

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

FEBRUARY 2022... OUR 164TH YEAR

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Sunday & Wednesday
Morning Prayer Services
via Facebook Live

8:00 a. m.

Sunday In-Person Communion

10:30 a.m.

Rector's Report

As I write this, I am watching the weather predict what could be a pretty nasty winter storm. Just last week I watched the weather on the east coast rage as a powerful nor'easter blanketed them with snow, howling winds and way too cold temperatures. Not that long ago I listened to reports of expected tsunamis heading to a great number of places as the ocean was pushed away as an underwater volcano erupted. Storms seem to be everywhere.

Storms aren't always just a result of weather patterns making their way across the globe. I suspect if you asked any health-care worker right now about storms in their lives, they would describe their experience of the pandemic. Watching from the sidelines, so to speak, to wave after wave of Covid run through the people of the world, reading about just how full our hospitals are and how exhausted the medical staff is, I'm thinking that they might describe these past two years as stormy. Storms seem to come in many kinds.

I spent some time today wondering about how I respond to storms. Weather storms, especially predicted weather events, seem a

bit easier to prepare for. Stock up the pantry. Rearrange your week so you're not planning on travelling in bad conditions. Make sure the car is filled with gas and the window-washer fluid is replaced.

What about those storms of everyday life? How do we prepare for those? There is talk now across the globe about how to prepare for the next pandemic. These certainly are conversations that need to take place. As people of faith, we have another layer of preparedness. We are in this season of light, this season of brighter awareness. As Christmas wound towards and through the day of Epiphany, we were awakened to a new experience of God alive in our midst in the person of Jesus.

The world has put away the experience of Christmas. Colored lights no longer brighten the dark winter's night. Bright colored packages tied up with beautiful bows are no longer beneath trees. That part of Christmas is over for another year.

However, the reality of God alive in the world differently is not over. Our awareness of God alive in our lives is not over. Our participation

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Holiday Bazaar & Craft Show 2022

November 11 & 12, 2022

It is hard to believe that we are less than a year away from the second Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show. **We have begun to get crafters for this event.** If anyone goes to a craft show or event and finds a crafter that would be a good fit for St. Jude's, please get their card, fill them in a little on the event, and share this information with the Co-Chairs.

We are in need of a chairperson for the church bazaar booth. If no one steps up there will not be a booth.

We need volunteers willing to work on different areas of the bazaar.

Seed money is needed! Any donation, no matter how small or how large, will be most appreciated. If contributing cash, please attach note indicating that it's for this event. If check, use memo line. Thank you so much!

We also are looking for team leaders for this event. If you're willing to be a part of this, please let us know.

Each month we will keep you updated on this event. If you have questions about the event feel free to talk with any of us!

Bazaar Co-Chairs:

Nancy Day
Lynn Hopper
Ron Trimmer

Rector's Report (cont'd)

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with God in God's work in the world is not over. A poem was shared with me some time ago and I'd like to share it with you here:

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.
- Howard Thurman

In the midst of the storms of life,
God is there, finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, bringing order out of chaos, calm out of storm. We practice our awareness

of God in the good times, those times when it's easy to point to the presence of God, so that when the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us, we can be acutely aware of God's presence.

As we move through those difficult and challenging times, sometimes it's only in hindsight when we can point to God. And the more that we practice that awareness, the easier it becomes to notice in hindsight. And then one day, it might come as a surprise, but we'll notice in the moment that God is right there, a calm presence in the midst of the storm.

I wonder, how have you experienced God's calmness in the midst of a storm?

Love and Blessings,

Tracie

MUSIC NOTES

This year February falls entirely within the Epiphany season. The Epiphany theme of Christ, the Light of the World, continues as the gospel lessons are drawn from the gospel of Luke. We are to come to Him as His contemporaries did (*Will you come and follow me*) and seek forgiveness (*Forgive our sins as we forgive*). We are also instructed to love our neighbors as ourselves (*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*) and heed Luke's telling of the Beatitudes (*Blest are they*). We are Christ's representatives in the world (*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*).

February 27 is "Alleluia Sunday," the last Sunday in Epiphany. Alleluias will abound as will put them away until Easter.

May we reflect the light of Christ to the world around us.

Marlene Weston

REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", January 25th edition

Loving God

We know and rely on the love God has for us.
1 John 4:16



The professor ended his online class in one of two ways each time. He'd say, "See you next time" or "Have a good weekend." Some students would respond with "Thank you. You too!" But one day a student responded, "I love you." Surprised, he replied, "I love you too!" That evening the classmates agreed to create an "I love you chain" for the next class time in appreciation for their professor who had to teach to a screen on his computer, not in-person teaching as he preferred. A few days later when he finished teaching, the professor said, "See you next time," and one by one the students replied, "I love you." They continued this practice for months. The teacher said this created a strong bond with his students, and he now

feels they're "family."

In 1 John 4:10–21, we, as part of God's family, find several reasons to say "I love you" to Him: He sent His Son as a sacrifice for our sin (v. 10). He gave us His Spirit to live in us (vv. 13, 15). His love is always reliable (v. 16), and we never need to fear judgment (v. 17). He enables us to love Him and others "because he first loved us" (v. 19).

The next time you gather with God's people, take time to share your reasons for loving Him. Making an "I love you" chain for God will bring Him praise and bring you closer together

By Anne Cetas

Reflect and Pray

Why do you love God? How can you show others His love?

I'm grateful to know Your love and to be a part of Your family, Father. Show me ways to creatively express that love.

February Birthdays

- 1st Julie DuPei
- 2nd Chet Susalla
- 4th Marcia Freeman
Judi Harris
- 6th Madeleine Koch
- 13th Bob Hutchins
Austin Moller
Leah Moller
William Moller
- 15th Connor Szostak
- 18th Lorraine Moller
- 24th David Freeman
- 25th Martha Applebee
- 27th Lester Jones
- 29th Jennifer Chambers

February Anniversaries

- 2nd Jon & Rosiland Burroughs
(8th)
- 14th Dustin & Meghan Rayner
(2nd)



Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

February 6 - Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer & Madeline Koch; Steve, Laura, Evan & Ella Koch

February 13 - Jim & Kathy Kortge; Keith & Loire Krebs; Jacob Kusluski

February 20 - Tracie, Dave & Mike Little; Mike & Judy Marinco; Nancy Mason

February 27 - Pedro Melchor; Jack Mills; Ann Minock



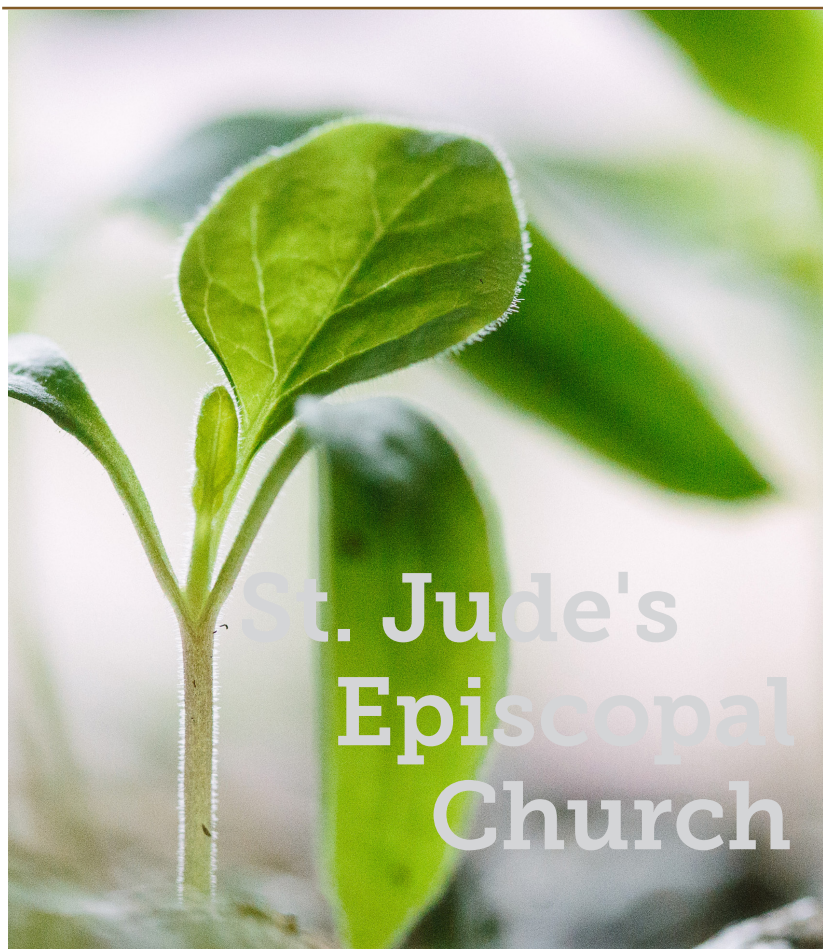
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2023

Nancy Day

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2024

Dee Grossmann

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2025

Julie DuPei

Lois Hartranft & Arlo

Clay Putnam