

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

January 2016

EPIPHANY

These are the days when our thoughts are directed to our Lord's Epiphany. Epiphany is the Greek word for "manifestation" or "appearance." Traditionally Epiphany (observed on January 6) is the time we reflect on the manifestation of the Christ Child to the Eastern Magi.

Traditionally, too, this is the time we remember the Old Testament prophecy of our Christ's appearance to the Gentile nations, particularly the prophecy that forms the age-old Scripture lesson for Epiphany, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you" (Isa 60:1).



Indeed, this is when the church highlights many of our Lord's epiphanies – those events in His earthly ministry by which He manifested Himself as the Son of God: His baptism, His turning water into wine, His transfiguration, and other happenings by which He "showed forth" His deity.

Epiphany is more than an observance. Epiphany calls for celebration. Even more than celebration, Epiphany calls for a special way of life, a special kind of living – a life that is continually "showing forth" the grace and glory of the God of our salvation.

We have seen the light of our salvation in the Child of Bethlehem, who later died on Calvary's cross and rose again. The Magi had a star to follow. Our neighbor down the street has you. "You are the light of the world. ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Mt 5:16).

Each word of Christian witness, each deed of Christian love, is to be a continuing Epiphany. Each action is a continuing revelation of "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor 4:6).

May we never cease to hear and to act upon the meaning of Epiphany. Let us continue to "show forth" the wondrous works of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, *Pastor Dan*

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ELDER IS?

Zones are arranged alphabetically. Following is a list of Elders and their Zones.

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Mike Dunn (253-838-5820)	Alber – Gottgetieu
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Grochowicz - Popplewell
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Preszler - Zmuda

Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The end of the year has come. Our deficit for 2015 was over **\$40,000**.

The New Year will bring with it new challenges. One goal for 2016 will be to pay back the 2015 deficit. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Good Shepherd also has a couple of aging buildings. Repairs and upkeep continue to be a struggle. Please consider contributions to the Improvement Fund so these repairs and upkeep can continue.

Thank you Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for support and prayers to continue our mission of Proclaiming God's Word!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



This year's chili cook off is scheduled for **Sunday, January 31st**, following second service.

If you would like to enter your unique chili, please contact Norm Gerken or Kathy Popplewell. Ten entries will be accepted so let us know if you soon of your desire to participate.

Further Questions? Call Kathy Popplewell at 253-283-5995



Preschool News

www.littlelambstacoma.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports The Good Shepherd's Little Lambs Preschool, whether by prayers, financial, verbal encouragement, fundraisers, and/or time, we sincerely appreciate all of it.

Lutheran Schools Sunday is January 24th. Help us recognize our Lutheran Schools: Little Lambs, Concordia Elementary, and Mount Rainier Lutheran High.

Our preschool students will be watching Jesus grow from eight days old, to twelve years old, to a grown man calling His disciples and blessing little children during January. Pastor Gerken will lead a Bible story one day per week in the sanctuary building to help our Little Lambs grow in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank God for the opportunity to have a Christian preschool.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Huset
Director / Teacher



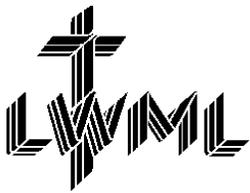
The Lunch Bunch

Our Senior Group – The Lunch Bunch will meet for a **Pot Blessing** on **Thursday, January 14th at 11:45 am.**

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Please join us!





Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**
Bible Study (9:15 am) **Quilting** (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, Jan. 10

- Weekly Bible Study
- Weekly Quilting
- Seafarers' Christmas Boxes
- ...and *YOU!*

Happy New Year! Jesus is our joy and happiness so we really do have Happy New Years.

2016 events...here are a few for you to consider being a part of.

- Spring & Fall Rallies
- Washington – Alaska District Convention
- Spring Tea

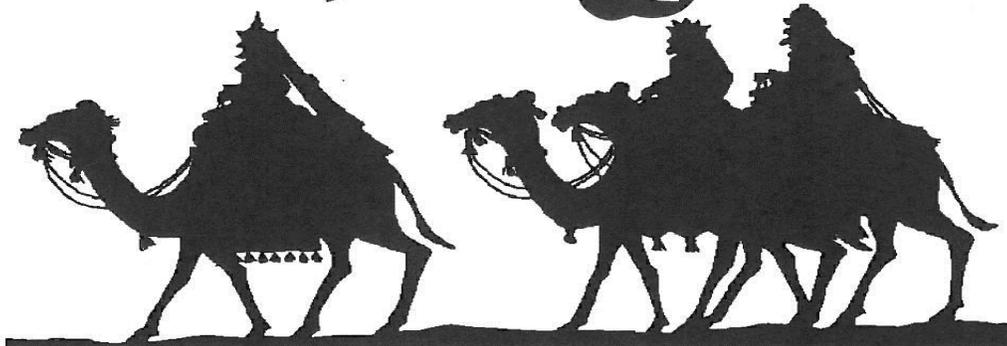
Remember Mites! If each woman would give just \$5 per month, think how much could go for Missions through LWML.

Serving the Lord with Gladness!

Jane Oberg



Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord



Celebrant
Rev. Jeffrey Ries
 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Tacoma, WA

Preacher
Rev. Paul Zeigler
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 Tacoma, WA

Liturgist
Rev. James Matthews
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Tacoma, WA

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

3410 6th Avenue - Tacoma, WA 98406

(2 blocks east of Union Ave. – parking is behind bldg, off of Puget Sound Ave)

January 6, 2016 – 7:00pm

Fellowship Reception to Follow

Please plan to attend this special service and take opportunity to join in worship with our sister congregations in the Tacoma area!