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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

First things first. On behalf of Joy and our children, thank you for your outpouring of love toward us during the Christmas season. Your cards, gifts and kinds words are a blessing to us!

Each January, a significant number of people set goals for the new year. We call them "New Years Resolutions." Come February or March, those goals are often conveniently forgotten or as we move back into our familiar patterns of living. Or, we set such unreasonable goals that we simply give up in frustration. I'd like to encourage you to a very reasonable and attainable goal for 2019: attend Sunday morning Bible Class. Stay a bit longer after early service or arrive at 9:30 a.m. for the late service. You won't be disappointed. We have lively discussions and earnest study of God's Word. Beginning this month, we will start a study of the New Testament letter of James. No other book of the Bible has suffered more than the letter of James. Many people have rejected it because it seems to speak of a righteousness before God through works. I'd like to suggest that James is a letter full of Christ and full of faith! James' words draw us deeply into the life of Christ and inform our own life lived in Him. Please join us for this study!

And another thing...thank you to all outgoing members of our church committees and our Council officers. We could not function as a congregation without your faithful service and gifts of time and talent! Welcome to the new members of boards and committees! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Your servant for Jesus' sake,
Pastor David Magruder



With the majesty and excitement of the Christmas season over, don't relax too much and miss the season of Epiphany! Epiphany is season of light but is squeezed between Christmas and Lent. It progresses from bright star guiding the Magi to the shining dove at the Baptism of Jesus to the glory of the Transfiguration. The structure of the season proclaims the mission of God's people.

The story of the Magi is that of distant people coming to Christ. The light draws the wise men from far off to worship Him. The Church calls people who are isolated from God to come. But the invitation is not to some idea or theory but to "God in man made manifest" (*LSB* 394).

The first Sunday after the Epiphany takes us to the waters of the Jordan. There John baptized Jesus, who numbers Himself among sinners. The bright dove, the Holy Spirit, points out Christ in the water. Outreach to the world and into the Church points to the same water. Those whom the mission calls to join Christ and His Church are called to the light of Christ in Baptism.

The remaining Sundays of Epiphany focus on the ministry of Jesus. He is the light of the world. He preaches. He prays. He heals those afflicted by Satan. In other words, He does mission work. The Church does also. Jesus also calls us the light of the world. The mission of the Church is like Jesus' ministry: long and patient. The Church's mission is not to simply bring in as many as we can through the front door. It is to keep shining the light of Christ through His word, season after season, so that those living in darkness may

continue to see the great light.

The finale of the Epiphany season is the Transfiguration. God in flesh is at the center but now not Magi but the glorified saints of old and the trembling disciples surround Christ. The light that pointed to Jesus at His Baptism now shines through Him. This is the goal of the Church's work: to bring people into God's presence for eternity.

Marilyn's Memo

Dear PWC Family,

It is 2019! I feel as if I just wrote my article for last January! 2018 was a busy year for my family and our Youth group. Our daughter, Becca, was married in May in Oklahoma, we had a reception for them in Colorado in September and I also helped with Becca's sister-in-law's wedding in December, add to that Larimer County 4-H Fair and State Fair as well as trips to Higher Things and LVR (VBS too), it is no wonder the year flew by.

Looking ahead to 2019, January and February will be busy preparing for the Valentine's Dinner and Entertainment. April will bring Easter and Easter Breakfast, May will see some of our

youth graduating from High School and then we will be looking toward Vacation Bible School, LVR Catechism Retreat and Higher Things for the summer. Later in the year, we will do some baking for the LWML Bake Sale and College Students. There will also be Sunday School, Bible Studies, work days, hands on service projects, food, fellowship and fun.

We are blessed to have faithful youth members who make time to attend Higher Things and LVR; help with VBS and offer service to others through work days. Please continue to pray for our youth and families as they do their best to balance all the pulls of society with being faithful to attending worship, Sunday School, and church activities.

Have a blessed January!
Marilyn

Youth Activities



NEW DATE!!

The Youth Lock-in has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 6 pm through January 3, 7 am.:

There were some scheduling conflicts with the other dates. Please try to attend as we will be working on Valentine's Dinner scenery and skits. If you only attend Wednesday from 6 pm- 11 pm that is ok!! Sign up and indicate if you will be leaving early. We will have dinner at 6:30 pm.

Parents - I am in need of some additional help with the Lock-in!! Please let me know if you may be able to help with Wednesday evening (meal and activities) or Thursday morning (breakfast). Thanks - Marilyn

Valentine Work Days - scenery will need to be finished, skits and music will need to be rehearsed! Plan to join us as often as you can to help get ready for this event.

January 12 - Work day 10 am - 2 pm

January 26 - Work Day 2 pm - 5:30 pm

February 2 - Work Day 10 am - ? last Saturday before the Dinner on February 9th!

February 6 - Rehearsal 5 - 7 pm (dinner served)

February 8 - After school until ? Set-up room, decorated, rehearsal.

February 9 - 9 am! Final rehearsal, baking/cooking and prep for the big night!

Lutheran Women in Mission



January Program: Monday, January 14th@ 6:30 pm

Dessert and fellowship begin at 6:30 pm. Then at 7 pm, Julie Ward presents Part 3 in Paul Maier's video series, "Christianity-The First Three Centuries entitled "Apostles and Emperors." Sit back, relax, and enjoy an amazing history lesson from Dr.

Maier! Julie Ward has devotions; Julie Frank and Eunice Nierman will hostess.

All Ladies are Welcome to LWML's FIRST Program of 2019!!

- **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex January 6th! For a comprehensive listing of missions supported by LWML, including links to each, visit www.lwml.org & www.lwmlrmd.org.
- **January Mission: Cereal & Soup for Saint John's Pantry-** Let's keep the bowls full from breakfast to dinner! We're collecting boxes of cereal and cans of soup to help restock the Pantry's post-holiday shelves. Donations can be placed in the Sunshine Hall's basket through the month of January!
- **LWML's Executive Board** meets Monday, January 28th at 6:30pm in the home of Colleen Rohlf. All ladies are welcome to attend this business meeting.

Church Council

The Council Minutes *Minute* gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

These minutes reflect business conducted at the Council Meeting on December 9, 2018.

- Council briefly discussed the open position for the 2019 Church Council; there is still the need to identify a Fellowship Chair(s) to complete the last year of this term. Please contact Dan Prevedel if you are interested in learning more about this fun position.

- Hands in Harmony Committee is continuing to work on an updated member directory. All members will be provided a form to update their information and provide a photo to include in the member database. A photo board for new members and specific groups is also being designed.
- PWC has been approached by a company that is interested in potentially leasing a portion of the church property for a cell tower. Council will be providing additional information to the congregation at an upcoming Forum to obtain feedback prior to pursuing this opportunity.
- Thanks to Ken Keeney and Larry Siegfried for replacing the paper towel dispensers and other accessories in the restrooms!
- Council approved the purchase of trauma kits that will be placed next to the AED in the Narthex. Training will be scheduled and offered to the members of PWC.
- The Financial Reports are provided in the Council Broadcast article instead of the weekly Greensheet to give Council members the opportunity to review and approve the monthly Financial Reports prior to providing the information to PWC members.

January 1 - October 31, 2018 Financial Report as approved by Council.

Income	\$340,352.85
Expenses	<u>\$331,781.07</u>
	\$ 8,571.78

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Carlson
Council Secretary

News and Announcements

Sincere Thanks

We would like to extend our warm thanks to the PWC congregation for the expressions of kindness and gifts received over this Advent and Christmas Season. We are truly grateful to serve such a caring congregation. -- Pastor Magruder, Marilyn Lasich, Hannah Walters, Marcy Petago and Larry and Linda Siegfried.

Joy Circle

Joy Circle will meet on Thursday, January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join us! Devotions will be led by Nancy Moore and hostesses are Bev Russman and Sharon Wiesner. There will be a Bible study led by Cheryl Harsen.

Tuesday, January 8th at Noon – TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)

This will be our first get-together in 2019! Please join us for a potluck meal followed by our Bible study on the book of Jude led by Pastor Magruder at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Save the Date

February 9th for the Youth Valentine's Dinner and Entertainment! More information will be in the Greensheet and mailboxes in the near future!

Lutheran Witness

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by mailboxes. Cost for an 11 month subscription is \$22.56 and first issue is March 2019. Payment due by January 13th to the church office or in offering plate and included Lutheran Witness on memo line. The bulk order that the church sends in includes the Rocky Mountain District news.

Altar Guild

It will be Saturday, January 26, 9:30 am for new members or those wanting a review and 10 am for all members. Pastor will be leading a short devotion and brunch will be served about 11:15-11:30 am. Please RSVP to Marilyn Lasich for your attendance at the meeting and brunch.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Youth Scrip/Gift card program had a wonderful Christmas season through your support of this easy fundraiser. Thank you for shopping with the Youth!!

ChristLife

Start date for the New Year - Tuesday, January 22nd

Choir

Start date for the New Year - Thursday, January 10th

New Church Directory

You have been requesting a new directory containing photos of members and the process is finally in the works. We will use the updated Servant Keeper software to make our own directory in house.

You will be able to submit your own digital photo or we will take a new photo at church.

As you know, as part of our shepherding program, every member is assigned to a Hands in Harmony team. The new directory will include which team you are assigned to. Even shut-ins are on teams, because they are part of our church family and our shepherding program.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Keeney, Hands in Harmony Chairman (223-1486)

Save the Date!

First Annual Northern Colorado Ladies' Retreat

Dates: May 3 - May 5, 2019

Location: Fall River Lodge, Estes Park, CO

Theme: The Three Estates

Speaker: Rev. Steven Cholak

Organizer: Noreen Linke/Peace with Christ Lutheran Church

Cost: \$150.00, which includes two nights lodging and food

Deposit: \$50.00 - Non-refundable

More information and registration forms are located on the bulletin board in kitchen hallway. More registration forms can be printed from the church office.

Stewardship Thoughts

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he & the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to “take for me a contribution” & that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished & given to them, Moses is to gather up “the contribution for me.”

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: “let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them. Through the tabernacle & the priesthood, through their rites & ceremonies, through their feasts & festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live & dwell among them & be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk & honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God’s son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering & death, his resurrection & ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word & His sacraments, through the preaching & the teaching of our pastors, through the rites & ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens & the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin & death, the devil & hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now &

into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.

Happy Anniversary

Terry & Emily Fox

January 11, 2003

Happy Birthday

Pam Kropp	January 2
Brooke Prevedel	January 2
Jennifer Baylor	January 3
Cashlyn Kottwitz	January 3
Adele Ahnstedt	January 4
Brady Fox	January 8
Drew Hoffner	January 8
John Pennington	January 11
Linda Siegfried	January 13
Joyce Benningsdorf	January 14
Rhonda Kaiser	January 14
Brian Lacey	January 14
Logan French	January 16
Christian Peterson	January 16
Zach Prevedel	January 16
David Caspersen	January 17
Tom Lasich	January 17
Jon Juchartz	January 19
Zoey Chernak	January 21
Christopher Holthouser	January 21
Rebekah Ferrier	January 22
Eunice Nierman	January 22
Daniel Cerman	January 23
Gladys Hulsebus	January 24
Sandy Fiscus	January 25
Michael Chevront	January 27
Barb Spanjer	January 28
Betty Heermann	January 29
Pete White	January 30
Ryan DuRant	January 31

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