

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA FEBRUARY 2017 Vol. 31 No. 2

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

EPIPHANY OUTREACH RIGHT HERE

Themes of the Epiphany season which began on January 6 and extends until February 28, as Lent begins on March 1, are clearly centered upon light, outreach to Gentiles, manifestations of Jesus by word and miracle, and, in general, bringing the light of the Gospel to a dark, dying world.

Jesus Christ uses his church, you and me, to bring this light to others in a certain way that is remarkable because it is so simple. He does not prescribe a program or methodology in order to bring people to himself.

In John 1:29-42 we learn of the remarkable work of John the Baptist. He is famous for so much, but the most important work of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ to accomplish his work of bringing salvation to all by means of his life, death, and resurrection.

John is a pointer. He says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). The next day he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." (John 1:36).

In everything he did, John was clearly pointing people to Jesus Christ. This is a clear message of both Law and Gospel. John mentions "sin" as a condition of people who are born with original sin. He indicates the dreadful condition of all with this little word "sin."

John indicates that Jesus is the sacrificial lamb, the one who takes away and removes all sin by means of his sacrifice on the cross.

Always point people to Jesus as He alone is the Savior and Redeemer of sinners. Our focus in the church, whether in liturgy, hymnody, studies, gatherings, publicity, or any activity should always be to point fellow sinners to the Lord Jesus who offers forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation.

Our outreach also includes the aspect of inviting as our Lord Jesus invited two men, one being Andrew, to come and follow him. "Come and you will see" is the invitation of Jesus to these two men.



Invite people to come and see Jesus today. Invite them to the place where Jesus is present in Word and Sacrament. Invite them to come and learn from the Pastor as he catechizes them with Scripture.

In a book, "The Inviting Church," the author, Roy Oswald, indicates that surveys taken among newcomers in congregations asked a question, "What brought you to church?" The results are striking: 2% saw advertising, 6% came

from an organized outreach program, 6% were invited by a pastor, and 86% came because someone they knew invited them. This is significant and shows us how important we can be as friends and family influence other family and friends.

There are so many in your family and among your friends who need an invitation to come and join us at Redeemer. We are an inviting church and simply say to all, "Come and you will see."

And, finally, we who have been invited by Jesus, who have been baptized by him, and live in communion with him in his church now have experienced and have received such great blessings, cannot help but tell others and witness to what God has done in our lives.

The Gospel is the good news. It is the best news of all. Consider what God has done for you in Christ as he has forgiven all your sins and granted you a place in his kingdom now and forever. You are saved from hell and condemnation. You are right before God and will live forever with Him. This has brought you great and unspeakable joy even in the midst of this sad world with all the pitfalls of devil and flesh. What a story you have to tell to others about the grace and mercy of God given you in Christ.

The Light of Jesus shines in our dark world now. It shines to others as the church points, invites, and finds in Christ all that is needed for life and salvation.

Pastor Jordan

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

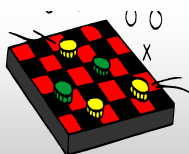
INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

TOTAL INCOME:	\$186,896.31
EXPENSES:	
Administration	\$139,169.50
Christian Education	413.43
Evangelism	37.18
Fellowship	269.95
Public Relations	1,210.44
Stewardship	496.45
Trustees	<u>\$34,639.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$176,236.36</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME:	10,659.95
CHURCH FAC. RENT INCOME	1,362.30
TOTAL INCOME	12,022.25
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$18,916.06</u>
FINAL INC./EXP. BALANCE	\$30,938.31
ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	
CHURCH	
Directed Funds (TCB)	\$82,191.36
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$30,938.31
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$241,530.76
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$282,944.53</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:	\$637,604.96
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:	<u>\$24,408.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$662,013.62
SCHOOL INCOME	\$66,208.00
35% to Miss. Trust Inc. 3,000 Miss.	\$23,172.80
30% to Scholarship Fund	\$19,862.40
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund	\$13,241.60
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$6,652.80
5% to Musician & Concert	\$3,310.40

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the March Redeemer Review is
Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 p.m.

Your articles and photos are welcome and encouraged!



Game Night!

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

February 17

Bring your favorite game!

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

"1 John"

Each Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00, in the Fireside Room, we are learning from I John. This epistle, written about 85-95 A.D. was authored by John, apostle and evangelist, sometimes called "the elder."

The believers are called children, fathers, and young men and opponents of the church are called antichrists, false teachers, spirits, and deceivers.

The purpose of this Scripture is to establish and encourage faithfulness to Christ in the wake of false teachers, especially the Gnostics.

Come and learn as we apply this Word of God to our troubled situation today in our churches and world, taking hope and security from the true Gospel of Jesus. The study guide is located at www.whatdoesthismean.org

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"On Being a Christian"

The next men's Bible class is Saturday, February 4, 8:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Chapter Six, "God's Word and My Faith" is the topic. Our studies come from the book "On Being a Christian" by Henry Hamann.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

"John the Baptist"

Each Sunday, 8:45 – 9:45, Parish Hall, we are engaged in learning from God's Word on the topic of John the Baptist. His birth, the preaching of John, the baptism of Jesus, and the death of John will be covered.

John preached the severity of God's Law, railing against sinners and washing away their sin in holy baptism. He preached repentance and hope in Christ. He preached his cousin, Jesus Christ.

Come and learn from God's Word as we take great lessons for today from this, the greatest of prophets who pointed to Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

COLLEGE STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULT

Dinner & Study

Sunday, February 12, 5:00 p.m. is our next dinner and study. All college students at Chico State/Butte College and young adults are welcome to attend.

YOUTH GROUP

Higher Things Youth Conference "Here I Stand" in Bozeman, Montana, July 18-21, participants are Emma Eastman, Yuhuan Wenslaff, Yufei Wenslaff, Monica Jordan, and Pastor Jordan. See www.higherthings.org for information.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 EVA LAMONT
- 02 STEVE HALL
- 11 AMANDA SIEMENS
- 14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
- 15 MICHELLE SWEET
- 16 CAROL HALL
- 18 ANITA HARTWIG
- 21 SHIRLEY WILSON
- 28 CORA HALL
- 28 JULIE McCANN



FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL DATES

- 01 KATHY SWEET
- 02 MICHELLE SWEET
- 04 EVA LAMONT
- 08 DONALD SMITH
- 10 REV. DONALD JORDAN
- 13 ALICE DURFEE
- 19 GLENN BERGENDAHL
- 23 LINDSEY ALLEN
- 24 CAROL VARLEY
- 27 MICHAEL THOMPSON

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WILLARD SCHLESENER:	SCHAFFER - SWEET
TRACY WOOLERY:	TEFELSKI - ZIMMER

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TECHNOLOGY



Did you start out this year with an earnest desire to embark on a new approach to daily scripture readings and then find yourself doing what you have always done? Perhaps you have tried to find something new to use for a daily devotional time but nothing seems to have substance or continuity and you just didn't want to buy yet another book that will take up space and go unread after a few weeks.

Here is yet another place where your smartphone, tablet, computer or other device can serve a godly function and help bring a new dimension to your daily devotions filling in the time from Sunday to Sunday in a systematic way.

Devotions can be a prescribed reading of scripture whether or not they follow the lectionary or a basic division of Old Testament, Psalms and Proverbs, and New Testament readings including the Gospels. Other devotionals, while based on scripture, might be topical in nature (i.e. devotions for moms, dads, students, workers, etc.) or it may be a random selection of scripture, with perhaps some reflection as to season such as Lent, Easter or Christmas.

Some devotions are more geared to encouragement and giving a "boost" for the day; other devotions seem more like a Bible study. Do we need both, and can we find sources that give us encouragement, the comfort of Law and Gospel and not simply a nice, possibly funny, story?

Let's simply start with the technology of the copy machine: Each Sunday at the bottom of the insert with the Introit and Collect, there is a heading called "Daily Readings." One could simply follow what Luther wrote in the Small Catechism about daily prayer, inserting these daily readings with the morning or evening prayer and know that we have received the comfort and encouragement of the Word of God.

A site worth considering that follows this pattern is: <http://www.whatdoesthismean.org/devotions.html>

These devotions follow the form from the Small Catechism adding prayer, a scripture verse to memorize, a hymn and a brief, daily devotional paragraph centered on a weekly theme that is consistent with the church year. You can sign up to have the weekly devotions delivered to you via email and then download to your computer, and then easily place in Adobe Reader, Google Drive, DropBox, One Drive, or other cloud based storage to be

able to access on your mobile devices as well as your computer.

Before going any farther though, the obvious question is what is a lectionary? The LCMS website writes:

"A lectionary is a collection of readings from Sacred Scripture. These readings are arranged according to the Church's calendar and are intended to be read at the regular, weekly gathering of God's people."

And, about the Daily Lectionary (can be found on page 299 in the Lutheran Service Book):

"The goal of the Daily Lectionary is not to read through the entire Bible each year. Rather, two readings of 15-35 verses each are provided for each day, one from the Old Testament and the other from the New Testament. Under this arrangement, nearly all of the New Testament and approximately one-third of the Old Testament are read each year."

So where do we find on-line devotions that are scripturally based? And, what sources will give us daily encouragement as well?



One of the first resources comes from a familiar source that you may have listened to on the radio for many years — The Lutheran Hour.

This app is available on Android and iPhone. You can also subscribe to a daily email. Whether you simply use the app each day or get it via email you can either read or use the audio option. The Lutheran Hour does not follow the lectionary but the devotionals are scripturally based with season-themed devotionals for Advent and Lent.

Previously we have looked in-depth at Higher Things. The devotionals from Higher Things called "Reflections" are based on the lectionary readings. They are encouraging though not frivolous; there is substance and they are clearly written. From their website:

"These Reflections are centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are based upon each day's texts from the weekly readings in the one year lectionary and from Luther's Small Catechism."

Here is the link to sign up if you did not do so previously: <http://higherthings.org/reflections>

Two additional sites to enrich your devotions start at: <https://calendar.cph.org> First, "The Lutheran Calendar" lists Sundays and Feast/Festival Days for the Three-Year Lectionary. When you click on one of the dates it will take you to the listing of the readings, Introit, etc.

"Today in the Church Year" gives a short devotional passage on these feasts, festivals and Sundays. This blog lets you subscribe to it for delivery to your email.

Next month: some more devotional resources for use on your devices.

LWML NOTES

On Saturday, January 7th, we held a meeting to share news of missions and watch "The First Rosa." Due to low attendance, we did some planning at the board level instead. We have rescheduled the movie event for Saturday, March 4th at 9:30 am. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. It will include Bible study, reports, and signups for hostess duties. All ladies are welcomed to come and participate in any of the activities.

The District mission grants have been completed through number 5. Number 6 is nearly fulfilled.

We continue to collect coins for a seminarian, Joshua DeYoung. He is currently on vicarage.

The collection of offerings to sponsor a child in Kenya through the DCM is underway.

MERCY IN KENYA

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon is after worship on Sunday, March 5th. The menu is corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salads, bread, and desserts. There is a suggested donation of \$8.00. The proceeds will go to the mercy trip to assist Rev. Dennis & Deaconess Lorna Meeker at Point of Grace Lutheran Academy in Kenya in 2018.

There will be a signup sheet in the Parish Hall at Redeemer for those planning to attend. It helps to have an idea of how much food to purchase. There will be a signup sheet for anyone who would like to help with the event. Please contact me, Kathy Sweet or Linda Allen if you have questions or want to help.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

2017 MISSION SUPPORT

- 1Q YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTRY
- 2Q RADIO SERMONS/LUTHERAN HOUR/ISSUES, ETC.
- 3Q DISTRICT MISSION: Christ Lutheran, Mt. Shasta; Deaf Ministry, Texas/Los Angeles
- 4Q INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS: Pastor Rabe, Ethiopia; Pastor Meeker, Kenya; Pastor Conrad, Mexico

RADIO BROADCASTS

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

www.kkxx.net (live and podcasts)
KKXX Chico, CA 930 AM Saturday/Sunday 1:00 PM
KKXX Chico, CA 104.5 FM Saturday/Sunday 1:00 PM

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LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, EASTER SCHEDULE 2017

LENT

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 22, April 5

Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday Divine Service

10:00 a.m.



Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Chief Service - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day

Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Another year and reporting that the Blood Drive in November was "up to par." BloodSource wants our donors to know they are now eligible to donate again and the phone number to schedule is 893-5433. Please donate for this great cause.

Please be aware that if there is a need for a walker or wheelchair, some of these items are available at Redeemer. Contact the office Tuesday through Thursday and a message will be sent to me.

Blood pressure screenings will be available in 2017 upon request. The demand for testing has dropped off in recent months, but is still available.

Anyone wishing to participate in some type of human care is urged to come forward.

In His service. Shirley Wilson 864-0022

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 820
"MY SOUL, NOW PRAISE YOUR MAKER"

My soul, now praise your Maker!
Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker
Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all you sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless
And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

He offers all His treasure
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us,
He puts our sins away.

For as a tender father
Has pity on His children here,
God in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

His grace remains forever.
And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never
Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling,
With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning,
All you who hear His Word--
Our life and all sustaining.
My soul, O praise the Lord!

This hymn by Johann Gramann (Grauman or Poliander) was written, according to the great theologian, Martin Chemnitz, one of the authors of the Formula of Concord, at the request of Albrecht the Elder, Duke of Prussian, a follower of Luther's and staunch supporter of the Reformation. Chemnitz was for a time the Duke's librarian in Konigsberg. Albrecht reportedly asked for a hymn based on his favorite Psalm, Psalm 103, a beautiful Psalm in praise of the God of all grace. The result is without question one of our most majestic and fervent hymns of praise. One which should be in the repertory of every Lutheran congregation, according to W. G. Polack.

The hymn was used by Gustavus Adolphus on April 24, 1632 during the Thirty Years' War as well as the first restored Protestant worship service in Augsburg. At the conclusion of the War, on October 25, 1648, it was sung in thanksgiving by the residents at Osnabruck, Westphalia.

Johann Gramann (1487-1541) was born in Neustadt, in the Bavarian Palatinate. After earning the Master of Arts degree in 1516 and bachelor of Divinity degree at Leipzig University in 1520, he was appointed rector of St. Thomas' School in Leipzig. He joined Luther in Wittenberg in the cause of the Reformation. In 1523, he was appointed preacher at Wurzburg and two years later preacher at the nunnery of St. Clara in Nurnberg. In 1525, he was pastor of the Altstadt Church in Koninsberg opposing the Anabaptists and Schwenkfeldians, the radical elements of the Reformation. He incurred the displeasure of the Count. In a disputation with the Anabaptists and Schwenkfeldians, Gramann won the day. He also worked to establish Lutheran schools in the province. This hymn, perhaps, is the earliest Lutheran hymn of praise.

The tune, *Nun Lob, Mein Seel*, appeared in Kugelmann's *Conctus Novi* in 1540 coupled with Gramann's text. As is the case of Kugelmann's tunes, this is one of three hymnal tunes drawn from the 16th century love song, *Weiss Mir Ein Blumlein Blaue*. This tune is also used for *I Know My Faith Is Founded*, which is in our hymnal.

WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH



Monday, February 20
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
Sharon Schaffert's

WHERE DID VALENTINE'S DAY COME FROM? SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE IT?

The origin of Valentine's Day is unclear. February 14 is listed on the Calendar of Saints in both the Anglican and Lutheran churches. The Roman Catholic Church no longer lists Saint Valentine's Day on its official calendar and, instead, has made it a local celebration. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, but in July. There are several Saint Valentines associated with February 14, but it seems the tradition revolves largely around Valentine of Rome.

Valentine of Rome is said to be a Christian martyr, killed on February 14, 496 under the direction of Emperor Claudius II of Rome. Several stories about his persecution exist. One is that during general persecution of Christians, Valentine of Rome was interviewed personally by Emperor Claudius II for sentencing. Evidently Claudius II was impressed by Valentine and offered that if Valentine converted to paganism his life could be spared. Rather than convert, Valentine is said to have attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity, thus earning himself the death penalty. Prior to his execution, Valentine is thought to have performed a healing miracle for the jailer's blind daughter, Julia. In some renditions, Valentine wrote a letter to Julia prior to his execution, signed "Your Valentine."

Another tradition suggests that Valentine performed weddings for soldiers who had been prohibited from marrying by rule of Emperor Claudius II based on the belief that single men make better soldiers. Valentine was jailed and supposedly those whom he had married passed him notes and flowers in jail. Also while in jail he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. Prior to his execution he is said to have written her a love letter signed, "Your Valentine."

There is also a tradition that Valentine gave hearts made of parchment to soldiers and persecuted Christians reminding them of their vows as well as God's love. Some have linked Valentine's Day to a celebration of the beginning of spring. Others have suggested that Valentine's Day has pagan roots and is associated with Lupercalia, a February pagan holiday centered on fertility and love. Others say that the connection between Valentine's Day and romance did not come about until the 14th Century with the English poet Chaucer's writings.

It seems the modern celebration of Valentine's Day as a romantic holiday that includes exchanging of cards, chocolates, and flowers came largely out of England and developed fairly recently. Commercialized Valentine's cards came about in the early to mid-nineteenth century. In the latter portion of the twentieth century, giving gifts became popular. The celebration of Valentine's Day has extended from England to the Anglosphere and beyond.

Valentine's traditions, and even the date of celebration, vary depending upon the country. Many countries include the traditions of exchanging cards, candies, flowers, or other gifts with loved ones. In some countries Valentine's Day is largely a celebration of friendship whereas in other countries it is a celebration of romantic love. Attitudes toward Valentine's Day also vary. Some in Western countries view Valentine's Day as largely a holiday for the profit of greeting card companies, chocolate factories, and flower shops. Some couples treat Valentine's Day as a particularly important day to express their love for one another, whereas for others it is just another day. For some single persons wishing to be married, Valentine's Day is viewed as a hurtful reminder of their undesired relationship status. For others, both single and married, Valentine's is simply a day to express love to all manner of friends and family.

Christians are free regarding the celebration of Valentine's Day. There are many positive things to be said about celebrating love for one another. There is nothing inherently wrong with expressing love through cards and gifts on a specific day of the year. But there is nothing inherently righteous about it either, and we should also express our love for one another throughout the year and in a variety of ways. While there is no such thing as "Sainthood" in the terms meant by the Catholic Church, there is certainly nothing wrong with commemorating Christian martyrs or faithful Christians of the past. Neither is there a biblical mandate to do such things. The holiday is neither biblical nor anti-biblical. Christians can apply the principles found in Romans 14:5, "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind."



MISSION SUPPORT THANK YOU LETTERS



January 9, 2017

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My dear fellow redeemed:

I have seen people experience profound, life-changing JOY and a deeply personal sense of meaning or fulfillment when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving, and in that act discover a unique and vital role they play in the mission and ministry of the LCMS. I pray you are one of them.

Words cannot express the absolute joy we have for you. The work God has given His church to do, in all its forms and places, happens because YOU gave joyfully to make sure it happens. Thank you.

The LCMS provided no goods or services in exchange for your gift, and any or all intangible religious benefits should be considered gifts from the unmerited grace of God. Please retain the attached gift receipt if you will be itemizing charitable gifts on an income tax return.

In service to our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Mark D. Hofman, Executive Director
Mission Advancement

Christmas 2016

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4 Kenya's Kids is a ministry of

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Dear Pastor Jordan:

God's Blessings to you and your family. During this season of Thanksgiving and celebration of the birth of our Savior we celebrate all that is precious to us.

It has been a while since we have seen or spoken but want you to know that we are grateful for the prayers and support you have given to us and 4KenyaKids in the past.

We hope that you enjoy this gift of music from our children and that your home continues to keep Point of Grace Academy in your prayers.

May the Lord Bless and keep you and yours in the year to come.

In Christ,

Rev. Dennis and Lorna Meeker

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
[C] Jacob (Israel), Patriarch 5th Sunday after Epiphany Mite Box Sunday 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:30am Malins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room) 7:00pm LWML Meeting	Feb 1	[F] The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	Office Manager's Day Off	8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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6th Sunday after the Epiphany (G) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 5:00pm College/Young Adult	[C] Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	[C] Valentine, Martyr 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	[C] Philemon and Onesimus	[C] Philip Melancthon (birth) Confessor 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	Office Manager's Day Off 7:00pm Game Night (Parish Hall)	[C] Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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7th Sunday after Epiphany 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off Kaffeeklatsch (Sharon Schaffert's)	4:00pm Newsletter Deadline	22	[C] Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 4:00pm Youth Catechism 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	[F] St. Matthias, Apostle (R) Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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Transfiguration (W) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	Mar 1	2	3	4

OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS	TUE - THU	8:30AM - 4:30PM (1/2 to 1 hr. lunch)
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