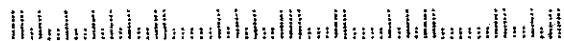


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Annual
Budget
Meeting
January 31, 2010
After service
With
Potluck
Brunch



PASTOR JILL'S NEWSLETTER ARTICLE, JANUARY 2010

"The Lord is my light and my salvation." (Psalm 27)

Most of my adult life I have dedicated a portion of my day to walking. When I first moved to Washington these walks helped me adjust to the diminished light during the winter months. I love walking in January. Its as if the trees are giggling at their own growth while nobody seems to be watching. Little nubs begin to appear just above the surface of the ground as roots prepare for more snow and maybe to languish in a bit of sunshine in between. I appreciate the austere beauty of January as the days begin to lengthen, the earth begins slowly to roll towards spring and we enter a New Year filled with hope and untapped potential.

Our sanctuary will have been transformed from Christmas greens to stars by the time you read this. I invite you to reflect on the beauty of the stars that fill the night sky and the Star that the Wise Men followed to find the baby Jesus. Reflect on the beauty of the night sky and how the stars are there all the time, we only have to look up to see them.

My women's Bible study class has been reflecting on the value of "blessings." Whom have you blessed today? What kindness have you bestowed on someone by a gesture of patience, compassion or generosity? Recently, I hurried to a McDonald's drive up window at breakfast, ordered my food and pulled up to the window to find that the person in front of me had paid for my breakfast. There was no way to thank that person because they were long gone before I knew how they had blessed my day. For that entire day, I walked around with an extra smile on my face, blessed by the kindness of a stranger.

Finally I encourage you to be gentle with yourselves and family members. Although January is a time filled with hope and untapped potential it can also be a time of unmet expectations left over from the holidays. Unlike left over roast beef and sweets these emotional leftovers sometimes catch us off guard. If you need extra pastoral care during January, please let me know.

Meanwhile, bundle up and take a walk as you're able.

In Christ,

Pastor JILL

Something New

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has terminated the 'Care in Congregation' program as of December 2009. This was the program through which we received matching funds the past few years for community outreach. (ie; Thanksgiving Baskets).

Thrivent will be launching a new titled "Thrivent Choice" program in the spring of 2010 focusing more intently on their eligible members.

I do not know anymore details than that, but my best guess is that we will no longer be eligible for matching funds from Thrivent. As more information is passed on, I will pass it on to you.

Al Karn

Thrivent Congregational Coordinator.



A New Year and a new phone & address directory just around the corner.

If any of your information is has changed since last January, please notify the church office at 966-1720. If you have an email address, please email the church at christlutheran@christlutheranyakima.com.

This is the easiest way to be added to our address book.

Have we been listing your birthday in our newsletter? If it is not listed or is the wrong date, please let us know.

Do you know someone that would enjoy receiving our newsletter? Tell the church office and we'll add them to our list. The more the merrier!!



A New Year

Before you toss all the 2009 calendars in the recycling bin, flip through the pages of one. Recall some of the events in the world and in you own life that happened on those days, weeks, and months. Give thanks to God, and let them be.

Next, take a 2010 calendar or date book and flip through the pages. Dare to dream a little about what the possibilities can be. Stop at a significant date and wonder what it will be like, or pause at a special anniversary. Remember that, just as in all the days of the old calendar, God will be there in the New Year too.

January Worship Schedule

January 3, 2010

Worship Assistant: Elisabeth Dunbar
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Inez Bergman
Greeter: Rochelle Malanca
Ushers: Jim Sund

January 10, 2010

Worship Assistants: Al & Nalda Bryson
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Sally Hansen
Greeter: Avis Hatheway
Ushers: Open

January 17, 2010

Worship Assistant: Kathy Sebree
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Nathan Sauer
Greeters: Cheryl Sauer
Ushers: Andy & Matthew Sauer

January 24, 2010

Worship Assistant: Open
Acolyte: Grace Whitmer
Lector: Jim Sund
Greeter: Scott & Sylvia Whitmer
Ushers: Scott & Sylvia Whitmer

January 31, 2010

Worship Assistant: Kathy Sebree
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Open
Greeter: Jim Sund
Ushers: Open

Opportunities to serve that are still open are bolded. If you want to help, sign up on Sunday or call the Bryson's.

Altar Guild

Rose Hamilton
Avis Hatheway

Don't forget to sign up for flowers
on the new flower chart.

Counters

Scott Whitmer
Andy Sauer

January Lectionary Texts

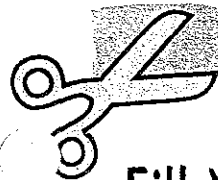
- 3 **Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20**
 Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
- 10 **Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17**
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 17 **Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10**
 I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- 24 **Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19;**
 I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
- 31 **Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71;**
 I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

January Birthdays***

- 2 Patrick Butterfield
8 Benjamin Whitmer
9 Donna Kime
12 Gilbert Lake
13 Janice Hanna
14 Kristopher Bosch
 Taylor Bosch
15 Sonya Duncan
18 JD Sundseth
20 Elnora Lambert
22 Caroline Templin
28 Scott Whitmer
 Brandon Gillespie
30 Angie Karn

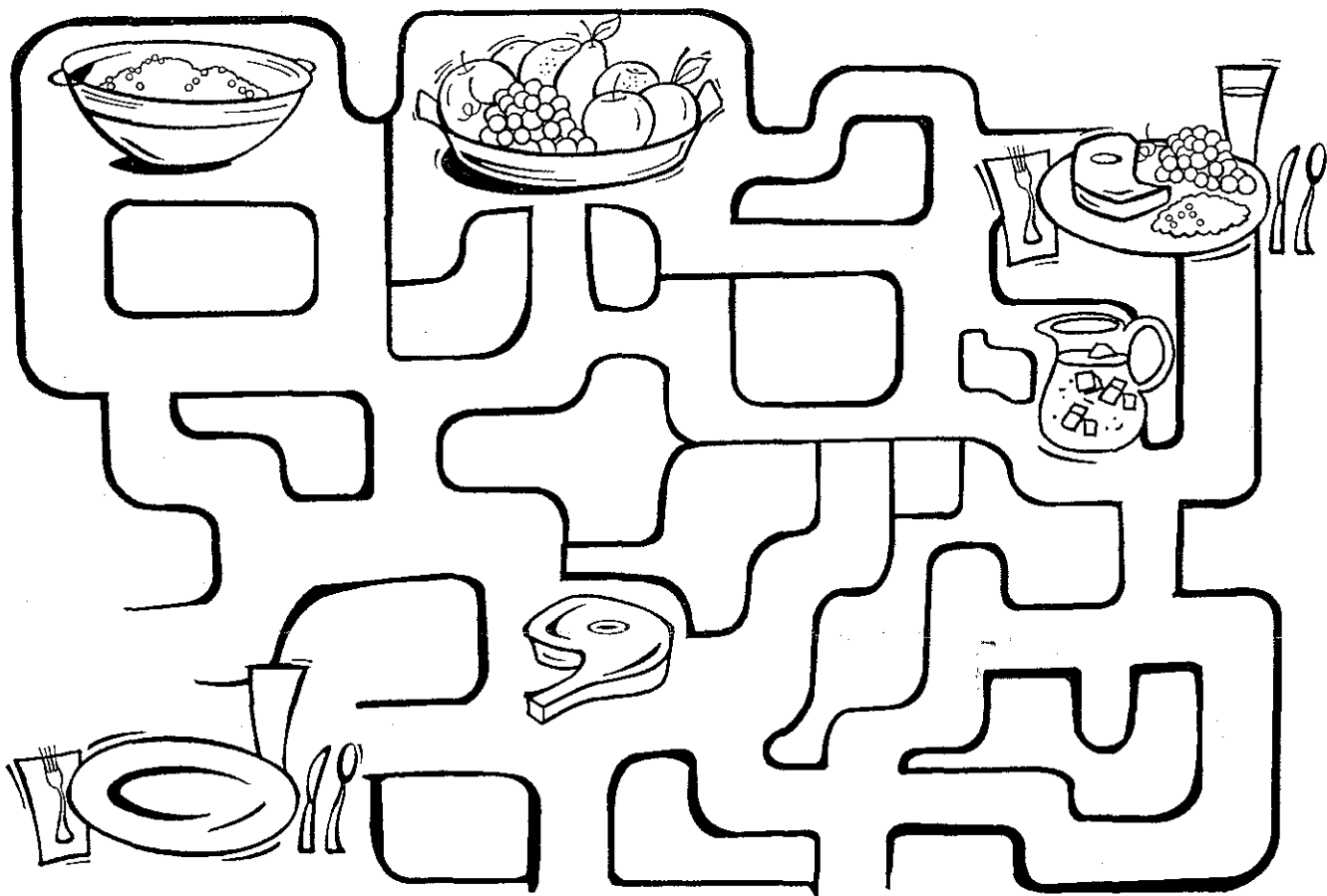
***If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office 966-1720, we would be happy to add you to our list.





Fill Your Plate

God wants us to treat our bodies with care. Follow the maze to fill your empty plate and glass with good things to eat and drink.



Good Food

Read Genesis 2:9a and unscramble the words below.

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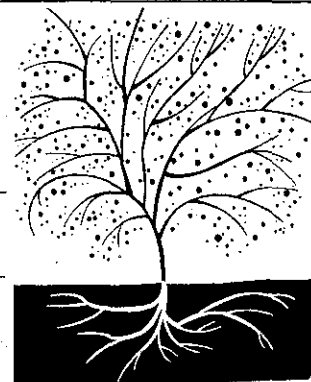
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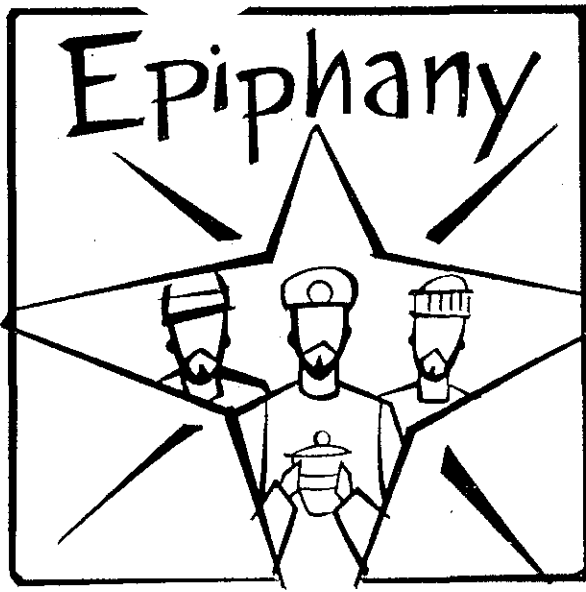
O F R O D F O . Genesis 2:9

Answer: Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.



JANUARY 2010

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u> 1 Happy New Year	<u>SATURDAY</u> 2 9:30am Worship Team Practice
3 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Learning & Youth meeting	4	5 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Support 7pm Scouts	6 Epiphany 9am Text Study noon Exec Board 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation after school	7	8	9
10 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School	11	12 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Scouts	13 9am Text Study 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation after school	14 7pm Council	15	16 6pm Bunko Party
17 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School	18	19 10:30am Women's Bible Study noon Social Ministry 7pm Women's evening Bible Study 7pm Scouts	20 9am Text Study 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation after school	21 3pm Fellowship 7pm Worship & Music Committee	22 deadline for February nl	23
24 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School 31 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School Annual Budget Meeting after service with potluck brunch	25	26 10:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Scouts	27 9am Text Study 12:30pm Quilters Confirmation after school	28 9:30am Office Helpers February N/L 7pm Christian Growth	29	30



Another road

Putting the Christmas decorations away is never as much fun as putting them up. The mood of excitement and anticipation is replaced with a sense of drudgery; what was a joy in December becomes just another chore in January. Sure, the lights might have been tangled when you went to put them on the tree, but there was

a wonderful magic when they finally lit up. Now, when you take them off, they tangle again, and the needles fall all over the floor.

More importantly, what happens after the decorations are put away? Does life return to normal? Does the spirit of Christmas get packed away in a box along with the lights and the ornaments and the magic scene, or does it stay to transform you and guide you throughout the new year?

The year begins with the feast of the Epiphany (January 6), celebrating the arrival of the magi – foreigners who came to worship the Christ child. We are familiar with the exotic gifts they bring and the fact that they follow a star which leads them to Bethlehem. Yet their return journey is no less important.

Matthew 2:12 tells us that “having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” After our annual encounter with the infant messiah at Christmas time, we have a choice: return to life, normal and unchanged, letting Christmas be just another festival. Or, like the magi, we can return by another road. We can move forward as different people, setting out on a new path of discipleship, guided by the one who came to change the world.