

The Church in Service and Fellowship

Sunday, January 6, 2019 — Epiphany

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Education Hour; adult forum (Family Faith Formation Parenting with Sarah Morgan, Anna Wencl, and Pastor Collette); coffee in Grounds for Joy
Noon Special congregational meeting about Connections Ministry in the dining room

Monday, January 7

6:30 p.m. Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Task Force meeting

Tuesday, January 8

7 a.m. Bible Study
10 a.m. PUSH group in Grounds for Joy **10:15 a.m.** — Communion at Pathstone
1 p.m. Communion at Old Main, Library Committee
5:15 p.m. Evangelism **6 p.m.**—Music/Worship, Children’s Board, Connections Board
7 p.m. Facilities, Personnel

Wednesday, January 9

10:30 a.m. Book of Faith
1 p.m. Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Women’s spiritual book group **4 p.m.** — Finance Committee

Wednesday evening activities

Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Life in the Spirit

Friday, January 11 — Office closes at noon

Saturday, January 12

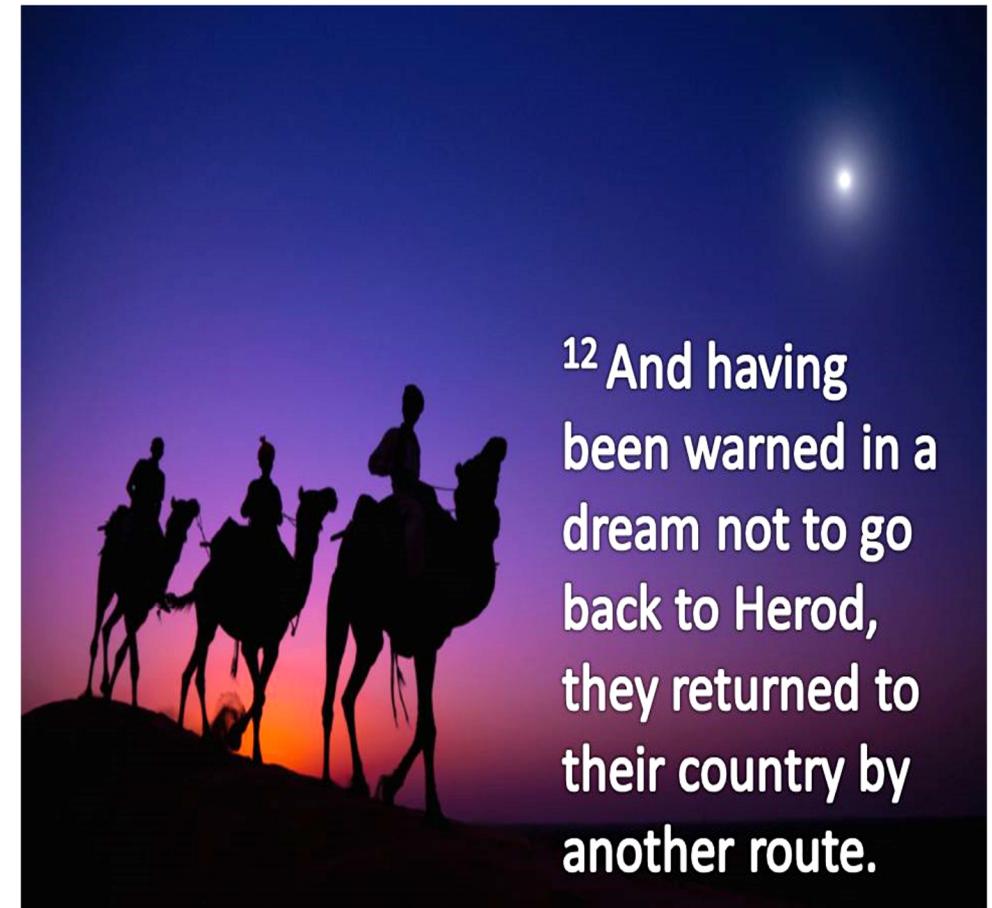
10 a.m.-1p.m. Sons of Norway in the Heritage Room

Sunday, January 13

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Education Hour; adult forum (Thrivent Financial, with Janell Spelbrink); coffee in Grounds for Joy
9:45 a.m. Greeter training
6 p.m. Youth Board

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

4:45-6:00 Supper served in the dining room
5:00-7:45 Child care available in the nursery
5:15-6:00 Junior Gospbells rehearsal
5:30-6:30 Voices in Praise (VIP) Choir rehearsal
6:00-6:45 **Worship service in the sanctuary**
6:30-7:30 Bethlehem Gospbells rehearsal
6:45-7:45 Confirmation; NightLIGHT; Catechism Club; High School Youth Group



12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, ELCA
Sunday, January 6, 2019 ~ 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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We extend a warm Bethlehem welcome to our guests and visitors! Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to explore the rich opportunities here at Bethlehem for spiritual growth and service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem, please call the church office.

Members and visitors -- please sign and pass the attendance pad at the end of each pew.

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor Jay Dahlvang and Pastor Collette Broady Grund

Readers: Ray Beckel (8:15); Jodi Dickey (10:45)

Communion Assistants:

Chuck Piehl and Shirley Ruby (8:15)
Levi Janssen and Jennifer Nord (10:45)

Communion Set-Up:

Bob Singelstad and Carl Schoenstedt

Greeters:

Melissa Wayman and Sue Thul (8:15); Wally & Brenda Boyer (10:45)

Ushers: Team 8 (8:15); Team 2 (10:45)

Coffee servers: Eunice Sassenberg and Florence Sassenberg

Church Staff

Pastor Jay Dahlvang and Pastor Collette Broady Grund

Family Faith Formation Ministry Director: Anna Wencil

Faith Formation Assistant: Sarah Morgan

Coordinator of Music: Laurie Rossow

Administrative Assistant: Debbie Leiferman

Office Assistant/Organist/Pianist: Christine Schulz

Financial Secretary: Elizabeth Ruiz **Nursery Attendant:** Marci Rossow

Custodian: Kevin Liebl

Missionaries: Mark & Linda Jacobson **Mission Partner:** Iambi SS, Tanzania

We welcome you to the Lord's Table. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by **intinction**. The first server will give you bread—please dip the bread in the chalice (dark is wine and light is grape juice) before placing it in your mouth. The ushers will direct you forward. There is a gluten-free station at the front of the church; in order to prevent contamination, you can help yourself to communion, and the server will pronounce the words. ***All are welcome to receive Christ in His meal.***

*** Please stand as you are able. ***

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, by a star you lead magi with generous gifts to visit Jesus, and proclaim his reign to all the world. Lead us to him, and with our lives and gifts use us to proclaim your love to all; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.'" ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Matthew 2:1-23

Prelude "As With Gladness" arr. M. Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness** ELW p. 94

***Gathering Song** ELW #302
"As With Gladness Men of Old"

***Greeting** ELW p. 138

***Kyrie** ELW p. 138

***Hymn of Praise** ELW p. 140

***Prayer of the Day**

Special Music Bethlehem Gospbells

Children's Message

Reading

Sermon Pastor Collette Broady Grund

***Hymn** (see insert)
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

***Nicene Creed** ELW p. 104

***Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***Peace**

Offering

***Offertory Response** ELW #300
"The First Noel" (verses 4 & 5)

***Great Thanksgiving** ELW p. 144

***Lord's Prayer** ELW p. 145

Lamb of God ELW p. 146

Distribution

***Blessing**

***Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** ELW #543
"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

***Postlude**

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
— arr. Jan Bender