



4th Sunday after
Epiphany

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Sunday, January 29, 2023, 9:30 am/Monday, January 30, 2023, 6 pm

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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Refrain



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for

hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace-makers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this counter-cultural way of living and serving.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Offertory

Senior Choir

WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1).

made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor David Van Kley

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY
APOSTLES' CREED

Blest Are They

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Come and See

W&P 29

1.) Come and see the glory of the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.

Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before him.

Chorus: *For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth,*

Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.

*Renew our lives
that we may
welcome and
care for one
another and
that we may
live and serve
within the
greater com-
munity of
Negaunee and
the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and
welcome.*



2.) Come and give thanks unto the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before him.

Chorus: *For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served . Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

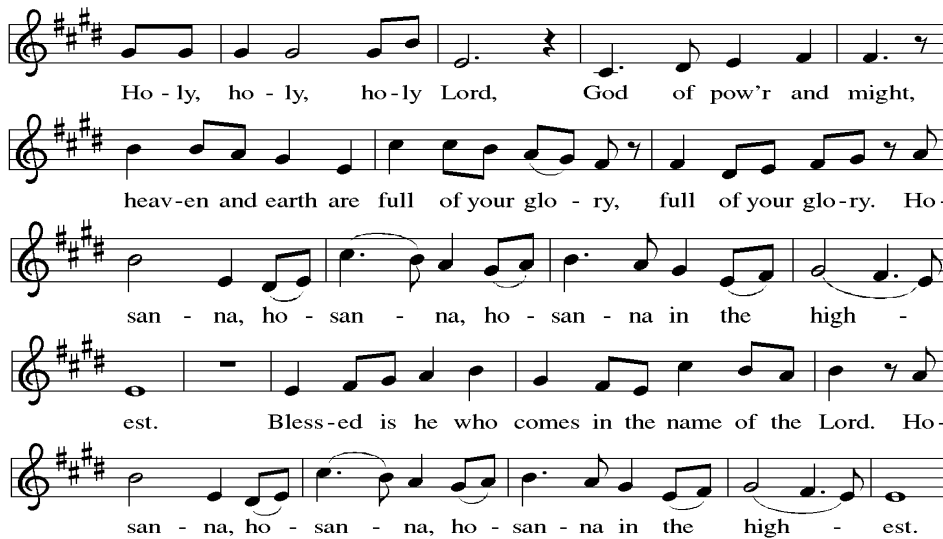
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here: All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

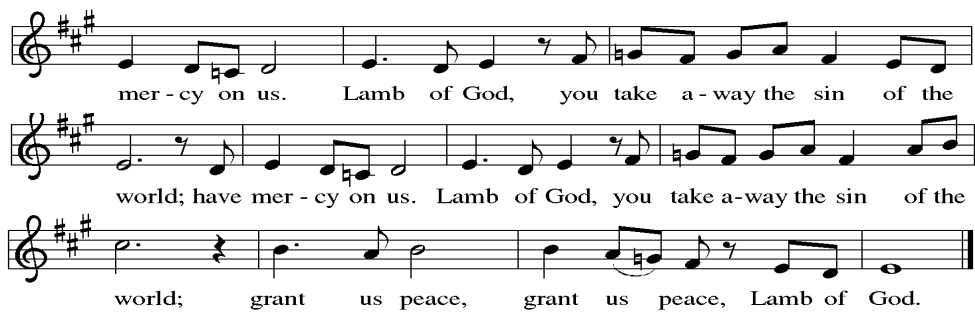
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

All
baptized
Christians
who
believe
this true
presence
are
welcome
and
encour-
aged to
receive
Holy
Commun-
ion today.
Parents,
please
assist your
child(ren)
if you wish
them
com-
muned.



COMMUNION HYMNS *When the Poor Ones* #725
 O God of Mercy, God of Light #714

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 - February 5, 2023

***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 89th Birthday to *Betty Kinnunen* on February 5th.

***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Camp offers an early bird discount through April 1st and Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern by April 1st for scholarship details! Call or text: (906) 361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com.
Hurry, Hurry. Get your registrations in!



***PANCAKE EVENING BREAKFAST PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY** A Pancake Evening Breakfast including several churches is being planned for February 21st, 2023, Tuesday, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Stay tuned for more information to come. **NOTE: CHURCH COUNCIL WILL NOT BE MEETING THAT NIGHT BUT WILL MOVE THEIR DATE TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, SAME TIMES.**



***YOUNG ADULT RETREAT, 'FIERCE COMPASSION'** This Retreat will be at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, February 3 - 5, 2023. It will feature opportunities for growth, there will be time spent in community, it will have rest, relaxation, and much more! Scholarships are available. See Stacy McEachern or Pastor Bre Kinnunen for more details. There is also a flyer posted on the bulletin board.



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for January is SOCIAL MINISTRY. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee hour**. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) with your date & item. Thanks.



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** A Sunday morning Bible Conversation Group meets after the 9:30 am worship service, at 11:00 am in the Youth Room for 1 hour. This is an opportunity for discussing the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. There is a team of people who have volunteered to share the leadership for this group. The members of the leadership team consisted of Pastor Tom Skrenes, Luanne Skrenes, Martha Hayward, Dan Collins, Andrew Crow-Roberts, Walter Scanlon, Mike Frustaglio, Jim Hayward, and Pastor Terry Cathcart. Here is the list of leaders and their dates: **Jan. 29** - Martha Hayward; **Feb. 5** - Dan Collins; **Feb. 12** - Andrew Crow-Roberts; **Feb. 19** - Walter Scanlon; **Feb. 26** - Mike Frustaglio; **Mar. 5** - Dan Collins; **Mar. 12** - Jim Hayward; **Mar. 19** - Andrew Crow-Roberts, **Mar. 16** - Terry Cathcart. *Mark your calendars and plan to come.*



***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be **June 12th, 2023**. Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776.



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW)**. This Project, *Keep Kids Warm*, runs through the winter months. This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) or Westley United Methodist Church.



***TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** Can be found on the table in the hallway on the 2nd floor. They can be filled out at anytime and put in the offering trays or turned into the office. **PLEASE if you want to volunteer to help in any way at the church, fill out your desires on the Time & Talent form and turn it into the office.** Consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the *Estimate of Giving form for 2023 AND the Time & Talent form for 2023.* (If you don't fill out a new *Time & Talent form*, your choices from the past will remain.) We are *"Together Into God's Future."*



***CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship and service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.**



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Debbie Thornberg, and all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*





VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE
SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor David Van Kley*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | — | <i>Noreen Collins</i>
<i>Valerie Paulson</i> |
| 6:00 pm | -- | <i>Deb Hicks</i>
<i>Mike Frustaglio</i> |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | — | <i>Alice Zinsser</i> |
| 6:00 pm | --- | <i>Hayley Smith</i> |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S | — | <i>Alice Zinsser</i>
<i>Bill Zinsser</i>
<i>Shirley Koski</i> |
| 6:00 pm | — | <i>Hayley Smith</i> |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | — | <i>Luanne Skrenes</i> |

(Communion Set-up for January is *Connie Scanlon.*)

***MEN'S BREAKFAST / BIBLE STUDY** will be next **Saturday, February 4th, 8:00-10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a nourishing breakfast meal for body & mind, as a discussion of Sunday's readings and any topic that you may want to share follows the breakfast. For any questions, please call Walter Scanlon @ (906) 235-2294.



JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN JANUARY, our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships will be the **Mission Emphasis (ME)**. Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.



Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. **(NOTE: For now, please use a blank white envelope with 'Monthly Mission' written on it. Then, either have your envelope # on it or your name.)**

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$ 1,960.25 in December to the **Room at the Inn**. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29, 2023 - February 5, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org



- Sunday** **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
(Today's leader is Martha Hayward.)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
- 6:00 pm - Choir
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- 7:30 pm - 'Bar Church' (if questions, please call
Kaitrin Raymond @ (540) 435-4915.)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 8 -10 am - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Sunday** **5th Sunday after Epiphany ~ ~ Annual Congregational Meeting**
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
 - 9:30 am - Sunday School
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 10:45 am - Annual Congregational Meeting
 - 11:00 am - **NO** Sunday Morning Bible Conversation (Because of the
Annual Meeting today, there is **NO** Bible Group.)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)



NOTICE: As of today (1/25/2023) the Contribution Envelopes are not ready (per the Envelope Company). They are trying to get them to us as soon as they can. All we can do is be patient.

Please continue to use any white envelope (there are envelopes provided in the sanctuary) to put your donation(s) in. Or if you have ANY old 2022 envelopes, you can use them with the dates crossed off.

Be sure to put your envelope # or your name on the plain envelope so you will be credited for your donation. Also, indicated where the funding should go: (for exp. General Fund, Building Fund, Monthly Mission, etc.).

When the Contribution Envelopes come, I will certainly get them out to you.

Thank you very much for your patience.