

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 256 **Communion:** 130
New Year's Eve: 130 **Communion:** 80
New Year's Day: 94 **Communion:** 64

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid, church
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, commons
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church
 Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
 6:30 p.m. School Board
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, commons
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, school basement
 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, computer room
 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
 8:15 p.m. Choir
 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 p.m. Athletic Association Meeting
 3:30 p.m. Youth Group Volleyball at Brillion
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

Ladies Aid will meet Sunday after worship.

Adult Men You're invited to a bible study/fellowship this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons and gym. We will continue the bible study "Men as Leaders" for a half hour or so. After the study there will be an opportunity to play basketball, cards, or watch football. Get a group together or come alone and join the fun!

His Word—My Life will conclude our study of Ecclesiastes, *Nowhere Man*, this week. Join us as we compare life with God to life under the sun. We will meet next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at church and Monday, January 7 at 7:00 a.m. at the Café.

Tuesday Bible Class will begin *That's Easy For You To Say*, a study from the "Fifth Pew From the Front" series. Join us Tuesday at 2:00

p.m. in the church basement. Children are welcome. Join us before you pick up your children from school!

Adult Christ Light Class will study *The 12 Spies* next week. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Please join us!

Athletic Association will meet after worship next Sunday.

Installation of the Church Council will be a part of worship on Sunday, January 20.

Open Forum will be after worship on Sunday, January 20. Everyone is invited to come and ask questions or share their thoughts on the ministry of the congregation.

Voters' Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 27.

Naomi Circle will meet at Crossroads Café at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15.

Bread for Life Women's Bible Study will meet Saturday, January 18 at school.

Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center needs baby clothes, infant to size 6. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to church so they can be given to needy families. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Schultz.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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The Festival of Epiphany

January 3 & 6, 2008

Declare His Praises

Lord, speak to me of your love and forgiveness as I worship that I may grow in faith and serve you in my life. Amen.

THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 92, 79, 91:1,2,5

Psalm Prayer

Almighty God, we praise you for the gracious rule of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let his kingdom come to us and to all people so that the whole earth may know his saving help and be filled with his glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 72 (p. 93)

Sermon: Matthew 2:1-12

Come Worship The King!

Overcome obstacles
 Give generously
 Serve lovingly

SUNDAY

Service: Common Service (p. 15)

Hymns: 92, 79, 83, 91:1,2,5

Prayer of the Day

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.

The Festival of Epiphany: Series A

Jesus is revealed as a Savior for the world.

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
"Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the arm.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 72 (page 93)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of

Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2)

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel

Matthew 2:11



**...they saw the child
with his mother
Mary, and they bowed
down and worshiped him.**

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.