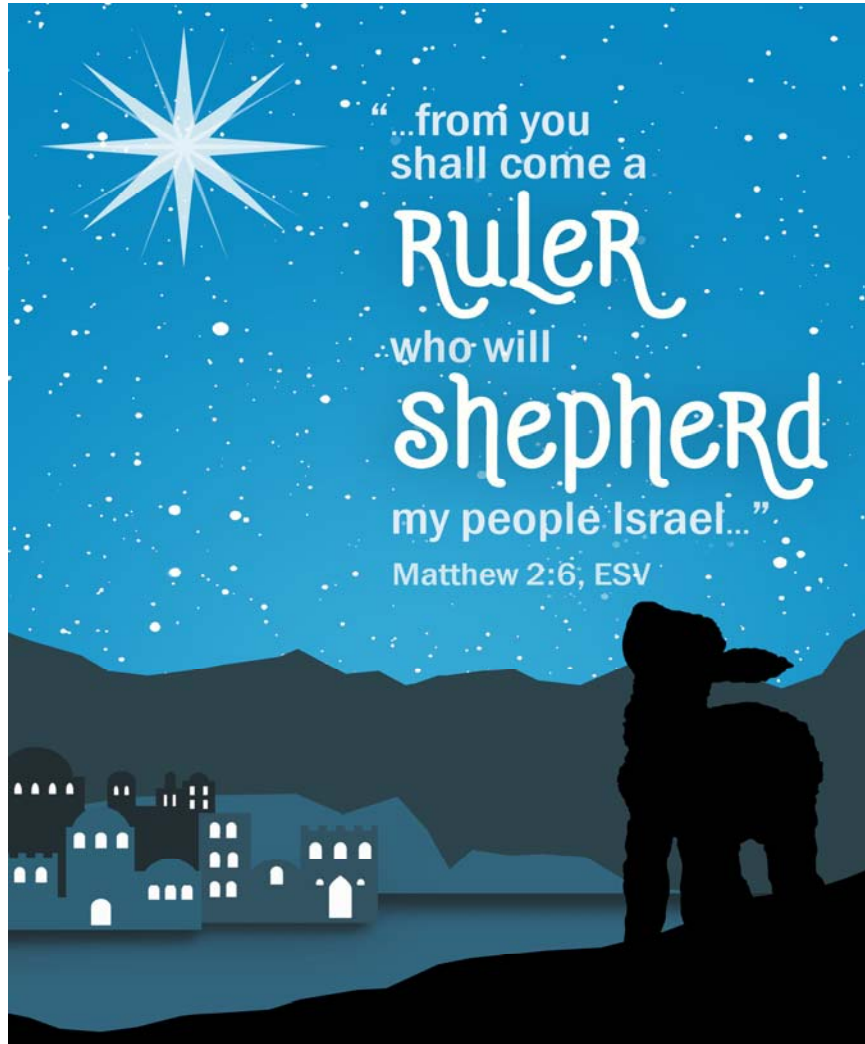


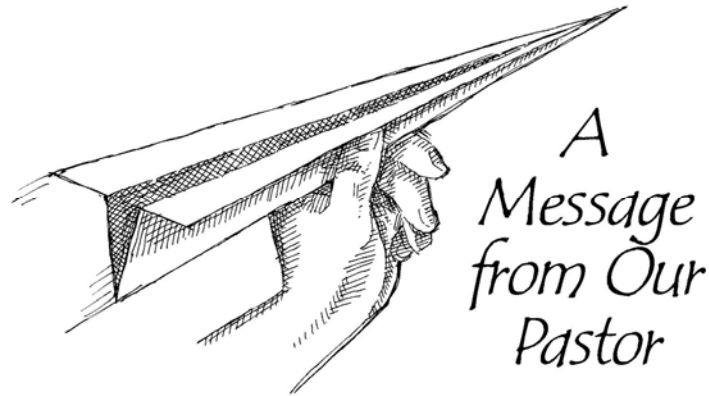
St. John's Epistle

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The Beauty of Snow

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131:1-3)

Have you noticed it's been snowing a lot this year? It seems like every day we get more snow. The snow banks continue to grow and we still have a lot of winter left, a lot of winter to relax and enjoy what God gives us.

Have you ever thought what snow and winter does to all of us? It slows us down. We can't drive as fast. We can't walk as fast! We have to shovel and be prepared for the next storm. Snow seems to make everything take a little longer. In fact, every time we go outside we have to dress in warm clothes. Even getting to our favorite ice fishing spot this year will be a task. It is a year for snow shoes, which certainly slow a person down!

Could all these delays be good for us? At first glance it certainly doesn't seem so. But just maybe, snow is a blessing in disguise. One of the members of our congregation told me last week, that he is sure glad that he can read. Because during the season of winter a person has a lot of time on their hands! Furthermore, we can use the time to relax at home, spend more time at church, and praying. Then there is the time that we can

fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have you ever thought that when you slow down it gives you more time to think about God. Our favorite hymns, liturgy, and bible verses come to mind during slow times. Its during slow times that God can remind us that He sent His own Son into the world to bring us salvation.

Look at Jesus' life. He took time to pray on mountains. He took time to pray before His arrests in the Garden of Gethsemane. He spent time at the home of His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

When the snow flies it certainly slows us down and gives us the opportunity to think about all the blessings that God has given us. Enjoy winter. It's a time where you can think about what a blessing it is to be a child of God.

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S Zandi



ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Acolytes: *Ushers*

Altar Guild: *Dave & Jamie Werner*

Finance: *Tom Rosolowski & Jim Kuchta*

Fellowship: *Church Officers*

Worship Assistants for January – Sunday Services at 9AM

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| Sunday, Jan 5 | <p>Elder: Ray Tousey
 Greeters: Dave & Karen Komesna
 Ushers: <u>Team 1</u>: Dave Scott, Captain,
 Dave Kuchta, Tom Rosolowski,
 Vic Plockelman, Stu Pask</p> |
| Sunday, Jan 12
<i>Caring
& Sharing</i> | <p>Elder: Randy Scott
 Greeters: Janice Zandi
 Ushers: <u>Team 2</u>: Gary Hahn, Glen Hoople,
 Dave Kmosena, Mike Kuchta, Jim Rodd</p> |
| Sunday, Jan 19
<i>LWML
Mites In Gathering</i> | <p>Elder: Ray Tousey
 Greeters: Pastor & Jan MacLachlan
 Ushers: <u>Team 3</u>: Dennis Flater, Captain,
 Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Bill Myers,
 Ray Tousey</p> |
| Sunday, Jan 26
<i>Stewardship
Sunday</i> | <p>Elder: Sam Barg
 Greeters: Bernard Family
 Ushers: <u>Team 4</u>: Sam Barg, Dave Werner,
 John Monnier, Chuck Perenchio,
 Gene Zillmer</p> |



2020Greeters

Dear volunteers—please sign up for the Sundays you would like to be a greeter on the calendar provided on the table in the fellowship hall. Your prompt attention to this will expedite scheduling. Thank you!



What Luther says;

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After years of painful searching the monk Luther had finally found this peace in the promise of God in Christ. To this word of promise he directs all men in a sermon which he wrote by request in 1522 for the day (April 27) commemorating St. Anthony, the founder of Christian monasticism.

The place where you will most certainly find peace and joy of heart is none other than the Word of divine promise. Therefore he who in his sadness or evil conscience or in the peril of death runs in search of help to any other place than the promise of God, cannot do anything but perish...Therefore if sin presses you, if death or hell or danger of any sort or a temptation of the devil distresses you, you must turn your eyes away from the evil that is afflicting you and direct yourself with all your might to the promises of God. For in them you find rest and peace and joy of soul which all hell is unable to take away from you. (WLS p 1031)

**The *Next* Caring and Sharing Sunday
is **January 12th****

**This is your opportunity to show you care
for the hungry in our community by making a
donation to the Hope Food Pantry or show your
concern
for the hungry children in our community by
making
a donation to the
Back Pack Program.**



For the month of January, our theme will be winter.

When we return from our Christmas break, we will be reviewing letters A-M. Then we will go on to N-P. January will be the month we have a Pajama Party and cook Pizzas! - always a favorite week! We will also begin learning how to write their names. We continue working on colors, shapes, and numbers as well.

Our Bible lessons for the month will include:

- Jesus growing as a child
- Jesus choosing His disciples
- Jesus blessing the children
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Preschoolers held a food drive for Christmas for one of our Church members. They collected a huge amount of food! They also gave their Chapel donations to this member! I am so proud of them!

Thank you Bible Buddies for your visits! We look forward to seeing you!



**Bible
Buddies**

Please remember to make contact with your 'Buddy' at least once a month!



Submit Your Information!

ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on Tuesday by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays). *Newsletter items are due* in the office no later than close of day on the Tuesday preceding the last Sunday of the month.

E-mail to: stjohnladysmith@centurylink.net (preferred method).

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and **newsletters** are available for those who need them.
Contact the office to get your name on the list!

January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Years Day No Preschool	2 No Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake	3	4
5 Installation of Officers & Boards 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship 10:15-11:15 Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 11:30AM Elder Meeting	6 8:30-11:30AM Preschool	7 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Quilters 11:30AM Birthday Tuesday 6:00PM BOCE/YM	8 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 1:00PM Ladies Aid 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	9 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study	10	11 10:00AM Ladies Bible Study
12 Caring & Sharing 8:15AM Finance Meeting 9:00AM Worship + HC 10:00AM Fellowship 10:15-11:15 Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study Remove Church Christmas Decorations	13 8:30-11:30AM Preschool	14 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Quilters 10:00AM Evangelism-Stewardship ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY!	15 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	16 8:30-11:30AM Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake 1:00PM Deborah Circle	17	18 10:00-12:00PM Crafty Stitchers
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2019-2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #5 MISSION GRANT STORY

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path
(Psalm 119:105).*

*So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of
Christ (Romans 10:17).*

Does God only speak English? It is estimated that 170 million people who speak over 1,500 unique languages have not been reached by the church with God's Word in their own language. Many of these people think they must speak English to pray to God. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is equipping and training pastors and church leaders from churches in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere to translate God's Word in the numerous local dialects. This will allow for the people to worship and praise the Lord in their own language.

*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my
mouth! (Psalm 119:103).*

*So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up
my hands (Psalm 63:4).*

This grant of \$95,000 will fund the cost of training pastors and church leaders in translation principles during one year of their four-year seminary training track. The estimated cost per trainee is \$9,500 a year. Bible translation is absolutely foundational to the mission of the church. Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people" (LW 48:356). When people have God's Word in their local dialect, it changes their lives in ways they couldn't imagine. Praise the Lord!

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No
one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).*

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who
brings good news (Isaiah 52:7).*

PRAYER GUIDE **FOR LWML MIS-**
SION GRANTS God's Word Changes Everything

PRAYER #1

Dear Lord, in praise to You, we thank You for this opportunity to share our gifts and prayers for the ministry of the Lutheran Bible Translators' project, God's Word Changes Everything. We know You hear the prayers of Your people in all languages, and we join with people of all languages to praise You. We ask You to bless the training project of translating the Bible into the languages of the people in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere so they can read Your words of salvation in their own language, come to believe in Jesus as their Savior, and know You hear them when they pray. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Lord, You are in control of all things, and we praise Your name! We thank You for using LWML to share the love of Jesus through the Lutheran Bible Translators' mission grant, God's Word Changes Everything. We pray your guidance and blessing on this grant that will provide funds to train translators as part of a four-year seminary training track. Help this grant to equip these pastors and church leaders to share God's Word with their people in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and elsewhere who do not have a Bible written in their native language, and help them to know that God hears all prayers to Him in any language. We ask You to bless our prayers and mites that Your will be done. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You to look with favor on the Lutheran Bible Translators' grant, God's Word Changes Everything. Please bless our mites so that the over 170 million people who speak over 1,500 different dialects may read the Bible in their own language. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let them become one with us in believing in Jesus as their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Dear Father, we thank You for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus through the Word with those in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere. We ask Your blessings on the recipients of the God's Word Changes Everything grant and pray that they may know Jesus as their personal Savior and be confident that You hear them as they pray in the language of their heart. Let all we do be in praise to You and to Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mites are collected on the third Sunday of each month!

Simply deposit your donation in the large mite box when you come to worship. These mites continue to fund district and national mission projects. Check the LWML bulletin board for details on some of those projects. Please let Amy Tousey or Paula Hook know if you have any questions.



Ladies please join us for Bible Study on Saturday, **January 11th at 10:00AM.**

"Beautiful Savior "

Please take time to read the Bible Study "Beautiful Savior" before the meeting. It is found in the Winter 2019 Lutheran Women's Quarterly. If you need a copy of the Bible Study there are some in Paula's mailbox.



Birthday Tuesdays! The **January** birthday luncheon will be on Tuesday, **January 7th**, 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Restaurant. **All are welcome!**

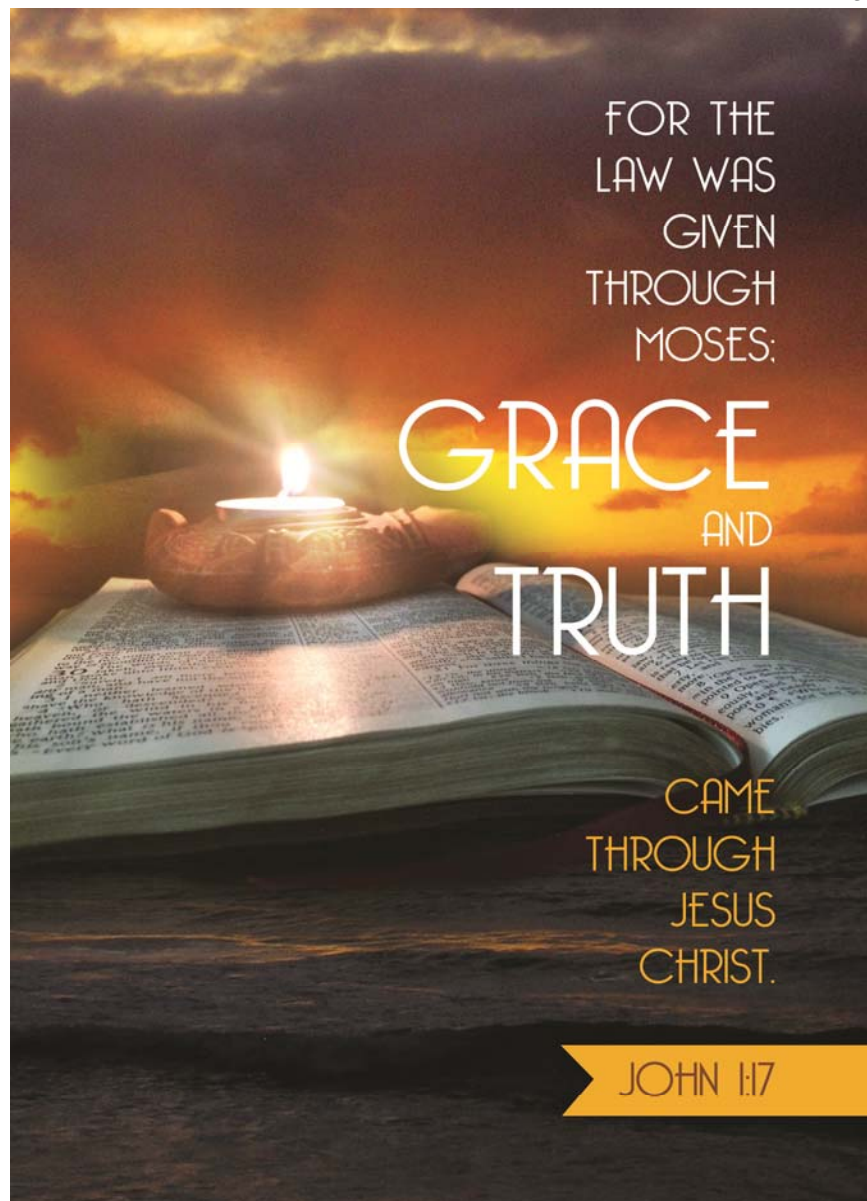
Men's Breakfast and Study

Ladysmith Family Restaurant

Thursdays, January 9th & January 23rd

At 7:00 AM





Notice of Annual Voters Meeting



Sunday, January 26, 2019 10:30AM
Quarterly/Annual reports are due to the church office no later than January 14th.

Rada Knives

If you are interested in purchasing Rada Knives, please contact Lorraine Flohr at 715-532-5095. All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid. Orders are processed quickly!

They make great Christmas and wedding gifts.

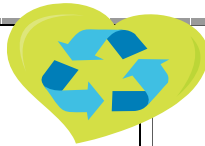
Dish Cloths

If you are interested in purchasing Dish Cloths, please contact one of the Ladies Aid. All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid. They are on hand!

Please, leave only aluminum cans! We cannot take aluminum foil, plates, etc.; aluminum cans only! Thanks for your assistance.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool
- ◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)
- ◆ Paper for recycling
- ◆ Greeting cards
- ◆ Used eye glasses



RECYCLING PAPER

We have an ongoing paper recycling project for the congregation with help from the Deborah Circle. Items to be recycled: Stationery, envelopes, mail, notebook paper - **no newspaper material!**

Bundle or bag magazines.
Paperback books are also recyclable.

Keep magazines separate from the other paper items.
Thank you for helping!

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JANUARY

Birthdays

- 1 Tami Kraft, Jean Seifert
- 2 Andrew Fredrick, Kelli Grotzinger
- 4 Bob Hauser
- 5 Cheri Lee
- 6 Brady Bishop
- 7 Christine Rosolowski
- 9 Theresa Morgan
- 10 Janet Witt
- 14 Amy Baars, Kathy Silvernale
- 15 Dallas Zunker
- 19 Gary Drohman
- 20 DeDe Bishop, Mark Grabowski
- 22 Randy Scott
- 24 Luke Harris, Dana Hauser
- 27 Lisa Gleason
- 28 Deb Zillmer

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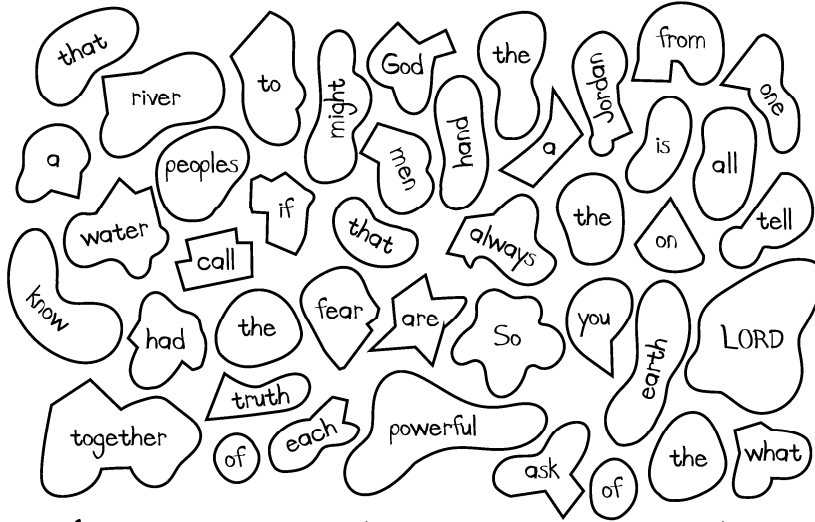
- 5 Katie & Breyen Canfield
- 8 Chuck & Marie Perenchio
- 11 Ken & Denise Webster



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
_____ the _____
_____ the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV