**January 12, 2025 | First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Description automatically generatedAnnual Meeting | January 26, 2025**

**Sunday, January 26, service will be at a special time, 9:00 AM.** The annual meeting will follow the service in order to give us enough time to ensure all the business for the past year is reviewed and the upcoming year is ready! Please join us for this important church meeting!

The budget for 2025 will also be available for review on January 19 following the service. If you have questions for the Treasurer, please email Bruce at bmanthey23@gmail.com.

**Spiritual Autobiography**

Deepening one’s spiritual life is a profoundly rewarding journey, often rooted in self-reflection, intentional practices, and meaningfully connecting with the world and others.

I invite you to go deeper into your relationship with Jesus this Advent, encouraging everyone to interact and write their Spiritual Autobiography by asking: how was Jesus born in you? This reflection will take you to your earliest memories of hearing and knowing about God up to the present day and point us toward the future.

Take time this Advent to “Be Still” and to reflect on how Jesus has been with you throughout your life. Journals will be provided to you with prompts on December 1. Please see Lisa if you have additional questions.

**West Suburban Grief Group | See dates and times below**

The West Suburban Grief Coalition provides a safe, non-threatening environment where people may share and understand feelings of grief and move forward with their lives. Please reach out to Dave Kjos with any questions at: (763) 432-2585 or dmekjos@gmail.com.

4:00 – 4:30 pm – Optional Time Open for Socializing, Refreshments, Browsing Our Library, and 1st-Time Attendees’ Registration  
4:30 – 5:00 pm – Meeting Begins – Devotion & Speaker  
5:00 – 6:00 pm – Break-Out Group Sessions

Effective: **December 5 – February 27, 2025,** *Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 12235 Old Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN 55441.* Please contact Pastor Kristin Dybdal at 763-559-2775 no need to make a reservation to attend.

**Antisemitism and the Gospels**

Historically, the reference in the Bible to “the Jews” (especially in John’s Gospel) has been used to justify injustice, bias and hatred for Jewish people. For some, this reference is used to blame Jewish people for the death of Jesus. It is important to remember that Jesus himself, his family and the disciples were all Jewish. Jesus loves all people and died for all people.

The reference to “the Jews” is not intended to refer to all Jewish people but to “some Jewish leaders” who did not believe and were outspoken against the idea that Jesus is the Messiah.

Whenever we lump a whole race, tribe, country, or any group of people together we are entering into racist or biased thinking

**Sunday, January 12, 2025: 10:00 AM**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, presider

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, preacher

[Isaiah 43:1-7](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi1_RCL.html#Ot1)

[Acts 8:14-17](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi1_RCL.html#Nt1)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi1_RCL.html#Gsp1)

[Psalm 29](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi1_RCL.html#Ps1)

Dorothy Hayes – Chalice Minister

Steve Debner – Chalice Minister

Wendy Cain – 1st Reader

Dan Cain – 2nd Reader

Karen Orn – POP Reader

Duni Ankrah – Usher

Sub Requested – Usher

Sub Requested – Greeter

Laurie Felder – Coffee Hour

Joy & Chris Wronski – Sunday School Lead

Helen Kupka – Sunday School Helper

Roger Krueger – Audio Technician

**Sunday, January 19, 2025: 10:00 AM**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, presider

Benoni Grimes, preacher

[Isaiah 62:1-5](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi2_RCL.html#Ot1)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi2_RCL.html#Nt1)

[John 2:1-11](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi2_RCL.html#Gsp1)

[Psalm 36:5-10](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi2_RCL.html#Ps1)

Jim Ervin – Chalice Minister

Gary Garrison – Chalice Minister

Stephen Ingerson – 1st Reader

Kim Goldbach – 2nd Reader

Marie Hayes – POP Reader

Mark Karrels – Usher

Joan Bailey – Usher

Jill & Kim Goldbach – Greeter

Jane Kalin & Judith Eaton – Coffee Hour

XXXX – Sunday School Lead

Dorothy Hayes – Sunday School Helper

XXXX – Audio Technician

**Sunday, January 26, 2025: 9:00 AM**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, presider

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, preacher

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi3_RCL.html#ot1)

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi3_RCL.html#nt1)

[Luke 4:14-21](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi3_RCL.html#gsp1)

[Psalm 19](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi3_RCL.html#ps1)

Benoni Grimes – Chalice Minister

Sub Requested – Chalice Minister

Virginia Debner – 1st Reader

Rob Holgate – POP Reader

Alma Tawag – Usher

Darrel Lynn – Usher

Sarah McCready – Greeter

**Annual Meeting – Council Host**

XXXX – Sunday School Lead

Jane Kalin – Sunday School Helper

XXXX – Audio Technician

**Sunday, February 2, 2025: 10:00 AM**

**Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, presider

The Rev. Lisa White Smith, preacher

[Malachi 3:1-4](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html#ot1)

[Hebrews 2:14-18](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html#nt1)

[Luke 2:22-40](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html#gsp1)

[Psalm 84](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html#ps1)

*or* [Psalm 24:7-10](https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html#ps2)

Vivian Ballah Swaray – Chalice Minister

Jane Kalin – Chalice Minister

Jane Kalin – 1st Reader

Sandy Connor – 2nd Reader

Deanna Averill – POP Reader

Bill Wagner – Usher

Nathaniel Thorpe – Usher

Maureen Wilson – Greeter

Chuma & Dorothy Ikegwuani – Coffee Hour

XXXX – Sunday School Lead

Barbara Engelland – Sunday School Helper

XXXX – Audio Technician

***HELP NEEDED | January 16 at 6:30 PM***

Help is needed to move daycare items from the Fellowship Hall and back hallway. We will be refinishing the floors in the back hallway and Fellowship Hall.

***Check back here as we add more events and activities for our community.***

**Dates to mark on your calendars!**

**January 26** – Annual Meeting following the service

\*\***SERVICE TIME CHANGE at 9:00 AM\*\***

**(so we can get the whole meeting covered)**

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

March 11 thru April 8 – Lenten Series begins (5 weeks on Tuesday)

April 17 – Maundy Thursday at 6:30 PM

April 18 – Good Friday 12:00 PM (Stations of the Cross) & 6:30 PM (Service)

April 19 – Combined Easter Vigil with St. Davids & Trinity (Excelsior)

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM

April 20 – Easter Celebration at 10:00 AM

May 17 – Heritage Night – 6:00 PM

**Announcement submission**: if you would like to submit an announcement for Sunday, please email [adminepiphany@msn.com](mailto:adminepiphany@msn.com) by Wednesday at 2 pm before the week(s) you would like it to appear. Thank you!

**We lift up in prayer:** Adam & Marnie, Ashley, Colby, Garrett & Jaime, Karen, Ryder, Sean, Anna Abruzzese, Una Ankrah, Betty Baer, The Bannister family, Frances Bryant, Sandy Connor, The d’Assignies Family, Steve & Virginia Debner, Joan Dehzad, Joyce De Joung, Barbara Engelland, Joyce Hetherington, Clint Hewitt, Yvette Hewitt, John Holgate, Chuma & Dorthey Ikegwuani, Stephen Ingerson, Irene Joyce, Tom Kipp, Dave Kjos, Dave & Dee Luikart, Sarah McCready, Mae Mendoza, Bev Metz, Barb Pfaffe, The Reutelers, Myrna Rikki, Maria Rivera, Karen Snapko, Joe Stanoch, Alma Tawag, Tom Teale, Allan Van Dine, Phyllis Van Dine, Susan & Frank Whitman, Pearl & David Wright, and Joan Zimmerman & family.

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Dan Holoch

Stephen Ingerson

Jacob Willis

Maureen Wilson

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| **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR EVENTS** | | |
| **Sunday**  8:00 AM -12:00 PM  Church Office open | **January 12**  **1st Sunday after the Epiphany** | 10:00 AM **Sunday Service** ([Livestream](https://www.youtube.com/@churchoftheepiphany8774/streams))  10:15 AM Sunday School  11:30 AM Youth Planning Meeting  *12:00 PM UCFGM (Church)*  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Monday**  Church Office Closed | **January 13** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  7:00 PM ECMN Migration with Dignity Meeting  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Tuesday** | **January 14** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  6:30 PM Epiphany Sound System Training  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Wednesday** | **January 15** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  6:30 PM Worship Music Team Practice  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Thursday** | **January 16** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  7:00 PM Jubellation |
| **Friday** | **January 17** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom) |
| **Saturday** | **January 18** | *4:30 PM UCFGM Music practice (Sanc)* |
| **Sunday**  8:00 AM -12:00 PM  Church Office open | **January 19**  **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany** | 10:00 AM **Sunday Service** ([Livestream](https://www.youtube.com/@churchoftheepiphany8774/streams))  10:15 AM Sunday School  11:30 AM 2025 Budget Presentation  *12:00 PM UCFGM (Church)* |

*\*Events in italics are outside groups using the church for their programs.*

**Additional Worship Opportunities**

Morning Prayer (M-F at 7:30 AM) – [Zoom Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85414871990?pwd=SkMyOFJibWVzQ25hU1dzRGo4dXJvUT09) (in email)

Compline on Zoom (Sun-W at 8:30 PM) **-** Zoom Link (in email)

North Ridge Service | Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

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**Ways to donate to Epiphany or pay your weekly/monthly pledge.**