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PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ; serving one another in Christian love, so that God's Holy Spirit may save the lost and strengthen the saved.

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Blessed New Year!

It's funny how things change and how things stay the same? That might be the question that you ask yourself as the New Year begins. I ponder it as well. Another year is upon us and many of the things I do are what I have done for many years, family life, church work, friends and community as well. But also, there is change. With our new grandson, Monica and I look to add some new joys and adventures to our life. I pray that your New Year has some blessings and joys for you as well.

At times new can be hard. It's not what we wanted or expected, so we find ourselves challenged with what's before us and what lies ahead. Many of you have a New Year with challenges before you. No matter the task or obstacle, the Lord will be there with you. He asks you to cast your cares on him and to not walk this lifetime of trials alone. He will never leave you or forsake you.

One way to know the Lord better is to read his word so we as a church are inviting you to join our church and our circuit sister congregations in reading through the Bible in one year. The reading plan is Crafted by Truth and is available online here:

<https://michigandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reformation-Reading-Plan-Printable.pdf>

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and I'll have some of the reading plans printed there. Please read the letter enclosed from our Circuit visitor, Pastor Aaron Vergin about this Bible Reading initiative. For those who would rather hear than read, I encourage you to use Bible Gateway online here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=ESV>

Put in the chapter and click on the speaker icon and listen.

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 English Standard Version

We are also gathering on Monday mornings at 10 am to read and discuss Luther's Small Catechism. This is an informal group and we'll be reading Luther's Small Catechism from Concordia Publishing House in 2017, and discussing it.

<https://www.cph.org/p-32272-Luthers-Small-Catechism-with-Explanation-2017-Edition.aspx>

The Elders will be including devotions using the New Small Catechism for our meetings, as well as our Lenten Midweek services will be using the six chiefparts of the catechism, The Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession (Office of the Keys), and Lord's Supper as themes for our mid-week services.

I pray you find these new disciplines a joy and blessing in this New Year and that the word of God, read and heard, will richly bless you as you hold to him, who is and was and is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord!

God bless,
Pastor Tkac



"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; the LORD

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Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

Sunday School for children and adults is at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

No Confirmation / High School Class



Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

- 1/2 Robert Ehlert
- 1/10 Erna Gidcumb
- 1/19 Steve Smithson
- 1/25 Judy Harroun
- 1/25 Marilyn Springborn
- 1/29 Erika Hoffmann
- 1/31 Matt Tilley
- 1/31 Margaret Voss



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

We do not have any anniversaries to Celebrate this month.

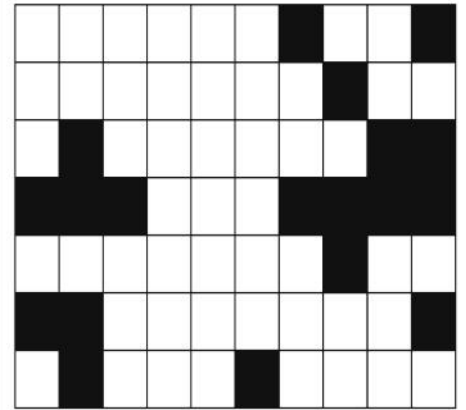
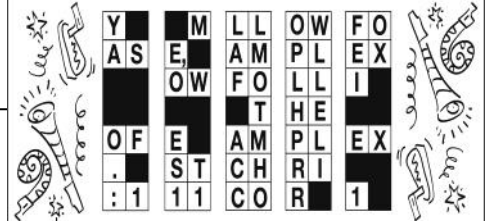


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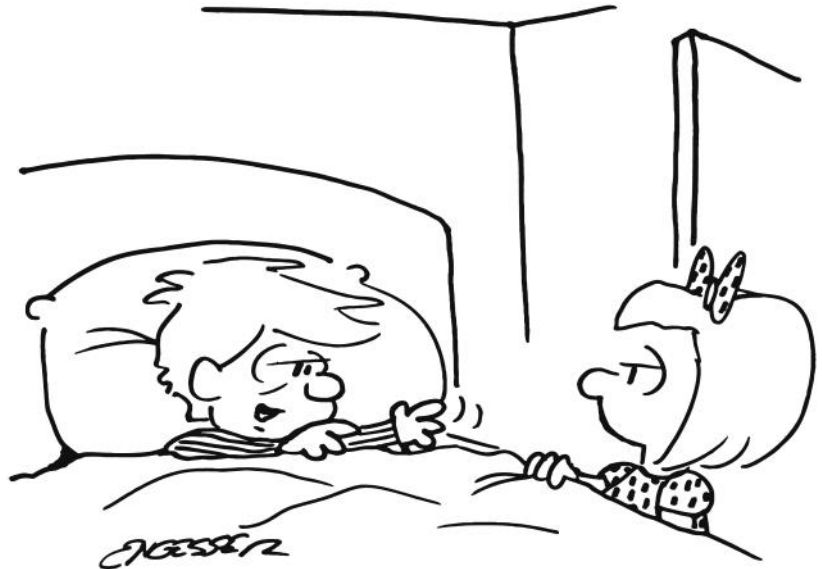
Ladies Guild
 Memorials
 Missions

Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1



"Tell Mom I'll stay home today and do Sunday school online."



January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Services Installation of Officers</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm Prayer Meeting</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2 pm Mid-week Bible Study</p> 	<p>6</p>  <p>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 Worship Services</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Services</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am Reformation Bible Reading</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 pm Anniversary Meeting 6:30 pm</p>  <p>LADIES GUILD</p> <p>7 pm</p>  <p>Elders Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2 pm Mid-week Bible Study</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Services</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am Reformation Bible Reading</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. -DAY-</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2 pm Mid-week Bible Study</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Services</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am Reformation Bible Reading</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2 pm Mid-week Bible Study</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Services</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am Reformation Bible Reading</p>	<p>31</p>				

Our monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 pm



Ladies Guild next meeting will be January 10th at 6:30pm.



Elders Meeting is Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm.



Midweek Bible Study will resume on Thursdays at 2pm beginning January 5th.



Church's 60th Anniversary

Plans are underway for the Church's 60th Anniversary Celebration on February 5th, 2023. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for a catered luncheon following worship services.



The Luther Reading of the small Catechism will begin on Monday, January 9th at 10 am.

From the Peace Parish Service Guild:

Thanks to all who donated for our ingathering at Advent-by-Candlelight. We collected 225 pairs of sock and 57 pairs of gloves/mittens. These were taken to Houghton School, Haven and St. Paul Community Lutheran Church in Pontiac. The donations were very much appreciated. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm. We will be planning activities for 2023. Our new President will be Carol Bown, Elise Tilley, Vice President, Connie Kiefiuk, Secretary, and, Carol Smith, Treasurer. Thanks to all who have served as officers and/or helped with Guild projects this past year.



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

- party - t = p r a y (v. 1)
- lady + i = _ _ o o _ _ (v. 3)
- drab + e = _ o _ _ _ _ (v. 5)
- rod + o = _ o _ _ _ (v. 7)
- bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- keeps - p = e _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- define - ee = _ _ e _ _ _ (v. 9)
- shift - t = _ _ _ _ e (v. 11)
- sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sift + g = _ _ _ _ e _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit

Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)