH DEHAVEN | BOB CRAPSER | BUTCH DEHAVEN |

Altar flower given by: The Rockhill Family



JOI FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE MEAL FEBRUARY 13TH 5-7:00PM \$7 Adult - \$4 Child Includes: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a drink *TAKE-HOME AVAILABLE*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Upper Fall River Lutheran Church Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

<u>Christ Kids Camp</u> Wednesdays 4-5:30pm

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