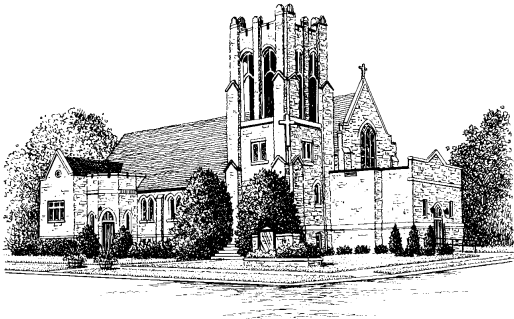




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# ST. PETER'S NET

# JANUARY 2023

Beloved in the Lord:

The season of Epiphany is a season on the move, so to speak. We move through a time when Jesus shows Himself to be both human and divine. It's as if our Lord lets us see what's behind the curtain of His flesh: the very Son of God in action to help His people.

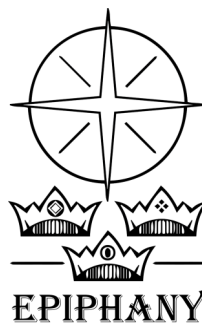
The season begins with the Magi seeking the King of the Jews. They saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. King Herod feigns help, but actually seeks the Christ Child's death as a "pretender" to his throne. The Magi leave gifts for the King before heading home another way, perhaps to tell the Good News of what they have seen and heard to their countrymen.

Jesus is twelve years old on the First Sunday after Epiphany. He goes with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus breaks free from His parents. Three days pass before they find Him within the Father's house, the temple, listening to the teachers and asking them questions. This is no ordinary twelve year old boy! Yet Saint Luke reminds us that Jesus continued to grow in stature and in favor with God and man.

Jesus is now an adult one Sunday later. He attends a wedding feast in the village of Cana. The wedding hosts suffer the embarrassment of running out of wine. Jesus's mother knows He is able to help. Jesus helps by changing water into wine...the best wine. This is the first of our Savior's signs, or miracles, that He performs to show Himself to be the only-begotten Son of God in flesh.

Before we see the capstone sign of His transfiguration before Peter, James, and John, Jesus cleanses a leper, then heals a centurion's son. One sign sees Him present before the one being healed. The other sign does not need His presence as the centurion tells Jesus only to speak the word and his servant will be healed.

We move from Jesus's circumcision and naming through His transfiguration in the span of five weeks. Before you know it, we will prepare ourselves for Lent and ultimately for our Savior's death and resurrection. How time flies! Please don't let Epiphany slip away without taking time to hear God in flesh made manifest in His preaching, in His miraculous signs, and in eating



*continued*

and drinking His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn what Jesus says and does for you. Jesus

Christ is the Light of the World; the Light that shines in a dark place to bring you joy.

Happy New Year of Our Lord and Every Blessing in Christ!

*Your partner in the Gospel,  
Pastor Juhl*

# Music Ministry



I am sending a big thank you to the musicians who helped during Advent and Christmas. They are a great group of people who enjoy making music.

**Handbells:** Cindy Hemp, Catherine Juhl, Debbie McVey, James Saager, Lori Saager, Stephen Saager, John Smith, Judy Smith, Katze Zieroth, Nora Zieroth.

**Adult Choir:** Becky Juhl, Karen Laatsch, Debbie McVey, Lori Saager, Stephen Saager, Katze Zieroth, Nora Zieroth.

**Trumpet:** Becky Juhl

**Violin:** Catherine Juhl

**Flute:** Debbie McVey

The Sunday School children also did a wonderful job in quickly learning their songs and programs. A big thanks to them, and a bigger thanks to their parents and grandparents who help get them there!

Choir and bells resume for the spring season on Wednesday, January 4. Bells are at 6:30pm and Choir is at 7:30pm in the balcony.

The bell choir is happy to have interested substitutes:

The adult choir is happy to have more members! If you are concerned about singing, simply come join us. More members equals more confidence!

Choir's spring dates are: 1/22; 2/5; 2/22, 3/5; 4/7, 4/9; 5/7.

## A WALK THROUGH THE LITURGY

### The LORD'S PRAYER

On the heels of the Sanctus, pastor leads the congregation in the prayer our Lord taught us to pray. The Lord's prayer, being the prayer of the baptized, takes its place in the Service of the Sacrament. It's interesting and telling that many (if not each!) petition of the prayer gets answered by the Sacrament of the Altar the congregation is preparing to receive.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be on earth as it is in heaven* We will put the introduction and the first three petitions together. We are calling out to our Heavenly Father as Christ has instructed us to do. He is our Father who desires to give us good things, and He has given us the very best thing: His very own Son that we might be reconciled to him by the blood which is poured out for us. God's Kingdom is coming, we just sang about it in the Sanctus: "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!" And He does come to save. After all, His will is that all people call upon the name of the Son and be saved. Also eschatologically speaking, we get to eat a foretaste of the meal that is in His Kingdom. THAT meal will have no end.

*Give us this day our daily bread* Luther spends more time talking in the catechism about our physical needs here with the 4th petition. However, in connection to the Sacrament and Jesus calling himself the bread of life in John 6, we can see the connection between this petition and the Sacrament we are about to receive. It is what truly gives us life and encouragement for the days ahead.

*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us* We will be going to the rail and kneeling. It is here we receive with the body and blood of Christ under the bread and wine, and with that comes the forgiveness of sins which He won for us by his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. Having received forgiveness from God in the Sacrament we are strengthened to forgive one another. Christ did not just die for my sins, but also for the sins that my neighbor (yes, THAT neighbor, too) committed against me. Having been forgiven and shown mercy by Christ, we too should show mercy to one another. We are strengthened to do that by the Sacrament of the Altar.

*Lead us not into temptation.* By the very eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood, we are taking into ourselves the very person who is our advocate and fighter against every temptation of Satan, the world, and our own flesh.

*Deliver us from evil.* Christ promises in John 6: "Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live." Jesus does not lie, and it is the will of His Father to raise up to eternal life those who believe in the one who was pierced and out of whom blood and water poured out.

I do pray that this has given you a new perspective on the Lord's Prayer. It is maybe a different way for you to pray this prayer our Lord Jesus has taught us. How blessed we are to have God answer our prayer so immediately!

In His service,  
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



**THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Sunday, January 22nd*  
*1:00 p.m.*

- ◆ *Election of Officers & Board members*
- ◆ *Adoption of the 2023 Budget*
- ◆ *Other items of business*



**JANUARY**  
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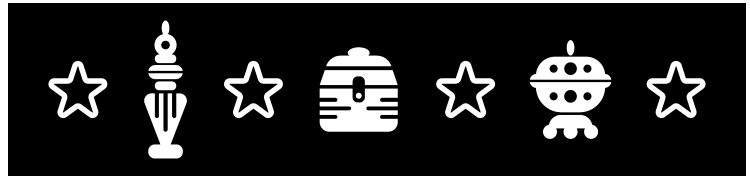
*Cathy Schmidt*



St. Peter's is open and welcoming everyone to come to worship. We offer three Divine services:

**Sundays at 8:00 am  
and 10:30 am,  
Mondays at 6:30 pm.**

YOU are invited to come to worship for the outpouring of God's love and receive the Sacraments.



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidness. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself."



### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Sunday mornings between services a Bible Study is held in the sanctuary. Stay after the early service or come early for the late service to join in.

Saturday morning Men's Bible Study is held in the classroom across from the office at 8:00am.

Ladies Bible Study is held on Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's.

Join in this time of fellowship and discussion of God's Word.



Remember, you can give online at [StPetersArlington.org](http://StPetersArlington.org), with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



# TASTY CREATIONS GUIDING LIGHT

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

## What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
  - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
  - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
  - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
  - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
  - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
  - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



## What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

## What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

**St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool**  
4-K Host Site for *Poynette School District*  
Connie Hendrickson, *Director*

Happy New Year from our  
St. Peter's Child Care Family!

What better way to end 2022 than with our December 15th Children's Christmas Program, *Follow The Star* which was so well attended by family and friends. The children recited poetry and sang music in praise of Baby Jesus. Wonderful fellowship was had by all!

Now we look ahead into a brand new year with many fun and exciting additions to our current curriculum. Not only families of our Center's children but community members as well will continue to be invited to join us in the classroom to share about their family, traditions, work, hobbies, pets to name a few. When children learn about people around them they learn about their world and, in turn, about themselves.

*Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.* Romans 12:10



## DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

<p><b>January 1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus 9am</b>                  Numbers 6:22-27                  Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: 40:16                  Galatians 3:23-29                  Luke 2:21</p>	<p>Order: DSIII, p. 184                  Hymns: 524 - 900 - 366, 373 - 896                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>January 8/9 1st Sunday after Epiphany</b>                  1 Kings 8:6-13                  Psalm 100; antiphon: Isaiah 6:1; Revelation 19:6                  Romans 12:1-5                  Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p>Order: DSII, p. 167                  Hymns: 862 - 410 - 783, 936 - 384                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>January 15/16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>                  Exodus 33:12-23                  Psalm 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1                  Romans 12:6-16                  John 2:1-11</p>	<p>Order: DSII, p. 167                  Hymns: 859 - 408 - 398, 636 - 533                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: Handbells</p>
<p><b>January 22/23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b>                  2 Kings 5:1-15a                  Psalm 97:1, 10-12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9                  Romans 12:16-21                  Matthew 8:1-13</p>	<p>Order: Order: DSII, p. 167                  Hymns: 616 - 571 - 401, 620 - 664                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: Adult Choir</p>
<p><b>January 29/30 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>                  Exodus 34:29-35                  Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; Psalm 77:18b                  2 Peter 1:16-21                  Matthew 17:1-9</p>	<p>Order: DSII, p. 167                  Hymns: 413 - 414 - 415, 416, 537 - 417                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: All Sunday School (8am)</p>

### CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Practices are Wednesdays**

**Handbells: 6:30 pm**

**Vocal Choir: 7:30 pm**

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!

### Baptism is serious business!



Baptizing people into God's family has always been a ministry highlight for Pastor Stan Purdum. One Sunday, he had the privilege of welcoming three infants and two young boys to the baptismal font, along with all their parents. After baptizing the babies, Purdum turned toward the families with older children, who'd been instructed to have their boys step forward one at a time.

Immediately, the 3-year-old shouted, "Not me!" and bolted for the exit. His father caught the youngster and carried him back as the congregation chuckled. This time, Purdum wasted no time completing the sacrament.

"Maybe this young boy was not greatly wrong to try to duck baptism," he later pondered. "Far from being a harmless little ceremony, baptism begins a lifetime commitment to God, which over the long haul is no easy thing. It lays upon us the responsibility to live up to the vows we have made." How seriously do you take your baptismal vows?

**Reminder:**  
 as winter weekends are filled  
 with activities, we have a  
 Divine Service available  
 Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

## COUNCIL MINUTES December 13, 2022

The December 13th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President James Rittmeyer at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary.

Pastor Juhl opened with a devotion from Philippians 4. "The Lord is at hand." Especially during this season, Jesus is at hand in His birth. He is at hand as we await His return to judge the living and the dead. He is even at hand here in His house as we come to listen to His Word. Do not be anxious in this very anxious inducing season, instead rejoice in the Lord always. That doesn't mean that you need to be happy all the time as joy is not a feeling but rather a state of being.

The agenda was presented. President Rittmeyer requested that Christmas Gifts be added to New Business. Bob Hagenow moved approval with the addition, Keith Podoll provided the second, carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Cameron Gramse moved to approve the report, Bob Hagenow second, motion carried.

Financial Secretary's report was given by Bob Hagenow. The contributions to General Fund were just 85% of Octobers giving while being 114% of the prior year receipts. We sit at 89% of our projected expenses. Mission fund giving is at 80% of what was given in October, but 206% over the prior year. Last year the same time frame we sat at 130% of our pledge and this year we are at 148% of out pledge. Online giving accounted for 28% of the General Fund contributions and 35% of Missions. Bob anticipates a very solid December. Keith Podoll moved to accept the report, Greg Frank seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Lynnette Taylor. The current checkbook balance is \$10,409.49. We received a request from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milwaukee for funds to help repair/replace what the insurance is not going to cover. Steve Paskey moved that we send \$1,000 of the excess Mission funds that were designated for SWD to go to Trinity. Greg Frank provided the second, motion carried. Greg Frank moved approval of the treasurer's report, Tyson Miller second, carried.

Elders report was presented. There were no individual reports made for any subcommittees. Cantor Zieroth began his report indicating that the music is rolling along. The Sunday School classes are working diligently through their programs to have them ready for Christmas. There will be instrumentalists during the Christmas services. All the choirs will be back in full swing to bring in the new year.

Trustees report was given by Keith Podoll. They are still waiting for one bid to come in yet. The water heating in the parsonage will cost about \$645 to replace and that has been taken care of at this time. The contract for Moon's Cleaning Solutions is waiting for a clarification but will be signed as soon as it

comes back. Mike Stoltenburg will be doing the plowing and snow shoveling at a rate of \$200 per event.

Board of Christian Education reported enrollment for the CCC is increasing. They have four scheduled to start in January, currently there are 13 in the childcare only, 8 before & after care students, and 4 that attend our 4K here at St. Peter's. They have hired Brianna Schulz to work as an assistant just during the morning hours. The CCC is planning for their Christmas program to be held here in the sanctuary at 4:30pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Director Cathy Wendt has purchased a TV screen for the narthex so that pictures can be shown during fellowship times to help connect the church with the child care. Sunday School is going well. They are holding Christmas program practices on Saturdays in December. Younger grades will perform their program December 18<sup>th</sup> between services at 9:30 am while the older grades will perform their program on Christmas Eve at the 6:30pm carol service. Bible studies are going well, Sunday class has started a new unit studying the differences of Law and Gospel. Men's Bible study continues to be well attended on Saturday mornings with 7-8 men in attendance. The Ladies meet on Tuesday at 1:00 pm and have anywhere from 5-7 in attendance.

Pastor's report began with Pastor Juhl stating that he is visiting the following homebound members: Doug and Susan Frantz (Home in Arlington); Allan and Dee Hanson (Prairie Gardens Assisted Living in Sun Prairie); Wade Senft (Home in rural Poynette); Adele Walker (Home in Poynette); John and Bev Pickle (Home in Harmony Grove). He has performed funerals for Robert Rittmeyer (November 23rd) and Bob Schmidt (December 3rd). Looking ahead the Fall River Mission is on hiatus after December 17th. It may return in some form next autumn. Attendance numbers are averaging 106 per weekend.

No membership changes.

Old business noted that the nominating committee has a few of the spots filled such as Barb Reddeman for the Endowment Committee as well as a couple of possibilities for the Board of Christian Education. Budget committee has begun to look at the future projection of expenses.

New business began with setting the date for the annual voters' meeting. Greg Frank made the motion to hold the meeting on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm. Cameron Gramse second, motion carried. President Rittmeyer then asked that Pastor Juhl, Cantor Zieroth, and Office Administrator Lynnette Taylor be excused for the discussion of thank yous.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Paskey, second by Cameron Gramse, motion carried at 7:29pm.



Respectfully submitted,  
Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*



**FINANCIAL REPORT  
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on November 30, 2022 .....	\$14,613.53
Receipts for Dec (est.) .....	\$16,832.93
Expenses for Dec (est.) .....	\$(17,963.59)
Shortage/Overage .....	\$13,482.87

# ELDERS

Jan 1	9:00 a.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Jan 8	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Jan 9	6:30 p.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Jan 15	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Jan 16	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Jan 22	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Jan 23	6:30 p.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Jan 22	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Jan 30	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey



## Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

*Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.*

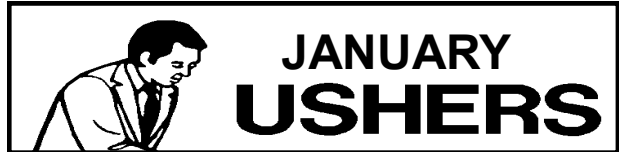
**FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH**

God made wild animals and livestock.						
God said, "Let there be light."						
God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.						
God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."						
God created plants and trees.						
God separated the light from the darkness.						
God made the water teem with living creatures.						
God made the sun and moon.						
God made birds fly above the earth.						
God made stars.						
God created mankind in his own image.						

God \_aw all tha\_ he \_ad ma\_e, an\_ \_t was ve\_y g\_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Answer: sixth, first, first, third, second, third, first, first, fourth, fourth, fifth, fourth, sixth, and it was very good.



### January 1, 8 & 15

**Early**

- No Chairman
- Dave & Wesley Sandstrom
- Craig & Owen Wendt
- Glenn Puntney
- Riley Puntney
- Cody Puntney
- Todd, Justin, Hayden Taylor
- Logan Sandstrom

**Late**

- No Chairman
- Nathan Campbell
- Noah, Haydin, & Lucas
- Vint Quamme
- Vint Quamme, Jr
- David Steinke
- Alex Rehlinger

### January 22 & 29

John Caldwell, Chr.  
(635-4762)

- Mike Manke
- Dale & Tucker Johnson
- Mark Manke
- Tom Manke
- Nate & Austin Moll

Herb Miller, Chr.  
(635-4557)


- Paul Yamriska
- Andrew & Josh Yamriska
- Jeff Anderson

Jim & William Plenty (Mondays)

1/2	Cynthia Hemp
1/7	Pamela Childs
1/8	Judy Smith
1/24	Kristine Mack
1/25	Joyce Herwig

The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available. Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion, including Christmas. All proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a small number of craft items available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.

# CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Circumcision 1</b> and Name of Jesus 9:00 AM Festive Divine Service	<b>2</b> <i>Church Office &amp; Child Care Closed</i> <i>No Divine Service</i>	<b>3</b> No Ladies Bible Study	<b>4</b> No Midweek Classes 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
<b>Epiphany 1 8</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	<b>9</b> 6:30PM Divine Service	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
<b>Epiphany 2 15</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Divine Service	<b>17</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	<b>18</b> 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
<b>Epiphany 3 22</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service <i>1:00 PM Annual Voters' Meeting</i>	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Divine Service	<b>24</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	<b>25</b> 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
<b>Transfiguration 29</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service <i>8:00 AM ALL Grades Sing</i> 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	<b>30</b> 6:30PM Divine Service	<b>31</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study				
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