

Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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A Christmas Message from Bishop Bradosky

My dear friends in Christ,

The Christmas Gospel begins this way:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:1-5, 14

Christmas can be a time filled with sentimental moments of remembering the birth of our own children and grandchildren. For some it is a time of remembering those who are not with us to share in the celebration. There is nothing wrong with contemplating the Nativity in all of its details recorded in other Gospel accounts. In fact, Martin Luther encourages us to meditate on the birth of Jesus just as we see it happening in our own families. It brings us great consolation to know that Jesus came as a baby.

John's Gospel jumps right into the most important part of the Christmas story, the nature and identity of the infant Jesus. John begins with the profound proclamation of the eternal divinity of Jesus. He is the Word that creates. With a Word He calls things into being. John begins not with human experience but with divine intervention. These are words so wonderful and unprecedented that human reason cannot comprehend them. Nothing but faith through the work of the Holy Spirit can accept this. John invites us to believe it before we understand it. This little baby is nothing less than God's only Son, the Incarnate Word, the Light of the World. Without this Light there is only darkness.

This is the dividing line separating Christianity from other faiths and a measure of true faith within Christianity. True Christian faith rests on the nature and identity of this Baby born of Mary. John's Gospel gives no room for any other identity or titles except the eternal divinity of the Savior of the world. His nature is one with the Father, even in creation. Instead of mere sentimentality, John invites us to come to the manger and see the Trinity. He invites us to reflect on the words of the Nicene Creed.

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Dear Friends,

Dawn and I want to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity this past month. It is an honor and a privilege for her and me to serve you, and we are humbled by the many cards, gifts, and treats that you gave to us for Christmas! May God bless you in the year ahead!

I am very grateful to our Christian Education Committee for their work in seeking out ways to support our small groups ministry. Small group Bible studies are an important component of our ministry of discipleship here at Calvary, and I am very pleased with the attention that they are giving to this ministry.

Is your group going to join us in studying *5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ*, by John Sias?

Once a year, our congregation suggests a study for all groups to participate in, and I provide additional resources to support the emphasis. This year's book was chosen on the basis of my conversations with our Evangelism Committee. This committee has not only devoted themselves to the normal work of committee life, but has also spent a lot of time in reading books on evangelism, in order to be equipped to effectively lead our congregation in living out our calling to share Christ with our neighbor. A crucial prerequisite for sharing one's faith is knowing very clearly what we believe and why we believe it. I stumbled upon Sias' book, as I searched for a resource that would assist our Evangelism Committee in leading our members in more confidently sharing their faith. As I read the book, in order to know if this was worthwhile to recommend to the committee, I was struck by how wonderful the book is. Thus, I not only wanted to commend it to the Evangelism Committee – but to the whole congregation.

5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ is not unlike the Small Catechism 2.0. Sias clearly outlines what Lutheran Christians believe, and gives encouragement for the reader to share this with others. I am convinced that the number one reason that Lutherans do not actively share their faith with others is that they do not know what to say. This book will remove that barrier!

This book is not only helpful in the area of evangelism (telling others about Jesus' death for their salvation), but also for outreach (inviting people to become a part of our congregation). You will notice that the entire time that I have been here, I have only suggested one outreach strategy (over and over again) – personal invitations to friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members, etc. Why am I so limited in my approach? – because personal invitation is the only strategy which works.

When I was in seminary, I learned that in countless studies of church members who had previously not attended a church, when they were asked what brought them to their church, they gave the following answers:

- 2% cited advertisements
- 6% said it was by pastoral invitation
- 6% said it was an organized evangelism campaign
- **86% cited an invitation by friends or relatives**



From the Pastor's Study



These statistics were compiled by Charles and Win Arn of Church Growth Institute. To read more about this, please go to: <http://www.evangelismcoach.org/2012/personal-invitations-to-church-are-most-effective/>.

I have never seen the results of a survey which has contradicted these statistics. While the exact percentages may change slightly from study to study – the conclusions remain the same. No congregation who is ineffective in equipping her members to make personal invitations is going to grow in any significant fashion – period. Consequently, I only promote one outreach strategy – the personal invitation. Certainly, I am not opposed to any outreach strategy which is in keeping with Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions (and good taste), but I am convinced that where we want to put our blood, sweat, and tears is in that approach which promises the greatest effectiveness.

I can think of a host of reasons for why this is most effective, but the only one which matters is that this is God's plan for building His Church. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Lord's plan for growing his Church is "disciples making disciples." Did you ever try to assemble something without reading the instructions, and realized that it wasn't going right – because you had missed a crucial step in the assembly? When we replace the Bible's clear instructions for evangelism with new tactics or gimmicks, we become frustrated because we fail to achieve the results that we seek. This is no surprise, because in such endeavors we are relying upon man/woman-power – and not the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit calls people to faith in Jesus by the speaking/hearing of God's Word – and by no other means.

If I was given the choice between one million dollars earmarked for outreach purposes and twenty-five Christians who knew the Gospel and were passionate about sharing their Lord with others – I would choose the 25 every time. Apart from the work of the Holy Spirit there is no growth in the Church. God has chosen to work through means. Through the written and preached Word of God, water, bread, and wine – the Holy Spirit creates saving faith in Christ Jesus within the hearts of women and men. Through ordinary people like us – the Holy Spirit brings into the Church (the place where these means of Grace are given) those who formerly did not believe. Too frequently, we think that congregations need to do the extraordinary in order to bring people to their Savior. However, the God who chooses to work through the ordinary – words, water, bread, and wine – blesses with His Spirit the ordinary means of telling our neighbor about the Gospel and inviting them to worship.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor

It's About Our Family

Deaths

Our deepest sympathies to Judy DeBruine upon the death of her mother, Julia Larson, in December.

Sincere condolences to Brad Meyer and family on the death of his uncle, Jim Buell this past month.

Christian sympathies to the family & friends of Charles Young who passed away in December.

Prayers

Please check the weekly bulletin for those people needing our urgent prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please call or email the church office. We ask for continued prayers for:

Ongoing prayer concerns: Diane Iverson; Lori Smith; Mary Moen; Jan Mertins; Bev Meinke; Deb Kirley (daughter of Larry & Barb Runnoe); Carol Swartz (daughter of Beverly Meinke); Susan Stonerock (daughter of Donald and Fay Heyen); Elizabeth Bruns (mother of Carol Rooney); Chris Clemens (father of Jessie Brovold); John Kirch (brother of Laurie Kretschmann); Mark Rogers (son-in-law of John Ellison); Dena Diebert (former Calvary member); Brian Holman (grandson of Ron & Jean Holman); Mary Ellen Puls (sister of Craig Busche); Maureen Schulz (sister-in-law of Sallie Schulz); Barbara Branston (cousin of

Births

We rejoice with Kay & Ed Marshall on the birth of a great-grandson, Peyton James Meir, born December 8.

Congratulations & blessings to Cindy & Craig Busche on the birth of a grandson, Noah Craig, on December 21 to parents, Matthew & Lisa.

Please inform the church office of any births, deaths, illness or change of address or family situation so that we make pray for you and keep our records up to date.

Norm McGarvie); Ginny Mc Bride (friend of Judy Kestly); Sara Schmidt and Red Braasch (daughter and husband of Rev. Cathi Braasch); Jonathan Burmeister (friend of Calvary); Nora Rae Giuliani (infant granddaughter of Chuck & Norene Giuliani); Alex Bzdusek (infant grandson of George & Terry Bzdusek); Susan Williams (sister of Kay Marshall); Reese Schisel (cousin of Nick Huettl); Carol Bzdusek (sister-in-law of George & Terry Bzdusek); Anna Trotier (daughter-in-law of Carolyn & Terry Trotier)

Shut-Ins: Dottie Riemer; Ruth Yankus; Liz Gjenvick; Jean Anderson; Sam & Mary Moen; Betty Schraith; Bette Forbes; June Johnson; Donna Polizzi, Paul & Marj Skarie; Bob Pfeiffer (father of Jan Lukasik); Mickey Rash; Bill Rash Jr. (son of Mickey Rash).

Thank You Notes

From Luther Manor : Thank you for the annual donation of 3 dozen cookies donated by the members of Calvary Lutheran Church! The cookies are a reminder of your care and concern for the older adults we serve here at Luther Manor.

From Mickey Rash: Thank you to Barb Snyder for taking the time out of her busy schedule to visit and bring communion throughout the year. Thank you to Mark Trudell for his help during the funeral for Win Reinemann. I want to wish everyone a Merry & Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless you all. --Mickey

Do You Crochet?

Do you know anyone who crochets? The quilters have an over-abundant supply of crochet thread that they are not able to use. If you or someone you know can use it, contact Ruby Hauch at 262-782-5216.

January Calendar Highlights

Check the church calendar for complete listings.

Thu	1	New Year's Day; Church office closed
Fri	2	Church office closed
Sat	3	Worship; Name Tag Weekend
Sun	4	Worship; Name Tag Weekend
Wed	7	Annual Reports Due; Joint prayer service with SJV
Mon	12	Serenity Inn Meal Program
Tue	13	Deacon Meeting
Wed	14	Council Reports Due
Sun	18	Worship; Food Sunday; Bridge
Tue	20	Crossroads Deadline; Congregation Council Meeting
Thu	22	Men's Ministry Gathering
Fri	23	Youth Winter Retreat at Pine Lake
Mon	26	SVdP Meal Program
Thu	29	Crossroads assembly

January Food Drive



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Calvary's Cupboard last month. Items collected are taken to the Waukesha Food Pantry. The next Food Sunday is **Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunday**, with collection January 17th and 18th, 2015. Any type of peanut butter or jam/jelly is acceptable. Other items of need are canned fruits, soup, pasta, cereals, and paper products. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please mark your envelope or check with the notation "Food Pantry".

Joint Prayer Service with

St. John Vianney

Wednesday, January 7 at
7 pm at Calvary

January Mission of the Month: Heifer Project

Let's Build an Ark!!!

There is a wonderful line in Mary Poppins "Let's Fly a Kite" and although January winds would give great flight the weather won't be conducive to running with a kite, but who knows, maybe someone will try it, it is possible. But even more possible is that Calvary can "DO" an Ark. Our Mission of the Month is Heifer International,

you may be a contributor to them. The Sunday School kids gave contributions to Heifer International in the past year. Let us stand beside them to show the power of our whole congregation, our Calvary family. It isn't like you have to give a lot if everyone is willing to give what they can and maybe a little bit more. But feel free to give a lot

more if the Holy Spirit moves you!

So how do we give and Ark? An Ark is \$5,000! That sounds like a lot, doesn't it? But it's amazing what a lot of gifts can do. And although it is our "Mission of the Month", it wouldn't need to all be accomplished in one month, but perhaps

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Cal's Committee Corner: Mission & Outreach

The committee overseeing and leading service & benevolence projects at Calvary is called Mission & Outreach (M&O). The Mission & outreach Committee is most recognized for its regular projects including "Mission of the Month", "Food Sundays", and "Mission Servant Week".

While they delve into other special service & benevolence causes throughout the year, much of their focus has been on regular, monthly support of Christian charitable groups. This year's Mission of the Month (MoM) schedule has been tentatively set and is as follows:



- Jan- Heifer Project
- Feb- Lutheran Bible Translators
- Mar- NALC Mission Partner congregation support
- Apr- Compassion International
- May- Military Outreach "Faith by Hearing"
- Jun- Youth Mission Trip
- Jul- Waukesha Women's Center
- Aug- African Lutheran Church
- Sep- Opportunity International
- Oct- Lutheran World Relief
- Nov- Mosaic/Bethpage
- Dec- Seminary Fund and Lutheran College support

One group/organization is highlighted each month and MoM monies are directed to them.

Likewise, each month there is a special need highlighted for the local food pantry and members are asked to donate items. There is a large "Food Pantry" box located in Fellowship Hall where you can leave your items. These are then delivered each month to the local Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.

The Mission and Outreach Committee will soon have their own bulletin board with the latest information on current

M&O causes and projects. Watch the narthex for the information board coming soon!

Some of the other areas which fall under the guidance of the M&O Committee include Serenity Inn, St. Vincent de Paul monthly meal program, quilters, and the STAR Team - a group of Calvary people giving help to our own congregation members.

Current M&O Committee members include Brad Meyer, Rich Bloomberg, Linda Berger, Ernie Kretschmann, RoJean Holler and Sallie Schulz. If you have any questions about Mission & Outreach, or would like to offer comments or suggestions, please speak with one of the committee members.

Hey YOUTH!

All of our youth events are open to ALL youth of that age! Feel free to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, grandkids, etc. More Kids = More Fun!!!

Connect & Revolve (Grades 6-12)

Winter Retreat: January 24-26, 2014

Middle School & High School Winter Retreat at Pine Lake Camp!

We will head north on Friday, January 23, spend Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning at Pine Lake; and then return to Brookfield on Sunday, January 25 mid-afternoon. This event will include sledding, cross country skiing, and other winter activities, as well as devotions to help us grow closer to God and activities to help us grow in our relationships with each other.

The cost of the retreat, including lodging, registration, and meals Saturday (all day) and Sunday brunch is \$90.00 per person. Additional costs will include dinner on Friday and snacks for the road up and back. Scholarships are available, and are kept strictly confidential. For more information, please talk to me personally.

Please note that friends are WELCOME and encouraged to attend!!! Feel free to contact me with any questions about this upcoming retreat. I'm excited to head up north for some frosty fun and time with our youth and our Father!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Bridge (Grades 3-5)

Youth Group Meetings: January 18, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

All Youth

Youth Sunday: January 31 & February 1

We will be leading the worship service on Saturday and Sunday! From ushering to reading; playing music to assisting the Pastor, our youth will be doing it all! Please join us in serving our Calvary family and sharing the many blessings and gifts God has put in you! If you are interested in participating in Youth

Sunday and are unable to attend the Winter Retreat, please contact Angie to let me know you are excited to serve our Lord!

Mark Your Calendars:

Snow Tubing (all youth): Sunday, February 15 from 11:30 to 4:00ish

Fat Tuesday Dinner: Tuesday, February 17 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm



FIRM

Families In Real Ministry (FIRM) is a group open to the entire congregation, friends, neighbors, and the community. This group has events and activities centered around growing the faith of your family through service projects, games, education, and more!

Faith and Family Day with the Milwaukee Wave: Watch for details coming soon!

"God Loves You" Valentine Party: Friday, February 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

We will be celebrating the best Valentine EVER! Do you know what it is?

For God So Loved the World... Can you guess yet? That's right, JESUS!

We will be doing crafts, making snacks, hearing stories and sharing God's love! This event is for the whole family! So, grab your family and celebrate in style at our God Loves You Party!



Mark Your Calendars:

ADULTS ONLY – Snow Tubing at Sunburst: Saturday, February 7, from 6:00 - 10pm

Women's Ministry Book Study

Our book selection for Monday, January 12 is Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler.

In *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler, eighty-nine-year-old Isabelle McAllister has a favor to ask her hairdresser Dorrie Curtis. It's a big one. Isabelle wants Dorrie, a black single mom in her thirties, to drop everything to drive Isabelle from her home in Arlington, Texas, to a funeral in Cincinnati. With no clear explanation why. Tomorrow.

Curious whether she can unlock the secrets

of Isabelle's guarded past, she agrees, not knowing it will be a journey that changes both their lives. Over the years, Dorrie and Isabelle have developed more than just a business relationship. They are friends. But Dorrie, fretting over the new man in her life and her teenage son's irresponsible choices, still wonders why Isabelle chose her.

Isabelle confesses that, as a willful teen in 1930s Kentucky, she fell deeply in love with Robert Prewitt, a would-be doctor and the black son of her family's housekeeper—in a

town where blacks weren't allowed after dark. The tale of their forbidden relationship and its tragic consequences makes it clear Dorrie and Isabelle are headed for a gathering of the utmost importance and that the history of Isabelle's first and greatest love just might help Dorrie find her own way. (amazon.com)

Please join us at 1:00 pm on January 12 for a lively discussion!

Live Nativity 2014

Calvary's Live Nativity was held on December 7th and was a HUGE success! Members led, performed and hosted more than 400 people in 31 tour groups over a time span of just 2-1/2 hours. The turnout from the community was wonderful and Calvary is blessed to have been able to share the wonderful news of the birth of our Savior.

The entire Live Nativity committee, led by Mark Trudell, want to extend our deepest gratitude to the family of Calvary for the overwhelming support of and participation in the program. We especially thank and praise God for this opportunity and for the great weather which allowed so many people to come out and attend.



Look for more pictures on our website and on our Facebook page!



Thank you to everyone for making our 2014 Live Nativity such a huge success!

Message from Nancy Marsho, Council President

On behalf of the Church Council, with appreciation to the Worship and Music and Personnel committees, it is my pleasure to announce that our interim music director, Gene Traas, has been selected as Director of Music for Calvary.

Gene is a native of Paterson, New Jersey. He holds degrees from William Paterson University and New Brunswick (NJ) Theological Seminary. He has spent over thirty years in the field of church music, di-

recting handbell and vocal choirs and is a published composer of hymn tunes and organ works.

Though classically trained, he also has a jazz streak in him, having played trombone and tuba under Thad Jones, and backing up Dizzy Gillespie. He begins at Calvary on January 10, 2015 in part because he is the music director of The King's Heralds, a brass ensemble that performs each January in New Orleans.

In addition to his musical skills, Gene is an FAA-certified commercial pilot and flight instructor. He enjoys flying, but says that the hours are better in church music, and the odds of injury are usually lower. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife Laura.

Please join me in welcoming Gene Traas to our Calvary family.

January Mission of the Month: Heifer Project

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we will! Calvary is good at achieving big goals, like the lights for the sanctuary, the demolition of the old home on the property, and in years past the additions, restructuring the church for a new organ, and paying off the mortgage. Now think of our lesson from the Bible this past month. God doesn't need a house or any of what we have invested our money in. Our directions are to be his Hands and Feet – what we do for the least of his people we do unto Him. So let's improve the lives of the people in REAL need. Let's work with the youth to show we are people of THE LIVING GOD!

A Gift Ark donation includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. Donating a Gift Ark will help:

- Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool
- Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell
- Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying and Passing on the Gift

Your gift Ark donation goes around the world, from Africa to Asia, Europe and the Americas. Wherever we find hunger, poverty and hopelessness, we answer with the animals, training and encouragement provided by your generous animal gifts.

Nancy and Jim Marsho went on an Adventure to Africa this fall. Their guide spoke English and was college educated. He told of how his family had received an animal through Heifer International and, because of that animal, they were able to have a business, earn and save money, and provide their children an education. WOW!!!

Think what a HUGE impact Calvary can be on a whole community through showing God's love and sharing his blessings with those in need. What we have is not ours, he has placed the blessings in our lives to do his work.

Come on, let's go...Build an ARK!

Use your weekly offering envelopes, white pew envelopes, or give online. Checks should be made out to Calvary Lutheran Church and note: Mission of the Month.

Submitted by Linda Berger

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Serving at Worship	January 3/4 <i>Sat. 5p; Sun.-9:00a</i> <i>Name Tag Weekend</i>	January 10/11 <i>Sat. 5p; Sun.-9:00a</i>	January 17/18 <i>Sat. 5p; Sun.-9:00a</i> <i>Food Sunday</i>	January 24/25 <i>Wed. 4p & 10p;</i> <i>Thu. 10:00a</i>	January 31/Feb 1 <i>Sat. 5p; Sun.-9:00a</i>
ACOLYTES	Jared, Emily	Conner, Natalie	Kitty, Laura	Conner, Jared	Natalie, Emily
ALTAR GUILD	Roush, Tschetter	Sadowsky	Giuliani	Chesner, Altmin	Holler, Young
ASSISTING MINISTER	Larry Bonier	Scott Langelin	Dawn Roser	Rich Bloomberg	Kevin Wahlgren
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Pr. Roser				
DEACONS (HOSP)	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Lee, Terry, Mary (Ruby)	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Mary, Ron, Karen (Donna)	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Erik, Grace, Terry (Ruby)	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Ron, Keith, Karen (Donna)	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Erik, Ron
GREETERS	[Sat] Marshall, Trudell [Sun] Young, DeBruine, Hermann	[Sat] Langelin, Foster [Sun] Johnson, Grosnitz	[Sat] Anderson, Cox, Ketelsen [Sun] Blockland, Zastrow, Sayas	[Sat] Roush, Chesner [Sun] Gunnlaugsson, Rooney	[Sat] Hirth, Veenendahl, Holman [Sun] Rowe, Foster, Zastrow
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POWERPOINT	[Sat] Mark [Sun] Grace	[Sat] Ron [Sun] Lydia	[Sat] Mark [Sun] Larry	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Sue	[Sat] Mark [Sun] Grace
USHERS	Rich Baumgartner, Jim Brostowitz, Gordy Gunnlaugsson, Bob Smith	Thiede, Marsho, Ramthun	Langelin, Lukasik	Krause, Bloomberg	Rooney, Pierce

January Birthdays

	Date		Date		Date
Piek, Anthony	1	Corcoran, Carol	9	Osowski, Juanita	21
Veenendaal, Lillian	4	Hauch, Ruby	9	Evert, Amelia	22
Krause, William	5	Roe, Carol	11	Gall, Jackson	22
Marinello, Brian	5	Burnside, Lynn	13	Trotier, Terrence	22
Ramthun, Edward	5	Tyne, Margaret	13	Bassel, Russel	23
Roush, Jonni	5	Steiner, William	14	Shannon, Helen	23
Skarie, Paul	6	Randar, Haakon	15	Rooks, Cynthia	24
Corcoran, Patrick (Sean)	7	Thiede, Thomas	15	Vollmar, Susan	25
Huettl, Benjamin	7	Wahlgren, Erik	16	Dzurak, Irene	27
Juno, Joanne	7	Trotier, Carolyn	17	Iverson, Diane	27
Kretschmann, Ernest	7	Duckett, Jill	18	Dentice, Anthony	28
Schwenn, Shirley	7	Nyka, Mark	18	Kern, Amanda	30
Nyka, Kimberly	8	Duch, Allison	21		

January Anniversaries

	Date	# of Years		Date	# of Years
Fillhower, Chelsea and (Nicholas)	5	2	Sutherland, Bruce and Eileen	19	41
Corcoran, Patrick and Carol	12	52	Bzdusek, George and Terry	20	42
Hoffman, William and Sarah	19	2	Heyen, Donald and Fay	21	17

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Off: Pastor Roser 9:00 AM Worship	29 Off: Pastor Roser OFFICE HOURS 9 AM to 1PM	30 Off: Pastor Roser OFFICE HOURS 9 AM to 1PM 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM Non-Smoking AA	31 (Office Closed at Noon) NEW YEAR'S EVE Off: Pastor Roser 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Off: Pastor Roser OFFICE CLOSED	2 Off: Pastor Roser OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AI Anon	3 Name Tag Weekend 5:00 PM Worship
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Bishop Bradosky's Christmas Message

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It is Jesus' true identity that gives us courage and strength to believe. He is the only one who can offer true righteousness and salvation to those who believe in Him. He alone is the only one who can redeem us and cleanse us from sin by His own death and resurrection. Luther describes the birth of Jesus as the devil's doom:

For the hook, which is the divinity of Christ, was concealed under the earthworm (the infant Jesus). The devil swallowed it with his jaws when Christ died and was buried. But it ripped his belly so that he could not retain it but had to disgorge it. He ate death for himself. This affords us the greatest solace; for just as the devil could not hold Christ in death, so he cannot hold us who believe in Christ.

Yet Jesus' birth proclaims that we have a Savior who is also our Brother. He has taken on our nature in every way except for sin. John proclaims to our delight that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Our Savior is one who was born of Mary, suffered, was crucified, died, rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. Luther writes, "With a cheerful heart I may declare: 'I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who sits on His right hand as my Advocate. He is of my flesh and blood; yes, He is my Brother. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, became incarnate, and died for our sins.'" Our eternal welfare and salvation are established on this article of faith. Into this faith we were baptized and on this faith we live and die.

I was more than a little surprised to discover that a Christmas song with the following words was popular and the writer, Mark Lowry, is pondering Mary's insight into the eternal divinity of Christ as the Gospel of John declares.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?

This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

And when you kiss your little baby, you've kissed the face of God.

Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the dead will live again.

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding is the great I Am.

Oh Mary did you know?

Let us approach this Christmas with the same pondering of Christ's true nature and identity. Let our proclamation be focused on Christ exclusively, the only Savior and Consolation of the world. Let us do nothing to attract people to ourselves but instead lead them to Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The entire nature and divinity of Christ is summed up in these words from the Christmas Gospel, "And the Word became flesh." Luther reminds us that those words are the equivalent of saying "I am a Christian." Both

sets of words should be used to overcome the oppression of the devil. The Word who became flesh will send him fleeing.

Finally, as you prepare to celebrate Christmas let me encourage you to make one more connection with those powerful words from the Gospel, "And the Word became flesh." When these words are combined with the bread and wine on the altar it becomes the Body and Blood of the Word.

St. Augustine said, "That Lord, you see, who 'in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God' was so compassionate that He did not despise what He had created in His own image; and therefore 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,' as you know. Because, yes, the very Word took to Himself a man, that is, the soul and flesh of a man, and became man while remaining God. For that reason, because He also suffered for us, He also presented us in this Sacrament with His Body and Blood, and this is what He made even us ourselves into as well."

In the Eucharist, the Word Made Flesh enters into our lives with all the power and majesty of His eternal divinity and we are forever changed.

Christ is born! Oh, come, let us adore Him.

Celebrating with you the joy of the Christmas Gospel — Emmanuel, God with us.

Bishop John F. Bradosky

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Come, follow me,"
Jesus said, "and I
will make you fish-
ers of men.

Mark 1:17

January Prayer Corner

As we pass from the Christmas season into the season of Epiphany, we invite the light of Christ to shine on us and lead us. Fr. Frank Colquhoun has written the following prayer. We hope it is useful to you during Epiphany.



An Epiphany Prayer

*Lord Jesus
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.*

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