



January 3, 2021 – Second Sunday after Christmas *The Epiphany of Our Lord

Observed

Psalm 72:1-11; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-2

“Your Light Has Come!” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 60:1-6 - Rev. William Mueller

January 10, 2021 – First Sunday after the Epiphany *Baptism of Our Lord Observed

Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11

“Our Servant King” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:11 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

January 17, 2021 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; John 1:43-51

“Your Connection to Heaven” - Sermon Text: John 1:51 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 62; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

“God’s Call” - Sermon Text: Jonah 3:10 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28

“Authority of God” - Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 18:15 - Rev. Shayne Jonker



During the month of December, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **CAROL SCHLUMPF, SARA VANSTONE, RON MAASBERG, PAULA REININGA, DORIS TURPIN, JOHN BROCK, DAVE COOMER, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

BIBLE CLASS

Saturday, December 5.....	24	
Sunday, December 6.....	40	12
Saturday, December 12.....	21	
Saturday, December 13	38	12
Saturday, December 19	19	
Sunday, December 20.....	42	12
Christmas Eve.....	57	
Christmas Day.....	30	
Saturday, December 26.....	7	
Sunday, December 27.....	31	16

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

WORSHIP SERVICES: Our Sunday morning service begins at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Worshippers sit in the pews marked with blue tape and have the option to come to the altar rail by household for Communion. At our Saturday service at 9:00 AM, masks are required throughout the service, Communion is distributed in the pew, and worshippers sit in the pews NOT marked with blue tape.

We recommend that those with an underlying health risk continue to worship online; however, everyone has the Christian freedom to worship in the sanctuary by following our church’s instructions and safety precautions.

You may worship at home by watching the live stream of our Sunday service at facebook.com/trinitylutherandarmstadt or using the on-line resources on our website at trinitydarmstadt.org/worship-service.

For those who are not on-line, hard copies of the Sunday bulletin, sermon, and announcements will continue to be mailed to homes. Please call Pastor Temme if you would like to be added or removed from the weekly mailing list. *Worship Anew* can be seen at Sunday on DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30 AM.

Please remain a good steward by mailing your offering to church in your offering envelope.

Please call **PASTOR TEMME** at 812-470-5007 or **PASTOR KNEA** at 920-285-9719 for any emergencies or for prayer and counsel.

BIBLE CLASS: Beginning in January, we will start a new study on the book of Joshua. We will see the comparison between Joshua and Jesus, the Israelite battles and the Church militant, and the Promised Land and heaven. Contact Pastor Temme if you would like a study guide.

ALL BOARDS MEETING: All officers and board members are asked to attend the annual All Boards Meeting on Saturday, January 9, beginning at **10:30 AM** in the parish hall.

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is \$30.00, and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078 or cell (812)459-4078.

NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

YOUTH 2021 EVENTS:

Sunday, January 10, 6:00 PM - Watch a Higher Things sectional followed by volleyball, pizza

Sunday, February 7, 4:45 PM - Superbowl party & game night. Everyone brings a snack

Sunday, March 28, 6:00 PM - Glow in the dark egg hunt & devotions, ham & cheese sandwiches

Sunday, April 4, Serve at Easter Breakfast

Saturday, June 5, Help with games at Darmstadt Days

July 20 - 23 Higher Things Youth Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020: Now that 2020 is over, if any board would like to submit a report for the Annual Report please have them into the office by February 7th. Thanks, Trisha

THANK YOU - We thank **HAZEL ENGLISH** for displaying the nativity scenes in the hallway, **TRISHA LETTERMAN** for providing the cheer baskets for our shut-ins, **PASTOR TEMME**, who delivered the cheer baskets, the **ALTAR GUILD** for decorating our sanctuary, and the **CHOIR** and **INSTRUMENTALISTS** for providing special music during our holiday season.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the **ALTAR CIRCLE** for another great job on the church during the Christmas season!

Cheers to the **CHOIR** and **INSTRUMENTALISTS** who sang and played during the Christmas Season!

Cheers to the following people who celebrated milestone birthdays in December:

BILL GANN – 92nd December 1st

CHARLES FELLWOCK – 91st December 4th

NINA THURMAN – 91st December 12th

Cheers to the following couples who celebrated anniversaries in December

JIM & JANICE STONE – 53rd December 9th

RICHARD & MARY DENNIS – 51st December 21st

THANK YOU

The Family of Ivan Wortmann wishes to thank Pastor Temme and our entire Family of Friends for all of your visits, prayers and concerns. God has blessed us all. God is great—God is good!

Helen Marie Wortmann

PRESCHOOL - The preschool will be holding another fundraiser this month. We will be selling Little Caesars pizza kits and cookie dough. These are great for a quick meal. Pizza kits are Pepperoni or Cheese (3- 12 inch pizzas) for \$22, Personal Pepperoni (9- 6 inch pizzas) for \$22, crazy bread (54 sticks & sauce) for \$19, Italian cheese bread (3- 10 inch loaves) for \$22, chocolate chunk cookie dough (30 cookies) for \$19, and Oatmeal Raisin cookie dough (30 cookies) for \$19. All products are individually packaged. The preschool earns \$6 for every kit sold. Our goal is 100 items sold! Order forms will be in church & the church office starting Sunday January 10th. Last day to order is Friday January 29. Starting January 11 you can place your order online. Go to pizzakit.com. Click on Products. Click Shop. Enter our Fundraiser ID number: 387525. Add your favorite products and submit. All online orders will be delivered to church by mid-February.

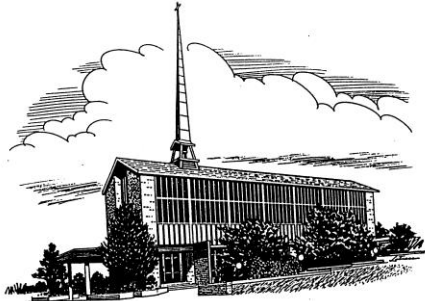
The preschool will be adding a new class next school year. We are looking for toy donations for our new classroom especially if you're clearing out old toys after Christmas. If you have any age appropriate toys for 2 years old that you would like to donate to our new students we would be grateful.

God's Blessings, Breenna Smith

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My New Year's Resolution

About this time every year, people make a new one of these. It's called the New Year's resolution. "This year I resolve to change my habits and begin something new which will be beneficial to me or others." The top resolutions which people make year after year are to change their eating habits and exercise regularly so they can lose weight and get fit. It starts well. They cut out junk food and sodas. They eat more fruits and vegetables. They begin an exercise routine or maybe even join a gym. The fitness centers fill up in January. But by February the chips and hot dogs are back in the grocery cart, and the rows of aerobic machines are vacated. People break their resolutions and return to their old ways. Why is this? Despite its benefits, keeping a helpful resolution is hard. Old habits are hard to break, and new habits are hard to form. It takes discipline to deny unhealthy cravings and to whip the body into shape. Many people try to go it alone. They don't have a dietician or fitness coach to keep them accountable. Without encouragement and motivation, they break their New Year's resolution and return to their old ways.

But I have a better resolution for you to consider this year. Instead of trying to improve your body, which continues to deteriorate on its way to the grave, why not improve your mind and spirit which live forever. Mind you, it will still take discipline. It will still take diet and exercise but of a different sort. It will require a healthy diet of God's Word and an exercise of your spirit. I encourage you to make this resolution.

"This year I resolve to read a chapter of the Bible every day and meditate upon it."

Here is a resolution that won't add an ounce of weight to your body, a resolution which you can do from your recliner, and a resolution that will be of great benefit to yourself and others. "Blessed is the man who delights in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2)

Now you may already have a good habit of reading your Bible regularly or a daily routine of your favorite devotional material, but if you don't, let me give you some help. This coming year, let's read through much of the Old Testament together, a chapter a day, and next year we'll read through all the New Testament. I'll even go shopping for you, pick out the readings, and prepare a few questions for your meditation. You just need to eat and think.

Here's how it works. Every Sunday, there will be a bulletin insert with a reading for each day of the week, a hymn, and four questions to contemplate (with the answers on the back). Sunday will be a chapter from the Psalms or other books of poetry and wisdom. Weekdays will be a narrative from the Pentateuch or other historical writings. Saturdays will be a chapter from one of the prophets. After a year, we'll have read through the primary texts of the Old Testament. The monthly newsletter calendar will also show the reading for each day. For those of you who prefer to work digitally, I will send out a weekly email to our congregation with the daily lectionary which has links to the readings and hymns. It will also be posted on our website.

But maybe you've tried this before, and after a month you got out of the habit. Here's the key. Find someone to do this with you to hold you accountable, a spouse or friend or relative. If you like, you can be accountable to me. Use the church calendar as your Bible bookmark, and as you go, mark off the daily reading on your church calendar and place it in my box at the end of the month. Just remember to sign your name. I can be like your dietician or fitness coach to monitor your progress and encourage you.

What's your motivation? After a year of this godly diet and exercise, I guarantee that you will be blessed with a sanctified spirit and a strengthened faith, for the Lord will work for your good through the means of His Word. If that's not enough, you will receive one of the following rewards of your choice to celebrate keeping your resolution: The Lutheran Study Bible, a personal edition of the Lutheran Service Book, a Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord, or a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant. You may also make substitutions at the pastor's discretion.

So, how about it? Let's make a New Year's resolution together, and with the Lord's help we'll keep it.

Pastor Temme