



Harbor's Beacon

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Before you begin a task—large or small— take time to pray about it. By doing so, you acknowledge your need for Me and your trust that I will help you. This enables you to go about your work in dependence on Me. There are many benefits to this practice. I can guide your mind as you think things out and make decisions. Just knowing I am involved in what you're doing gives you confidence, reducing stress. It's wise to thank Me often for My help and to keep asking Me to guide you along the best pathway.

Though the Bible instructs you to pray continually, at times you ignore this teaching. When you're feeling rushed, you find it hard to slow down enough to seek My perspective on the work at hand. However, diving in and forging ahead on your own is actually counterproductive. When you request My involvement before you begin, I can point you in the right direction—saving precious time and energy. I delight in helping you with everything, even the simple tasks, because you are My beloved.

Colossians 3:23; Psalm 32:8; 1Thessalonians 5:17; Song of Songs 6:23

Embracing the Joy in His Presence devotions

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

January 9, 2018

Your church council would like to keep you informed as to what is going on at our meetings. We appreciate our church family and want to stay connected to you.

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on January 9, 2018. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The following members were present: Secretary Linda Johnson, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck, Treasurer Becky Roe and council members Dale Gehrels, Elmer Lubinus, Lynne Koelling, Scott Berry, Adam Clausen, and Pastor Tim. Absent council members- Barb Rohlf

Sermon topic for next six weeks will be "What kind of man is this?" This topic will be used for Thursday noon group and also Sunday AM education time following service.

Pastor Tim gave out a worship attendance update from 2010-2017.

Property committee met December 17th. Snow removal will be done by Sunrise (Formerly Wittrock)

There has been a donation of weed and feed for next summer. Thank you

Remodel team met January 4th. Denny shared two options for starting with bathrooms and office.

Thank you to Dale Gehrels for putting window inserts in all of the doors upstairs to conserve heat and comply with safety regulations. Dale reported that the cost of the nine window inserts would be approximately \$425.

Thank you to Denny for all his work in updating job descriptions and annual reviews for staff.

Missions team will be meeting soon with new members to be notified by Adam.

Thank you to Norma and Elmer for years of faithful service.

Pastor has a column in the Dickinson County News this week.

Becky volunteered to work with Barb and serve as a congregational reporter to write news releases about all of our wonderful happenings of outreach at HOJ. Thank you!

Parish Ed met January 3rd. Joy programs start again February 7 and end on April 25.

Joy Kids/Joy Us Christmas program was a huge success with 170 attending.

Women's Tuesday morning group will meet at 9:30 starting January 23rd for four weeks using the Beth Moore study "Loving Well". Thanks to our leaders Patti Thayer, Patt Gehrels

"What kind of man is this?" Thursday noon group/ Sunday morning education group

Worship Calendar

February 14- Ash Wednesday/ soup suppers at 5:30-6:15/ worship 6:30/ choir follows
(Following Wednesdays with soup suppers/ service/choir)

March 29-Maundy Thursday services 6:30

March 30-Good Friday service 7:00 pm

April 1-Easter Sunday sunrise service 7:00am, breakfast 8:00, second service 9:30 am

Easter Breakfast will be a sign-up sheet for rolls and fruit.(rolls baked at home and brought to church)

Thank you to Denny and Becky for volunteering to be on the committee to negotiate with Downtown Church.

Next meeting will be February 13, 2018 at 7 pm.

Linda Johnson, Secretary

Lenten Suppers will
be served each
Wednesday
Evening from
5:30-6:15 pm

The Season of Lent is
an important time for us to
consider God's deep love
for us. That love is what
compelled Jesus to lay
down His life for us. I
hope that you will take the
time to join us for worship
during these weeks as we
walk with Jesus toward the
cross. May God fill and
renew you this season!

Pastor Tim Nappe

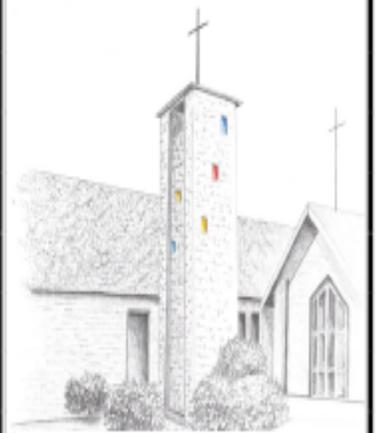


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WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT

In Exodus 3, Moses had an encounter with God at the Burning Bush. During that encounter, God revealed His name to Moses for all generations, "I Am Who I Am." This name, Yahweh, in Hebrew was so sacred to the People of Israel that they dared not speak it. This was the Holy name of God Himself! In the Gospel of John, Jesus draws on the name of God, "I Am," and refers to Himself several times in ways that seem to indicate that He is God! During our Lenten services, we are going to take a look at these passages and consider the question, "Who is this Jesus?" Come join us!

On Sundays during Lent, we will be studying John 11:45-57 and all of John 12. These are some of Jesus' words and actions leading up to His arrest and crucifixion. He was preparing His disciples and the crowds for that event.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

- ♦ Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th
Ex. 3:1-15 "I Am Who I Am"
Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion
- ♦ February 21st, Tim Nappe,
Rev. 1:4-18, Alpha/Omega
- ♦ Feb. 28th, Mark Lund, Boyden
John 15:1-17, "I Am the Vine"
- ♦ Mar. 7th, John Jensen, Evely
John 10:1-33, Gate/Shepherd
- ♦ Mar. 14th, Tim Nappe,
John 14:1-14, Way/Truth/Life
- ♦ Mar. 21st, Dan Taylor, Evely
John 8:12-30, "I Am the Light"

Holy Week Events & Services

- ♦ Maundy Thursday, Mar. 29th-6:30 pm
John 6:25-51, "I Am Bread of Life"
Holy Communion
- ♦ Good Friday, Mar. 30th -7:00 pm
Service of Darkness
John 18:1-27, "I Am He!"
- ♦ Easter Sunday, Apr. 1st
Sunrise Service at 7:00 am
Celebration! Service at 9:30 am
John 11:1-44,
"I Am Resurrection and Life!"
- ♦ Easter Breakfast - 8:00-9:00 am

Sundays at 9:30 am

- ♦ Feb. 18th, 1st Sunday of Lent
John 11:45-57
- ♦ Feb. 25th, 2nd Sunday of Lent
John 12:1-11
- ♦ Mar. 4th, 3rd Sunday of Lent
John 12:20-26
- ♦ Mar. 11th, 4th Sunday of Lent
John 12:27-36
- ♦ Mar. 18th, 5th Sunday of Lent
John 12:37-50
- ♦ Mar. 25th, Palm Sunday
John 12:12-19

Harbor of Joy Library

A BIG THANK YOU to the people who donated several new books to the library this month. Here is a partial list:

Fiction

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

Just Shy of Harmony (and Signs and Wonders) by Philip Gulley

The Book of Mysteries by Jonathan Cahn

Fatherless by Dr. James Dobson

The Missionary by William Carmichael

The Yada Yada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson

Biographies

Answering the Call by Ken Gire

Blind-sided by God by Peter Chin

David Wilkerson by Gary Wilkerson

Christian Living

The Bait of Satan by John Bevere

God's Bucket List by Teresa Tomeo

Waking the Dead by John Eldredge

The Way of the Wild Heart by John Eldredge

A Comedian's Guide to Theology by Thor Ramsey

Bible

24 hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton

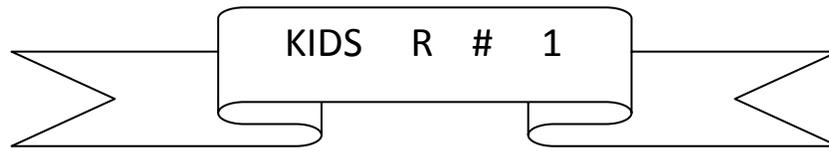
Current Events

Generation X religion by Richard Flory

We also have 6 Teen Fiction books by Frank Peretti. These are located upstairs in the Youth Library.

If anyone would like to do a personal Bible Study, or get some of your friends together, we have several Bible Studies on the shelves.

If the study includes a DVD, it will be in the office.



PARISH ED MINUTES—January 3, 2018, 5:15pm

Opened with prayer.

Six members and three guests present.

The programs will begin on February 7th.

Play games outside with kids on first bus before second bus arrives.

Christmas Program & meal was a success. Next meeting need attendance report, how much food was left, how much money was collected via free will offering and through sale of olive wood ornaments. Extra food was sent home with Joy Kids.

Patti mentioned that extra food from Laila's funeral was sent to Joy Kids families. If desired, others can do the same. Let Pastor Tim know.

Planning to have meal & program at end of spring session on April 25th. Could tie in with Fellowship Night?

Seroogys Fund Raiser-Chocolate & Coffee sales: Items were distributed December 3rd. Profit of \$227.15 will be used for camperships.

Patti will be gone February 28th & March 1st. Discussed division of tasks: Bev will buy groceries, Dena will prepare Fellowship Hall, Nancy will prep rooms, and Julie will be contact person via cell phone for parents.

March 1st is early sign up deadline for summer camps to receive a discount. Discussed strategy to get parents to sign up by March 1st for savings. Invite parents & kids to come to church on January 14th to hear presentation by camp. Could also have Dan come to Joy Kids a Wednesday night in February to get kids excited about camp.

Patti mentioned that our program keeps growing and we need more helpers. One option would be to join with another church. Something to consider for next year.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 5:15 pm.

Joy Kids and JoyUs will be starting up again Wednesday, Feb 7th. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved! Please contact Dean (330-6829) or Patti G (330-7031) to see where you can be plugged into this exciting ministry!

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. --2 Corinthians 3:18

The children of Milford need to see His glory and so many members of our congregation are reflecting His light! Let's share it with these youngsters who are starving for His love!



Prayers:

- **Brian Peck, HOJ: Purpose and direction. Norma Lubinus knee replacement, New members.**
- **Congratulations to the Griffith & Funk family with the birth of Grace Marie Funk.**

Please Notify Pastor Tim or church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

➤ **Gratitude and Praise: New Year**

First Sat. of the month: **Men's Breakfast** at Sunshine Foods. 7:30 AM.

- **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry** with Shirley Berry
- **1st. Saturday of the month is** Men's breakfast at Sunshine Grocery
- **2nd Sunday of each month:** Legion Breakfast at the Legion
- **2nd & 4th Thursday nights of every month** is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.
- **Wednesday Night Fellowship January 24th at 6PM**
- **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**
- **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 11:00 AM while Bible study going on.**
- **All communications for newsletter are due on Feb. 16th.**
- **February 13th,** Board And Council Meeting
- **Every Wednesday night Choir at 7PM**

The windows for the classroom doors are being installed. This will help keep the noise down and still meet insurance obligations. When the rooms are not in use we can close the registers and help keep heating/cooling costs down. Dale made a hook to open and close the registers that are in the ceiling and we also need some new register vents that are easier to open/close. We will again look for highchairs since the garage sale money was to pay for them and we have not gotten them yet. Denny presented 2 bathroom remodels and office remodel. The property committee liked remodel "A" since it looked as though it will cost less and still meet ADA guidelines. We approved the start of the office remodel since we are hoping that can be done for less than \$2,000.00. An eternity light was also brought up at the meeting and it was decided that the memorial committee would be a better place to start for that project. Thank you everyone that helps keep the building maintained and looking good! Our next meeting is scheduled for February 18th.

In Christ,
The Property Committee



A Word from Pastor Tim

February, 2018 Newsletter Pastor Tim

“Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we would like to see Jesus.’”

(John 12:20-21)

About a month ago, we were hearing about the Magi from the East. These mysterious men were coming from a distant land, following a star in the sky, hoping to see the baby who was born, King of the Jews. January 6th, the Day of Epiphany, is the day that these men are remembered. Epiphany means “revealing” or “unveiling.” It is the time that Jesus as Savior and Redeemer of the world is revealed, not only to the Jewish chosen people of God, but to all the world, including the Gentiles!

That is good news for you and me! We are numbered among the Gentiles! We are not Jewish, by heritage, birth, or faith. We are Christian, and most of us are at least in part, Northern European. We are adopted into the family of God! We have been welcomed to come in as foreigners and aliens.

This passage from John 12 introduces us to some Greeks who come to Jerusalem for the Feast. They are in town to celebrate the Passover. But they do not come as natural born citizens of the Hebrew family. They are outsiders, aliens. They come, seeking refuge and wanting to find sanctuary among the people of God. They yearn to know more about God. They feel compelled to seek Him and learn more about Him.

And specifically, in this passage, they come to Philip, one of Jesus’ disciples with a request, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”

We don’t know their personal motives. There could be all kinds of reasons. Maybe as tourists from out of town, they were looking for a chance to meet the local celebrity. Maybe they had heard about this Jesus and wanted to have a chance to ask Him some questions or maybe even witness a miracle. Or maybe they had a legitimate spiritual need and wanted to ask for His blessing and attention.

Whatever the reason, Philip brings them to Andrew and together, they bring them to Jesus. And that moment seems to indicate a turning point for Jesus. At least three times earlier in the Gospel of John, it is mentioned that Jesus’ “hour had not yet come.” (John 2:4, 7:30, & 8:20) But now, suddenly, in 12:23, Jesus says, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

Jesus’ life and ministry has reached a turning point. Not only have the Jews heard about Him and had a chance to respond to His message, but now also the Gentiles are coming. They too, are receiving the message and responding to it.

The time has come for Jesus to offer His life for the sake of both Jews and Gentiles, that all the earth might come to know Him as Messiah, Lord, and Savior.

Over the next few weeks and months, we are going to be reading, thinking, and hearing about these verses. In John 12:31-33, Jesus announces, “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”

To me, there seems to be a two-pronged message here. On one hand, Jesus is preparing His disciples for the terrible moment when He will die on the cross, but on the other hand, this is also an evangelism message. This is the defining moment of salvation for every person, of every time, of every culture, and of every language!

And Jesus’ words are spoken in response to Gentiles who come with the request, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”

In the Old Testament, Zechariah prophesies that this day was going to come. It is in Zechariah 8:23, “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’”

“We have heard that God is with you.” That is what Emmanuel means! “God is with us.”

These men from other languages and nations, other cultures, aliens and foreigners, they want to come with us, because we know Emmanuel! They are begging to be able to tag along.

One of the things that we are going to consider over the next couple of months is how we introduce others to Jesus. If or when someone asks us about our faith, how do we bring them to Jesus? How do we share our faith and let them know about our Savior? How do we lift up Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Jesus said, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself.” As Jesus’ disciples, how do we lift Him up? How do we share our faith with others? And how do we bring others to Him? I hope that you will come and participate in our discussions!

Blessings to you!

Coming Up:

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| Sunday, February 18 | John 11:45-57 |
| Sunday, February 25 | John 12:1-11 |
| Sunday, March 4 | John 12:20-26 |
| Sunday, March 11 | John 12:27-36 |
| Sunday, March 18 | John 12:37-50 |
| Sunday, March 25 | John 12:12-19 |
| Sunday, April 1 | John 11:1-44 |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 28 9:30 Sunday Worship 10:45 Education Hour 2p Accura Care Center 6:30p Sibley Worship Service | 29 | 30 9:30 Beth Moore Bible Study 11 Noon Prayers 1p Accura Care center Ministries, Milford with Shirley | 31 7p AA Meets 7p Choir Practice | Feb 1 12p Sack Lunch Bible Study 2:30p Bob's ministry/Northshire | 2 3p Afternoon AA Meeting | 3 7:30 Men's Breakfast |
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| 10:45 Education Hour | | 1p Accura Care center | 3:30p Joykids/JoyUs | 12p Sack Lunch Bible | | |
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