



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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New Life in a New Year

My three-and a half year old grandson has an unusual interest in calendars: he finds and marks the birthdays of family members; notices how the numbers match up with days of the week along with any noticeable patterns; and keeps us all prepared for the next week and month of our lives. So, we share with him any calendars that come our way.

The arrival of a new year, 2018, gives us all a new perspective on our lives. Many will make personal and family resolutions in the attempt to improve their situation, whatever it might be. To be able to leave certain things behind and to move forward without looking back is both a challenge and an opportunity, as the apostle Paul says "But one thing I do: *Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...*" (Phil.3:13).

What we can celebrate as God's people is that we have been given new life through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this Epiphany season we see that Jesus himself submitted to the waters of Baptism by John, and in so doing brings divine power and eternal meaning to our Baptism. 'Fleshly birth is one thing, but heavenly birth is another,' as Jesus tells Nicodemus and us.

Jesus in comparison with John the Baptizer is the One who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire." In Christ Jesus we have been given new and eternal life, and are now able to shake off the old, put it to death and leave it behind, much like a snake shedding its skin and leaving it behind.

More important than a new year (calendar wise) is the new life in Christ which joins us to the eternal and the Eternal One. It is Jesus the Risen and Living One who says and does it "Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5).

May this new calendar year be filled with opportunities to grow and mature in our new life in Christ: to worship the LORD with new fervor; to serve Him with new zeal; to care for one another with a new commitment of Christ-like love; and to reach out in new ways with the truth and compassion of Christ.

Yes, together we will fill the calendar of 2018 in a new way.

In His Service,
Pastor Thomas Petersen

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR... If you have any time sensitive information such as prayer requests, hospitalizations or any emergency situations please use Pastor Petersen's mobile phone number and voice mail at 608-334-5718, or email him at sotlpastortom@gmail.com. Either of these will allow timely response.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Petersen to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the guest book stand, and place it in his box or contact him at the Church Office. It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Petersen.



CHURCH OFFICERS

<i>Pastor:</i>	<i>Rev. Thomas Petersen</i>
<i>President:</i>	<i>Bob Wandersee</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>Arlen Kuehl</i>
<i>Recording Sec.:</i>	<i>Ken Stokes</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Linda Lennander</i>
<i>Financial Sec.:</i>	<i>Barb Scherfenberg</i>
<i>Board of Ed.:</i>	<i>Marie Nelson</i>
<i>Church Sec.:</i>	<i>Sue Raddatz</i>
<i>Elders:</i>	<i>Gaylord Ryg-Chair</i>
	<i>Lee Lennander</i>
	<i>Steve Lawrence</i>
	<i>Jerry Scherfenberg</i>
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	<i>Doug Feltmann</i>
	<i>Randy Feltmann</i>
	<i>Mike Raddatz</i>
<i>Brd of Evangelism:</i>	<i>Chair Open</i>
	<i>Bruce Sundberg</i>

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jerry Scherfenberg
218-678-2648



USHERS OF THE MONTH

Mike Raddatz
Bob Wandersee



ALTAR GUILD

Ken Stokes



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 07th Raddatz Family
- 14th
- 21st Voter's Potluck
- 28th Ken & Jean Stokes

We are in need of Fellowship servers in the coming months. If you are able to serve one Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03rd Jan Sorell
- 05th Arleen Johnson
- 09th David Raddatz
- 10th Ruth Hughley
- 11th Vicki Kocina
- 12th Mike Raddatz
Rev. Matthew Ruesch
- 13th Duane Posner
- 15th Russ McLaughlin
- 22nd Bernice Ranallo
- 24th Steve Kocina
- 27th Darwin Beck



JANUARY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 27th McKayla Smude

In an effort to support and build one another up to the glory of God (Romans 15:1-7), we include in our monthly newsletter birthday and anniversary dates for members and friends of the congregation. If your birthday date is missing or wrong please contact Sue Raddatz or leave your information in her mailbox at the church with the information. Thank you!



PORTALS OF PRAYER: The new Portals of Prayer booklets are available and can be found on the table in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and take one for someone you know would like one as well.

THANK YOU TO ALL: Thanks to everyone for all the help you have done for Shepherd of the Lake. Your help was greatly appreciated.



2018 YEARLY BOOKLET: We are in need of updating all of our information for the 2018 booklet.



LWML UPDATE: The LWML Ladies won't be meeting in January, February or March. They will have their next meeting the second Tuesday of April.



TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS: On Sunday, January 7th following Fellowship, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. We appreciate all the help that we can get with this project.




EMERGENCY CHURCH CLOSING: It is that time of year again when we start thinking about bad weather, etc. The emergency closing of the church because of bad weather will be decided by Pastor and the Elder of the month. Members can check about closing of the church because of weather by listening to radio station KKin 94.3FM in Aitkin, checking out our website, or calling the church.



QUARTERLY VOTER'S ASSEMBLY: Our next Voters meeting will be on Sunday, January 21st. We will have a Potluck luncheon after worship services followed by the Voters meeting. We hope to see you there.





SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE'S WEBSITE: We invite you to check out our website at shepherdofthelake.org. We are now offering live streaming for Sunday's message through Shepherd of the Lake face-book, linked to our website. Lee Lennander is serving as our web master. Please ask Lee if you have questions.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday Morning Bible Study-8:30a.m.
- Sunday School-8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class-Wednesday-6:30 p.m.
- Starting January 28th, Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.*



Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Garrison, MN

January 2018



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 10AM-Brd. Of Elders Meeting	3 9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study 6:30 PM-Confirmation Class	4	5	6 Epiphany
7 8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour Take down Christmas Decorations	8 9AM-Circuit Pastor's @ McGregor	9	10 No Bible Study 9AM-Nursing Home Services 6:30PM-Confirmation Class	11	12	13
14 8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hour 2:30PM-Circuit Forum @ Staples	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 9AM-Board & Committee Meetings 10AM-Church Council	17 9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study 6:30PM-Confirmation Class	18 February Newsletter Articles Due	19	20
21 Installation of Officers 8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Potluck Luncheon Quarterly Voters Meeting	22	23 Printing February Newsletter	24 9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study	25	26	27
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Vision Statement: "Share the GOSPEL"





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To Those Loved by Christ:



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WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Education Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Divine Service: 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11:00 a.m.