

The Friendly Visitor

January 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church

*God has called us to
Care, Share, Teach and Love
as Jesus has loved us.*



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Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and
let there be light!

We are children of the Light. Our hearts have been set ablaze with the love of Christ. The Epiphany Season calls us to share God's love with everyone. We are to 'go public' with our love of Jesus for all to see. We are to let our 'little lights' shine within our community.

Our Church is then called to shine as a beacon of light within our community. The real work of Christmas has begun. The shepherds are back with their flocks. The three wise men have long since journeyed back home. We are now called to shine – make a difference – through the many ministries of the church we now do and those new ministries we may do in the future that our good Lord has not yet revealed to us. We are called in this New Year to use our time, talents and resources to share God's love with everyone. So, we can sing out loud:

'Shine, St. John's, Shine...'

God's Blessings in the New Year,
Pr. Roger

Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year: Shine, St. John's, Shine

Dear Friends,

The New Year shines before us like the Season of Epiphany that has now begun. Epiphany means 'public manifestation.' We are now all witnesses to the public manifestation of God in Jesus. The Light of the world, Jesus, shines brightly into our lives and overcomes the darkness we experience.

So, we can sing with gusto the sacred Epiphany hymn by Graham Kendrick: 'Shine, Jesus, Shine.' Its refrain goes:

Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land
with the Father's glory;



Weekly e-news

Highlights the week's readings and upcoming events in our church.

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The Giving Tree

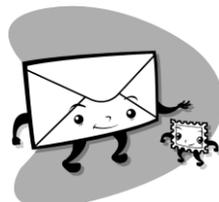
Thank you to everyone for taking a tag from our giving tree. It made Christmas special for a family who is less fortunate. It warms my heart that we have so many generous people in our church family. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Nancy Steffens

*God loves you because of who God is,
not because of anything you did or
didn't do.*

Giving Statements

Giving Statements for 2018 will be available after January 31st.



If you wish to receive a statement, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, call the church office or send a request to Carol Olivares at caolivares@att.net. All statements will be sent by regular mail.

From the Editor



Articles for the February newsletter are due no later than January 25. Full page flyers should be submitted by January 25. Articles past the due date will be saved for the following newsletter. Please submit your entries in the Editor's

mailbox or by emailing them to walter_steffens@sbcglobal.net



*Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord.*

Colossians 3:23

2019 Envelopes

Your 2019 giving envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parlor.

St. John's Website

Check out our website at www.stjohns-nb.org.



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Date	Time	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Lector	Ushers
6	8 AM	Ben Wrobel		Betsy Facione	Don & Diane Hinz, Jamie Inman
	10:15 AM	Alex Goerke	Enoch Carlton	Kelly Barhorst	Joe Tinson Sr., Joe Tinson Jr., Dolores Nelson
13	8 AM			Charlene Barrett	Vic Barrett, Colin Barrett, Jamie Inman
	10:15 AM	Nathan Wright	Kathi Bokano	Julie Lind	Joe Tinson Jr., Tom White, Mark Olivares
20	8 AM		Enoch Carlton	Jamie Inman	Clarence Huwe, Paul Meteyer, Jamie Inman
	10:15 AM	Greg Larsen	Margaret Larsen	Kyle Larsen	Joe Tinson Sr., Shirley Tinson, Joe Tinson, Jr
27	8 AM	Payton Wrobel		Melissa Westrick	Vic Barrett, Ron Custer, Jamie Inman
	10:15 AM	Evan Westrick	Owen Westrick	Diane Schulz	Carol Olivares , Bud Fox, Jamie Inman