



KOINONIA

January—February 2025

LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN
DUTCHESS
PASTOR JAMES MILLER

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

On January 6, the Church celebrates Epiphany, the day that the 3 Wise Men followed that bright star in the sky, that light which the darkness of night could not obscure. It seemed to guide them to Jerusalem, but when they got there, they did not find Jesus, and instead, were told that according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Martin Luther describes this well:

“The first thing we should learn from this story is that when the Wise Men went to search for Christ, the new-born king, they did not find Him in Jerusalem. Indeed, if they were to find Him at all, they had need to listen to the Prophet Micah. Thereafter, when they received the WORD, they took the road to Bethlehem. Thereupon God gave them the consolation that the star returned as soon as they had got outside Jerusalem, and it shone brightly before them right to Bethlehem, to the door where the Babe was, lying in a manger. Can this be in truth a king’s abode? But the saintly men are not misled. Heedless of the poverty and wretchedness of the setting, they fall down before the Babe and worship Him, and open their treasures and present them to Him.”

Although we live in darkness, we have seen a great light, one which the darkness has not overcome, and one which the darkness cannot overcome. The Wise Men were directed to Jesus after they received the WORD, and we know that they returned to their homes by a different route, avoiding Jerusalem. And I am sure that upon returning home, they proclaimed all that they experienced. They told others about the Good News which they had experienced: the Messiah, born as an infant child, lying in a manger. May we all continue to increase our relationship with Jesus, always being guided by the WORD through Holy Scripture, and always being ready to bear witness to our Savior and Lord.

In Christ, Pastor Jim

Memorial Lutheran



Birthdays!



<u>January Birthdays</u>		<u>February Birthdays</u>	
17	Tandy Walker	11	Arthur Kelly

St. Paul's Lutheran



Birthdays!



<u>January Birthdays</u>		<u>February Birthdays</u>	
1	Bob Unson	9	Sandy Lydon
5	Debra Kazantzis	9	Alexandra Piaget
5	James Baisley	10	Ian Buccala
7	Nabil Ayoub	12	Marshall McConville
13	Charlie Lueck	18	Don Campbell
14	Randy Lydon	25	Ruth Queen

15	Glenn Murray	
23	Rob Frey	

Service Worship Opportunities

Joint Third & St. Paul’s Worship Service—January 26, 2025 10:00 am @ Third
 Memorial Regular 8:30 am Service

Joint Ash Wednesday Service—March 5, 2025 4:00 pm @ Third
 5:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper
 5:00—7:00 pm Informal imposition of Ashes

Meetings

Third W&M	February 4 @ 4:00 pm
Parish Council	February 18 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	February 18 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils	Please look for announcements or check with your Council President

Annual Congregation Meetings

Memorial	January 19, 2025 @ 1:00 pm
St. Paul’s	February 2, 2025 Reports due 1/12/25, Reports available on January 19, 2025
Third	January 26, 2025 Reports due 1/13/25, Reports available on January 19, 2025

Faith Building Opportunities

Bible Study with Pastor Jim

Every Thursday @ 10:00 am
 Third Rhinebeck—in *Upper Meeting Room*
 Contact Pastor Jim, 914-441-4360

All are Welcome! Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

Every Thursday @ 11:00 am!
 Third Rhinebeck

*All members and friends of the Parish and members
 of the community are welcome to participate!*

Contact Bonnie Reyero 518-697-7608
Please invite a friend to join us!

Operation Christmas Child

The parish collected 32 boxes!
Thank you!

Day Top Village Mission

Collecting gently used seasonal clothing items, all
 sizes for men and women.
 Contact Carole Hack @ 845-867-7344

Thank you for your participation in our Parish mission of service

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31 Livingston Street
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

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Memorial Lutheran Church, 8:30 am Service, 1232 Rte. 308, (Rock City) Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Council President: Tandy Walker

Third Lutheran Church, 9:45 am Service, 31 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck,

NY, 12572 Council President: Monica C. Gabryszewski

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11:00 am Service, 7412 South Broadway,

Red Hook, NY 12571 Council President : Brad Patton

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