

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 201 **Communion:** 99
New Year's Eve: 106 **Communion:** 85
New Year's Day: 49 **Communion:** 31

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, church
10:00 a.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. His Word—My Life Bible Class
Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
6:30 p.m. School Board
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5th-8th grade)
4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3rd-4th grade)
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1st-2nd grade)
Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school)
7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Friday 5:00 p.m. Basketball vs. Mishicot at home (3 games)
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
8:00 a.m. Challenges and Blessings Study, commons
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
10:00 a.m. Open Forum, church
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, commons
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Installation of the 2009 Church Council will be after the offering is brought forward this morning before the Prayer of the Church. Members of this year's church council are: Jade Witt (chairman), John Beyer (secretary), Tom Soderlund (treasurer, newly elected), James Krueger (financial secretary), Lloyd Lemke (elder), Todd Leiberg (elder), Dan Uecker (elder, newly elected), Jeremy Zirbel (school board), Mike Zittlow (school board), Eric Cappelle (school board, newly elected). Please keep these men and the work they do in your daily prayer life.

Ladies Aid will meet after worship in the back of church.

His Word—My Life Bible Class will meet this Sunday evening. We will continue our study of 2 Corinthians. Join us!

Tuesday Bible Study will meet this week. We will continue our study of *The Daze Before Christmas*.

Public School Bible History and Confirmation Classes will meet again this Wednesday at the regular times.

Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Blessings and Challenges Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges When Our Children Marry*. Join us at school.

Open Forum There will be an Open Forum for all members of our congregation after worship next Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns about our ministry you are invited to bring them to this meeting.

Men's Bible Study will meet next Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons. We will continue our study of *Men as Leaders*. After the study stay for basketball, cards, or whatever your heart desires!

Poinsettias If you purchased one of the poinsettias that are in church, please pick one up after worship today. Thank you!

Voter's Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January, 18.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2009



Prayer before worship

Lord, you have kept your promises to the world by sending Jesus. Bless me as I worship today that I may become more faithful to you. Amen

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Hymns

56, 34, 47, 50

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Sermon: Hebrews 2:10-18

The Author of Salvation

Calls us family
Frees us from Satan's Slavery

Christmas 2— Series B

Salvation is found only in the God-man, Jesus.

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

The eternal Shepherd, born in lowly circumstances in a small Judean town, provides protection and peace for his flock.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor gives birth
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.
And he will be their peace.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Everything in all creation is called on to praise the Lord because of what he has done in raising up his Anointed One to bring salvation.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus shared in our humanity so that he might pay for the sins of the human race. As our Brother, he understands us and helps us.

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers;
in the presence of the congregation I will sing
your praises."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again he says,

"Here am I, and the children God has given me."

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel: John 7:40-43

An encounter with Jesus demands a response. Some respond in faith, others with skepticism.

On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

Others said, "He is the Christ."

Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

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Our mission is to honor God as we help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel



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.