

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The week of January 3 at St. John!

- * **Visits** ... If you would like a one-on-one visit from Pastor Dave, whether in-person or virtually, he would love to set that up with you. Please contact the office to schedule a visit.
- * **Wednesday Evening (7:00 pm) Bible Studies** ... on Wednesdays this Epiphany, January 6 thru February 10, we will be offering a Bible study on the topic of Apologetics - defending the Christian faith. It will be based upon the book called "The Reason for God." You will be able to attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom with this link - <https://bit.ly/EpiphanyMidWeekStudy>. The studies will also be recorded and made available on our website.
- * **Weekly Social Media Post** ... When Jesus changed water into wine, He showed that He came to make all things new. When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, He makes us into new creations as He did with the wine - the old is gone and the new has come. [#stjohnwoodbury#7Signs](#) [#WaterIntoWine](#)
- * **In Our Prayers** ... Sam McGrath, Dorothy Barkley Clara Krejci, Bartley Kohel, Renee Holz, Jon Friel, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portugue, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Marion Hastings, Gene Pommerening

We finally made it through 2020 (woo-hoo!) And while there is still a pandemic and life is far from normal, with a new year comes the sense of new beginnings and a fresh start. Likewise, along with starting a new calendar year, we find ourselves entering into a new season of the Church year— Epiphany. This year, during the season of Epiphany, are doing a sermon series called 7 Signs. This series focuses on the messianic identity of Jesus by examining His seven signs in the Gospel of John. Author Anthony Selvaggio writes about the purpose of signs in the Bible, "Like the signs in our daily lives, signs in the Bible point to something beyond themselves. But what sets biblical signs apart from the signs of daily life is that biblical signs direct us to spiritual truths. When God provides a sign, He is using it to point to an essential spiritual truth." The purpose of these 7 signs in John is to show us Jesus' identity as the Messiah and to show us why we should believe in Him. Today, we are examining the first sign - Jesus turning water into wine (2:1-11) - and throughout worship, you are invited to meditate on what this sign reveals to you about who Jesus is and why you should believe in Him.

Sermon Notes ~ "Water into Wine"

- * *What is the purpose of signs in everyday life?*
- * *What is the purpose of signs in the Bible?*
- * *What happened in John 2:1-11?*
- * *What does this sign reveal about Jesus' Messianic identity?*
- * *How has this sign challenged you to see Jesus more clearly?*