

heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



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Christ our Savior is born! Basking in the glory shining from a feeding box, we celebrate these days of the Christmas season, letting the blessing of Christ's incarnation soak into us. If you are a first time visitor, please let an usher know as we have a special gift for you! We would also like to invite you to sign our guest book (and/or a green slip found in the pew) and we hope you worship with us again. Pastor Mary Kaye loves meeting with people as much as just about anything, so let her know if you're willing to have her visit with you!

If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.

FAMILY PATHWAYS.....
continues to welcome donations of all kinds. Any boxed or canned food items or household items can be put in the bin in the church entryway if you'd like to donate!!!!

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

Food4Kids
Pick up: Linngren Family
Bagging: Tom Enebek

GIVING ENVELOPES: Friends! No matter how old you are, or if you're a member or not, if you'd like your own offering envelopes, just let Angie or PMK know, and we'll make sure you get some! (Generosity becomes a habit that serves many!)

HEARING DEVICES are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!



Today at 10:15am
Next Class:
Sunday, Jan. 13th

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don Hansen Joe Landgreen
Wendy Szczepanski Miriam Flysjo
Duane Olson Rose Anderson
Craig Loen Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Next Council Meeting

January 13th
At 10:30am

CALENDAR

(www.fflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Jan 6

(Pr. Hours:8a-10a & 5p-8p)

9a - Worship

10:15a - Sunday School

10:15a - Life Group

5p - Chalking/Home Blessings

Tues Jan 8

9a - Staff Meeting

7p - Choir Practice

Wed Jan 9

10:30a - Book Study @ The Lodge

6:30p - Youth Group

6:30p - Bible Study

Sat Jan 12 (Pr. Hours:2:30p-4:45p)

9a-3p - Crafting Day

3p-4:30p - Let's Talk (see below)

Sun Jan 13 (Pr. Hours:8a-2p)

9a - Worship

10:15a - Sunday School

10:15a - Life Group

10:30a - Church Council Meeting

Important events to add to your calendar

GLOBAL BARNYARD: Thank you to everyone who donated towards the ELCA Global Barnyard! We will be placing the order for what members have ordered as well as what the youth have decided to put their savings towards. It's been a fun, rewarding project and look forward to doing this again next year!

BOOK STUDY—Join us at the Lodge on Wednesdays at 10:30am for our ongoing study of *Be the Surprise*. Call PMK or office for a copy of the book.

BIBLE STUDY....We're continuing to dig into the Gospel of John! New joiners welcome at any time!! We meet from 6:30-

8p on Wednesday evenings January 9th, 16th and 30th. Bring food if you need some or want to share; wonderings, too!

EPIPHANY SUNDAY is today! We will continue the tradition of blessing homes this evening, between 5pm—8pm. Please add your name TODAY if you are interested in going out to bless homes or would like your home blessed. Talk to Pastor Mary Kaye if you have any questions.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 9AM—3PM Join Julie Valez and Angie Linngren for a fun craft day! Bring a project to work on, a dish to share for lunch and come for great conversation! Questions? Talk to Julie or Angie!

LET'S TALK...Pr. Mary Kaye will be hosting a series of conversations about once a month on a variety of topics. You are welcome to join us! Because some sessions will be aided by having teaching materials, please sign up on the bulletin board, or by emailing the church office or PMK. Bring a snack (if you like) and come join in on the following topics:

- Saturday, 1/12/19, 3:00-4:30pm “Let’s Talk—Funeral Planning”
- Friday, 2/15/19, 6:30pm “Let’s Talk—Experimental Generosity”

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow