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EPIPHANY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

Joint Worship with Reformation Lutheran

January

2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Dec 26</p> 	<p>Dec 27</p>	<p>Dec 28</p>	<p>Dec 29</p>	<p>Dec 30</p>	<p>Dec 31</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day!</p> 
<p>Pastor Delaney is on vacation</p>						
<p>2 Epiphany 10am Worship</p> <p>Pr. Delaney</p>	<p>3 vacation</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:00am Take down Christmas Decorations</p>
<p>9 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7pm Council</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 
<p>16 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10am February Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 8:15am Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship w/Baptism</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 
<p>30 Annual Mtg. 10am Worship RIC Sunday</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb. 1</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 

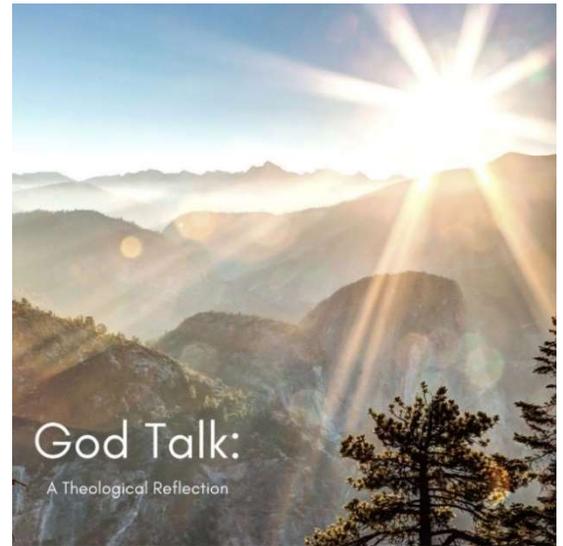
God Talk

“Calm to the waves.

Calm to the wind.

Jesus whispers, ‘Peace, be still.’ Balm to our hearts, Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.”

- “Calm to the Waves” ELW 794



For many people, January brings with it a wave of resolve. Folks see the first day of a new year as an opportunity to start again, try harder, and achieve a goal. Each January, we are bombarded with messages about what we ought to be:

“Trim down! Lose those holiday pounds!”... “Get focused on your career goals in 2022!”... “Read 52 books in 52 weeks!”... “Meditate regularly and change your life!”

It can be so easy to fall prey to these messages, imagining that we are only worth what we can achieve, that we must fix our lives in order to be “enough,” or that somehow if we fail, we are *failures*. This month, as you find yourself amid the January bombardment, I want to remind you that you are good, enough, and beloved by your God no matter where you find yourself.

In the hymn, “Calm to the Waves,” we are gifted with these words: “Jesus whispers, ‘Peace, be still.’” This month,

may you be reminded that Jesus is with you, bringing peace amid the waves of life. If you find yourself caught in the cycle of high expectations and feelings of shame, may you receive the gift of peace from Christ, who recognizes your worth just as you are. Jesus reminds you that you are beloved, exactly as you are.

-Pastor Delaney

RIC Corner

The 2022 theme for Reconciling Works is Made in God's Image: God's Boundless Diversity. We are all made in God's image and yet we are all diverse. How do we each reflect God's image in the world, and how do we advocate for one another? Our church is committed to honoring all people as God's beloved children, and learning from one another, because we all have different experiences of God and we all reflect God's image in different ways. Have you seen God's

image reflected to you through someone else? What did you learn about God? In this new year, I pray that we can continue to be open to the many ways that God works among us.



Deaconess Sunday

Join us for worship on Sunday, January 30, as we celebrate Phoebe, Dorcas, and Lydia! These women

were all important in the growth of the early church and are each mentioned by name in letters from the apostle Paul. You might remember a dazzling performance of the Book of Acts right here at St. Paul's several years ago, where you met Lydia, a dealer of fine purple cloth. But did you know that our own Vicar Charlotte is a modern-day deaconess? Both Charlotte and their wife Becca are consecrated as deaconesses in the Lutheran Deaconess Association and live out their calling to Word and Service in different ways. Come and learn a bit more about deaconesses and what it means to serve God in your own context.

Join us

“Thank you to our St. Paul’s family for your love and support throughout Dick’s illness. Your presence at his memorial service warmed my heart and comforted me. So grateful for all of you.
Love, Mary”

Thank
you

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 30, 2022 following our morning service. The meeting will be in person and live streamed. Additional information regarding voting

arrangements for live stream members and links are coming soon. Watch for them in your Wednesday email blasts.

The following items will be considered for action: the 2022 Budget and elections for Council Offices. In addition, we will hold a discussion on future directions for St. Paul's.

The following offices are open for nominations:

President – 2-year term, Mark Voelz has served 2 terms

Vice-President – 1 year term, Marcia Mikich has served 1 year under C 11.02

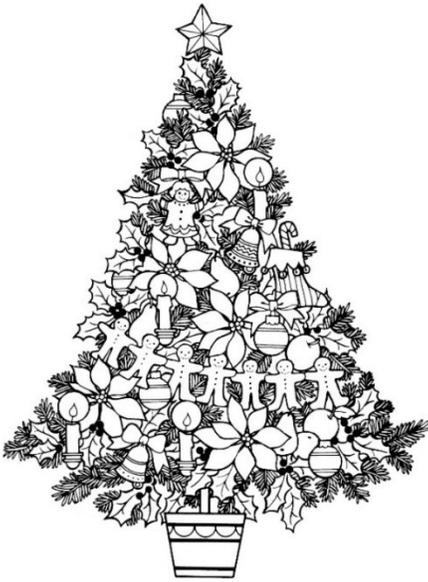
Secretary – 2-year term Elaine Disbro is eligible to serve a second term

Board of Music and Worship – 2-year term, Jeri Jende is eligible to serve a second term

Board of Outreach – 1 year term. Nancy Day has served 1 year under C 11.02

Board of Parish Education – 2-year term
this position has been vacant

Board of Properties – 2-year term, Mike Polinske has served 2 years under C 11.02



What goes up, must come down

Ornaments to be put away, trees taken down, wreaths and boughs to be placed back in the box. Please join us as we gather to put the Christmas decorations away for another year on Saturday, January 8, 2022. It all begins at 9am.

January Anniversary

23rd Gordy and Nancy Anderson



Birthdays

1st Pr. Phetsamone Vannavong

5th LaVerne Mueller

8th Jeri Jende

16th Sophie Polinske

18th Polly Eastberg

23rd Paige Eastberg

26th Dr. Judy Gilbertson

31st Pastor Delaney Schlake-Kruse



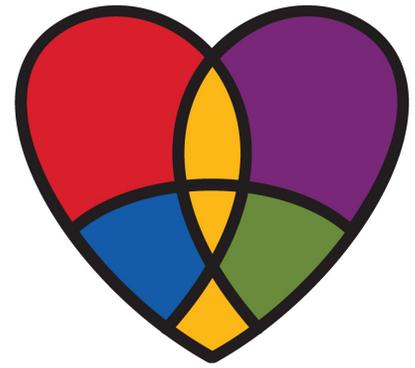
NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Reconciling Works

Reconciliation is a fundamental value; it is what the Apostle Paul says we are all called to do. Through our Reconciling in Christ Program, ministries, resources, events and alliances, Reconciling Works builds community for worship, education and support; fosters welcome and acceptance in all Lutheran settings; and advocates for the ecclesial changes necessary to ensure full participation in all sacraments, inclusive liturgical resources, and ministries of the Church, inviting all people into Gospel lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness. For more information, please visit their website:

www.reconcilingworks.org



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Offering envelope boxes for 2022 are now available in the narthex. Please stop by to pick yours up. Thank you.

SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

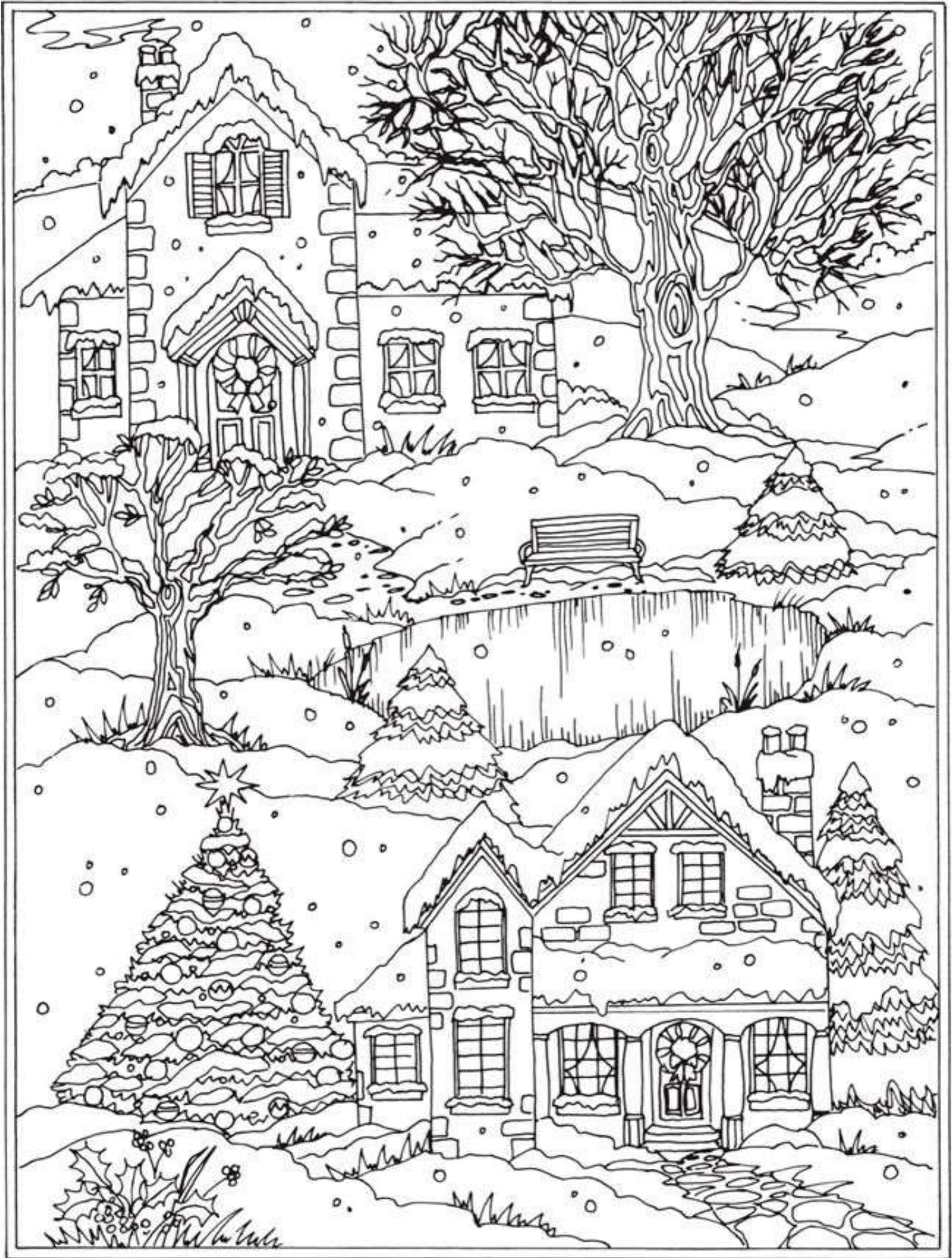
January 2 – 30

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 2</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1: [1-9] 10-18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 9</u></p> <p>Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 16</u></p> <p>Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 23</u></p> <p>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 30</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30</p>	

Winter is good – his Hoar Delights
by Emily Dickinson

Winter is good-his Hoar Delights
 Italic Flavor yield-
 To Intellects inebriate
 With Summer, or the World -

Generic as a Quarry
 And hearty – as a Rose-
 Invited with asperity
 But welcome when he goes.



Picture can be found at Freeclipart.com <https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/440508407287137016/>

Stopping by Woods on a Winter Evening

by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

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