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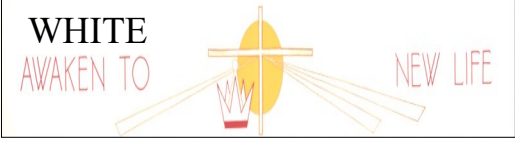
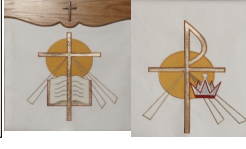







Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe that we're beginning another Church Year already. And yet here we stand at the start of another Advent season. Advent can be such a crazy time. Technically it's not Christmas, but it sure feels like it with all the songs on the radio and in the stores, trying to put us in the mood for Christmas buying. It seems at times now that Advent preparations are starting to become Christmas celebrations. Christmas is such a big holiday, that to really get geared up for it, we do tend to need these four weeks of Advent. They serve as a time to prepare, a time to decorate, a time to bake, and a time to buy. That said, these four weeks can also serve as a chance for us to remember part of our job as God's children. Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas, but it's not just a time for preparing our homes, our kitchens, and our presents. Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts. As we enter the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Christ. We celebrate him coming as a baby, born in that stable in Bethlehem. Advent isn't just preparing to celebrate Christmas though. Advent is also a time for us to look forward to Jesus 'coming on the Last Day. This is where Advent really plays into our Christian walk. As Christians we are to be constantly preparing for the coming of Christ. We pray about it in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom come." We are to be working to prepare our hearts for the coming of our King. We even pray about it in our common table prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus". We are constantly reminded of the coming of the Lord. After all, Advent means "coming". It is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Christ our savior and King. A time for us to talk about the different ways that God comes to us. He comes to us in His Word. He comes to us in Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He comes to us in the flesh, our celebration at Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. And he has promised to come again. Advent is our time to remember the coming of our Lord at Christmas and to prepare our hearts for His coming again. So prepare your home. Prepare your cookies. Prepare the presents. But don't forget to prepare your heart. As John the Baptist cried, "Prepare the way for the Lord." Let us put our faith and trust in Him. Let's not get caught up in the lights, the music, and the gifts and miss seeing how Christ our savior comes for us. Let's get caught up in the celebration. Let's get caught up in the praise and honor we are giving to the newborn King. This is our celebration at Advent. This is the reason we gather as families and friends. This is the reason we light the candles and count down the days. It's because we are preparing. Getting ready for the day when Christ returns. There is an Advent hymn that states it quite well. The hymn "The Advent of Our King" says: "The Advent of our King, Our Prayers must now employ, And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy." May your preparations this Advent season keep you looking ahead to the promised coming of Christ. God's richest blessings on your Christmas celebrations. In Christ, Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**Green**, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year! Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

**White** is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

<div> <div>GREEN</div> <div>  </div> <div> <div>WHITE</div> <div>  </div> <div>  </div> </div> </div>						
SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
	Jan. 1 <b>2023</b>	Circumcision and Name of	Num. 6:22–27	Psalms 8	Gal. 3:23–29	Luke 2:21
	or	First Sunday a. Christmas	Isaiah 63:7–14	Psalms 111	Gal. 4:4–7	Matt. 2:13–23
	Jan. 6	The Epiphany of	Isaiah 60:1–6	Psalms 72:1–11 (12–	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
	Jan. 8	The Baptism of Our Lord / First S. a. the Epiphany	Isaiah 42:1–9	Psalms 29	Rom. 6:1–11	Matt. 3:13–17
	Jan. 15	Second S. a. the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1–7	Psalms 40:1–11	1 Cor. 1:1–9	John 1:29–42a
	Jan. 22	Third S. a. the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1–4	Psalms 27:1–9	1 Cor. 1:10–18	Matt. 4:12–25
	Jan. 29	Fourth S. a. the Epiphany	Micah 6:1–8	Psalms 15	1 Cor. 1:18–31	Matt. 5:1–12





## *"The Nativity Play"*

### Characters

### Played by:

Mary

Paisley Koerselman

Joseph

Landon Schofield

Gabriel & Wisemen #2

Jax Schofield

Inkeeper & Wiseman #3

Boston Paulsen

Messenger Angel

Kerensa Hamann

Shepherd #1

Liam Thompson

Shepherd #2

Anna Schofield

Shepherd #3

Avery Schofield

Wiseman #1

Drake Paulsen

Sheep

Hunter Koerselman

Dawn, Ryan & Chelsey Paulsen, Marla, Joe Hogan



We had our children's Christmas program on Dec. 18th. We had 10 children this year. The kids enjoyed learning their parts and singing songs. They all did a wonderful job. They had a children's message after the program with Pastor Peitsch and after service they received goodie bags! Thank you for all your help Ryan Marla, Karan, Chelsey and Joy.

Dawn Paulsen.

## MY FAVORITE RECIPE

### SUBMITTED BY:

Florice Dose

Please share your favorite recipe so it can be enjoyed by all of us. Thank you.

## Mexican Corn Dip

3-11oz cans of Mex Corn

1-4 oz can of green chilies

1 jalapeno pepper or 1 4oz can (quite hot I only use part)

5 green onions (chopped)

1 -8 oz sour cream

10 oz shredded cheese

3/4 teas. Cumin

This makes a very lg. amount– I cut it back to 2 cans corn and adjust other ingredients.



### Will you be our Valentine?

The youth know it is early to start planning for Valentine's Day, but we wanted to let you know that the youth Valentine Dinner will be happening this February. It's an event that is loved by all and our excited to be holding it again! Youth parents be watching for upcoming planning meetings. Church family and friends be watching for event flyers. Sarah Schmidt.



### Help us Help You

We would love to know what is going on in your life. If you have any news to share please contact the church. Maybe you need a visit or call. We would love to help. 712-881-2243. Pastor Peitsch is in the church office on Tuesdays.

Please help us: We need information for our newsletter. Submit information about your projects or activity that you are doing **in writing** by the 23rd of the month to Joan Chandler or the office. **What you are doing is important to us.**

Information for the bulletin must be in the office by Wed. of the week. Please call if you e-mailed the information, because sometimes the e-mail does not come through. The information for the Monthly news letter needs to be in by the 23th of the month.

### VERY IMPORTANT

Long Lines do not support e-mails any longer. That is that if you have an e-mail address you will no longer receive our e-mails to you and we will no longer be able to receive e-mails from you. You will have to change your e-mail to another carrier and inform us of your new e-mail. Thank you.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Florice Dose	Jan 09, 1935
Virgil Grunwald	Jan 03, 1961
Judy Kuehl	Jan 23, 1945
Melinda Namanny	Jan 25, 1958
Tari Miller	Jan 07, 1994
Zachary Arndt	Jan 17, 1990
Kaylee Brodersen	Jan 31, 2005
Jessica Bruhn	Jan 14, 1986
Joshua Creswell	Jan 04, 1984
Shelby Davis	Jan 27, 2002
Derek Frahm	Jan 28, 1988
Kevin Goslar	Jan 22, 1972
Marshall Goslar	Jan 31, 1973
Katelynn Hamnn	Jan 01, 1992
Misty Hinrickson	Jan 02, 1973
Scott Jacobson	Jan 19, 1975
Eric Jacoby	Jan 02, 1975
Berdina Jochims	Jan 14, 1953
Christopher Jochims	Jan 12, 1976
Sharon Kruse	Jan 11, 1954
Aaron Krusen	Jan 22, 1972
Eugene Means	Jan 09, 1947
Jonathan Pickel	Jan 04, 1996
Derek Pithan	Jan 14, 2013
Emma Pithan	Jan 08, 2009
Gage Rotnicke	Jan 23, 2000
Scout Rotnicke	Jan 01, 1998
DeRae Schauer	Jan 15, 1986
Paige Schmidt	Jan 11, 2006
Troy Schmidt	Jan 27, 2009
Jeffrey Scott	Jan 03, 1969

## 80 + BIRTHDAY GOD'S BLESSINGS

Marlene Phillips	Jan 17, 1936	87 yrs.
Roberta Conyers	Jan 25, 1936	87 yrs.
Myrna Gosch	Jan 9, 1941	82 yrs.

# JANUARY BAPTISMS



*We are listing  
Baptismal  
birthdays to  
remember  
and  
celebrate the  
day we were  
adopted into  
the family of  
God  
through the  
washing of the  
Holy Spirit.*

Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Eva Bridgeman	Jan 10, 2021
Hudson Bruhn	Jan 22, 2012
Presley Bruhn	Jan 10, 2010
Brenda Davis	Jan. 15, 1972
Shane Davis	Jan 27, 1974
James Else	Jan 01, 1954
Robbie Frahm	Jan.31, 1988
Donald Fritz	Jan 21, 1973
Janeal Holmes	Jan 20, 1952
Caitlyn Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Natalie Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Ryan Jacobson	Jan 09, 1983
Berdina Jochims	Jan 31, 1954
Cindy Jochims	Jan 20, 1972
Erika McGrain	Jan 29, 1994
Melinda Namanny	Jan 22, 1989
Steve Pickel	Jan 07, 1973
Kurt Schmidt	Jan 04, 1981
Paige Schmidt	Jan 22, 2006
Selma Schrader	Jan 26, 1930
Nicholas Wood	Jan 03, 1988
Terrance Wood	Jan 03, 1988



## GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dennis and Pam Jahn	Jan. 05, 1975	48 yrs.
Kevin and Jennifer Goslar	Jan. 30, 1993	29 yrs.



Join us for our monthly Bible study “In The Word”, led by Pastor. We meet on the **THIRD Tuesday** of each month at **10 a.m.** in the church basement. **Every one is welcome** We have some good discussions, and then enjoy some great food and fellowship.

**When Services are cancelled due to bad weather:**

**You will be notified by:**

1. KTIV Channel 4
2. Facebook page: St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton
3. Our website: [www.stmatthewmapleton.org](http://www.stmatthewmapleton.org)
4. Email: [office@stmatthewmapleton.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmapleton.org)

A mass e-mail will be sent to your email. If you do not get one, please make sure we have the correct e-mail on file. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you have an e-mail through longlines they do not support e-mails any longer.

5. You may also call the church office and it will be on the answering machine.

6. Feel free to call my number: 712-840-9059.

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To ALL Ubers: **Sunday pickup time is 7am** and **Tuesdays time is 8am.**, unless otherwise stated or notified. Thank you. Questions call the church office. 712-881-2243. Please when you arrive at Pastor's home go to his door and make him aware that you are there or text/call him on your phone. Thank you.

**PLEASE**, We need more Uber drivers to step up and volunteer. Call the Church office at 881-2243 or Marilyn Hamann at (712) 870-1947 we only have a few that are doing this and it is very hard to make out a schedule when we do not have people to fill it. Pastor would appreciate it if he knew ahead of time who was picking him up.

**Uber Drivers  
Needed!!!!!!!**



## **Snow Removal**

As a congregation we will need to address winter snow removal. As winter is here and the snow accumulates we will welcome any volunteer that wants to help with snow removal. Please contact: Ryan Paulson 712-840-0125

## **Saving for Outreach Board**

Please help by Keeping and saving the tabs from pop, beer, and any other cans. The tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux City. There is a bucket in the Narthex to place your tabs in. Also we are collecting any food, cleaning products or hygiene items. There is a box in the narthex for those also. Thanks Outreach Board, Marilyn and Romona.

## **Update on Cookie Sales**

We had a wonderful cookie sale on small business Saturday. A big thank you to all who furnished us with many cookies and candies. We sold the leftover in the narthex the next Sunday.

A BIG Thanks to good many bakers, candy make cookie packer and sells. It turned out wonderful.

We had some cash donation along with our sales we made \$860 at last check. Oh How God Blesses us. Thank You Joan Chandler.

## **Church envelopes**

As to the offering envelopes I have checked on them many times. I was told they couldn't be delivered by the first of Jan. I am still trying to get a delivery date. They will be ready as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your patients. Stewardship. Joan Chandler

## **CALENDAR**

No Calendar at the printing of this issue, it will be at the back of the church when it is available. Sorry.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! **Serve** the Lord with gladness!  
*Psalm 100:1*

TRIVIA QUESTION: by Christine LaBoube

Q: What kind of animal did John the Baptist say Jesus was like in the quotation, "Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

A: found on page 11



*The prayer of a righteous man  
is powerful and effective.”  
(James 5:16)*



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Myrna Gosch	Selma Schrader	Alan Bruhn	Fred Fletcher
Marlene Phillip	Ruth Bruhn	Mavis Skow	Mark Witzel
Dora Witzel	Wanda Andre	Anna Goslar	Hunter Goslar
Harper Goslar	Mardelle Vandevanter	Nazaria Kaderabek	

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

**Ron Kraffle** (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Jazmin Mauch**, (granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan); **Pam Clausen**, (daughter of the late Fern Jacobsen); **Sharon Kuehl Henning** (niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl); **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber; **Alexis Christensen**, (daughter of Donnie (former member) friend of Kay Johnson). **Randy Colshan**, (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Scott Pierce**, (friends of the Hamann's); **Tim Sanderson** friend of Dennis Muckey; **Darlene Turner**, Pastor Turner's Wife; **Jill Cockburn**, friend of Sarah Schmidt; Anne Livermore, friend of Dennis Muckey;

Military

**Ryan Trucke** serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson)

**Jackie Cardwell** serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo S. Omaha, NE 68136 (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen)

**Marcus Roupe** serving in USA (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

*Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.*

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In His Footsteps: Meet  
each new day knowing  
that God is by your side  
and will lead you every  
step of the way.

**LET'S STAY CONNECTED** OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE **Mission Central...** [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us) **Lutheran Family Service:** [www.lfsiowa.org](http://www.lfsiowa.org) **WEB SITES:** Iowa District West—[www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) Camp Okoboji – [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) “**THY STRONG WORD**” is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) “**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**” can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page “**THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR**” airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** [www.lofsiowa.org](http://www.lofsiowa.org) **MainStreet Living**— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear Lord, make me a person of wisdom and discernment I seek wisdom, Lord, not as the world gives, but as You give. Lead me in Your ways and teach me from Your Word so that, in time my wisdom might glorify Your kingdom and Your Son. Amen