

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ETCETERA



...Our Mission Continues

## Epiphany

*We celebrate the Wisemen coming to worship the Christ Child in Bethlehem as the Light that comes to shine upon and embrace the world.*



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### **PASTOR'S NORMAL WEEKDAY**

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday.....9:30-2:30  
Thursday.....9:30-12:30  
Friday.....12:00-2:30

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## SIGNAL BEACONS FOR CHRIST

It's the Third Day of Christmas as I write this article and New Year's Eve is four days away. Many people still have most of their Christmas decorations out in observance of the Twelve Days of Christmastide, and my wife Hilary and I recently noticed a front lawn Nativity display with an illuminated set of Holy Family figurines. But strangely, the light coming from the Baby Jesus was flashing on and off! So we had a quick laugh about it. However, the image of that blinking-light Baby Jesus stayed with me.



Our Lord Jesus taught us, ***“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”*** (Matthew 5:16). And in the context of Matthew chapter 5, Jesus was talking about being compassionate, merciful and faithful in our relationships with others, including toward our competitors and our adversaries. In other words, rather than always fighting against what we hate, Jesus wants us to focus on shining our light for what we love. However, sometimes shining our light for what we love (i.e. the good news of Jesus Christ) means that we need to become signal beacons within our lives.



A signal beacon is an intentionally conspicuous light that is designed to attract attention to a specific location or specific purpose. For example, signal fires were lit in ancient times to call for aid. Lighthouse beacons, both ancient and present day, are used to alert ships. And electric signal lights are used within all the various modes of transportation: automotive, locomotive, nautical, and aerial. Therefore, similar to the blinking-light Baby Jesus figurine that Hilary and I saw, we Christians sometimes (even oftentimes) need to shine our light for Christ like a signaling beacon.

Maybe more often than not, we should be conspicuous about our Christian faith and spirituality in order to get people to pay attention to the good news of the gospel that has the power to change lives for good. As the Apostle Paul states, ***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith”*** (Romans 1: 16-17).

Like our new electronic street sign for our church, we ought to seek to attract attention in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we profess that the grace and truth of Christ is the answer to all our spiritual and relational ills. When hearts are changed by the love of God revealed in Christ, then the elderly are respected more, children are cared for more, racial bigotry is reduced within people of all ethnicities, the homeless are given aid, the hungry are fed, and so on.

This is the reign of God among us. Hearts and minds are changed, lovingkindness flourishes, society is improved, and there is a multiplication of the people of faith in Christ. For this is how Christian faith and spirituality first grew, and it is how it best grows even today — especially today. Block by block, person by person, neighbor by neighbor, relative by relative, the beacon light of Christ shining through our good

works and gospel testimony calls people home to him, increasing the community of Christ (the Church) and benefitting society along with it.

When people have their hearts changed by the grace of God in Christ, they tend to take more personal responsibility for their lives. At the same time, they tend to be drawn together to take more social responsibility for the sake of everyone. So again, may we each let our signal beacon light so shine (even blink and flash) before others, that they may see our good works and give glory to our Heavenly Father.

Blessed Epiphany & Happy New Year!!!

Pastor Tim

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS***

**Here are some of the items discussed at the DECEMBER Church Council meeting:**

- \* We made \$2,430 from the church auction, this money will be going into We Love Our Church Fund.
- \* After discussion, Council will give Ted Lazaris permission to spend up to \$750 from the We Love Our Church Fund to purchase chairs for church. Jim Haas motioned to accept the request, Sandy Eigner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- \* Pastor Tim motioned we make the purchase for the fire alarm system from the money we have in We Love Our Church Fund to upgrade the fire alarm system. It will cost \$805. Once the fire alarm system is upgraded, our phone service can be transferred to digital service, significantly decreasing the cost of our phone bill. Dave seconded the motion, motion carried.
- \* Kathy Albrecht along with her daughter and two grandchildren sorted out all the toys and packed them up and delivered everything to Milwaukee Rescue Mission and The Hope House.
- \* Choir risers are ordered and should be here shortly.
- \* We will be having another light installed by the steeple. Both sides of the steeple and the front will be lit.

**For more information on any or all of these items, please check the complete minutes of the meeting posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space - or contact one of your Council representatives.**

### **Faithful Giving is Faithful Living**

Stewardship is our response to God's abundant love—how we care for and share God's generous gifts to us. As of the end of the year, 63 pledges totaling \$153,589 have been received, an increase over 2017. Thank you for your generous giving.

Commitment cards are still available on the table in the narthex. Place your completed card in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office. Simply Giving forms (electronic giving) are also available there. Please pick up your 2018 envelopes and recycle your envelopes from 2017.



# OUR ADORATION FAMILY



## BIRTHDAYS

1/04 Richard Voegeli  
 1/06 Crystal Willms  
 1/07 Robert Young  
 1/08 Larry Farkas  
 1/09 Judy Goodwin  
 1/09 Kerry Lindahl  
 1/09 Rodney Mendini  
 1/09 Dolores Prasser  
 1/11 Owen Schultz  
 1/11 Evan Williams  
 1/13 Cliff Krebs  
 1/14 Patricia Koch  
 1/16 Kim Czerwinski  
 1/16 Chris Dudzik  
 1/16 Joann Voegeli  
 1/17 Lindsay Hagfors  
 1/18 Cody Hagfors  
 1/20 Zackary Kokalj  
 1/20 Joshua Pettke  
 1/21 Adam Klimers  
 1/24 Robert Yersin  
 1/26 Barb Bauer  
 1/26 Owen Williams  
 1/29 Sydney Ahlborn  
 1/30 Jan Ward  
 1/31 Tom Czarapata

*Sharing with you the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle  
 of this Holy Season of Light!  
 Happy New Year!*

*Pastor Tim*

*Barb Regent*

*Janet McGinty*

*Lori Hamilton*



*On Sunday, December 3,  
 we welcomed the following  
 members into our family of  
 faith: Jennifer Anderson,  
 Evelyn Kaquatosh, Janice  
 Rinderle, Paige and Olivia  
 Janke. We rejoice with  
 you in the life of baptism.  
 Together we will give  
 thanks and praise to God  
 and proclaim the good  
 news to all the world.*

## ANNIVERSARIES

1/07 Chris & Jessica Dudzik  
 1/17 David & Christina Cason



*Our condolences are extended to the  
 following family and friends of:*

*Cheryl "Cheri" Klimers daughter of  
 Shirley Delano called home to heaven on  
 December 18.*

*Mary Ann Kietzmann called home to heaven on December 19.*

*May the Lord continue to bless these families during their time of  
 loss.*

## CHRISTMAS THANKS FROM PASTOR TIM & FAMILY

Many heartfelt thanks for all the Christ-  
 mas cards, gifts and well-wishes for my  
 family and me! These expressions of  
 Christmas joy and cheer are deeply  
 appreciated. Thank you everyone for  
 your continuing love and fellowship to-  
 gether in Christ our Savior, and MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS to Adoration Lutheran  
 Church!!! Peace, Pastor Tim & Hilary

Have you moved or are you planning on moving?  
 PLEASE notify the church office if you have an  
 address change. This will allow for accurate  
 church records and also will save the church  
 returned postage. Thank you!



# THANK YOU!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

## The Auction Committee

Would like to thank everyone who participated in the We Love Our Church Auction. We had a wonderful attendance and would like to thank you for your generous donations and bids to make this such a successful and fun event. Bids totaled \$2,440 this year. All the funds will be put to the work God has put before us. God Bless you all, Ted and Mardy Lazaris.

## The Evangelism Committee

Expresses thanks to everyone who helped support this year's Cookie Bake Sale. Special thanks to those who made cookies, those that helped box and those that worked the sale. Without all of you, this outreach project would not have been a success. This is your time and talent you are using to help support Adoration and Lutheran Social Services. Your cookies were beautiful! They were gone very quickly. Several people commented how fresh they were and they appreciated our use of placing highly scented cookies in snack bags so the whole container does not take on that flavor. When people know we bake and pack a quality product, that sells cookies! They loved the variety of snacks, gluten free items, sugar free items, candy, pies and breads. Your baked goods made many people happy. Thank you again for all of your support!

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*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

*to the following individuals  
and families for beautifying  
our church this holiday season  
with poinsettia plants.*

*George & Gloria Becker  
Tom & Nancy Czarapata  
Jim & Judy Goodwin  
Sue (Nonie) Imp  
Linda Kolar-Wood  
Ted & Mardy Lazaris  
Matt & Jackie Nichols  
Dolores Prasser  
Tim & Katie Schmidt  
Sue Szemborski  
Bob & Connie Yersin*



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## The Social Ministry Committee

A big thank you to all our members who made toy donations to The Milwaukee Rescue Mission and The Hope House. Your generous gifts will definitely bring joy to less fortunate children.

We also would like to thank those members who contributed to Lutheran Social Services in the collection of hats, caps, scarves, gloves and mittens. Your generosity helped make a brighter and warmer Christmas for many children and families in need.

THANK YOU also to the Albrecht and Clark families for serving dinner to our homeless neighbors at Divine Intervention on January 22. Also to all the members of Adoration who volunteered at Divine Intervention throughout the year. Thank you for putting your faith into action.

## The Partnership Committee

Thanks all who donated items to the Christmas rummage sale. Also to those who help with set-up and clean-up after the sale. This resale provided a wonderful way to freshen up your holiday decorating, while raising money for our partnership in Tanzania. Thanks to your generous giving.

## ELCA World Hunger

A thank you from Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

*Thanks to your giving, together we're working for justice and peace in the United States and more than 60 countries around the world. May God bless you this new year, as you are a blessing to others.*

2017 Year-to-Date offerings \$2,430  
THANK YOU!

## Southwest Interfaith

A thank you from Diane May, Director of SW Interfaith.

*Just a note to thank your congregation for your donation for our Outreach Program. Your financial support is vital in our being able to provide services for our older adult neighbors. We thank you for your generosity. We are truly blessed by everything your congregation have done and continue to do for our Interfaith Program.*

# NEWS & NOTES

## A Note From Thrivent Financial

We are excited to inform you that as of January 2, 2018 the Thrivent Financial office will officially be open at the new location of 7270 S. 13th Street, Suite 104, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

For those of you not familiar with this new location, Thrivent will be kitty-corner just south from the South Shore Cinema and directly across the street (East side) from the Oak Creek Assembly of God church.

Contact information remains the same. Telephone number 414-856-9900 Fax number 414-856-9944.

## Southwest Interfaith Board Member

Judy Goodwin is looking for a partner to share Adoration's volunteer board membership. This person does not have to presently be a volunteer for SWI. Duties include possibly attending up to 10 meetings a year and participating in various other activities supporting SWI. If your passion includes helping older adults to stay independent, this is an opportunity to realize that strength. See or call Judy at 414-281-9368.

## Together in Mission Event

This gathering is geared toward congregational leaders, staff, and rostered leaders. It is a time to celebrate that we are together in mission, to engage our questions, to learn from one another, and to dwell in God's Word. The day will include two workshop slots and time for clusters to meet together over lunch.

### Event Details:

February 10, 2018  
8:30 AM to 2:45 PM  
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church -  
(12012 West North Ave. Wauwatosa)  
For more information and to register go to:  
[MilwaukeeSynod.org/event/together-in-mission](http://MilwaukeeSynod.org/event/together-in-mission)

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\*\* May God grant you... \*\*  
\*\* 12 months of Happiness \*\*  
\*\* 52 weeks of Laughter \*\*  
\*\* 365 days of Success \*\*  
\*\* 8,760 hours of Good Health \*\*  
\*\* 52,600 minutes of Fun \*\*  
\*\* 3,153,600 seconds of Joy \*\*  
\*\* ...in the New Year. \*\*  
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Here is a picture of our In the Garden Devotional Group. They meet the first and third Friday each month at 1 PM. Pictured from the left: Donna Babilus, Kathy Albrecht, Karen Webb, Ione Mayer, Betty Wing, Kathy Wakefield and Margaret Duris.



## Altar Flowers

The 2018 Flower Chart has been posted in the main entry way of church. If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary with one of the weekly arrangements, just sign up on the chart. Remember to print your name and the reason you are offering the flowers (anniversary, birthday memorial, etc.) The cost is \$30.00 and can be added to your weekly offering envelope, or by using one of the "flower" envelopes located next to the chart on the bulletin board.



## The Lamp of God's Presence

A light shines in the darkness...

If you would like to offer the Lamp of God's Presence as a memorial or celebration, simply fill in your name and reason on the appropriate date on the sign-up chart. The chart is located on the bulletin board in the main entryway of church. The cost is \$4.00 per week and can be added in on your weekly envelopes. Or you can use one of the special envelopes located on the bulletin board.

# MERU & MULALA ~ Our Partners in Ministry

*For the past few years Adoration has held a Christmas Resale of gently used items that were resold to loving new homes. Our congregation was again very generous in donating many many beautiful items. A small committee worked to set up tables according to similar items of Santa's, Snowmen, Ornaments, Wreaths, etc. As per other years it was decided to not put price tags on each item - a free will offering was accepted for any item. Again, being very generous our profits this year was slightly above \$1,000. That amount will be sent to our partner parish Mulala with the funds designated for Mulala's Education Scholarship Fund to be distributed as their committee decides. We wish Pastor Nnko a very happy and well deserved retirement. We welcome Pastor Neema to "our" Mulala family as the new Pastor of the Mulala Parish.*

~Gloria Becker



Pastor Neema

## Happy New Year!

**H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
**P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
**P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)  
**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)  
**E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**A**im for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)  
**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

## Blessing Jar

Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. You can also use different colored paper slips for each family member. Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.



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Wednesday Evening.....6:15 PM

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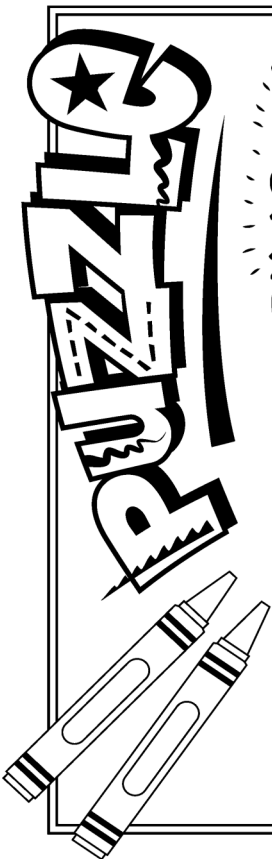
### Mission Statement:

*Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.*

### Reconciling in Christ:

*Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church identifies itself as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation and publicly welcomes all persons to full membership and participation in the ministry we share without regard to race, ethnicity, social status, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.*

## KIDS PAGE



# LET THERE BE LIGHT

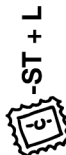
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

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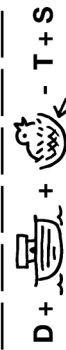


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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV