



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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PRELUDE

Jubilation

Handel (1685-1759)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With our feet still wet from the waters of our baptism, we have sinned yet again. Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God's goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

God of our baptismal waters,

You sent the Baptist to point to your Son.

But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves.

We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship.

We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal.

We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone.

We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go.

We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future.

Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.

(A time for silent confession can be made)

God of our baptismal hope,

Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.

Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.

Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the

One who takes away the sins of the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

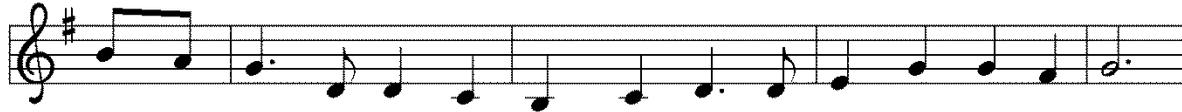
God called each of us before we were even born.

It is God who named us and it is God who claims us.

It is in the light of God's love for us that we are forgiven. **Amen.**



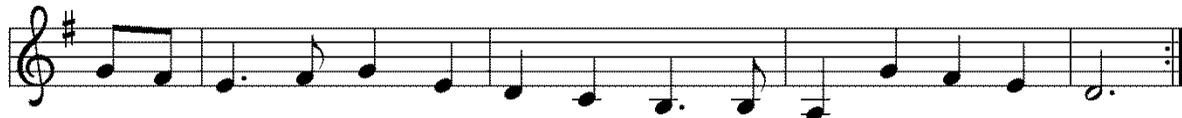
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



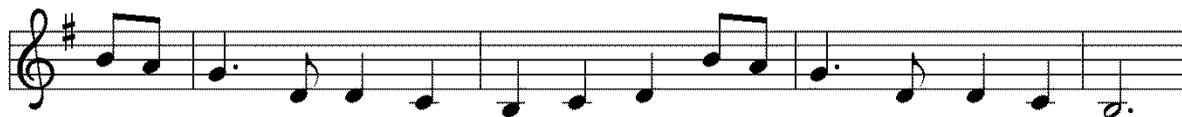
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

HOLY BAPTISM OF ADELYN JO BRACKEY

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents Spenser and Ashley Brackey present their daughter Adelyn Jo Brackey.

We present Adelyn Jo for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child Adelyn Jo baptized into Christ?

Response: **We do.**

As you bring Adelyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Adelyn among God's faithful people, bring Adelyn to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Adelyn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Adelyn Jo may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Adelyn Jo grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses sponsors.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Adelyn Jo in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Adelyn Jo, her parents and sponsors and pray for Adelyn in her new life in Christ?

Response: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The assembly may be seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water will be poured into the font as each of the three statements about God's use and gift of water is shared.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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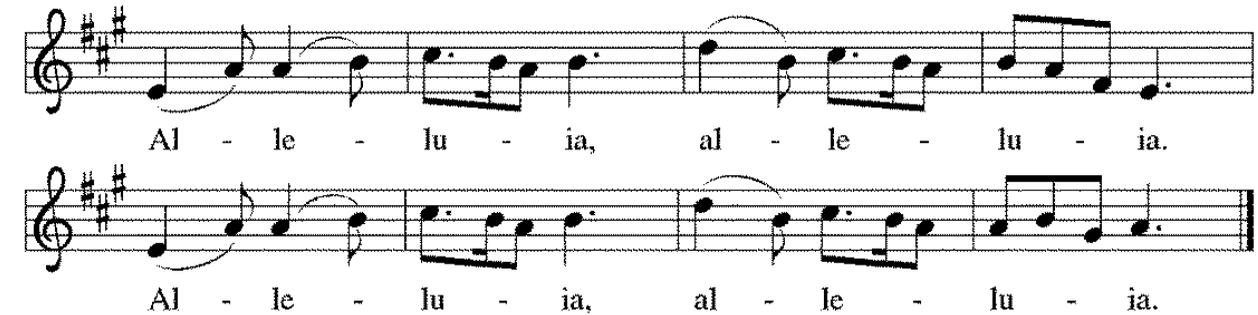
Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Adelyn Jo, is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Let us pray.

Sustain Adelyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Adelyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

An Acolyte or member of the congregation gives to the child or family member a baptismal candle.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Assembly is invited to stand.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8 The Psalm is read responsively

Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

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Thanks be to God.

SONG God, Whose Almighty Word

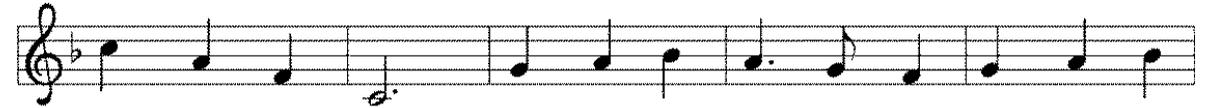
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Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;

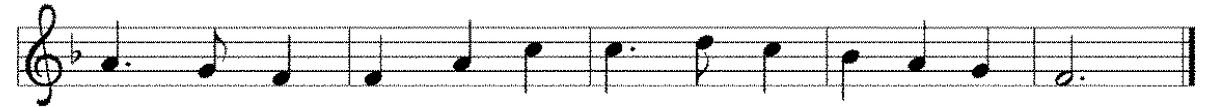
verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37

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In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

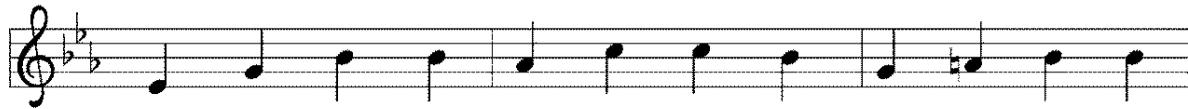
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

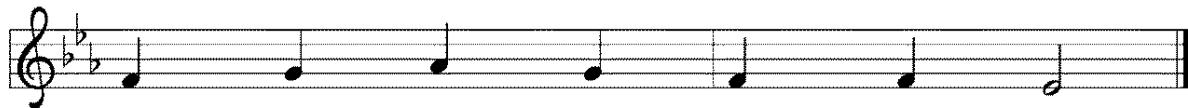
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1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

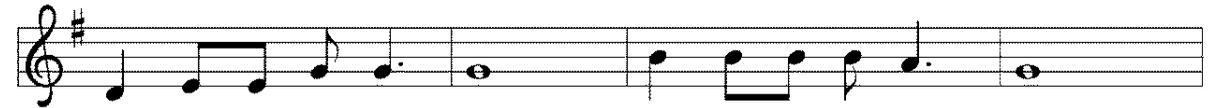
MUSICAL OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

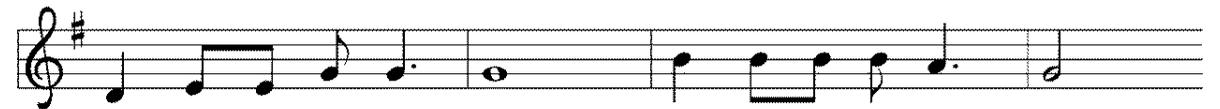
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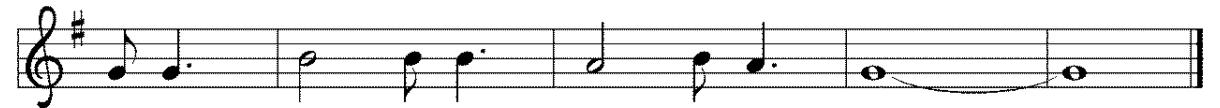
1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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. 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.

SENDING

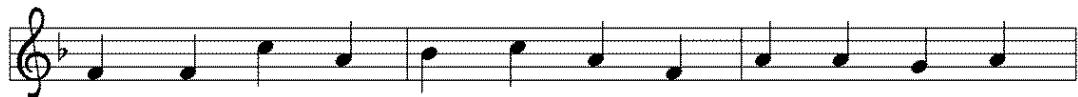
BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

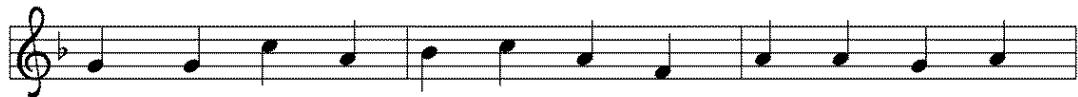
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1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Al Sterrenberg, Rolly Moe

Acolytes: Thea Hoffman and Emma Hoffman

Reader: Ryan Knudtson

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

February Altar Guild: Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

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The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Jay Fjelstad from Roger & Dorothy Fjelstad and family.

This morning we will welcome Adelyn Jo Brackey into the family of God through holy baptism.

Adelyn's parents are Spenser & Ashley Brackey. Her godparents are Allan & Braedi Wickard, Andrew Hengesteg and Jadyng Hengesteg.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83. Dates available: March 26, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, 19.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**

2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.

Those worshipping February 4/5: 182

Confirmation

February 15...Confirmation Class and Parent meeting are cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Confirmation classes will continue to meet from 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.



The Chipped Inscriptions Class at Salem Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Cost of the class is \$30. Class size is limited to 25.
Light snacks and beverage will be provided.

Signup and payment due Feb. 19.

Checks made payable to Jackie Stevenson
Signup sheets are in the narthex.

Samples will be available Sundays and on Salem's website.

If you cancel after Feb. 22 you will not be refunded.

You may pick up your board & stencils and complete the project yourself.

Signup after services or by calling Kathy Chose: 592.1222



Alzheimer's: Get The Facts Educational Series

A series of meetings are designed to inform individuals how to identify Alzheimer's, strategies for living with Alzheimer's and planning for the future. The series will be presented in three evening meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room in the Lake Mills Care Center. Brandi Folkerts, Lake Mills Care Center (LMCC) Director of Nursing and Chris Johnson, LMCC Social Worker will be providing information and answering questions each evening. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The series of classes are free and individuals may attend as many meetings as they wish.

The dates and the information for each meeting are listed below.

February 21 Living Each Day - Special Guest Speaker - Lois Johnson

March 21 Preparing for the Future - Special guest speaker Amanda Green, LMCC Administrator

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Confirmation Class & Parent Meeting are Canceled

6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #10

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30 p.m. Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

Readings for next Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, Matthew 5:38-48



**Open House Bridal Shower
for Grant Brekken & Shannon Pearce**

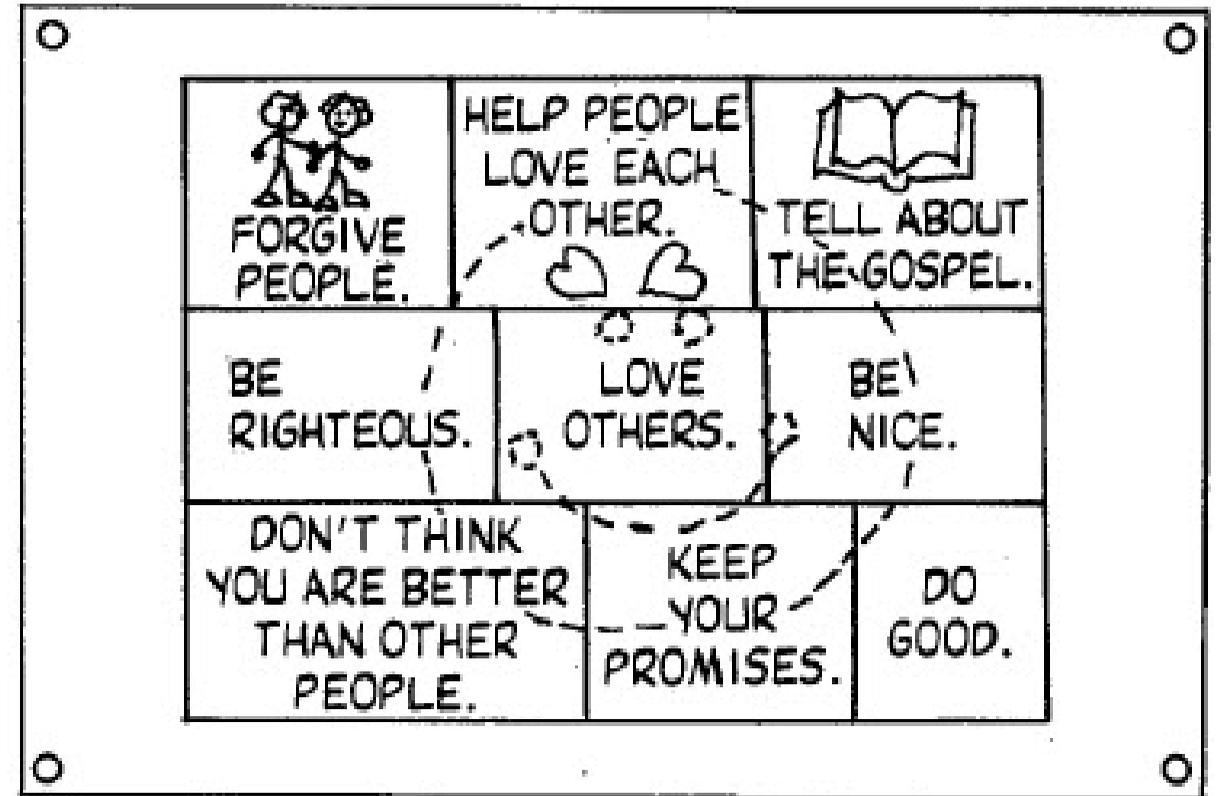
Will be held Saturday, February 25th, 2017

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

at the home of Jane Christianson

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Epiphany



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