



JANUARY SCRIPTURES

January 1
Epiphany Sunday
Communion Sunday
New Year's Day

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Message: The Wise Still Seek Him

January 8
Baptism of The Lord Sunday
Baptism

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9
Message: Hands Heavy with Hope

January 15
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday

Scripture: John 1:29-42
Message: The Invitation

January 22
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23
Message: The Call

January 29
4th Sunday of Epiphany,
5th Sunday Music Service
(Kahler Sisters)



Wednesday Night Meal

Will start on January 4 at 6pm.



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

There is one part of every New Year that I don't like, the un-decorating. We put everything neatly away to store it for the next year. A whole year the decorations spend in boxes waiting to bring us joy the next year. The house quickly gets put back to "normal." It is almost as if Christmas never happened.

That is the challenge isn't it?! We come to worship, and we have the reminders all through the season that Jesus is the reason. All through the stress, chaos, and parties we are to keep a special place for the one perfect gift that came in the form of a baby. But now that the stress of the season is over, now that we don't have all those reminders everywhere, what now?? Are our spiritual lives supposed to go back to "normal" now that our lives are normal again? Do we go back to the way things were?

Did you know that the church follows a different calendar for the Christian year?

- The Season of Advent (preparation) is from the first Sunday in Advent to the fourth Sunday in Advent. It is symbolized by blue or purple to represent the hope and royalty of Christ.
- The Christmas Season (celebration) is from Christmas Eve through Epiphany. The color for this season is white, for the purity and holiness of Christ.
- The Season after Epiphany, or Ordinary time (growth), is from Baptism of the Lord Sunday (the first Sunday after Epiphany) through Transfiguration Sunday. It is symbolized by the color green because it is a time for growing in our faith.
- Lent (preparation) starts with Ash Wednesday and goes through Holy Saturday. The color of the season is purple for the royalty of Jesus and repentance.
- Easter Season (celebration) begins with Easter and goes through Pentecost. The colors of the season are white/gold for the purity and holiness of Christ and red for the day of Pentecost to represent the Holy Spirit coming as tongues of fire.
- The Season after Pentecost, or Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide (growth), is from Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) through Christ the King Sunday. The season is symbolized with the color green because it is a time for growing in our faith.

Note that the entire year is centered around our two main celebration days, Christmas and Easter. But we have seasons of preparation and seasons of growth. We are constantly called to move forward in our faith journey. So even though things have gotten back to normal in our lives, we are to be in a state of growth with our focus to be on God. I guess that means that the Christian normal is a state of growth and transformation as we are on this journey toward becoming more Christ-like.

May we keep Christ as our focus the whole year through!

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MISSIONS

The January Mission Box money will be donated to the Pine Island Ministerial Fund. The Ministerial Fund is a small collection of funds to benefit those in need. It can pay for gas to get to a medical appointment, diapers or food, a variety of needs. It helps those locally, but occasionally will help someone passing through.



PIE AUCTION

Our annual pie auction will be on February 26th after church service to fund mission projects. If you would like to donate a pie, please bring it that morning and/or plan to attend the auction and take some delicious pie home for yourself or to share!

MISSION TRIPS

The following mission trips have been scheduled:

Sierra Leone – February 2 – 19, 2017, Red Bird Mission – Kentucky – July 23 - 31, 2017

"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it."

Ezra 10:4

THANK YOU!!

With the assistance of many church members we were able to make Christmas happier for 15 Pine Island families including about 35 children!

Each family received a food package with food for at least two meals (including a fruit basket and meat certificates), toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toilet paper, etc.), hats and mittens for each child –all knitted by Nancy Kent, gloves for the adults, toys and clothing for each child and 2 quilts!!


- Thank you to Renee and Scott Richter for picking up the quilts and delivering the extras to Red Wing.
- Thank you to the St. Paul's and Senior Citizen Quilters for providing the quilts for each family.
- Thank you to Cher Knutson, Renee Richter and Bill Brueck for picking up the toys from Red Wing.
- Thank you to the Sorums, Snyders and Grandma Kathie for assisting with the sorting of toys.
- Thank you to Cher, Renee and Linda for assisting with the contacting families.
- Thank you to Cheryl Simpson and her children for collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste from Dr. Swan.
- Thank you to Lynda Jo Nordstrom and Barb Vang for ordering the food.
- Thank you to Kimberly Marsolek for assisting with the toiletry and glove purchases.
- Thank you to Scott and Renee Richter for picking up the food and making the beautiful fruit baskets.
- Thank you to members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for providing the clothing for each child.
- Thank you to Nancy Kent for knitting all the hats and mittens for each child.
- Thank you to Barb and Don Vang, Richters and Cher Knutson for assisting with sorting all the food, toiletries, extra toys, and quilts for each family unit.
- Thank you to Borgy Boyz and Island Market for providing dinner to helpers on Friday evening. Thanks to Mancilmans for arranging the meal. Due to the snow storm, we did not have the Sodbuster's 4-H group here to assist with wrapping this year.
- Thank you to the Richeters, Ken Hames, Amy and Noah Doherty for loading or delivery all the gifts to families!

Also a huge thank you to the Pine Island United Fund and the PI Firemen who provide the primary financial support! And thank you to all of YOU who have given to the United fund, provided additional gifts, wrapping paper, etc. to the program.

We made a great team!! Joni



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday Worship Communion / Choir No SS	2 NS Office Closed	3 Communion at Evergreen 7pm Trustee Meeting	4 9-10am PC Conference Call 3-30pm Confirmation 6pm Meal 6-30pm Children Worship	5 10am Disciple I	6	7
8 9am Sunday Worship Baptism for Decker 10am SS & Fellowship	9 Cathy Out of Office 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	10 PC Vacation	11 PC Vacation 6pm Meal 6-30pm Children Worship	12 PC Vacation 10am Disciple I	13 PC Vacation 14 11am Early release from PI Schools	14
15 9am Sunday Worship Communion 10am SS & Fellowship	16 Cathy Vacation Office Closed 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Lions	17 Cathy Vacation  7pm Finance Meeting	18 Cathy Vacation 9am BB 11:30am Rotary 3-30pm Confirmation 6pm Meal 6-30pm Children Worship	19 Cathy Vacation 10am Disciple I 6pm Girl Scouts	20 10am Bible Study at PH	21 12:30-4:30pm Where do we go from here? Retreat
22 9am Sunday Worship 10am SS & Fellowship	23 PC Out 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Council Meeting	24 PC Out	25 PC Out 6pm Meal 6-30pm Children Worship	26 PC Out 10am Disciple I 6pm Girl Scouts	27 PC Out	28 PC Out <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Girl Scouts Sleep Over 2pm Friday to 10am Saturday</div>
29 PC Out 9am Special Fifth Sunday Music Kim & Kathi Kaehler 10am SS & Fellowship	30 PC Out 6pm Girl Scouts	31 PC Out	Emergency Pastoral care while Pastor Carolyn is out will be as follows: Dave Neil from January 10-12 & January 23-February 6 call 507-696-3386 Pastor Rick Ormsby from January 10-12 & January 23-29 call 504-356-4984 or 507-412-1946 PC = Pastor Carolyn NS = No School PH = Pine Haven EG = Evergreen SS = Sunday School BB = Better Brew			

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