**January 26, 2025 | third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Description automatically generatedAnnual Meeting | TODAY**

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!

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 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

**February 9 | Youth Sunday at 10 AM**

Join us for a special **Youth-Led Worship Service**, where our young people will lead the congregation in readings, prayers, and worship! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gifts and voices of our youth as they share the message of God’s love in their own unique way.

🌟 **Gospel Focus**: Our service will center on the story of Jesus calling his first disciples, as told in *The Message* translation (Luke 5:1–11).*“Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.”*

**Migration with Dignity | Sunday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 11**

The Episcopal Church calls on congregations to focus their efforts on protection and justice for persons who have migrated to the United States seeking safety and freedom. They are asking everyone to stand up for Gospel values and oppose and prepare for the incoming administration’s planned mass deportations. These deportations could have potentially devastating impacts on immigrant families and communities, including increased racial profiling, workplace and neighborhood raids, family separations, and the detention of vulnerable populations. They recommend creating or joining rapid response networks, advocating for immigrant rights, and contributing to legal aid organizations to address these concerns. Additionally, they invite Episcopal communities to participate in “Migration with Dignity Action Week” during the season of Epiphany, starting January 20, 2025, culminating in “Migration with Dignity Sunday." Epiphany has chosen **February 2, 2025**.

On **Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 PM**, we will have a Zoom presentation of the Migration with Dignity initiative throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Please join us on Zoom (a link will follow in your email). We will provide you with a brief overview of the program and explore ways for Epiphany to engage in activities such as prayer vigils, protests, donation drives, educational events, and fundraisers.

**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)

Benoni Grimes – Chalice Minister

Marie Hayes – Chalice Minister

Virginia Debner – 1st Reader

Roger Krueger – POP Reader

Alma Tawag – Usher

Darrel Lynn – Usher

Sarah McCready – Greeter

**Annual Meeting – Council Host**

XXXX – Sunday School Lead

Jane Kalin – Sunday School Helper

Melissa Miller – 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)

Vivian Ballah Swaray – Chalice Minister

Sub Requested – Chalice Minister

Deanna Averill – 1st Reader

Sandy Connor – 2nd Reader

Edwin Swaray – 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

Chris Wronski – Audio Technician

Melissa Miller – Streaming / Slides

***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)**

February 2 – Migration with Dignity Sunday Service

February 9 –Youth Sunday

February 11 – Migration with Dignity Education on Zoom at 6:30 pm

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, Dave Gustafson, Joyce Hetherington, The family of Deidre Herkel, Clint Hewitt, Yvette Hewitt, John Holgate, Chuma & Dorthey Ikegwuani, Stephen Ingerson, Irene Joyce, Linda Kipp, 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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Maureen Wilson

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| **THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR EVENTS** | | |
| **Sunday**  8:00 AM -12:00 PM  Church Office open | **January 26**  **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany** | **Annual Meeting**  9:00 AM **Sunday Service** ([Livestream](https://www.youtube.com/@churchoftheepiphany8774/streams))  9:15 AM Sunday School  10:00 AM Annual Meeting  *12:00 PM UCFGM (Church)*  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Monday**  Church Office Closed | **January 27** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Tuesday** | **January 28** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Wednesday** | **January 29** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  6:30 PM Worship Music Team Practice  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |
| **Thursday** | **January 30** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom)  7:00 PM Jubellation |
| **Friday** | **January 31** | 7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Zoom) |
| **Saturday** | **February 1** | 10:00 AM Council / Staff Retreat (North Ridge)  *4:30 PM UCFGM Music practice (Sanc)* |
| **Sunday**  8:00 AM -12:00 PM  Church Office open | **February 2**  **4th Sunday after the Epiphany** | **Migration with Dignity Sunday**  10:00 AM **Sunday Service** ([Livestream](https://www.youtube.com/@churchoftheepiphany8774/streams))  10:15 AM Sunday School  *12:00 PM UCFGM (Church)*  8:30 PM Compline (Zoom) |

*\*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.**