

## “Asking for Greater things”

*<sup>12</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

John 14:12-14 (NIV)



Consider the greatness of our God. That is a great way to start the New Year. Consider the Power. Consider the Resources. Consider the Rule and Dominion and Sovereignty. Consider the Majesty. Consider the Holiness. Consider the depth of Love for you.

The Lord we worship is Creator of the Universe. Look at the stars. Look at the mountains. Look at the seas. Look at the shores. Look at the lion, zebra and giraffe. Look at goldfish and whales. Look at a blade of grass and the giant sequoia.

Listen to trumpets. Listen to clarinets. Listen to the wind and the sound of waves crashing on the shore. Listen to birds sing their wondrous melodies. Listen to the quiet night as the moon rises and wonder that God is mindful of man.

The Lord we worship is the One who made you and me with such care. The Lord we worship is compassionate, kind and



# JANUARY

## The Joyful Noise

gentle. We worship One who deeply and truly loves us so much that the Father gave the Son to be Savior.

Lost are found. Blind see. Lame leap. Redeemed.

In worship and AWE!

*Pastor Jeff*

**Prayer Moment: A New Year's Prayer**

*Lord, this year I want to change,  
and I've said that in the past.  
but now my prayer is different  
'cause I understand at last.  
I wanted my own way before,  
I ignored your loving plans.  
But now I'm putting everything  
into your nail-scarred hands.*

*I promise to obey you  
out of gratitude and love.  
I won't be giving orders  
to my Father up above.*

*I finally realize the truth  
and so I've changed my prayer.  
The safest place for me to be  
is in your gentle care.*

*Please be my shepherd, Jesus,  
that's all I ask of you.  
In good times and in bad this year,  
Take my hand and lead me through.*

*Amen.*  
– Jack Zavada

**Walking in the Word – Tuesday  
Night Bible Study will meet January  
21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.**



**Walking in the Word**

The Kingdom has been spilt. There is the Northern Kingdom, Israel composed of the ten northern tribes. There is the Southern Kingdom, Judah, composed of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. There is much to learn from the kings and the ways they walked.

Come and share in this faith deepening time together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We concluded by 8:15 p.m.

**Children's Sunday School 9:00 A.M.**

Come and enjoy time together in the House of the Lord. Through Bible reading, songs, memory verses, and crafts children will be disciplined in the Faith.



**Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School will be exploring **Who Jesus Is** this year. We will be studying the names of Jesus from A-Z. We will learn about Jesus' character and power by exploring His titles and adjectives. Join us in learning about Jesus the Creator, Healer, and Teacher and MUCH, MUCH, MORE!

Heather Lee looks forward to each week and discipling the children of Faith in Christ.

Remember Children's Choir is included in this time each week.

### Thank you from the Lee Family

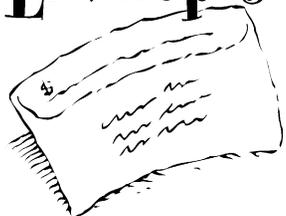
To our family, Faith in Christ:

Thank you very much for the many kind and gracious Christmas gifts. You are a blessing to us and we cherish you..

Love,  
*Heather, Marissa, Aria, and Jeff*



## Offering Envelopes



### 2014 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2014 offering envelopes for the year. Please do not use any 2013 offering envelopes you may have left over.



## Women in Service

### Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

### Sewing & Service Circle

Will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting

### Ruth Circle

Currently not meeting

### Women of Today

Will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the church.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**First Sunday** of each month is Parish Nurse Sunday. Take a few minutes to stop by the nurse's table and have your blood pressure taken.

**Fourth Sunday** of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in the container in the entrance hallway.



All information for the annual report must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**!



At the time that Christianity became the religion of the Roman Empire, the twelve days between December 25 and January 6 were known as the "Twelve Holy Days." This time was also known as "Christmastide." Today we call it the season of Christmas.

Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, also has other names, including Twelfth Night and Three King's Day. This day and the season that bears its name celebrates and commemorates three great events in Jesus' life – His baptism in the Jordan, the visit of the wise men, and the first recorded miracle of Jesus, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

The epiphany Season is even older than the celebration of Christmas. **Epiphany** means "manifestation" or "appearance," and the day of Epiphany was originally celebrated in honor of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, when a dove descended from heaven and landed on Jesus, and He heard the words "This is my Beloved Son." At that time, God became "manifest" in Jesus Christ.

The season of Epiphany lasts until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, and it serves as a bridge between the celebrations of the birth of Jesus and His passion. Since about the fifth century A.D., Christians around the world have observed this season of the church year as the time when the wise men visited the Son of God.

In addition, Epiphany is rich with the symbolist of light brought into the world through Jesus Christ. Stars are one of the major symbols that represent the season of Epiphany.

As the wise men traveled from far-off lands to see the new king and then returned to tell others of what they had seen, so we are reminded during Epiphany of our mission to “go and make disciples” and to share the Good News with people everywhere.



*February 9, 2014*

Come and join us for a wonderful cantata being put on by our TNT group during worship on February 9<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon for all will be served following worship. Watch your bulletins for more information.



Heidee Ho There FIC'ers!

As we are all starting a new year here, I have sometime to share with you. It's called "**Survival Kit for Life's Daily Experiences.**"

1. **Toothpick:** to remind us to pick out the good qualities in those around us - Matthew 7:1
  2. **Rubber Band:** to remind us to be flexible because life might not always go the way we want, but we know that our lives are in God's hands - Romans 8:28
  3. **Band-aid:** to remind us to heal the hurts and wounds of others, as well as our own – Colossians 3:12-14
  4. **Pencil:** to remind us to make a note of our blessings every day – Ephesians 1:3
  5. **Eraser:** to remind us that everyone makes mistakes – Genesis 50:15-21
  6. **Chewing Gum:** to remind us to stick with it and we can accomplish anything with Jesus – Philippians 4:13
  7. **Mint:** to remind us that we are worth a mint to our heavenly Father – John 3:16-17
  8. **Candy Kiss:** to remind us that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day – 1 John 4:7
  9. **Tea bag:** to remind us to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- So pack your survival kit now and keep it close to your hearts throughout 2014!

Later Gator.....

