

**JANUARY**



## Concordia Lutheran Church

*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Friends of the King!

In the western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. This special festival is the 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 the King to his world.

Did you know: if you have 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 be "shown" that Jesus is 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 indicators 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. Christ came for all creation.

Within our Lutheran tradition, we celebrate Epiphany as a single day and as the season of the Church Year that extends from today until Ash Wednesday (February 17), 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 14).

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 are all too often created between God's children. A meaningful way to commemorate Epiphany is to "let your light shine before others" in such a way that those around you may "see the good that you do" and "give glory to the Lord" because of your effort(s).

Blessings to you in the Name of the Revealed King – Jesus!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

### Happy January Birthdays

01-2 Bart Kounovsky    01-13 Bert Svendsen  
01-2 Carter Kounovsky    01-15 Becca Utu  
01-3 Lisa Schumacher    01-16 Todd Elenz  
01-5 Jacob Tjosvold    01-16 Ron Wentzel  
01-6 Greg Holm    01-25 Clair Erickson  
01-11 Mike Illenberger

### Happy January Anniversary

01-01 Gregory & Ann Gilbertson  
01-06 Brad & Deb Nelson  
01-17 Michael & Jennifer Berdine

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH AFTER 9AM SERVICE. ALSO AVAIL. ON ZOOM

"Thank you Concordia Lutheran Church for your generous donation so we can keep loving our mamas and babies well! We couldn't do what we do without people stepping outside of themselves and giving sacrificially to see others blessed. This is a true example of how tangible hope is brought to our community! Thank you to all who were a part!" – Selah



## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 17, 2021



Come As You Are is at Old Town Hot Springs.

January 3 at 11:46 PM · Steamboat Springs · 🌐

The word of God tells us to...

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

So we do just that @comeasyouaresteamboat  
The word also says...

Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. Isaiah 61:7

What a glorious day @oldtownhotsprings the CAYA community got to witness & celebrate a resident and her mother and sister getting baptized together!

God's restoration in this family, and His heart for each of these beautiful women are so evident. They made a commitment and rededication together in front of many witnesses, and came out of that water with new eyes for one another and an everlasting JOY! ❤️🔥

@ Old Town Hot Springs



# Deuteronomy

Starting December 29th through January, join with Pastor Craig and Sheryl by reading one chapter each day

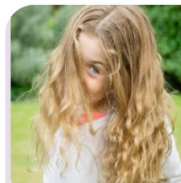


Skate Church

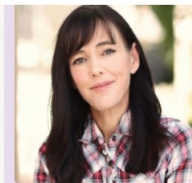
What in the world is Sk8 Church? [Click the picture to play video](#)



THIS IS WHERE WE MEET OUR NEIGHBORS. Those that find themselves in a struggle to continue living here ... looking for a way to thrive. We can help LIFT them UP out of their struggle. TOGETHER, WE CAN ALL THRIVE RIGHT HERE IN ROUTT COUNTY. Here are just a few stories of our beautiful neighbors who asked for help:



MEET JOSIE



MEET SARA



MEET JOE