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Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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!

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!!!! **The cold weather has set in.....Let's see if we can fill that bin with canned soup!!!!**

Food4Kids

Pick up: NO SCHOOL
Bagging: No volunteers needed this week



Today at 10:15am
Next Class:
Sunday, Jan. 6th

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| 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.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Dec 30 (Pr. Hours:8a-1p)

9a - Worship

10:15a - Sunday School

Tues Jan 1 (Pr. Hours:1:30p-6:30p)

1:30p - Staff Meeting

3p - Worship Meeting

Wed Jan 2

6:30p - Youth Group

Sun Jan 6

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

9a - Worship

10:15a - Sunday School

10:15a - Life Group

5p - Chalking/Home Blessings

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

Important events to put on your calendar

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!)

GLOBAL BARNYARD: The youth continue to collect money to go towards their fund for the Global Barnyard! There is a Christmas Tree downstairs with lots of ornaments that you can "purchase." If you are interested, please take an ornament, donate the amount that is listed on the

ornament and give to Angie or Michelle. This makes such a memorable gift to give to someone! If you are interested in donating money toward the Global Barnyard, please specify when putting the money in the offering plate! We plan to wrap this collection on January 6th! Thank you!

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 falls right on a Sunday this year and we will continue the tradition of blessing homes on that day, January 6, between 5pm—8pm. See the sign up sheets on the bulletin boards to go out and bless or to invite others to come and pray at your home. It has been meaningful to many the last four years—come and speak God's grace for others! Feel free to call the church to sign up, too! Friends are always welcome!

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!

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

The Child Samuel at Shiloh

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.