

**FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
2022**

Epiphany Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

Worshiping at:
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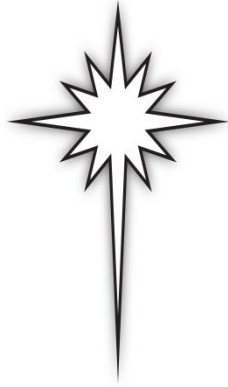
Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for children Preschool age and under)
Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday

Hospitality to follow

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PASTOR'S CORNER



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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Scripture passage from Jeremiah is one that most of you may already know and say to yourself. During the past three years and recently, Dan Zeigler, Council President Emeritus has spoken these words to me. He has done this not once in a while but many times and at times daily and weekly. Over the years I look into his eyes as he quotes Jeremiah and I can see how he truly believes the spoken words he delivers. I never tire of hearing God's people speak and trust in the words they proclaim. It is prophetic that these very words carry so much meaning for this faith community today.

Dan stood before this congregation defending each of us knowing that God's plans would bring hope and provide a future for all true believers. Over this past month during the cluster meetings, I spoke about the strength of our congregation council past and present. How the members of your congregation council took a stand for the good of God's church. Now the congregation council is looking to God and he has provided hope and a future for the congregation of Epiphany Lutheran Church. Members of the past and present council have shown that we can prosper as we seek the Lord's help in our plan. Here another passage from Scripture that affirms hope and future. "*Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed*". Each of our council members past and present rendered their gifts to the Lord for the good of this congregation and we will continue to have their wisdom and input along this new journey.

I ask for you to consider your gifts and how you can help. How is the Lord calling you? What gifts can you provide for the people he calls into the community of Epiphany? *Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed"*. As the pastor of this spiritually filled congregation, I do not doubt your commitment. The attendance is up and continues to grow. The giving is up and is on track to meet the budget we set. The Spirit of Joy and the Love of the Lord is with you and it can be seen and felt each week.

From the Hebrew text *Proverbs 16:9 "The human heart may plan a course, but it is Yahweh who determines the steps"*. As we plan for the future, God will determine the steps we take. Some steps may be quick, and others may take time to develop. Our path, our future, our success, will not be determined by us, but by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. Franklin Gore

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	3	4 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	5
6 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Class 1:00 p.m. Chancel re-do	7 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	8 11:00 a.m. Faith Circle The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	9 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	10 11 a.m. Council reports due 6:00 p.m. Eve Circle Location TBA	11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	12
13 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 a.m. -9:15 a.m. Manna food drop off (trunk to trunk) 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregation meeting Hospitality to follow	14 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	15 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	16 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	17	18 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	19
20 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Class	21 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	22	23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study The Crossings at Milestone 1431 W. Nine Mile Rd. Meet in the clubhouse	24	25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Office closed	26 1:00 p.m. Clothes swap at Brit Ahm
27 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY New Member Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Hospitality 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Class	28 9:00 a.m. – Noon Office hours 4:00 p.m. Choir practice 6700 Spanish Trail	1 9:00 a.m. – Noon Office hours	2 Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Rosh Chodesh service at Brit Ahm. 6:00 p.m. Soup supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship service			

Admin. hours: Monday -Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Thursday, 9a.m. -Noon unless otherwise noted

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Just wanted everyone to know that Social Ministry's Manna Food Pantry is beginning in February. It will take place the 2nd Sunday of each month. (Feb. 13th) Exciting time and so rewarding for all of us to take part in the Manna Food Pantry. So easy too, the person who is collecting the food items will park up front with their car trunk open for the food items to be dropped off. Easy, right, then all you have to do is deliver the food items to the Manna Food Pantry. Take part with Social Ministry and volunteer to be a part of this rewarding opportunity to give back to our community. Sign up everyone! Social Ministry thanks you for your support, especially your service to God's people.

Note: PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ITEMS INSIDE THE BRIT AHM MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE. ALSO, DO NOT LEAVE ANY FOOD ITEMS OUTSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE. This is a trunk to trunk process.

We also are currently lending our support to the synagogue's homeless ministry through the collection of requested items. If you would like to participate, please bring in the following items:

Travel size toiletries, Hats, Gloves, Socks

Collection bins are set up in the corner of the Fellowship Hall and are signed Homeless Ministry. Below are pictures from our joint packing session with the Synagogue.



Pop tabs are also being collected once again. You will find the collection jar near the homeless ministry collection bins.

A new event: Clothes Swap on Saturday, February 26 at 1 p.m.

What is a clothes swap you ask? This is something Brit Ahm has been doing and Epiphany will now be working with them. You may bring clothes in that you can't use anymore and lay them out on the pews. People then may pick what they need or can use. Anything that is left will be donated to the homeless ministry and passed out to the homeless. All clothing brought in **must be freshly cleaned and no stains.** Start your spring cleaning through your closets and plan to attend on the 26th. This will be a quarterly event.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 2

5:00 p.m. Service of Rosh Chodesh- the congregation at Brit Ahm has invited Epiphany to join them as they blow the shofar and ring in the new Hebrew month.

5:30 p.m. once their service has finished, Epiphany will begin to set up for Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. Epiphany soup supper

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship begins

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Are you excited to give to the New Building Fund? We are excited to see that fund grow too! We only ask that you do not reduce your normal General Fund offerings in order to give to the Building Fund. Remember that a portion of our total General Fund monthly offerings will be reserved for the New Building Fund – in this way we are ALL supporting the future of Epiphany.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will not be distributing envelope booklets as in years past. There are general offering envelopes available each Sunday. Feel free to take a few with you for future use.

MEMBER CARE

Beginning February 6, the Sunday bulletin will be delivered to shut-ins. The bulletin deliveries let them know that they are thought of and prayed for by their church family. The monthly newsletter will also be delivered. The casserole ministry will be available to members in time of need, such as surgery, illness or happily a new baby. Homemade casseroles or soup will be delivered. Let the office know of your need.

Any bread, pies or cupcakes left at the Synagogue each weekend after our Sunday service will be available to our members to take to anyone in need. The remaining items will be delivered to a soup kitchen each Sunday.

You will be able to participate in this ministry by helping deliver Sunday bulletins and as the need arises make and deliver Casseroles or soup to a member in need. Please let the church office know of your willingness to serve or contact Carleen at 850-748-0293 or after Sunday service.

God's peace,
Carleen Bragan

FACEBOOK POSTINGS

While it is great to have memorable moments in Worship and share those times with the followers of Epiphany on Facebook, please remember to not take pictures of the children and post those memories without a parent or guardian's permission. Thank you!

WOMEN OF THE NALC



805 Walford Rd
Devils Lake, ND 58301
December 3, 2021

Dear *Women of Epiphany Lutheran.*

Welcome to the NALC and WNALC! It is so exciting to have a new church in the NALC and new Sisters in Christ in the WNALC.

The WNALC has a 7 women national council whose purpose is to connect and support the Women in the NALC. The enclosed brochure has the current council members and a bit of information about the WNALC. We are 7 church ladies, like you, who serve Christ in whatever capacity we are called.

Due to keeping costs low, this is probably the only “real” mail you will receive. Our connections are through social medial, our website, and email. The website has an archive of all past newsletters and other information about the works of The Women’s Council and the WNALC.

WNALC website www.wnalc.org.

On the website, follow this path where you can register yourself as a member, sign up for the newsletter, and register your church/women’s groups. Each person should sign up individually for membership and the newsletter. If some do not have email, please have someone print a copy or two for sharing.

About us

Contact us

Connect with us on Facebook for inspiration, announcements, bible studies, and to connect with other WNALC women.

On Facebook search for: WNALC-Women of the NALC

The NALC website has the following address: there is so much there to explore and connect. They also have a Facebook page.



The NALC web address is www.thenalc.org.

Please email or call me if you have any questions. Phone calls, texts, and emails are encouraged so we know you are receiving our information. The Women's Council treasures correspondence from women and church women's groups.

Sincerely,

Jill Nesheim,
WNALC Chair

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn	Deacon Glenn
LECTOR(S)	Will Slotter	Karen McCabe	Pete Morgan	Regina Gibbons
USHERS	John Ekstrom Troy Long	Harland Bross Will & Nicholas Slotter	Chuck Glassmire Eddie Gibbons	Eric & Shelly Johnson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Dawn Zeigler Alice Fludgate	Jim & Marlene Cooper	Heidi Long Regina Gibbons	Betty Bross Karen McCabe
PORTICO GREETERS	Randy St.Louis Carleen Bragan	Randy St. Louis Faye Robinson	Randy St. Louis Audrey Tinsley	Randy St. Louis Betty Bross
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Ali Baggett	Ali Baggett	Torryn Given	Ali Baggett
FLOWER GUILD	Harland Bross	Harland Bross	Harland Bross	Harland Bross

Worship Assistant Scheduling

Brenda Ekstrom is now scheduling assistance for Worship each Sunday as she works on the bulletins. She will be in contact with members for availability. If you are willing to serve and/or have scheduling conflicts, please contact Brenda.