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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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EPIPHANY

In the western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. This special festival is the actual climax of the Advent/Christmas Season. Advent prepares us for the coming of the Messiah; Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth; Epiphany reveals the Christ to the world.

If you've ever heard or sung the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, you were singing about the 12 days after Christmas that lead up to Epiphany.

The word *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." Epiphany remembers the journey and worship of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the child Jesus in the home where he was living in Bethlehem. These Magi were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "Lord" and "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ.

This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, nations and races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a chosen few.

Within the Lutheran tradition, we celebrate Epiphany as a single day and as the season of the Liturgical Year that extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. We will bring the Epiphany Season to a close on the last Sunday of Epiphany, which we will commemorate as Transfiguration Sunday (February 7).

The Epiphany Season is observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions that we all too often create between God's children.

Pastor Craig



Happy January Birthdays

1-2 Bart Kounovsky	1-13 Bert Svendsen	1-29 Billee Harris
1-2 Carter Kounovsky	1-16 Christian Hogrefe	1-30 Kelley Davis
1-3 Lisa Schumacher	1-16 Ron Wentzel	1-31 Jennifer Peterson
1-6 Jordan Gorr	1-18 Samantha Smalley	1-31 John Peterson, Jr.
1-6 Greg Holm	1-18 Joel Tarcha	<u>Happy January</u>
1-7 Baille Barbour	1-21 Nicole Tarcha	<u>Anniversaries</u>
1-8 Gavin Noyer	1-22 Marilou Mast	
1-9 Evan Hornstein	1-24 Bradley Craig	1-6 Brad & Deb Nelson
1-9 Owen McIntosh	1-25 Clair Erickson	1-22 Tom & Tami Thurston
1-11 Matthew McIntosh	1-26 Andrea Deepe	1-29 Luther & Helen Berntson
1-13 Tyler Scott	1-26 Christie Draper	

Welcome New Members– The Moon Family!



Michael and Dawn Moon met in 1992 and married while working at a cattle ranch in Clark. They left to serve in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, where Dawn became pregnant with Aidan, and they decided to return to the states. Michael has since managed 4 different cattle ranches in Colorado, Montana and New Mexico, before returning to the Home Ranch this summer to manage the Ranching Operations. Aidan is now going to Concordia University in Seward, NE, and they are homeschooling Ruth, Cole and Eli. They are musicians and love performing Michael's original and other music.



Have a safe, happy
and blessed
2016!

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is January 9th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Concordia Bowling night: Saturday, January 9th at 7pm at Snow Bowl. Cost is \$15 for two people, two games and includes shoes and 2 beverages!

2016 Budget Approval meeting is Sunday, January 17th after late service.

Offering Envelopes for 2016 can be picked up from the Entryway table. If you do not have assigned envelopes and would like a set, please let Jake Weber or the Church Office know .

SIS Happenings:

- ◇ A big THANK YOU for your support in 2015! We look forward to a great 2016.
- ◇ The next meeting will be Monday, January 25th at 7pm. The meeting location will be determined soon. Mark your calendars and we hope that you can join us!

Sr. High Youth

Meeting: 1/24/16– After late service at Concordia (for all going to the National Youth Gathering).

Concordia's Website

The address is: www.steamboatlutheran.org

Missed a Sunday? Do you want to hear the sermon? You can click on the sermon section and choose the audio sermon and listen to it at your computer! Also, find the latest news and events and the calendar which will keep you up-to-date on meetings and happenings!

