

JANUARY 2017

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Sunday Worship-11:00 am

Sunday School- 10:00 am



The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek work *epiphaneia*, meaning “to appear, to show or to manifest.” The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

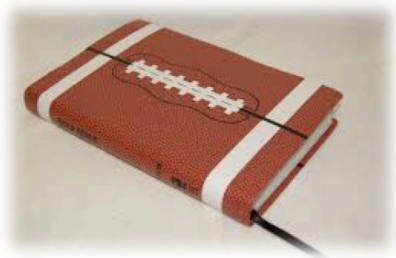
The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star, and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope, and eternity.



January 6th:
Epiphany
January 8th:
Communion &
2nd half of
congregational
meeting

January 14th:
Men's
breakfast 7:30
am at Zion

January 15th:
Pastor Dan's
Bible Study
January 30th:
Monday night
Bible Study



Monday Night Bible Study

Monday Night Football Bible Study resumes January 30th. Study begins at 6:30 pm

Contact Pastor Olson with questions. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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WELCA

January 4th-6:30 at Zion

Hostess: Teresa Kukuk

Lesson Leader: Cindy Rupp

January Alter Guild: Teresa Snyder

Kicking off in January 2017, Zion will shift our outreach for a few months to help the Morrison schools. Due to the overwhelming lack of funds this year, the school supply list included high priority items; however, Kleenex was not on this list. Faculty has been providing these for their classroom. With that said, for the Zion's Outreach "Kleenex for the Classroom" project will be heart so we can provide Morrison needed item for the Blessings and month of January project will be heart so we can schools with a winter months. Happy New Year!



January Birthdays

2nd-Madelyn Kukuk

5th-Kaylea Heim

6th-Emery Kukuk & Devin Briegge

17th-Danny Kroll

21st-Abby Voise

22nd-Pam Waren

26th-James Curtis & Trevor Kukuk

27th- Renzi Nelson

28th- Joe Rupp & Darlene Mitchell



29th- Clinton Rupp

30th- Josh Carson & Angela Trenton

30th- Esther VanHoser

31st- Jim Potter

January Anniversaries

3rd-Doug & Paula Gottschalk

6th-Peter & Ashley Olson

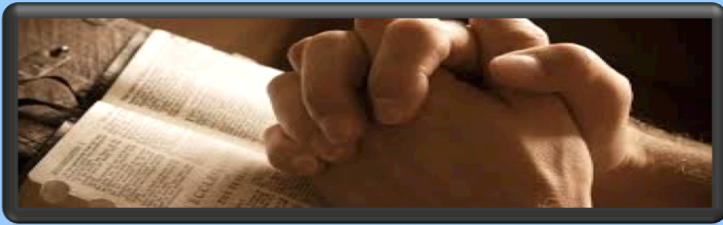


PRAYER CONCERNS

We Remember our Friends & Family

Mark Rupp, Wade Voise, Sonny Rupp, Pastor Olson, Melvin Williams, Dennis Schieffer, Lyndee Strader, Dorothy Voise, Bernice Schieffer, Ken & Verna Frank, Geraldine Finley, Leonard Rupp, Marvin Beier, Dava Kukuk, Dustin Kukuk, Jandree Potter, Mande Potter, Loretta Longan, Sandy Little, Valerie Danner, Kim Williams, Caleb Pierce, Jana Benningfield, Leta Faye Baetz, Melody Gale, Tyler Kukuk, Jane Makovec, Otto Davidson, Joey Hamilton, Jason & Randy Shiever. Chris Nance, Kevin Voise, Staci Matthesen, Molly Tucker, Hattie Hentges, Cindy VanMeter-Christy Kukuk's mother.

We also pray for our men and women serving our country- (Blake Avery & Brent McClendon), our Police (Josh Carson) and Firemen and all others that need God's tender loving care.



Carson Avery

Whelan Carson

Katie Heim

Andrew Kukuk

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Pastor Dan's Bible Study
January 15, 2017-10:00 AM
1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians

A Changed Life

B.J. Thomas, the Grammy award-winning country singer, once had a \$3000.00-a-week drug habit and was deeply in debt. He knew he was a troubled man. "I had low self-esteem," he said. "I was searching."

After barely surviving an overdose, Thomas returned home to discover his wife had become a Christian. After giving his life to Christ, Thomas felt incredible peace and quit using drugs cold turkey.

"My Christian faith sustained me," Thomas says. "There is security I feel in my Christian life. I've been bought and paid for, which comes from being a Christian. The Lord has his eye on me and a plan for my life."

Now 74, Thomas has been drug-free for more than three decades. The man known for singing, "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" is now experiencing showers of blessing (see Ezekiel 34:26)



Ponderings with Pastor Peter

Wow, here we are in 2017 already. That's a year that seems like it should be found in a science fiction novel rather than on the wall calendar! It really amazes me how time can just fly by us at such an incredible rate. Every year almost without fail I hear the question, "What happened to the last year? Where did it go?"

I think that many people fear the speed of time because it is something we simply cannot control. For the most painful moments in our lives, time slows to an excruciating crawl that drags out each and every second into what seems like hours. But on the other hand, the joyful hours can slip by in mere seconds! It just doesn't seem fair. Although I don't have any miraculous answers on how to flip those two around so we can prolong our joyful and shorten our pain, I do think that scripture holds a key for us that can make life more worthwhile for the time that we do have: This is what Jesus said when he was asked what is the greatest commandment for us, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV).

What would life be like if we could make loving God and our neighbors the #1 priority? What would it be like if we didn't let the worries over money, toys, pride, health, clothing, or whatever else you can think of become controllers in our lives? We look up to the 'Mother Theresa' type people: those who live for God and truly love their neighbors—but what if we became that kind of person? What if we didn't just admire 'those' do-gooders... but became the do-gooders ourselves?

I'm not saying that we should all become monks and nuns though, so don't misread me! What I am saying is that these love commandments from Jesus are huge sign-posts for us on how to live fulfilled lives. When we place our greatest love and trust in God—the One who never wavers, never breaks a promise, the One who is always present in our lives—when we place that love and trust in God, then we can rest assured that we will never be let down. God doesn't go bankrupt when the stock market crashes; God doesn't break or become outdated like even the most expensive electronics; God doesn't call in sick; God doesn't change whether there is a Democrat or a Republican in the Oval Office. God is the One who we can all rely on -all- the time. And here is a secret for you, when we love our neighbors and help them in their times of need we are actually being beacons of God's love into their lives as well.

So here is a New Year's resolution/challenge for you and for me. Take some time and think about what it might look like for you if you followed those two greatest commandments to your fullest ability. Then, after pondering this question for some time, do something crazy—try it out for a year! Try to live your life with an intentional focus on living for the other--of loving your neighbor as yourself. I know it is easier said than done, but just see what will happen. Try repeating those commandments to yourself each day or write a post-it note for your mirror or on your computer with them on it. Maybe change your phone's screensaver to a message that reminds you to love others. Let's see how your world changes when you make those two commandments your personal commandments? Let's see how you change the world.

Go in peace, love your neighbor.

~Pastor Peter





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lessons & Carols	2	3	4 Welca at Zion-6:30	5	6 Epiphany	7
8 Communion 2 nd half congregational meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 Men's breakfast 7:30 am
15 Pastor Dan's Bible Study 10:00 am	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Great Possibilities

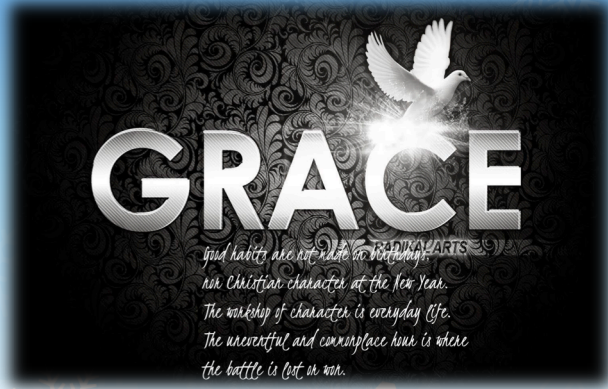
“Happily for us, the fundamental Christian message concerns not what we ought to do but what God has done and what God is willing to do. In fellowship with him and with others who are likewise trying to be like him, we can be lifted above our native possibilities.”

You are never too old
to set another goal or
to dream a new
dream.

– C.S. Lewis

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