

Welcome to Worship!

We pray that you feel the warmth and love of Christ as you enter and that you sense God's presence in worship. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know. We are grateful having you today and hope you will consider coming again.

Sun. 12/31 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM
Mon 01/01 2018 Happy New Year!
Tues. 01/02 Men's Prayer Group, 7AM
Zumba, 4:30PM
AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM
Wed. 01/03 Weight Watchers, 4:30PM
Choir Practice, 5:30PM
Thur 01/04 Exodus Bible Study, 9:30AM
Zumba, 4:30PM
Sat. 01/06 AA, 7PM
Sun. 01/07 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM

Happy Birthday! & Anniversary

2 Jay Dufer 2 Miranda Langlois 3 Bill Pierson
4 Leila Byars 5 Bob Poling 6 Roy Oleson
1 Rick & Marilyn Lowe 3 Ken & Elaine Grounds

UMM Meeting, January 8th at 5PM. Spaghetti dinner.
The guest speaker will be Earl Buchanan, the Troop 70 Elberta BSA leader. Win a gift certificate from a local restaurant, have a great meal, listen to an interesting speaker, and be out 1 hr. before "The Game".

LUMC COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE January 10 @ 11AM, in the sanctuary

Once a month we will be having a Community Prayer Service. The focus will be on prayer with interaction and a time of healing. Anyone wishing to pray or anyone who needs prayer is welcome to join us. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 251-962-4336.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

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Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east [5] went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

December 31, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

Many of us were introduced to Epiphany through the familiar silhouetted-image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. It is also known as Twelfth Day/ Night, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days of the 12 days of Christmas. The word epiphany means appearance or manifestation. Popular usage likens epiphany to words such as eureka or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. Epiphany dramatizes the many ways we come to understand who Jesus was, through his baptism, the miracle at the wedding, or acts during his lifetime. This ever-widening circle of revelation begins with the Magi.

Prelude and Announcements

Please sign the registration pad and pass to your neighbor.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Hymn # 251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles Creed" #881

Celebration of Being Stewards of God

Offertory Special: Blake Riley, Minister of Music

*Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*God Bless America God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Moment with Pastor

Hymn # 254 "We Three Kings"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

The Wisdom of the Wise Men

Hymn # 245

"The First Noel"

*Congregational Benediction #255

"Epiphany"

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*Benediction Hymn #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

Please take this time to offer one another signs of Christ's Love and Reconciliation as we depart to fulfill the mission of Christ.

* Please stand, if able.

IN HIS SERVICE

Today

Next Sunday

8AM Ushers: Ann Brock / Brenda Nicolaison Jerry & Frances Garner

10AM Greeters: Nelson & Becky Beech Maurice & Cindy Bell

10AM Ushers: Judy Covert / Evelyn Duckworth Melvin & Marilyn Bell

Outreach: Luellen Sutton

Counters: Jane Harper / Charlie Clark Ed Kish & Roy Oleson

Nursery Available from 8AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .

A cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's Church for ages 4 yrs. thru 1st grade dismiss from sanctuary after Children's Moment. Activity Bags for ages 7-10 are located on the Opportunity Table for children remaining in sanctuary worship.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Canaday Otis Tisdale Jay Dufer Bill Suttle Hugh Helms
Jean Dean Dan Freeze Bill Cassidy Cris Woosley