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From Pastor Scudder's Desk

Happy New Year! Think of the celebrations of the past couple of weeks. Perhaps you had several generations gathered around the table for a meal. All ages were represented, from the infant to the grandfather. It's a family gathering and a time of joy.

Now consider your other "family." That which is yours in Christ. It includes blood-relatives but it also includes all those to whom you are related by the Blood of Jesus! Your Baptismal family. As that name "Christ" was placed on you by water and the Word you picked up a whole slew of new "cousins." And the Lutheran branch of that family tree is compelled to ask the question, "What does this mean?" Thanks for asking! Here's a little poem I came across that, quite nicely, gives an answer:

"When I say that 'I am a Christian,' I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.' I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'"

"When I say 'I am a Christian,' I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide."

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on."

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess."

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it."

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I still feel the sting

of pain. I have my share of headaches, so I call upon His name."

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!"

As you begin a new calendar year bearing His name, also know that as you carry His name, so He carries you! Happy New Year!

The Lord be with you! . . . Amen.

Pastor Scudder

Weekly Schedule:

- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 8:15 am
- Divine Service 9:30 am
- D & T Classes Sundays 11:00am
- Confirmation & Ark classes Wednesdays @ 6:00-7:30pm 5th & 7th grade
- Thursday Men's Bible Study 6:00am

Special Activities:

- Board of Elders January 4 @ 7:00pm
- Board of Ed. December 8 @ 7:00pm
- Church Council January 9 @ 7:30pm

Lutheran Hour
7 a.m.

Sunday—KILJ FM 105.5

KOKX 95.3 10:30 a.m.

SOUP & DESSERT COOK OFF



January 21
11:00 a.m.

(after church service)

Right after church service in the fellowship hall. Cook-off reregistration forms can be picked up outside of church office and returned **NO LATER** than **January 17**.



SonShine Academy News

Happy New Year from everyone at Son Shine! Thank you again for all the support you give Son Shine, its families, students, and staff. Your prayers and support are invaluable! Because December is busy with Christmas preparations, January always seems quieter. Children come back on January 4 after a 2 week break. National Lutheran Schools week will be January 21-27. We will have some special

dress up days at the preschool during that week. The theme is "It's Still All About Jesus". We are very grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with these children and their families.



Thank you for your continued support of the SonShine script program. When you purchase the Hy Vee Gift Cards & Certificates, the preschool will receive 10% for the shopping cards, & 15% for the certificates. Someone from the preschool board will be selling the cards and certificates after church, each Sunday, or you can stop in at the office Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am–Noon.

January Duties:

Elders

Jeremy Andreasen
Kirk Hillman

Altar Guild

Claudia Eldridge

Acolytes

1/7 Brody Mc Call
1/14 Carson Andreasen
1/21 Katie Bacher
1/28 Isaac Lehman

Ushers

Gregg Hall
Ben Bacher
Marty George
Caleb George

Coffee Servers

1/7
1/14
1/21
1/28

A big THANK YOU to all members who served as organists, ushers, and coffee servers last month. This is just another part of STEWARDSHIP in action at Faith.

Serving Next Month

Elders

Bob Eldridge
Wade Edwards

Altar Guild

Althea Weems

Acolytes

2/4 Brody McCall
2/11 Carson Andreasen
2/18 Katie Bacher
2/21 Isaac Lehman



Please include in your prayers this month
January



1/7 Brynn Kremer daughter of Travis & Sara



1/14 Kenzi Rider daughter of Allyssa & Spencer



Jude Swarm son of Jack & Meagan



1/21 Tyler & Austin Miller sons of Matt & Sarah



1/28 Conan Guldberg son of Nils & Annie



Each week there will be a family listed in the bulletin these are Son Shine families, please add them to your prayer list.



Youth News (Grades 6-12)



Chili/Soup & Dessert Cook off



January 21 will be our Chili/Soup and Dessert cook off, get those soups simmering and get to baking. Please sign up to enter a soup or dessert today. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and food. Don't miss out on the fun and great food.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Travis Weigert
4	Diane Caldwell
4	Rebecca Lehman
4	Marc Moeller
5	Abby Bengé
5	Nancy Weiss
6	Joe Ruby
11	Erin Andreasen
18	Janet Wesely
22	Patrick Fox
23	Dave Towne
24	Don Spenner

The Birthday Song
A glad and Happy
Birthday,
we wish to you our
friends.
May God our heavenly
Father,
a birthday blessing send.
A happy, happy birthday,
all beautiful with love.
And bright with many
blessings,
from our dear Lord above.

LWML NEWS

LWML will have a planning meeting for the next year on January 11 @ 7:00pm. Hostess will be Paulette Shappell. Remember all ladies are part of LWML and are welcome to join us. Reminder Mite Box Sunday is the last Sunday of the Month.

NEW SELECTION

Remember to check out the **Christian card selection** in the hallway. Cards for every occasion. Birthday, get well anniversary, holidays, and much more. Only \$.50 per card.

**Christmas Decorating Committee Families**

Speidel's
 Don Spenner
 Stark's
 Stigge
 Towne

Decorations should be taken down
 before January 7th



Remember kids, if you have a question about God, the Bible, Church, please write it down and place it in Pastor Scudder's mailbox, or e-mail it to him at pastorscuddermr@gmail.com

Question:

Kids Corner

What are black holes?

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16)

Black holes are real objects that God made in space. Because they have so much mass, their gravity is so strong that light can't even escape from them. If light cannot escape a black hole, then it can never get to your eyes, so it appears black. When you close your eyes in a dark room, you can't see anything, and it appears black because light doesn't make it to your eye.

A black hole's gravity is so strong that it pulls light back into it. Imagine throwing a ball up into the sky—it would fall back down again, right? In a black hole, it is actually doing more than just pulling light in. It is actually pulling space itself in faster than the speed of light. So light that is trying to travel away from a black hole moving at the speed of light gets sucked into it.

In a black hole, there is a certain distance away from it where the trend reverses and light is faster and can escape. That distance is called the "event horizon". But a black hole actually distorts the space around itself. Researchers recently found what they think is the largest black hole ever discovered. It's at the core of the galaxy called "NGC1277"

Next month's question:

Is it possible that there are living things in space?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation & Ark classes Bulletin items due	4 6:00am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Elders	5	6
7 8:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service Choir Sings	8 7:00pm Board of Ed.	9 Church Council 7:30pm	10 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation & Ark classes Bulletin items due	11 Men's Bible Study 6:00am	12	13
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21 8:15am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service 11:00 Soup and Dessert Cook off Newsletter Items Due	22	23 Choir 6:30pm	24 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation & Ark classes Bulletin items due	25 Men's Bible Study 6:00am	26	27
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