

**The Epiphany of our Lord**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

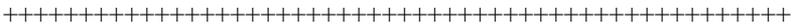


“We saw His star when it rose and have come  
to worship Him.” *Matthew 2:2b*

**WELCOME!** We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

**AS WE GATHER:** *“We Have Come to Worship Him”*

The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God’s Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world



**Budget Update:**

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 28,980	\$ 254,413
Expenses:	\$ 19,958	\$ 251,414
Over/(under):	\$ 9,022	\$ 2,999
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 9,000	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,500	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 10,000	
Total Debt:	\$ 48,500	

We finished the year with a healthy December. In 2018 we reduced the CLC debt by just over \$3300, and the Operating debt was reduced by just under \$300. However, we did increase the amount we owe our Savings account by \$2000 from what it was going into the year. Replenishing our Savings account remains a priority for 2019.

Thank you for your ongoing support to this ministry. To God be all the glory.

Treasurer: Jerry Kobiske



**ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203**

**Opening Hymn** “The People That in Darkness Sat” (LSB 412)

**Sharing of the Peace** (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

**THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT**

**Collect of the Day**

**ALL:** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

**First Reading**—*Isaiah 60:1–6* (Arise and shine for Your light has come.)

**Gradual** (*spoken responsively*)

**Epistle**—*Ephesians 3:1–12* (The mystery long hidden has been revealed in Jesus Christ.)

**Alleluia and Verse**—“*Alleluia. Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.*”

**Holy Gospel**—*Matthew 2:1–12* (The star leads the Magi to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born for all.)

**Nicene Creed**

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**Catechism:**

pages 324 - 325

**From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism: Lord’s Prayer**—Seventh Petition and Conclusion

**Sermon Hymn** “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (LSB 395)

**Sermon**

Guest Pastor—Pastor David Baker, LCMS Missionary to Mongolia

**Offering**

## **Prayers of the Church**

*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 208**

**COMMUNION STATEMENT**—*(Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament).* The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

### **Proper Preface**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

### **Distribution Hymns:**

-“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” (LSB 400)  
-“As with Gladness Men of Old” (LSB 397)

**Closing Hymn** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (LSB 367)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 69**

**Officiant:** Rev. John M. Taggatz

**Organist:** Chris Cutts

**Elder:** Bob Boelter

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**Acolyte:** Michael Muench

**Church Information—**

**Pastor's E-mail:** [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com)

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**Pastor Taggatz's Blog:** [www.thewordendures.blogspot.com](http://www.thewordendures.blogspot.com)

**Church Body's Website:** [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

**Church Websites:** [www.elcms.org](http://www.elcms.org) (Calvary)

[www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com) (Christ)

**Julie Decker, MA, LPC—Clinical Christian Psychologist through Lutheran Counseling & Family Services at Calvary Waupaca—For appointment call:** (715) 524-4840 or (toll free) 888-867-4840 or online at [www.lcfswi.org](http://www.lcfswi.org).

**REMINDER! Pastor's Office Hours for Christ & Calvary**

**Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm**

**Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm**

**Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm**

**Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm**

**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

*For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.*

*For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.*

**Our Prayer List:** Judy Wurm (blood disorder); Andy Handrich (cancer); Tracey Vetrone; Samuel Cartwright; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Darin Triplett (cancer); Dirk Niebaum (cancer); Sam Ives, (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems); Bud & Judy Keller; Michael Felske (rehabilitation); Daryl (cancer); Bonnie Mitchell (healing); Todd Monroe (cancer); Judy (brain tumor) friend of Fred Monroe; Connie Selle (cancer); Jim Robbert (healing); Verona Lipke (healing); Chris Schliepp (healing).

**In the Military:** Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Our Shut Ins:** Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

**Special thanks** to Pastor David Baker for preaching the sermon today at Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches and for giving his mission presentation at Calvary Waupaca on his work in sharing the Gospel message with the people of Mongolia. God's blessings to him and his family in their ministry to God's people!!!

**Immediately following worship at Christ Lutheran TODAY we will need some help in taking down the Christmas decorations in the Church sanctuary, any and all help would be greatly appreciated!!!**

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST**

<p><b><u>Sunday – January 6</u></b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Epiphany Worship Service w/ Holy Communion          Taking down Christmas Decorations immediately following worship  <b>11:30 AM</b> Pastor Baker Family Mission Presentation &amp; Calvary  <b>5:00 PM</b> Elder's Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>Monday – January 7</u></b>  <b>4:30 &amp; 5:30 PM-</b> Basketball away game @ Valley Christian Oshkosh  <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Team Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday – January 8</u></b>          School Resumes for 3K-Kindergarten Class  <b>8:30 AM</b> Chapel</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday – January 9</u></b>  <b>3:30-5:15 PM</b> Basketball Practice  <b>6-7:00 PM</b> Public School Confirmation Class</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday – January 10</u></b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Bible Study @ Calvary  <b>4:45 PM</b> Basketball away game @ Trinity Menasha</p>
<p><b><u>Friday – January 11</u></b>  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b></p>
<p><b><u>Sunday – January 13</u></b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship Service  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Bible Class</p>

**In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregations worship has been cancelled.**

**LCMS Missionaries Visiting Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches on Epiphany Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**—Pastor David & Rachel Baker and their family, LCMS Missionaries to Mongolia will be visiting Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches on Epiphany Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Pastor Baker will be preaching a sermon on that Sunday morning at both churches, at Christ at 8:30am & Calvary at 10:30am, and after worship at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 11:30am, there will be a free-will offering collected for the Bakers, as well as a potluck meal with a presentation on the mission work that the Bakers are doing in

Mongolia. Please join us as we learn about what the Lord is doing in building His Kingdom through the mission work of the Baker family! Calvary is located at: E1887 King Road Waupaca, WI. Christ is located at: N6412 State Road 49 Weyauwega, WI 54983.

**The 2019 offering envelopes are in the mailboxes.** Please make it a little easier for the financial committee by writing your name and the amount on your envelope. This helps because it is a check of names and entering the data into reports. Thank you in ADVANCE for doing this.

**The Board of Stewardship wishes to thank Mr. & Mrs. Orville Behm** for the memorial gift of \$1000 in memory of their parents, Mr. Reinhold Nehring and Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Behm. This will go to the cushion fund.

**Children's Quiet Bags are available for your children here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches.** These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

**The Milk Moola fundraising program will be ending in January** because the cost to administer the program has outweighed the dollars Kwik Trip has directly funded to help the participants. All redemptions need to be postmarked for 3/31/2019. If you have any Kwik Trip Caps or Bag Tops we will need them by Feb. 15th so that we can get them counted for redemption. Please bring all you have to the office and place them in the Mild Moola Bin if that is full please place them on the table. Thank you for your support! Any questions please call the office at 920-867-3263 or email Jennifer at [clcschool@centurytel.net](mailto:clcschool@centurytel.net).

**CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--**We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2019. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: 920-867-3646.

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:** You will find a Flower Committee sign-up sheet. We are looking for one or two people to take care of flowers/plants for a month. The person(s) would be in responsible for Altar flowers and watering the green plants. If you are interested, please sign up or contact Susanne Utecht.

**SCRIP AT CELC—**SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Due to the Milk Moola program ending Kwik Trip has upped the percentage back to 15% for any KT script card in January only. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**If you are in need of 2018 Tax filing Assistance** the Wautoma Cap Services center will be giving free tax filing services to those in need. You are asked to call 1-800-660-5430 to find out if you are eligible and to make an appointment.



## 2019 South Wisconsin District Passionate Believers Conference is set for January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.

8:00 am Registration & 2:00 pm Closing

**Keynote Presenter: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**

President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

**W**hy Am I Joyfully Lutheran? The Bible is brimming

with joy! Despite the myriad challenges of life, the Word of God gives an extensive and fulsome cause for joy, and by grace actually renders the Christian joyous. As a faithful confession of God's Word, Luther's Small Catechism is also full of consolation and a tremendous cause for joy. The simple and sure clarity of the Bible, and especially the catechism's clear confession of the Bible's basic teachings, is the remedy for hurting and joyless souls.

For more conference information and to register visit [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) or contact Barb Slak at the South Wisconsin District Office @ 414-292-0745 & [slak@swd.lcms.org](mailto:slak@swd.lcms.org).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"The Word Turned Toward"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same—He turns His Word toward us. (John 1:1-18) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)

7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)

8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)

10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

"For Christians, then, 'too many people' is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40)." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a [Word of Hope](#), Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org).)*

### The Congregation at Prayer Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, The Epiphany of our Lord

**Catechism:** Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition and Conclusion

**Verse of the week:** Romans 8:26, "The Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

*For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 72

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 412) “The People That in Darkness Sat” (stanzas 1-4)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

Sunday—The Visit of the Magi—Matthew 2:1-12

Monday—The Flight into Egypt—Matthew 2:13-15

Tuesday—The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents—Matthew 2:16-23

Wednesday—The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:41-52

Thursday—John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord—Matthew 3:1-12

Friday—The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17

**Are you celebrating a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or remembering a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord?** If so, you can donate flowers on the altar for that particular week you are celebrating a special occasion or remembering a loved one. Please call Susanne Utecht if you are interested in donating flowers at: (920) 867-4225.

**If there’s a prayer request for Christ or Calvary please be sure to keep us updated as to how they are doing.** If someone is feeling better, we would certainly want to give a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing as well...