



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

January 10, 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share
the love of Jesus Christ."*

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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Greg Bittner

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
January 10, 2016
“Baptism of Our Lord”
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.
Amen.

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of
our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith,
hope and love. Amen**

Hear the voice of Jesus:
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus
Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord
is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“THIS IS THE SPIRIT’S ENTRY NOW”

ELW 448

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.
And also with you.

+ KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Glory to God

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 29



- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



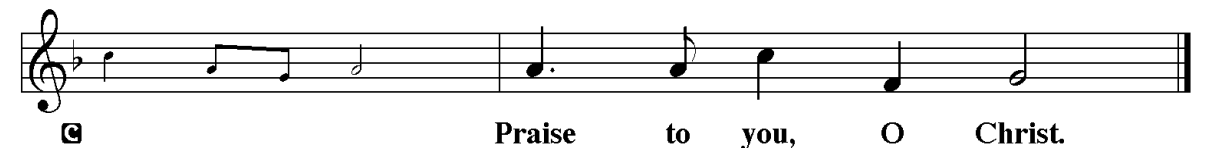
GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.



¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN”

ELW 305

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ's death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM (10:30)

“BAPTISM PRAYER”

SENIOR CHOIR



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



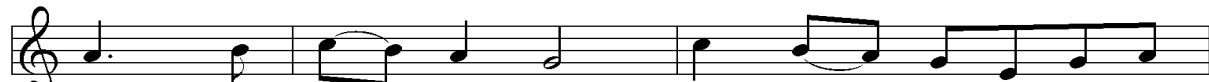
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

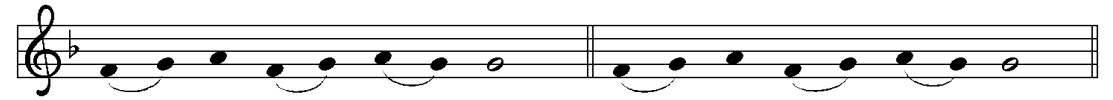


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

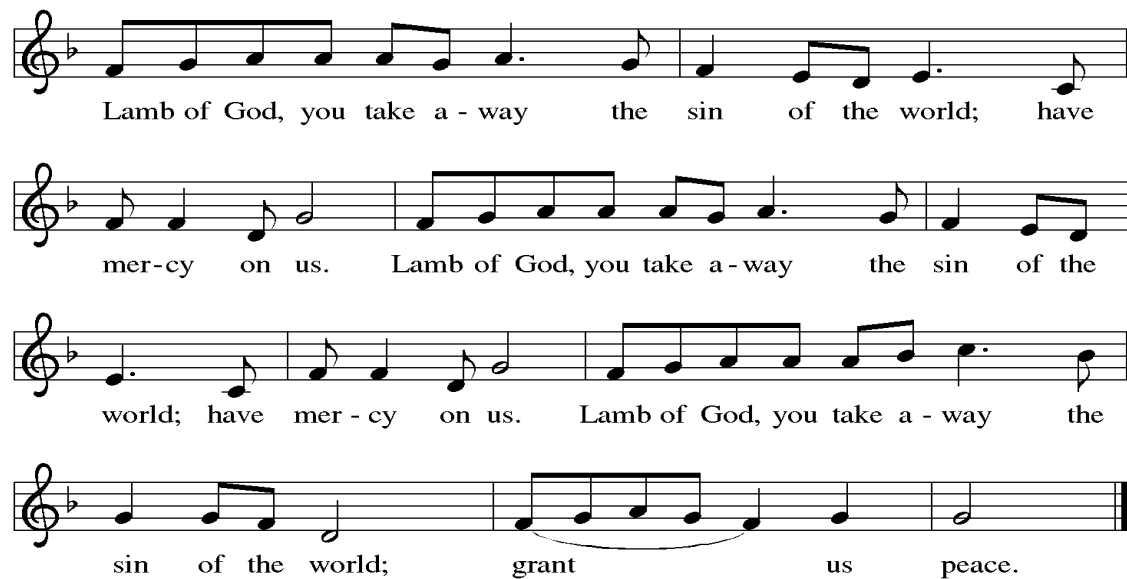
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

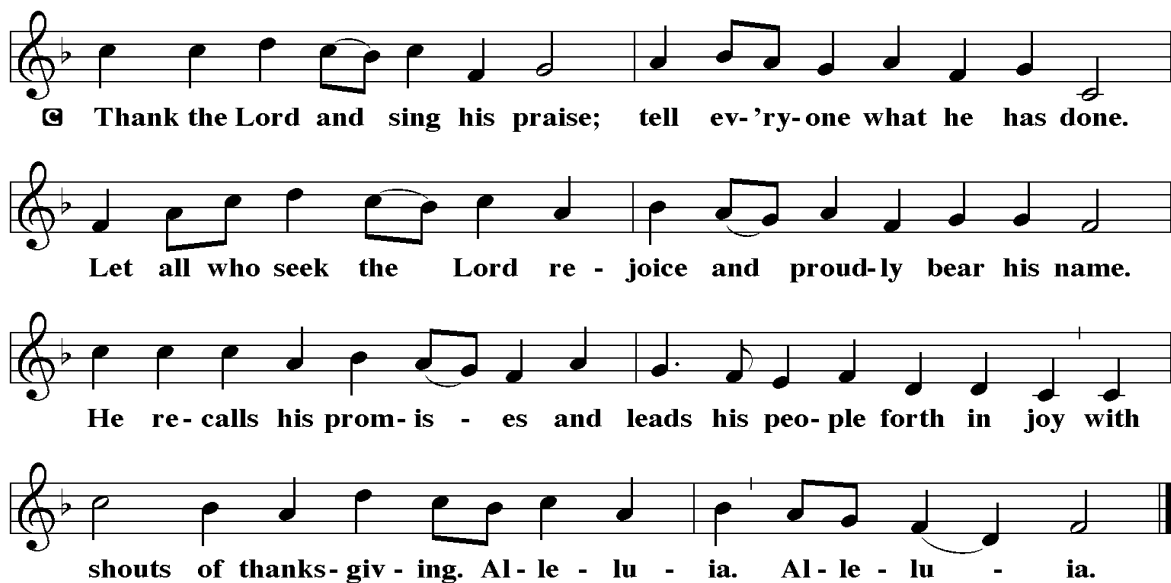
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 459, 445, 456.

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED” ELW 304

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Donna Sheridan in memory of parents.

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| SERVING TODAY: | 8:30 | 10:30 |
| Worship Assistant | Open | Open |
| Lector | Open | Mark Gesalman |
| Acolyte | Maggie Isler | Jaden Biller |
| Crucifer | Colton Isler | Jesse Biller |
| Torchbearers | Open | Open |
| Greeters | Open | Jack & Mina Rutter |
| Ushers | Open | Rachel & Andrew King |
| Altar Guild | Open | Deborah Fox |

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 10 - 17, 2016

Today is "Meals on Wheels Cookie" Sunday

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| Sunday | 8:30 am. | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am. | Camp Genesis |
| | 9:30 am. | Fellowship Coffee |
| | 10:30 am. | Holy Communion |
| | 2:00 pm. | Epiphany Tea at Eleanor Besser's |
| | 6:00 pm. | Senior Youth Game Night |
| Monday | 6:30 pm. | Webelos II |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am. – 2:00 pm. | Chat-n-Sew |
| | 1:00 pm. | Parkinson's Support Group |
| | 6:30 pm. | Bears |
| | 7:00 pm. | Casa Vita Homeowners |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am. | Kindermusik |
| | 11:45 am. | RHP Board Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm. | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm. | Troop 416 |
| Thursday | 7:30 pm. | Senior Choir |
| Friday | 10:00 am. – 3:00 pm. | Bridge Club |
| Saturday | | Pinewood Derby Fun Day |
| | 5:30 pm. | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 8:30 am. | Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am. | Fellowship Coffee |
| | 10:30 am. | Holy Communion |
| | After 10:30 service | Annual Meeting |
| | After Annual Meeting | Books, Games & Scriptures |
| | 2:00 pm. | K – 5 Youth Group |
| | 6:45 pm. | 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation |

Council Openings

There are SIX (6) openings on council this year: (4) Three year terms, (1) Two year term and (1) One year term. Candidates must be communing and contributing members of the congregation. Why not take a more active role in the congregation. These are very important positions to fill. Council members are no longer required to count offering unless they choose to. The requirements include attending a monthly meeting and acting as a liaison to a committee. If you are interested in running, please contact Pastor Frank, a current council member or the church office.

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE COMMONS AREA. ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

ALTAR FLOWERS/LIVING GIFTS - A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the hall. Please sign up for those dates that may have special meaning to you.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 17th following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary.

Year End Statements will be available for pick up next Sunday on the table in the commons area. If you have not received one via email, a hard copy is in the box. Some emailed statements were returned as undeliverable. It should be noted on your paper statement. If you would like your statement emailed in the future, please give the church office your email address.

The Third Annual Good Shepherd Art Show is taking place January 23rd 6:30 till 8:00 after Saturday service, with an encore show January 24th between Sunday services! Everybody is invited to attend! We are asking members to display their artwork, craftwork, photography, woodwork, sculpture, design, construction, stitchwork, **design coloring books**...All ages! Last year we had 88 submissions from 9 youth and 20 adults! This year we wish to top this and include more art from students! Parents, feel free to submit your child's art projects, or your parent's art, as well as your own! Any questions contact Jack Gesalman, 724-837-7556! Registration forms are available on the Greeter's Table; sign-up sheet if you wish to bring food to the reception is posted by the fountain.

Attention Ladies of All Ages

Come and join us at Painting With a Twist, Sunday, Feb. 7th from 1:30 -4pm. This is your chance to be creative and paint on canvas. Cost is \$35 and includes all supplies-even the apron. We will have our own private room and two artists to help us. Feel free to bring refreshments to share. Lets have some fun before Super Bowl activities begin. A minimum of 10 participants is needed. Your reservation, with a check payable to Painting With a Twist is due by Jan. 31st. Please give it to Lillian Shea. Painting With a Twist is located off Mt. Pleasant Rd at 1020 Towne Square Drive in the same building complex as Subway and Dino's.

Important Dates

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| January 10 | Epiphany Tea – Eleanor Besser's home |
| January 10 | Senior Youth Game Night 6:00 pm. |
| January 17 | Annual Meeting following 10:30 Service Books, Games & Scriptures following Meeting |
| January 17 | K – 5 Youth Group |
| January 23 | Art Show 6:30 pm. |
| January 24 | Art Show between services |