

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

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NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2025

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY:

January 1 - New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Psalms 8

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

January 6 - Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Week of January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or

Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 147:12-20 or

Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Week of January 12

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Week of January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

FROM PASTOR PHIL

In the church calendar, Epiphany is celebrated between Christmas and Lent. It is the time of the Magi seeking out and finding the baby Jesus. It is the season of the light of Christ being revealed to the world.

In scripture the image of the light of God illuminating the world runs through many parts. From Abraham being called and set apart to bless the whole world, to the words of the prophets like Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! – Isaiah 60:1

Another way to think about it is to look for where God shows up. Or maybe, like an old story about Moses and the burning bush, God is always there, and we finally notice. The late poet Mary Oliver put it this way.

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

– Mary Oliver

So as we enter 2025, as we celebrate Epiphany, let us follow her advice. Let us pay attention. Let us be astonished by the grace of God in ways big and small.

And let us tell about it.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Phil

Week of January 26

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Calvin Dettman
- 4: Kris Wilbricht, Salem UCC (1923)
- 5: Angela Quade
- 6: Neal Smith
- 7: Melanie Corning
- 10: Zach Nechvatal
- 14: Linda Bieri
- 16: Sherrol Yurs, Cora Hageman,
Clayton Weinbrenner
- 17: Ellie Fitzwilliams
- 19: Kenneth Behnke
- 20: Kari Westphal
- 24: Cari Bass
- 26: Dan Durnen
- 28: Anika Quade
- 29: Ginger Dassow
- 30: Kathy Butzlaff
- 31: Elsie Oliver

**Let the church office know if we missed your birthday.*

HELP REPACKAGE DIAPERS & PULL-UPS

We've had a great response to our Advent project requesting donations of diapers, pull-ups & baby wipes for Badger Prairie Needs Network. Now the next project is to repackage the diapers, pull-ups & some donated period products at BPNN.

Salem members are invited to join me at BPNN's Kasieta Center on Monday, 1/6/25, at 3 PM to help repackage these donations. No experience necessary, I'll give a quick demo & then you'll be all set to help out. Please park in the front parking lot at BPNN & enter through Door #2 of the Kasieta Center.

Feel free contact me if questions. (Email: dbtriplett@att.net)
Thank you, Diane Triplett

COUNCIL CORNER

It is a great honor and privilege to be your council president in 2025. I look forward to working with council members to continue to bring the peace, hope, joy, and love of Jesus to those who already know him as well as to those who are still searching.

May our faith in God be unwavering, and may we rely on God's strength to overcome every challenge.

Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all this through God who gives me strength."

May God's power be at work in us every day.
- Cari Bass

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD

We thank ALL of you who took part in the Christmas Bazaar and Raffle. Obviously we couldn't do it by ourselves, so we are grateful to all the workers in each phase and area of the whole event. From the first phase of preparing the barbecue, to setup, to preparations the morning of the event and then the actual carrying out of the event, all went smoothly and successfully. There's a lot of work involved in preparing for the Raffle too, from selling tickets, buying tickets, acquiring, cataloging, and preparing prizes to organizing that event. We appreciate the young people who help to "run that show" too. Setting up, pricing goodies, and organizing the Bake Sale is a lot of work too. Last of all, so many helped with the cleanup of Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. It sure helps to have two experienced men running the dishwasher! We set a record for being done early and out of there this year! We won't name everyone because surely someone would be overlooked. But...Becky Hagenston, Cindy Remus, and Mary Cutler, our chairpersons for each event, must be credited for their hard work, time and effort, and expertise in the great job they do each year. Thank you, ladies! We appreciate you.

Our proceeds this year exceeded last year's totals by \$300! We took in \$1,110.00 from the Raffle, \$875.09 from the Barbecue Lunch, and \$714.18 from the Bake Sale, a final total of \$2,699.27. The Guild will decide in January 2025 what we will do with the money in our bank account.

Poinsettia and Wreath Sponsors

Thank you to those who sponsored poinsettias and wreaths to decorate our sanctuary and church this Advent season.

Sponsor(s)

In Memory/Honor of:

Poinsettias

Carla Baez	Lyle Baez
John & Cari Bass	Tom Bass, Jeff Bass
Mary & Dwight Cutler	Lucille and Bernard Bjorge, Floyd and Elmay Cutler
John & Helen Hageman	Gift to the Church
Roger & Becky Hagenston	Our parents
Harlan & Gerri Hall	Our parents
Judy Hansen	Husband, brothers, parents
Chuck & Lisa Hart	Molly Rankin, Rion Best, Joan Hart
Hugh & Kathy Hauser	Our parents Loretta & Willard Storandt, Irene & Gene Hauser
Nechvatal Family	Lucille Cleveland, Doug Cleveland, Dale Cleveland, Roebe Cleveland
Elsie Oliver	Gift to the church
Dick Phillips, Jon & Sarah Pundt	Ruthellen Phillips
Bruce & Angela Quade	Erwin & Dora Pagel
Sandi Rost	Parents
Larry & Judy Skupien	John Currie (brother-in-law)
Barb & Doug Smith	Gift to the church
Kerry & Stephanie Steinagel	Judy Steinagel
Diane & Dave Triplett	Parents - Ralph & Barbara Zingg, David & Dolores Triplett
Doris Waldmann	Rodney Waldmann
Chris & Kris Wilbricht	Our parents: Earl McCaustland, Marilyn & Jerry Wilbricht
Rose & Paul Wieland	Our parents

Wreaths

John & Carrie Bass	Tom Bass, Jeff Bass
Charlotte & Richard Johnson	Sylvia & Harland Dahlk
Barb & Doug Smith	Gift to the church
Julie & Steve Sundby	in honor of Luna Ann
Chris & Kris Wilbricht	Our parents: Earl McCaustland, Marilyn & Jerry Wilbricht
Paul & Rose Wieland	Our parents
Guy & Karen Williams	Our 30th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3

2024 WOMEN'S GUILD RAFFLE WINNERS

PRIZE	DONATED BY	WINNER	PRIZE	DONATED BY	WINNER
1. Rocky Road to Dublin quilt made in memory of Liz Pankonin and Diane Flood	Salem quilt group	Emily Gust	28. \$50 cash	Heather Thoma	Cindy Remus
2. \$100 cash	Salem Women's Guild	Janet Wolf	29. 2 \$25 Visa gift cards	Ken Behnke (First Weber Realtors)	Arlene Seecks
3. \$25 gift card to Kwik Trip	Lisa and Chuck Hart	Dawn Lingard	30. \$25 gift card to Star Bucks	anonymous donor	Kathy Witt
4. \$30 gift card to Miller and Sons	Dwight and Mary Cutler	Kash Hageman	31. \$25 gift card to North and South	North and South	Cora Hageman
5. \$50 cash	John & Helen Hageman	Joyce Gust	32. Thermos	Farm & Fleet	Gary Aebly
6. 2 puzzles and Yankee candle	Farm & Fleet	Phylis Kosterman	33. \$25 cash	Capital Bank	Phil Hobson
7. 4 regular meals and 4 frozen custard (family pack)	Culver's	Kris Wilbricht	34. \$30 gift card to Miller and Sons	Dwight and Mary Cutler	Becky Hagenston
8. \$25	Capital Bank	Kathy Witt	35. \$50 cash	Judy Hansen	Jessica Callaway
9. 2 adult buffets at Pizza Ranch	Pizza Ranch	Sherrol Yurs	36. Bucky book	Diane Luginbuhl	Sherrol Yurs
10. \$50 cash	Becky Hagenston	Laura Dirosario	37. \$25 gift card to Bath & Body Works	Judy Skupien	Joann Gering
11. \$25 gift card to Sugar River Pizza	Sugar River Pizza	Kathy Witt	38. \$25 gift card to Kwik Trip	Lisa and Chuck Hart	Phylis Kosterman
12. Bottle of Bothem wine, sheep ornament, winter solstice candle, lip balm and free coffee	The Sow's Ear	Cora Hageman	39. \$50 cash	Becky Hagenston	Diane Luginbuhl
13. \$50 gift card to Miller and Sons	Miller and Sons	Carla Baez	40. \$25 gift card to Amazon	anonymous donor	Debbie Bass
14. 4 slice toaster donated	Farm & Fleet	Heather Thoma	41. \$10 gift card to Culver's plug in candle donated	Dave and Diane Triplett Stony Creek	Deb Zurbachen
15. \$25 cash	Heather Thoma	Paul Schaller	42. \$75 gift card to Ginko Tree	Ginko Tree	Kris Wilbricht
16. \$30 gift car to Miller and Sons	Dwight and Mary Cutler	Debbie Bass	43. 2 \$25 Visa gift card	Ken Benke (First Weber Realtors)	Kelli Malueg
17. Pancake basket	Joyce Gust	Cindy Remus	44. \$25 gift card to Kohl's	Judy Skupien	Breanna Luickin
18. \$50 gift card to Olive Garden	Susan Hageman	Dawn Lingard	45. \$100 cash	Salem Women's Guild	Mary Schroeder
19. \$50 cash	Capital Bank	Don Hefty	46. \$15 gift card to Fifth Quarter	Fifth Quarter	John Cashman
20. \$25 gift card to Kwik Trip	anonymous donor	Diane Triplett	47. \$50 gift card to to Miller and Sons	Miller and Sons	Paul Wieland
21. Tree plug in candle	Stony Creek	Cala Baez	48. \$25 gift card to Kwik Trip	Gary and JoAnn Aebly	Theresa Droster
22. \$25 cash	Capital Bank	Heather Thoma	49. 2 adult buffets at Pizza Ranch	Pizza Ranch won	JR Collier
23. \$25 gift card to Amazon	Gary and JoAnn Aebly	Micheal Gust	50. \$50 cash	Capital Bank	Kash Hageman
24. \$10 gift card to Culver's plug in candle	Dave and Diane Triplett Stony Creek	Kris Wilbricht	51. \$25 gift card to Amazon	anonymous donor	Howard Gust
25. \$100 gift card to Miller and Sons	Miller and Sons	Gary Nechvatal	52. \$25 gift card to Sugar River Pizza	Sugar River Pizza	Ann Nelson
26. Keuric coffee maker	Dorn Hardware	Carla Baez	53. \$25 cash	Capital Bank	Julie Sunby
27. 2 adult buffets at Pizza Ranch	Pizza Ranch	Paul Wieland	54. \$150 gift card to Miller and Sons	Miller's and Sons	Laura Hatfield
			55. \$50 cash	Cindy Remus	Debbie Bass
			56. Carrot cake w/ nativity scene and \$45	Paul & Rosemaire Wieland	Judy Skupien
			57. Nutman gift box	Pat McCarthy	John Bass

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison	4
5 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	6 3PM- Diaper Repackaging at BPNN Eve - Scouts	7 Eve - Scouts	8 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	9	10	11
12 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	13 Eve - Scouts	14 Eve - Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	15 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	16	17	18
19 9AM - Adult Sunday School 9AM - Youth Choir 10:15AM - Worship	20 Eve - Scouts	21 Eve - Scouts	22 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	23	24 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25
26 9AM - Adult Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	27 Eve - Scouts	28 Eve - Scouts	29 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	30	31	

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DIAPER REPACKAGING

Monday, January 6, 3PM at BPNN

HOW TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Cara will continue to help with office tasks from afar until a new office administrator is hired. In the mean time, please use the following e-mail: office@salemchurchverona.org

Cara's e-mail will eventually be deactivated.

JANUARY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men are working on a gathering for January, so keep an eye on your e-mail.

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