



The Church Bell

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Worship
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. winter months
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Memorial—Labor Day
Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



l to r: Alyssa Semmler, Andrea Semmler, Brittney Wolter, Madyson Wynn, Ella Wheeler (in front of manger), Deven Wheeler, Alicia Becker, Alyssa Wheeler, Dylan Wheeler, Alex Becker



Connor Daudt, Jack Daudt and Brittney Wolter bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Christmas Program Thank You is on page 9

The Tabby Jesus

Pastor John Monson

“And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit...” (Luke 2:52/MSG).

A few days ago my grandson, Olaf, discovered the secret to extricating himself from his crib. It was later determined that his older sister had served as his personal coach. While Olaf is notably pleased with his new discovery, it has caused his parents some consternation as they now take new measures to restore stability to the family.

This incident reminds me of a story I heard some time ago of a small child who decided to act out the Christmas story. He created the crèche scene using stuffed animals and dolls to represent those gathered around the manger. As he completed his casting, he selected the family cat to play the role of the Baby Jesus. But when he tried to place the tabby cat in the doll cradle, it promptly leapt from the bed and scurried away to a hiding place. The little child ran after it, shouting, “Jesus, you get back in your cradle!”

Christmas is one of the most beautiful times of the year. It’s the fascinating story of God’s Son being placed at the doorsteps of the world—a romantic story of a young couple surrounded by shepherds and angels and a great light from heaven. It’s the story about God coming right into our midst.

It’s not surprising that we feel a little let down in the days after Christmas. Already stores have replaced Christmas decorations with Valentine’s Day trinkets and cards. Someone said, “Nothing is as over as Christmas when it’s over.” We packed so much into the four weeks of Advent. We may appreciate the quiet relief that follows Christmas, yet there is an understandable grief that comes when the proud Christmas tree wilts and sheds its needles, the joyful music ends, family members pack up to return to homes and jobs, and the colorful decorations are packed away until next year. We return once again to “normal,” the “real world.”

If only Jesus would stay in His cradle! If only He’d remain the cute, tiny, baby that we can cuddle and woo. We’d prefer that Jesus remain the Babe of Bethlehem. But Christmas was just the beginning of God’s plan. In the days following Christ’s birth the Holy Family was forced to flee for their lives, eventually to return to Nazareth where the grown-up Jesus would announce His mission. Not all appreciated the adult Jesus. He was met with fierce animosity. From the moment of His baptism in the Jordan Jesus would proclaim the truth, befriend outcasts and sinners, and call us to be His ambassadors, reflecting the light of His love to all the world. Christmas would lead to Epiphany when the news of God’s marvelous love is made public.

Christmas may be over, but living for Jesus may be just beginning for some of us. Someone imagined Jesus to say, “If you look for me at Christmas you won’t need a special star—I’m no longer just in Bethlehem, I’m right there where you are.” The message of Christmas reaches beyond Bethlehem, urging us to regard everyone we meet as one for whom God sent His Son into the world.

Jesus is no longer in the cradle; He’s out in the world in the hearts and lives of all who seek to live their lives for Him.



Missing Pronouns

You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer and even once say I.

You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer and even once say my.

Nor can you pray the Lord’s Prayer and not pray for one another,
To ask God for “our” daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included...in each and every plea,
From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say me.

Office Notes



Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. Please contact the church office for more information. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our “friends” list and to receive our monthly newsletter online or by email.

TRANSFER OUT

Brenda (Erickson) Imholte
Faith Lutheran, Becker, MN

Steve Reiter & Margie Ryan
Hope Lutheran, Walker, MN

THANK YOU

Thank you to the precious church family members who prayed and expressed care and concern for my father and family. Again, thank you for your prayers! *They matter!*
Rebecca ◊◊

DIVINE DRAMA

Our intergenerational Bible study resumes on Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. We will continue with session 5, “A People—A Mission”.



Pastor John will be away until Jan. 3. If you need pastoral assistance call the church office.
Evenings/weekends call:

Dennis Johnson (889-2376), or
Barb Anderson (363-2649)

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your January, February, March 2010 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. Also we have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

THANK YOU

I want to thank each of you that made our Swedish Pancake Breakfast and boutique a terrific success. It was because of you giving your time to work together and also giving your gifts for the basket sales. Sometimes when we try something new it’s a bit scary wondering if it will work. I thought maybe we would have 5-10 baskets and I think we had 30 or more. Believe me I still wonder where all the gifts came from. Thank you again, Ginger

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers, wishes and concerns during my recent episode I returned home Saturday (12-11) and have had many follow up medical appointments since then. I hope that a plan will soon be finalized for further care and treatment. Hilma Oestreich

THANK YOU

Thank you to Salem Lutheran for the use of your church for our Christmas concert.
Longville Area Community Choir



The 2011 Envelopes are in your mailbox and ready to be picked up. Envelopes not picked up will be held until next spring unless you contact the office to have them mailed.
Don Waldera, Financial Secretary

Acolyte Schedule



“We light these candles to remind us that in worship Jesus is present with His light and life.”

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Zachary and Andrea Semmler

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Hayley Hol and Amanda Mix

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Praise Connection
Communion Worship
Tyler and Evan Daudt

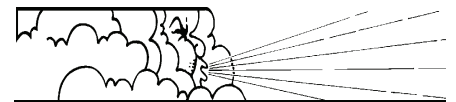
Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m.
Felicia Murtley and Justin Wicks

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Tia Lilyquist and Zachary Semmler

(At “Praise Connection Services” acolytes will NOT be wearing albs. On communion Sundays acolytes have the added duty of assisting the servers at each table with the pottery grape juice chalice. If you have any conflicts with any of these assignments, please substitute with someone else, and notify the church office.)



Emergency Weather Announcements

For notice of Salem’s weather-related cancellations and postponements please tune to:

- KLIZ 107.5 (Walker)
- KLKS 104.3 (Breezy Point)
- KTIG 102.7 (Pequot Lakes)
- KBLB 93.3 (Brainerd)
- KSAX or (Alexandria)
- KCCO television (Alexandria)

Council Minit-Highlights

December 8, 2010

“Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”
A Shared Vision for the Future to Which God Is Calling Us

The Salem Church Council met on December 8th. It was another busy meeting. During Congregational Sharing Time 2 members of the congregation asked how to go about having the worship service times reviewed. This matter was discussed and will be brought to the Worship Ministry Team meeting in January.

The council gave the Executive Committee the authority the duties of and power to act on behalf of the Congregation council between meetings of the Congregation Council. This is done annually according to the Church Constitution and By-Laws. The council also passed the revised documents: Salem’s Ministry Team Organizational Guidelines and General Procedure for Public Input at Council Meetings. Copies of these documents are available in the church office. The council established a Youth/Family Ministry Team for the year 2011. Ginger Minske is the council liaison to this Ministry Team. This Ministry Team will work very closely with the Education Ministry Team. If you would like to help with the Youth/Family Ministry contact Ginger Minske.

The Council would like the input of everyone in the congregation on different topics. One way to get this input will be collected through the “question of the month”. A question will be place in the Church Bell and on the tables at coffee time. The first question will come through from the Worship Ministry Team. Another way to get congregational input is through “Sunday Conversation” with council members. Each Sunday members of the church council will be available for conversation during coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to talk to a council member about the topic of the month or any other topic that is on your mind. The council member will then bring comments and concerns back to the next council meeting for follow up as needed.

Written reports from: Pastor John, Rebecca Waterhouse, Ardis Aagard, Don Waldera and Dave Trampe follow:

PASTOR’S REPORT

Salem’s Vision: “Children, youth, and adults equipped and strengthened as disciples of Jesus Christ using their God-given gifts in purposeful, relational ministry.”

Christmas Services. Our Advent series this year has focused on “Words of Anticipation” from the prophet Isaiah in the weekly Old Testament readings. The Old Testament reading for the Third Sunday of Advent (December 12th) contains these words, “...the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy” (6a). The Christmas Program will include lots of singing, dancing, and drama. Many thanks to the adult leaders and kids who kept the ball rolling while Rebecca was away on a family emergency. On Christmas Eve, two services are scheduled—4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service and 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service. **Divine Drama.** Our intergenerational Bible study resumes on Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. We will continue with session 5, “A People—A Mission”. **On Leave.** From Monday, December 27th – Monday, January 3rd I will be taking vacation days and a leave week-end. Pulpit supply is still being confirmed for January 2nd. For evening and weekend referral to an on-call pastor, please call Dennis Johnson (218-889-2376) or Rebecca Waterhouse (218-566-1403). **Synod Mission Support.** Annual mission support commitment for 2011.

Salem Youth and Family Ministry Report for December 2010

Salem Youth active fighting area hunger

Our **monthly food drop at Remer Elementary** took place Friday, Nov 12th with the helping hands of **Felicia Murtley** and **Justin Wicks**, Salem Youth servants. **Evan** and **Tyler Daudt** also actively volunteer with this ministry.

Youth outreach to the community

1. **Amber and Zak Nornberg, Grace and Sophia Gilsrud** were part of the music contingency during the Veteran’s Day memorial program held at Northland High School Nov 11th. Many of our Salem veterans were part of this program as well.

Youth education, faith transformational opportunities

1. Especially mindful of the current church budget crisis, **our youth stepped up their efforts in fundraising to pay for their costs to attend the Middle School Gathering.** With the combined efforts of the students, hard-working parents, and encouragement by a core group of dedicated church family members who either bought wreaths or donated, \$3000 was raised- from which \$1500 profit was earned to pay for Gathering costs. *A warm thank you to parents and church family encouragers!*

*It should be noted that **Tempra Hausken** put her full heart into this fundraiser, and indeed was the top salesperson, selling \$520 worth of product. And the kicker, *Tempra could not attend this event.* **Talk about ministering to her peers!**

2. So happily J, 10 students from the Salem confirmation class (**Evan and Tyler Daudt, Logan Gross, Hayley Hol, Shawnee Johnson, Tia Lilyquist, Amanda Mix, Felicia Murtley, Cassie Sonstegard, Justin Wicks**) and 3 of our confirmation graduates (**Amber Nornberg, Zak Nornberg, Grace Gilsrud**) attended the NE Minnesota Synod Middle School youth gathering Nov 19-20 at Cragun’s resort in Brainerd, rounding out Salem’s delegation to 16.

Pastor John, Billie Jo Lilyquist and R were adult chaperones. This year’s **emphasis was on the Sacraments and on a hands-on world hunger initiative** in which each student received a bread bag and a service assignment. This experience is **great preparation for those students who aspire to attend the huge national gathering set for New Orleans in 2012, another milestone opportunity in their faith journeys.**

Council Highlights Cont.

Confirmation classes are currently studying the Divine Drama, which involves instruction for 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of small group interaction in which our students are enthusiastic participants. There is currently a short break from confirmation classes until Jan. 5th because our kids are currently working on...

The 2010 Salem Christmas Program!!!

This year's Christmas program will feature parts for all ages, including: liturgical dances, ribbon dances, singing solos or singing with a group, signing traditional Christmas songs, guitar playing, piano playing, speaking parts, and acting parts that re-create the Greatest Story Ever Told. Truly there is "a song in the air", and excitement, too, to share with our church family as we worship and celebrate Christmas together, Sunday, December 12th.

5. Upcoming also in December: C.S. Lewis' Voyage of the Dawn Treader is due out in theaters Dec 10th. Rare indeed is a Christian movie coming from Hollywood so our Sunday School and Confirmation students will receive an early Christmas gift with this ministry! Thank you to **Sandy Roscoe** and **Ginger Minske** who are encouraging the wonderful prayer partners to bring their student to this movie for an unforgettable experience!

In addition, this Christmas season all of our kids will receive an age-appropriate copy of this children's classic, at no charge to the church. If you are a fan of "The Chronicles of Narnia", you know that powerful things happen in this magical land. Author C.S. Lewis created this fantasy world to teach lessons about the Christian faith. Aslan, his divine lion, is, in my opinion, one of the best fictional representations of Jesus Christ. *Thank you for your kindness and your prayers for my father and my family. *Enthusiastically in Christ, Rebecca <><*

Financial Secretary's Report to Council

Item 1 Summary of Pledge Cards for 2011 Pledge Drive.

- Eighty-Seven (87) individuals/families pledges for 2011. Total dollars to the General Fund is \$167,802.00.
- Seventy-one (71) individuals/families pledged for 2010. Total dollars to Debt Retirement and General Fund was \$133,504.00.
- Increase in families is sixteen (16).
- Increase in dollars is \$34,298.00.
- There were 19 pledges for 2010 that chose not to pledge in 2011. Net gain of 16 pledges.
- Thirty-four (34) increased their pledge from 2010.
- Three (3) decreased their pledges from 2010.
- Twelve (12) pledges remained the same.
- There was one (1) decreased member whose dollars were moved from totals.
- Three (3) of the 2011 pledges were by friends of visitors to Salem; (1-increased their pledge, 1-decreased their pledge and 1-pledge remained the same.)

Item 2 2011 Boxed Envelopes

- 2011 contribution envelopes have arrived. Boxes will be labeled with names this week.
 - Envelopes will be distributed to members in the Mail Boxes in the narthex. If requested, we will mail the boxes to Snow bird Addresses.
- Submitted by Don Waldera, Financial Secretary

The Last 4 Years in Salem KWh Usage and Costs

<u>October: 2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>3 year average</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Savings</u>
4,920 KWh \$336.16	8,720 KWh \$550.52	8,240 KWh \$651.28	7,290 KWh \$512.65	3,600 KWh \$319.36	3693 KWh \$193.29
November:					
18,480 KWh \$871.84	11,560 KWh \$649.96	16,000 KWh \$1,012	15,547 KWh \$850.60	8,040 KWh \$520.48	7,507 KWh \$330.12
December:					
25,680 KWh \$1,126	25,040 KWh \$1,212.76	16,920 \$1,030	22,547 KWh \$1,122.92	23,928 KWh \$1,052.56	1,381 KWh \$70.36
Totals for the year:			\$593.77 saved in 2 1/2 months!		
188,320 KWh \$9,347	203,520 KWh \$10,638.88	188,360 KWh \$11,105	188,340 KWh \$10,226	These numbers will be received in February...	

It should also be stated that the months are the date of billing origination. The actual electrical usage is the month prior. October billing for example, is Septembers' usage. Measures to reduce the monthly electric bill were taken in mid September of this year when it became apparent that serious money needed to be saved. One half of the lights were removed at several locations inside the church. 5 of the 9 lights in the parking lot were disconnected and a photo cell was replaced. Many lights on the outside of the church were removed. The heating thermostats were lowered also, causing some discomfort. If you object to the reduced light and thermostat settings, please speak directly to property management committee members. It is my goal, with your cooperation, to save 10% or more of the \$35,000 deficit Salem was facing in September! Dave Trampe Property Management

January's Special People



January Birthdays

- 1 Jackie Senst
- 2 Bill Fischer
- 3 Donna Kohanek
- 3 Alyssa Semmler
- 4 Doug Crosby
- 4 Harland Johnson
- 4 Omer Oestreich
- 5 Phil Mix
- 5 Tia Lilyquist
- 6 Tim Wolter
- 6 Dawn Hicok
- 6 Jennie Jager
- 6 Ken Schleif
- 7 Melanie Mix
- 7 Lisa Seifert
- 7 Stuart Rath
- 8 Sharon Galvin
- 10 Zachary Nornberg
- 11 Justin Wicks
- 11 Adam Frazee
- 11 Lynn Nelson
- 12 Logan Gross
- 12 Barbara Kostial
- 13 Lori Daudt
- 15 Ellie Wheeler
- 16 Shelby Lewis
- 16 Connie Olsen
- 17 Doris Schmidt
- 17 Carole Houghton
- 18 Evelyn Pflugshaupt
- 19 Joan Antonson
- 24 Sondra Elliott
- 24 Grace Gilsrud
- 25 Troy Loren
- 25 Judy Owen
- 26 Georgia Jones
- 26 Diane Wiehle
- 28 Ardis Aagard
- 30 Betty Schultz
- 31 Darlene Konrad



- 1 Connor and Sharon Galvin
- 11 Dennis & Elsie Hagen
- 17 Roger and Mary Kay Googins
- 24 Dennis and Dorothy Weaver
- 27 Bob and Donna Kohanek
- 27 Gile and Beverly Bixby

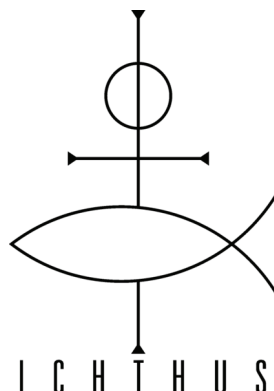


Marilyn Sjodin, Chair
 Anastasia Miller, Evelyn Burley,
 Judy Johnson, Karen Nelson,
 Margit Tormondsen and
 Kathy Callies

Mortgage Update	
Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 19,591.00
November payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,566.13
Interest	93.87
Mortgage Balance 11-30-10	\$ 18,024.87



FISH



The first letters in the Greek phrase, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be "caught" for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

Beth Moore Study

“A Woman’s Heart”
God’s Dwelling Place

Part 2: Thursdays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 3
(snow date February 10)

6:00 p.m. Fellowship and discussion
6:30 p.m. Study

Please join us for another wonderful series as Beth Moore brings us closer to God.

Martha Circle

Wednesday, January 5th
9:30 a.m. at Salem
Hostess: Jackie Senst

Ruth Circle

Thursday, January 13th
1:00 p.m. at Salem

Rebekah Circle

January 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00 p.m. Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Beth Moore Study



The Quilting Party

every Thursday
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

January — February — March

All women are invited
to attend.
No experience necessary!
Bring a dish to pass
for the noon meal.

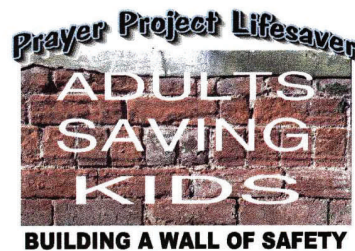
Great Fellowship.
See you there!

JANUARY RED HAT LUNCHEON

January 11th at the Anchorage at 12:30 p.m.

Menu: order from the menu

Reservations needed by January 6th -
call Carol Neuenfeldt 363-2862 or
Pat Brundidge 363-2504



Just a reminder for all you pray-ers to continue to pray for your child/youth daily in 2011. It is so important to uplift our child/youth each day.

It is always nice to send them a card and tell them you are praying for them.

Christmas programs just don't "happen"!!!

Thanks to the very unselfish teamwork of the following people, our church was able to put our children in the forefront as they dramatically articulated and acted, sang, signed and danced the story of the Nativity:

Carol Raines, for bulletin creation and know-how, scheduling assistance

Eunice Benson, organist and children's choir director

Cheryl Crosby, guitar, vocals

Laura Wheeler, children's sign language director

Super Moms, **Trista Becker**, **Laura Wheeler**, **Katie Daudt**, **Denise Wolter** and super Aunt **Melanie Mix** for advocating at-home practices and facilitating practices at church

Billie Jo Lilyquist, **Dawn Hicok**, for their no-limit support in...*everything!*

Craig Anderson, **Don Waldera**, sound techs at practices and at performance

Pastor John, a dramatic Innkeeper

Joyce and Beth Digre, **Sandy Roscoe**, hospitality directors;

Sierra Likens, **Sophia Gilsrud**, most worthy assistants

Julia Jones, children's choir director, musician, all costuming, the "right hand" during my absence

Finally, *thanks be to the living God*, who gave us all new life *in Jesus*.

Rebecca <<

Thank You

I want to thank all the children, Rebecca and the leaders that made our Christmas program very special. What a wonderful way to start our Christmas season celebrating Jesus birth. Also, I asked for comments during fellowship time and I want to thank the 9 people who shared their feelings of how they enjoyed the program. We want to hear from you and we appreciate your input.

I am looking for team members for the youth and family ministry and would love to have you give me a call if you are interested in being part of the team. I know this will be an interesting and important ministry for our youth and families.

Ginger Minske
363-3175 or cell 218-464-2793
email: vrm@arvig.net

Men in Mission Retreat

Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26, 2011

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Brainerd, MN

This years theme:

Revelation and the End of All Things

Retreat Speakers:

Dr. Craig Koester

New Testament Professor
Luther Seminary

Bishop Thomas Aitken
Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Doug Haugen
Executive Director
Lutheran Men In Mission

To register for the event go to:
nelmn@charter.net or
there will be registration forms in the office.

Do Something Special For Your Spouse

Register for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend and show how much you care. All marriages benefit from taking some quality time together.

The weekends run from Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and include two nights lodging plus five meals at a comfortable hotel. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. There is no counseling or required group sharing.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are:

February 11-13 in Brooklyn Center
March 11-13 also in Brooklyn Center
April 8-10 in Duluth

Please register a month in advance.

For more information, contact:
Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105
Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or
visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



What you do:

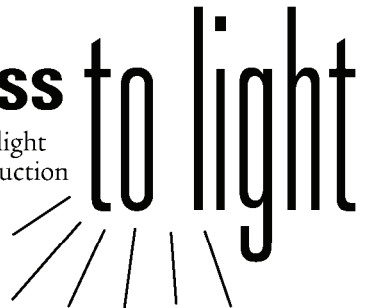
1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.



From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

1. Good	Righteousness
2. Death	Children
3. Go	Life
4. Evil	Come
5. Adults	Bad



Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV
(3)

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

Brand New

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to him who said, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5, NRSV).

Author Unknown

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 <i>Happy New Year</i>
2 9:00 a.m. Traditions Communion Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship	3 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles	4 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 9:30 a.m. Education Team 6:00 p.m. Membership Team	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Gathering 6:30 p.m. The Divine Drama 6:30 p.m. Choir	6 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study	7 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building	8
Pastor's Vacation thru January 3						
9 9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship	10 9:00 a.m. Worship Team 10:00 a.m. Music Planning 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles	11 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 4:00 p.m. PMLT	12 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Gathering 6:30 p.m. The Divine Drama 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Council	13 9:00 a.m. Chaplain's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study	14 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building	15
16 9:00 a.m. Praise Connection Communion Worship 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship	17 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	18 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building	19 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Gathering 6:30 p.m. The Divine Drama 6:30 p.m. Choir	20 9:00 a.m. Caring Community 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study	21 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building	22
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