

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(MEMBER OF WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD)
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GOODHUE, MN 55027

January 7, 2024
Epiphany

Welcome to our visitors! We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please do us the honor of signing our guestbook, providing your full address. Let us know if we can be of any spiritual service to you in the future.

Opening Hymn: CW #370 vv. 1-3
“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Order of Service:
Setting Two, pp. 172

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Lesson: Eph. 3:2-12 “Surely you have heard of the administration of God’s grace given to me for you, ³namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 " After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ² "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose^[a] and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶ You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel."^[b]

⁷ Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him."

⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose^[c] went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹ After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down

and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.”

Children’s Message

Hymn: CW #372
“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Sermon

Apostles Creed, pg. 181

Offering Hymn: Koine Video

Lord’s Prayer, pg. 185

Blessing

Closing Hymn: CW #370 vv. 4-5
“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Communion Schedule: The Lord’s Supper will be offered January 14th and 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Voter’s Meeting January 21 after church. **Anyone responsible for reports please get them to Mrs. Pankow by January 8th.** www.stjohnsoffice4773

The church offering envelopes are available to pick up for 2024. If you are using a check, please still put it in your envelope if you want to get credit for that donation. Also, if you want to skip checks and envelopes, online giving is available at stjohnsgoodhue.com .

Youth Lock-in-Grades 8-12 on January 14th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ, Zumbrota. Meet at St. John’s at 5:30 for a ride. Please RSVP for the 6 p.m. meal.

Installation of church officers today.

New or current members information needed- If you are a new or current member and we do not have your contact information, please email to stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com Thank you!

Photo and contact information changes – please submit a photo for a directory and please notify the secretary of contact information changes. stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com or put a picture in the mailbox at church.

I need to update the birthday list. If you are a new member, or had a baby this year, or we don't have your birthday, please email your birthday to me so that we can wish you a Happy Birthday!
stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com.

Camp Croix Registration is open for 2024. <https://campcroix.org/register>

Calendar

- Jan. 9 Senior Fellowship 12:00-2:00 Potluck
- Jan. 14 Youth Lock-in at Christ Zumbrota
- Jan. 21 Annual Voter's Meeting after church
- Jan. 28 Youth Sledding from 2:00-4:00 Location TBD.

Happy Birthday

1/8 Libby Thomforde, Marc Bode

1/9 Michael Dahling, Robin Dahling,

Bradyn Hinsch, Alex Stehr

1/11 Glenn Luhman

1/13 Missy Jablonski

1/14 Jake Peterson



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Today's Organist: Anna Mehrkens

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Ken Schrimpf, Trevor Ryan & Tim Hinrichs

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Cameron Peterson, Brandon Lexvold & Jesse Luhman

USHERS for January Group 1

Rob Ringeisen, Dan Agenten, Tim Hinrichs, Brandon Lexvold, Justin
Thomforde, Jerrod Thomforde, Shane Matthees, Todd Brinkman, Justin
Hinrichs

GREETERS-

1/7 Mike and Dorothy Lodermeier

1/14 Jesse and Lori Luhman and Rebekah



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