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PASTOR'S ARTICLE



A SEASON OF LIGHT??

That is exactly what Epiphany is all about! The dictionary defines Epiphany in this way:

1. an appearance or manifestation, esp. of a deity.
2. a Christian festival, observed on Jan. 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth Day.
3. a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into reality or the essential meaning of something, often initiated by some simple, commonplace occurrence.

But why is it about light? Well, the season of Epiphany focuses on the light of Christ in the darkened world.

What a wonderful time of year to focus on the light of God, especially in this part of the country when we don't see a whole lot of light. Winter brings us much darkness!

I know that when the days are so bleak it is difficult for me to be positive. Many people suffer from light deprivation syndrome.

From the world's standpoint, it is the bleakest time, but we know of the hope in Christ that we are privileged to have. We know that this darkness will soon end and it will become more and more light. Those of us who worship Christ know for a fact that the darkness will not overcome our lives!

In Isaiah 60 we hear: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you." (Isa. 60:1-2)

Take time during this season to focus on God's light in your life. Ask yourself, "What am I doing to promote God's light in the world?"

Then, live in the light!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **Christmas Food Drive** for 9 families in the WB school system.

The Choir rehearses Sundays at 8:45 a.m. Speak with Choir Director Kelly Perrin for more information.

Handbell rehearsal is currently on hiatus.

Adult Basic Yoga Class taught by Tina Green is offered on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Join us and bring a project to work on. The fellowship continues as we go out to lunch afterwards.

Dinner with Friends is Friday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Kitchen 2215 in Commerce Township. Sign up is on the bulletin board.

Men's Group Dinner is Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at El Nibble Nook in West Bloomfield. All men of the church are invited! Sign up is on the bulletin board.

WELCA Potluck Dinner is Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. at church. All ladies of the church are invited. Sign up is on the bulletin board.

Book Club meets on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book, "The Thread Collectors" by Shauna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman. The books are from a library book kit in the office to sign out and they are available now. Speak with Janet Martin if have questions.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 25 following the service. If you have any information or reports that need to be included in the Annual Report, please have them in to the office by January 14.

2026 Sign-ups now available for . . .

Fellowship Coffee Hours
Sanctuary Candle Sponsors
Bring Sanctuary Flowers

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Janet Martin	01/04
Craig Rand	01/07
Joan Thralow	01/09
Alex Casagrande	01/10
Beverly Bartlett	01/12
Alayna Rozman	01/12
Bob Chiaravalli	01/15
Meghan Buckler	01/19
Gary Gates	01/22
Lukas Sawicki	01/23
Hilda Sawicki	01/25
Sally Cossin	01/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Nancy Green 01/02

If you or your family member is missing from our lists or the date shown is incorrect, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, January 4

Reader/Greeter: Doug Opthoff

Ushers: Andy Meyer, Bob Frick

Counters: TBD

Sunday, January 11

Reader/Greeter: Stan Samuelsen

Ushers: Dennis Kunkel, Doug Opthoff

Counters: Janet Martin

Sunday, January 18

Reader/Greeter: Norm Werner

Ushers: Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern,
Roy Salowich

Counters: Andy Meyer

Sunday, January 25

Reader/Greeter: Bob Frick

Ushers: Janet Martin, Hilda Sawicki, Melinda Kern

Counters: TBD

Altar Guild: Melinda Kern

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal (on hiatus)	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Dinner with Friends 6:00 p.m. <i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Men's Group Dinner 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal (on hiatus)	WELCA Potluck 5:00 p.m. <i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship Sunday school 10:45 a.m.	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i> Finance Meeting (?)	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal (on hiatus)	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i> Book Club 7 p.m.	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. Worship Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Annual Meeting	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	Adult Yoga 9 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal (on hiatus)	<i>Zumba 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>AA Meeting 8 p.m.</i>	<i>Zumba 9:30 a.m.</i>



YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!

Join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 a.m. (during the school year)

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January 25th, 2026

ANNUAL

MEETING

Following Worship

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

4800 Orchard Lake Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48323

PASTOR

Rev. William J. Matlack

MISSION STATEMENT

We are CALLED by Christ in our Baptism
GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to
celebrate God's grace in our midst
SENT to share God's blessings in our
community and beyond.