

THE EPISTLE

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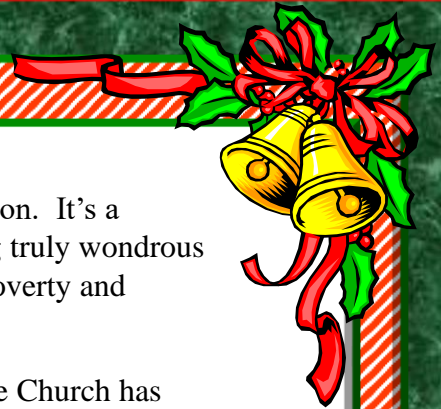
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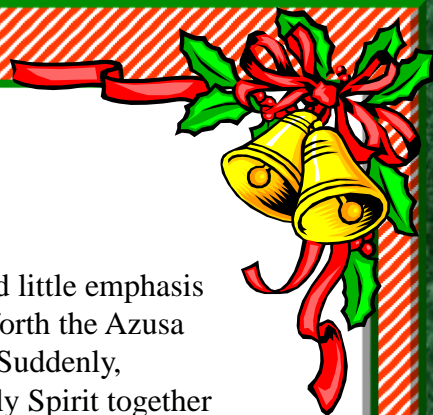


We have all heard that Advent is a season of expectation. It's a reminder that God was about to bring forth something truly wondrous in the world. Even at a time of extreme oppression, poverty and suffering. Maybe *especially* at such a time!

This particular Advent season seems unlike any other that the Church has known. In some ways it is. But in other respects, it's very much like other points in Church history.

Why do I say that? Well, when the dusty cobwebs of superstition and legalism held the Church in what seemed like a death grip, God brought forth Reformation. Suddenly, every plow boy and milkmaid had access to God's word and could realize a personal relationship with Jesus on their own, with or without the aid of a priest or pope.





When the Church was racially segregated and little emphasis was placed on the Holy Spirit, God brought forth the Azusa Street revivals early in the previous century. Suddenly, people of all races were experiencing the Holy Spirit together and in some stunning ways.

I could share additional examples. What I want to be - yes, right in the midst of an unhappy pandemic - is alive to what God might wish to bring forth now. In me. In you. In the Church and in the world. I'm going to ask God the question each day of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: "Holy Spirit, what is it that you want to bring forth? Please, please - move me out of your way. Amen."

Mission Statement



SEEK...a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ
SHARE...the love and compassion of Christ
SERVE...others with open hearts
SHINE...with Christ's light, illuminating our world.



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- 25 John and Rita Mullins
- 26 Mike and Judy Zawacke (their 50th anniversary)



DECEMBER

Volunteer Schedules:

Service: 10:00 a. m . (via zoom)

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
December 6 10:00 a. m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	none needed	none needed	Karen Cappello (Reader) Marvin Hill (Voice)	none needed	none needed
December 13 10:00 a. m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none needed	none needed	Grace Horner (Reader) Lisa Gillette (Voice)	none needed	none needed
December 20 10:00 a. m.	Every member	none needed	none needed	Peggy Morrill (Reader) Grace Horner (Voice)	none needed	none needed
December 24 4:00 p.m.	Every member	none needed	none needed	DJ/Marvin Hill (Reader) Jack Notzen (Voice)	none needed	none needed
December 25 10:00 a.m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none needed	none needed	Christine Wood (Reader) Peggy Morrill (Voice)	none needed	none needed
December 27 10:00 a.m..	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendsen	none needed	none needed	Karen Cappello (Reader) Christine Wood (Voice)	none needed	none needed

Counters: Aubrey Hercules
Lou Holian

* Volunteer schedules are subject to change.
+ There are also services on Tuesdays at 9:30 a. m.



Mike Zawacke and Bob Duer with lots of help from Lisa Gillette.
Green thumbs rule!





Highlights of the Vestry Meeting November 15, 2020



by Karen Cappello

1. Jack Notzen called for new vestry members for 2021. If interested, see Jack or Pam Patyk.
2. Mike Livingston and Ginger Knowles gave a presentation on Google Tools -- something the church will be using.
3. Because of the pandemic, church and prayer services are in flux -- both ways to hold services and attendance. Diocese guidelines will continue to be followed.
4. The reopening committee is holding steady even though they have had to deal with many changes. All of us praise their work



Christmas
symbols

Evergreen Tree: Titus 1:2
Eternal Life

Star & Lights: Matthew 2: 9-10
Star that told of Christ's birth

Candy Cane: Luke 2: 8-9, John 10:11
Staff of shepherds who visited the Christ child/Christ is the good shepherd

Bells: John 10:16
Ring out to bring lost sheep back to the fold

Holly & Berries: Titus 1:2, Luke 22:44
Green - Eternal life, Red - Blood of Christ

Gift: Matthew 2: 1,11, John 3:16
Wise men's gifts to the Christ child/God's greatest gift to us was the Savior



from Janie Jensen





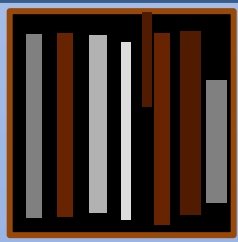
Holiday Worship Schedule



December 22
Greening of the Church

**Christmas Eve Service --
Rite II December 24
Times TBD**

**Christmas Day Service -- Rite II
December 25 Times TBD.**





SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi

9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
(via zoom)



6

10:00 a. m.
Rite I Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)



8
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi

9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
(via zoom)



13

10:00 a. m.
Rite II Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)

11:30 Vestry
Meeting (via
zoom)



15
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi

9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
(via zoom)



20
10:00 a. m.
Rite II Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)

11:30 a.m.
Greening of
the church



22
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi

9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
(via zoom)



24
Christmas Eve
Rite II
Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)
Time(s) TBD

25
Christmas Day
Rite II
Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)
Time(s) TBD



27

10:00 a. m.
Rite II Eucharist
Service (via
zoom)



29
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi

9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer
(via zoom)



31
New Year's Eve

