

Events for the week of January 5th, - 12th, 2020

Sunday, January 5th, 2020 - Epiphany Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 2:00 pm JoAnn Oelke's 85th Birthday Party

Monday, January 6th, 2020

- 1:00 pm NO Quilting

Tuesday, January 7th, 2020

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

- 6:00 pm GraceKids Supper and Ministry
- 7:00 pm Choir

Thursday January 9th, 2020

- 9:00 am Bulletin deadline
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, January 10th, 2020

Saturday, January 11th, 2020

Sunday, January 12th, 2020-- Baptism of the Lord

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am Annual Charge Conference

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WORDS OF WELCOME

On the threshold of a new year, we joyfully greet each person present at worship. May our love and respect for one another be steady and true as we strive to follow Christ our Lord.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May we follow your will rather than our personal desires in this new year, dear Lord. Make us restless until we surrender completely to you.

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

A half century ago, Milward Simpson was the governor of Wyoming. He was a Christian who trusted God without questions. He and his wife often shared this statement of faith:

The light of God surrounds us,
The love of God enfolds us,
The power of God protects us,
And the presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is.

Governor Simpson once told of flying in an airplane that developed engine trouble. Instead of giving in to fear, he and his wife held hands and together recited the words they tried to live by. The plane landed safely.

Having a positive statement of faith can be helpful in many situations. Why not create one for yourself and your family - or use the prayerful statement the Simpsons recited.

WHEN THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR US

In 46 B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar first chose January 1 as the date of the new year. Six hundred years later, the Roman church proclaimed that the new year would hence forth be March 25, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation (when the angel spoke to Mary).

March 25 was the accepted New Year's Day for almost 1,000 years. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII moved it back to January 1.