

Monday Bible Class will begin again on Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class This week we will begin the five lesson series, *Forging Our Church Into A Caring Committee*. Join us. We meet at 2:00 p.m. at church. Stop in before you pick up your child at school!

Naomi Circle & Bread For Life are cancelled for this month.

NEW Zoo Day January 14 for 2-5 year olds. Please invite 2-5 year olds to join us. If you would like info on ways to help please contact Mr. Humann.

Anniversary Service Our first 150th anniversary celebration will be Sunday, January 22. We will focus on God's grace in worship. The theme of the meal and activities after worship is *Fun in the Sun*. Historical displays and anniversary mementoes will be available. Join us for a summer cookout. Please bring a dessert to share. There will be a contest for the best "Summer Attire." Use your imagination and join us!

Sign Up! Please sign up and let us know how many brats and burgers you want for the meal on Jan. 22. Please make your best guess as soon as possible so we can order enough meat. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us and sign up for them also!. If you have any questions contact Denise Laabs or Nancy Pantzlaff. Sign up sheets are in the church basement, mother's room, and on the table by the office at school. Thanks!

Third Annual Men of His Word Conference Join hundreds of your brothers in Christ as we share in Word and song and fellowship. More information is available online at www.menofhisword.org. More info and registration sheets were in last week's bulletin.

FVL Winterfest will be Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Advance tickets are available in the school office for \$3. Tickets at the door are \$4; children 11 and under are free, 12 and over are free with a student ID or sports pass. You can contact Linda Sieker at 864-7307 if interested in helping. All proceeds from this event benefit the music programs of FVL.

MLHS Sunday is April 29 not January 29 as indicated in the newsletter.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement.

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

1st Sunday after Epiphany; The Baptism of our Lord Jan. 5/8, 2012

Jesus is revealed in his baptism and ours.

Service: Service of Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: page 156

Hymns: 16, 89, 309, 377, 299

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 59:1-6

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.
For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.
Your lips have spoken lies,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.
No one calls for justice;
no one pleads his case with integrity.
They rely on empty arguments and speak lies;
they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.
They hatch the eggs of vipers
and spin a spider's web.

Whoever eats their eggs will die,
 and when one is broken, an adder is hatched.
 Their cobwebs are useless for clothing;
 they cannot cover themselves with what they make.
 Their deeds are evil deeds,
 and acts of violence are in their hands.

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

Second Lesson: Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon: Isaiah 59:1-6

You Live in the Year of the Lord’s Favor

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 133 **Communion:** 100
New Year’s Eve 155 **Communion:** 75

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
 10:00 a.m. Open Forum
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid

Monday 7:00 p.m. Book Study, church
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study, church
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, commons
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
 6:30 p.m. Elders
 7:30 p.m. Church Council
 Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Bible History Class
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 8:00 p.m. Choir
 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Be My Witnesses Study, commons
 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Study, church basement
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
 10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting, school
 7:00 p.m. Book Study, church

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close or closed communion. WEL or ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with an Elder before communing . Thank you!

Open Forum will be after worship on Sunday. Join us and bring your comments or questions about our ministry.

Poinsettias 22 of the 40 plants have been purchased. If you would like one of the remaining 18 please talk to Beverly Leiterman.

NIV Daily Bibles There are 22 NIV Daily Bible available for free! The signup sheet is in the basement. If you would like one, please sign up today. These Bibles are divided into 365 daily readings, a reading from the OT, the NT, and one from Psalms or Proverbs. The Bibles are a gift from the Otts.

Commons Bible Class We are studying, *Go, Be My Witnesses*. This ten lesson course from the book of Acts will motivate and equip us to share the Gospel with others. God has told you to always be ready to give an answer for the hop that you have. This class is the opportunity to get yourself ready

Adult Christ Light Class will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. We will look at *The 12 Spies*.

The Book Study will meet this Sunday. Our first class will put into practice what we learned in the book, *Bible Basics*. Read the book of Titus in the New Testament. Look at who wrote the book, who they were writing to, what they were writing about. Then read the book and bring to class the insights you gleaned for your life and any questions you may have about the things you read. We will discuss it together like we have been discussing the books we have read. The next book we will discuss is *One God—Two Covenants?*. This book is from the Bible Discovery series from NPH, the same series that published *Bible Basics*. The cost of the book is \$15. There is a sign up sheet with more information in the church basement.

Voters Meeting will be after worship on January 15.