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# *The Tidings*

News and Views from  
Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church

**UNITED IN CHRIST**, our mission is to **GO** out into the community, **SOW** seeds of hopefulness, and **GROW** as loving disciples.

## Epiphany Musings

Epiphany is typically celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and marks a time when the church remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, and thereby “reveal” Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The term epiphany means “to show” or “to make known” or even “to reveal.” The season of Epiphany which follows is bracketed by the events of Jesus’ Baptism and Transfiguration - - both of which reveal Christ’s saving mission in a glorious way. The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by “showing” Jesus as the Savior of all people.

Traditionally, one of the practices of the church during the season of Epiphany has been to mark the lintels of the doorways in the homes of the faithful. Initially it had overtones of magic (protection of the house,) but the practice has been transformed to a rite of prayer in which the petitioners ask that Christ might be revealed to all who enter their home. A traditional “house blessing” might look something like this:

*An Epiphany House Blessing*

L - Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

*R - And peace be with all who enter here.*

L - During these days of the Christmas season we keep this Feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, and thereby to the whole world. Today, Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place because of the presence of Christ here.

L - Listen to the Gospel according to Matthew. (Matthew 2:1-12 is typically read here.) This is the word of the Lord to you.

*R - Thanks be to God!*

L - O God, Lord of all that exists, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill each of us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*R - Amen.*

Be encouraged to utilize this blessing as a family this Epiphany. Gather your loved ones near the doorway and offer your home - your life together as a family of faith - as a place where Jesus is made known to all who enter. You have been blessed with the presence of Christ, so that you may be a blessing to others! Peace be to your house!

*Pastor Barb*

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LEARNING HOUR

9:00 AM

WORSHIP

10:15 AM



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*Rev. Barbara  
Holzhauser*

Organist:

*Dina  
Khudayberdieva*

Secretary:

*Barbara  
Strickland*



**CELEBRATING ONE ANOTHER**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Pat Connor 12-2  
Michelle Carroll 12-4  
Melissa Carroll 12-7  
Sharon Rubin 12-7  
Derek Baker 12-9  
Lois Sherlock 12-15  
Kacy Baker 12-16  
Holly Goglin 12-18

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 19**

Terri Parker 12-21

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dixie Johnson 1-2  
Brianna Kibler 1-5  
Elizabeth Carroll 1-7  
Barb Strickland 1-9  
Fred Schwartz Jr 1-13

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 16**

Jean Shriver 1-25  
Nora Davis 1-27  
Greg Stanton 1-31

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Richard Damiani 2-1  
Margaret Salajcik 2-1  
David Ledenican 2-6  
Lisa Jo Miller 2-12  
Kali Miller 2-12  
Mia Goglin 2-14  
Fred Schwartz 2-17  
Kevin Miller 2-18  
Kaelee Drazdik 2-18  
Donna Vaughn 2-20  
Ethel Roth 2-22  
Terri Gaeta 2-22  
Ray Sphatt 2-27  
Sue Baker 2-28

Peace came to earth at last that chosen night when angels clove the sky with song and light, and God embodied love and sheathed his might - -

Who could but gasp!  
Who could but sing!

How else could I have known you.

How else could I have loved you,

How else could I embrace you,

O my God!

Who could but sigh!

Who could but shout!

Who could but see!

Who could but thrill!

Who could but pray!

Who could but praise

IMMANUEL!

Peace came to earth.

**DECEMBER BAPTISMS**

Candy Dawson 12-14  
Flo Groh 12-4  
Bonnie Gross 12-22  
Kevin D. Miller 12-17  
Katie Rubin 12-17  
Nichole Rubin 12-17  
Brandon Scott Sandru 12-22

**JANUARY BAPTISMS**

Richard A. Baker 1-16

**FEBRUARY BAPTISMS**

Derek Baker 2-3  
Richard Damiani 2-14  
David Stewart 2-15  
Stephanie Saviano 2-16  
Kristen O'Brien 2-17  
Tara Stewart 2-19  
Frank Corrado III 2-24  
Kacy Baker 2-27  
Robert Ware 2-28

**Resourcing Our Mission**  
**Financial Snapshot**

**OCT. 2010 Monthly Income**

Envelope and Loose: \$ 6,934  
Total Income: \$ 8,727  
Total Expenses: \$13,550  
Total Unpaid Bills: \$ 586

**NOV. 2010 Monthly Income**

Envelope and Loose: \$4,883  
Total Income: \$7,334  
Total Expenses: \$9,495  
Total Unpaid Bills: \$ 693

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**DECEMBER**

Larry & Jean Shriver  
12-2-1950



**ANNIVERSARIES**

**JANUARY**

John & Lois Sherlock  
1-30-1960

**ANNIVERSARIES**

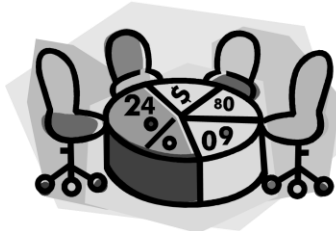
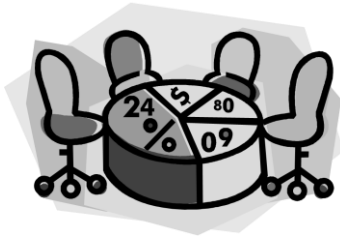
**FEBRUARY**

Richard & Margaret  
Salajcik  
2-11-1960



**Mildred S. and Elza F. Kelsey**  
***Together Again***

With sympathy we acknowledge the passing of Elza on December 26, 2010 in Florida. He joined Millie who joined the Church Triumphant on November 8, 2010. The Kelseys were married on April 11, 1942.



**OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

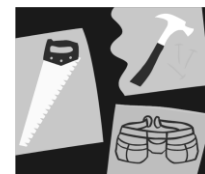
- Fall Learning Hour continues to focus on the Beatitudes. Pastor Barb will lead Women’s Retreat again this year.
- Altar Guild and Worship Assistant ministries need volunteers.
- Property installed a hand-rail on the Pulput to help readers and others helping at Worship Services to navigate the stairs.
- Community Thanksgiving Service will be at St. Justin’s.
- Men in Mission held 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Saturday, Oct. 23.
- Pastor’s Interim contract has been renewed for another six months.

**NOVEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Worship ordering two new assistant outfits. Decorating of the sanctuary will be 10am 12-4.
- Furnace in kitchen was repaired and rest of furnaces will be serviced 11-5.
- Food Pantry continues to serve 66 in Sept. and 72 in Oct. The pantry is working with Lake Co. Church Network for Thanksgiving baskets.
- Vision Sunday is Dec. 12 at 9am.
- Our secretary is working on the Annual Report also on purchasing poinsettias for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service.
- Special music will be presented at 7 on Christmas Eve.

**ALTAR GUILD TRAINING** will follow our worship service on January 9...

**Terri Gaeta**



**THE MEN’S GROUP** has decided to start up a Community Service for the members of our church. We would like to do small repairs and service for you, furnishing the labor only. Any material expenses would be paid by you. Remembering also there are physical limitations because of our ages and disabilities. This group is not to be connected with the Property Team of the church, but a group of men willing to help those folks who need our help doing small jobs around their homes and aren’t able to do them on their own.

Just a few examples:

- Changing light bulbs
- Moving things in and out of attics
- Small repairs such as: Changing furnace filters, refrigerator or water filters, minor faucet repairs, And other minor repairs.

On behalf of the Men’s Group,  
Ray Sphatt