



Be Strong and Courageous

Do not be afraid

and

Do not be discouraged,

for the LORD your GOD

is with you wherever

you go.

Joshua 1:9

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of Our Lord

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany takes us in mind and heart to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. This day, observed each year in the Church, is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian, for it is in dying with Christ through Baptism that we are born anew to eternal life. Although we may have not been baptized in the river Jordan, we share with our Lord the experience of being baptized. Through Baptism, we are connected to Christ and given a whole new way of living for time and for eternity. "But I am baptized!" Martin Luther would exclaim when life situations seemed overwhelming. Knowing that we live daily in baptismal grace makes the difference in our lives as well.

Check Your Home Mailbox - This week we will be mailing a letter outlining the duties of our pastoral staff along with "housekeeping" items you need to know. The 2020 Contribution Statements will be included.

Church Un-decorating - Today, following worship. A pizza lunch is provided. Join us!

Lost and Found - A men's 3x black dress coat was inadvertently taken from the coat rack on Sunday, 12/21. Please return.

2021 Offering Envelope Boxes are in your church mailbox.

The Endowment Board of St. Paul is taking requests for funds to be used for the various ministries of the church and school that aren't covered by our budget. We are asking the ministries to apply for funds designated by the Endowment Board Policy. Forms are available in the office and must be filled out and returned to the

office by February 28, 2021. Please contact Paul Brandt via the office if you have any questions.

2021 Chancel Flower Chart is posted in the hallway. If you plan to place flowers in the chancel on a Sunday, please write your name on the date you designate. Make sure to call the office so that it can be posted in the bulletin.

SCRIP gift cards will be ordered tomorrow, January 11. Check out the large selection of physical cards, e-cards and reloadable cards at shopwithscrip.com

Do you have a **Small Refrigerator** (dorm room size) that you don't need? One of our childcare room's is in need.

Chinese New Year Celebration that was planned for January 30 has been postponed until next year.

Spirit Dinner/Auction Date Change - We have changed the date to Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

Bible Readings for January 17 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Life Quote - "The world needs your voice to declare Jesus' words of eternal life. The world needs your voice to declare God's value of life in all of its stages. The world needs your voice to declare God's convictions born of His Word. The world needs your voice to declare that God's word of forgiveness purchased with the blood of Jesus extends to all of us sinners, including those who have chosen abortion. The world needs your voice!"
Rev. David Eibel, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Texas - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

In our Prayers -

Members: Gail DesGrange, Pastor & Joanne Walsh, Bill & Val Carah, Shirley Florine, Lori Palm, Vic Fite

Thanksgiving - David Thrash, recovered from Covid

Family of: Grace Ann (stepdaughter of Judy Bonner), died this week in AR

Family & Friends: Wayne Domke, Laura Havrilscak, Pastor Randy Schultz, David Glandorf, hospitalized in TX (brother of Lois Brohn), Meta Schempf (mother of Joanne Walsh)

Missionary: Pastor Khonin

Active Duty Military: Nathan Seibt, Spencer Worden, Tyler & Ashley Wiles, Pastor Chad Boggs, Jacob Ellis