

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 310 (8, 302)      **Bible Study:** 72 (2, 42, 7, 5, 6, 10)

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, 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  
 Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school commons  
 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Church Council  
 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, Crossroads Café  
 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement  
 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  
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, school  
 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. Open Forum, church  
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

**Athletic Association** will meet after worship on Sunday.

**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 meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at church and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Café.

**Elders and Council** meet on Monday this week.

**Tuesday Bible Class** will continue *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.

**Naomi Circle** will meet at Crossroads Café at 10:00 a.m. this Tuesday.

**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!

**Bread for Life Women's Bible Study** will meet Saturday, January 18 at school. We will make taco pie, bring a pie pan.

**Installation of the Church Council** will be in worship next Sunday.

**Open Forum** will be after worship next Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and ask questions or share their thoughts or concerns about the ministry of the congregation.

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

**MLHS Campus Improvement Day** will be Saturday, Jan 26, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please share a few hours of your day to help with some routine cleaning & maintenance projects (nothing too strenuous, so everyone can lend a hand ). Together, we can respond with gratitude to take good care of the facility God has given our high school! Contact Jim Reis (682-0215 x. 158) or Jerry Haupt (682-5954) with questions or to let us know you can help so we can be prepared that day.

**If you're looking** to get away this winter, you might consider heading to a retreat at Camp Phillip in Wautoma, WI. Camp Phillip is a WELS affiliated year-round camp that offers retreats for all ages. Relax in God's creation and renew your faith at the Winter Family Skiing Weekend, singles weekend, scrapbooking retreat or quilting retreat. To learn more, visit [www.campphillip.com](http://www.campphillip.com) or call the office at 920-787-3202."

**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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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

January 9 & 13, 2008



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, you revealed yourself as Savior of all. Bless me as you reveal yourself to me today in Word and Sacrament. Amen.*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

83, 89, 309, 390, 93:3

**Prayer of the Day**

*Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Special Music** (Sunday)

*Someone Special* grades 5-8 (after prayer of the day)

*As the Deer* Kara Schultz (musical offering)

**Psalm of the Day:** Ps. 2 (p. 65)

**Sermon:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Let It Be So Now**

Now all righteousness is fulfilled  
Now the Father is pleased

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany: Series A

## The Baptism of our Lord

*Jesus was baptized by John as the beginning of his public ministry.*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-7

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his law the islands will put their hope."  
This is what God the LORD says—  
he who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 2 (page 65)

### Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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

*When Jesus  
had been  
baptized...*



Matthew 3:16

*the heavens were opened to him  
and he saw the  
Spirit of God  
descending like a dove  
and alighting on 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.