

The Church Door



Left: Hope Shunta decorating ornaments for this year's St. Nicholas Tree!

Below: Hope and Oliver Shunta helping with the dressing of the tree and gifts!



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PASTOR'S CORNER

LESSONS & HYMNS

February 3, 2019— 4th Sunday after Epiphany

<i>Deacon</i>	Jeff Ward	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Accomp.</i>	Ardy Bulthouse	Jeremiah 1:4—10	#520—Dearest Jesus, at Your Word
<i>Lector</i>	Michelle Ward	Psalm 71:1—6	#655—Son of God, Eternal Savior
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Ward	1 Corinthians 13:1—13	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden	Luke 4:21—30	#661—I Love to Tell the Story
<i>Safety</i>	Jeff Ward & Rich Wygant		#796—If You But Trust in God to Guide You
<i>Nursery</i>	Jan Ward		
<i>Counters</i>	Tom & Donna Whitehead, Cindy Borreson		

February 10, 2019— 5th Sunday after Epiphany

<i>Deacon</i>	Cindy Borreson	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Accomp.</i>	John Deppe	Isaiah 6:1—13	#413—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
<i>Lector</i>	Barb Anderson	Psalm 138	#584—The Son of God, Our Christ
<i>Acolyte</i>	Makenzie Pastoor	1 Corinthians 15:1—11	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Ushers</i>	Ray VanderStelt & Brad Johnson	Luke 5:1—11	#490—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
<i>Safety</i>	Randy Borreson & Andrew Kitchka		#537—On Our Way Rejoicing
<i>Nursery</i>	Michelle Ward		
<i>Counters</i>	Brad & Lauren Johnson, Randy Borreson		

February 17, 2019— 6th Sunday after Epiphany

<i>Deacon</i>	Andrew Kitchka	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Accomp.</i>	Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson	Jeremiah 17:5—10	#876—Let the Whole Creation Cry
<i>Lector</i>	Laurie Tilden	Psalm 1	#728—Blest Are They
<i>Acolyte</i>	Hope Shunta	1 Corinthians 15:12—20	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy Borreson & Dustin Shunta	Luke 6:17—26	#471—Let Us Break Bread Together
<i>Safety</i>	Tom Proksa & Mike Sellon		#723—Canticle of the Turning
<i>Nursery</i>	Donna Whitehead		
<i>Counters</i>	Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore, Tom Whitehead		

February 24, 2019— 7th Sunday after Epiphany

<i>Deacon</i>	Janeen Pastoor	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Accomp.</i>		Genesis 43:3—11, 15	#
<i>Lector</i>	Cindy Borreson	Psalm 37:1—11, 39—40	#
<i>Acolyte</i>	William Pastoor	1 Corinthians 15:35—38,	#
<i>Ushers</i>	Jeff & Michelle Ward	42—50	#
<i>Safety</i>	Russ Tilden & Ray VanderStelt	Luke 6:27—38	#
<i>Nursery</i>	Lauren Johnson		#
<i>Counters</i>	Randy & Cindy Borreson, Michelle Ward		

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. They will meet next on February 7 at 10:00am. Dorcas is also sponsoring a monthly Bible Study at 10:00am. For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The next meeting is Saturday, February 9, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

The B.I.B.L.E. Club meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. Last month they sponsored their annual Souper Bowl food drive. This month the group will be making and selling Valentine's Day cookies. Watch for sale dates in the bulletin and online!
Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.

Congregational Life meets again on February 12 at 6:00pm. They are also hosting a quarterly book study on Biblical fiction; the next meeting is March 4 at 6:30pm. Watch for updates on winter activities. Please contact Lauren Johnson for more information.



MILITARY FAMILY

Please remember those serving

**Master Chief Russ
Tilden, Jr.
United States Navy**

**Staff Sergeant Lance
Hughson
United States Air Force**

Council News

Council met on January 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Janeen Pastoor and Pastor Mike led devotions with a reading from Isaiah 43 and a prayer. New member classes will begin again soon. Watch for updates on dates and times. DML is excited to have several people interested in joining the congregation. The ceiling light fixtures in the sanctuary have also been replaced and watch for more changes to the church office in the coming weeks. There are still two council vacancies to fill and council continues to look into the framing of the pictures of the pastors in the fellowship hall as well as a fire-proof cabinet for the parish registers and other important documents. Council meets again Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30pm.



Prayer List



Roger Anderson	Pari Bailey	John Bryson	Betsy Colella
Tom Fortenbacher	Ada Filka	Tom Fisher	Ann Hamil
Tom Hulka	Barbara Hvizdos	Tillie Jandris	Carissa Jones
Jan Kerekrety	Charlie Majersky	Danny Moore	Christine Praskac
Noah & Kaylee Shafer	Judy Rams	Norma Sukup Tate	Joshua Johnson

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES—FEBRUARY 2019

Thursday, February 2

Presentation of Our Lord

Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There a prophet named Anna began to speak of the redemption of Israel when she saw the young child. Simeon also greeted Mary and Joseph. He responded to the presence of the consolation of Israel in this child with the words of the Nunc dimittis. His song described Jesus as a "light for the nations."

Because of the link between Jesus as the light for the nations, and because an old reading for this festival contains a line from the prophet Zephaniah, "I will search Jerusalem with candles," the day is also known as Candlemas, a day when candles are blessed for the coming year.

Friday, February 3

Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865

Ansgar was a monk who led a mission to Denmark and later to Sweden, where he built the first church. His work ran into difficulties with the rulers of the day, and he was forced to withdraw into Germany, where he served as a bishop in Hamburg. Despite his difficulties in Sweden, he persisted in his mission work and later helped consecrate Gothbert as the first bishop of Sweden. Ansgar had a deep love for the poor. He would wash their feet and serve them food provided by the parish.

Sunday, February 5

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

In the sixteenth century, Jesuit missionaries, followed by Franciscans, introduced the Christian faith in Japan. But a promising beginning to those missions—perhaps as many as 300,000 Christians by the end of the sixteenth century—met complications from competition between the missionary groups, political difficulty between Spain and Portugal, and factions within the government of Japan. Christianity was suppressed. By 1630, Christianity was driven underground.

Today we commemorate the first martyrs of Japan, twenty-six missionaries and converts who were killed by crucifixion. Two hundred and fifty years later, when Christian missionaries returned to Japan, they found a community of Japanese Christians that had survived underground.

Tuesday, February 14

Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs

These two brothers from a noble family in Thessalonika in northeastern Greece were priests and missionaries. After some

early initial missionary work by Cyril among the Arabs, the brothers retired to a monastery. They were later sent to work among the Slavs, the missionary work for which they are most known. Since Slavonic had no written form at the time, the brothers established a written language with the Greek alphabet as its basis. They translated the scriptures and the liturgy using this Cyrillic alphabet. The Czechs, Serbs, Croats, Slovaks, and Bulgars regard the brothers as the founders of Slavic literature. The brothers' work in preaching and worshiping in the language of the people are honored by Christians in both East and West.

Saturday, February 18

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

On this day in 1546, Martin Luther died at the age of sixty-two. For a time, he was an Augustinian monk, but it is his work as a biblical scholar, translator of the Bible, public confessor of the faith, reformer of the liturgy, theologian, educator, and father of German vernacular literature that holds him in our remembrance. In Luther's own judgment, the greatest of all of his works was his catechism, written to instruct people in the basics of faith. And it was his baptism that sustained him in his trials as a reformer.

Thursday, February 23

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Polycarp was Bishop of Smyrna (in present-day western Turkey) and a link between the apostolic age and the church at the end of the second century. He is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation. In turn he was known by Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon in France, and Ignatius of Antioch. At the age of eighty-six he was martyred for his faith. When urged to save his life and renounce his faith, Polycarp replied, "Eighty-six years I have served him, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my king who saved me?" The magistrate who made the offer was reluctant to kill a gentle old man, but he had no choice. Polycarp was burned at the stake, his death a testimony to the cost of renouncing temptation.

Saturday, February 25

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Fedde was born in Norway and trained as a deaconess. In 1882, at the age of 32, she was asked to come to New York to minister to the poor and to Norwegian seamen. Her influence was wide-ranging, and she established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn and the Deaconess House and Hospital of the Lutheran Free Church in Minneapolis. She returned home to Norway in 1895 and died there.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10:00am Souper Bowl Sunday Collection Ends	4	5 Church Council 6:30pm	6 Adult Education 6:00pm	7 Dorcas Circle Business Meeting 10:00am	8	9 Men's Club @ Whitlow's 9:00am
10 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10:00am	11 Property Committee 5:30pm Congregational Life 6:00pm Parish Education 7:00pm	12 Finance Committee 6:00pm Worship & Music 7:00pm	13 Adult Education 6:00pm	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10:00am	18	19	20 Adult Education 6:00pm	21 Dorcas Bible Study 10:00am	22 DML Family Game Night 6:30pm	23
24 7th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10:00am	25	26	27 Adult Education 6:00pm	28		



**Monday, March 4,
2019 6:30pm**

DML Book Club!

This Months book is
The Big Machine

Ricky Rice is a middling hustler with a lingering junk habit, a bum knee, and a haunted mind. A survivor of a suicide cult, he scrapes by as a porter at a bus depot in Utica, New York, until one day a mysterious letter arrives, summoning him to enlist in a band of paranormal investigators comprised of former addicts and petty criminals, all of whom had at some point in their wasted lives heard what may have been the voice of God. Infused with the wonder of a disquieting dream and laced with Victor LaValle's fiendish comic sensibility, **Big Machine** is a mind-rattling mystery about doubt, faith, and the monsters we carry within us.

The Noisy Offering this month will go toward the B.I.B.L.E. Club's special project.

There are many homemade dish cloths and pot holders available for sale, handmade with love by Tillie Jandris. Please let Barb Anderson or Dawn Snider know if you are interested in purchasing any! All proceeds go to B.I.B.L.E. Club! Thank you!



House Blessings

Did you know that it's traditional Christian practice to have houses blessed on or after Epiphany? It is! If you've had your house blessed before and would like it blessed again for the new year, or if you've never had it blessed before but would like to, Pastor Mike will gladly come and bless your house! All you need to do is sign up with a day and time that works well for you and Pastor Mike will come bless your house!

You're invited to join Pastor Mike for Matins, a short (20 min) service of morning prayer from Monday-Thursday at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

Souper Bowl Sunday Collection!

Please bring your canned goods and non-perishable items through February 3 for donation Our Savior's Lutheran's food pantry.

Collection is sponsored
by B.I.B.L.E. Club



DML Family Game Night!

Friday, February 22, 2019

6:30pm-8:30pm

All ages are welcome. Invite your friends too! Bring your favorite game or come learn a new one. Pizza and pop will be served. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the pizza.

Thank you to all who donated to this year's St. Nicholas Tree Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ, called to believe and sent to serve.

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or ai.dmlc@outlook.com) if you'd like to add an article or event to next month's newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
Adult Education

Friday, February 22
6:30pm-8:30pm
DML Family Game Night

Monday, March 4, 2019
6:30pm
DML Book Club

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