

January 2025

Wise Men Still Seek Him

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The fourth Wednesday of our advent series was meant to be Jesus is the Light. This is something that is commonly heard in the church and this is the theme that was to be the fourth Wednesday in Advent's theme. This year though, there were only three Wednesdays in advent, with Christmas Eve falling on that fourth Wednesday. Our Christmas Eve Sermon touched on this theme, but not everyone was able to be with us on Christmas Eve, as many of us travel to be with our families for Christmas. This is good. I always did when I was a child and would travel from my home in the Detroit area down I-94W or I-96W, always a great debate on which way to go, before hopping on I-69S and the various little roads to get to Logansport, IN to spend Christmas at grandma's. So let us look at Jesus, Light of the World.

Light is a common theme in the Old Testament. The first day God said "Let there be light" and separated the light from the darkness (Gen 1:4) and in the Gospels, especially in the gospel of John. John's Gospel account opens with a retelling of creation and the fall, and with great metaphor, "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14) which was our Advent theme, but John also speaks much of light in his opening verses, as John sets the scene for his Gospel account. Not only does he speak of the word becoming flesh but he also speaks of life and light (John 1:5). The truth being the light entering into the darkness, into the world, and the darkness not overcoming it (John 1:5).

John the apostle speaks of John the Baptist as not being the light but pointing to it (John 1:8). He makes clear that Jesus is the light of the world and in John 1:12). Clearly John puts a great emphasis on Jesus as the Light. Even later in his Gospel Jesus, Himself, states that HE is the way, the truth, and the light (John 14:6).

In today's world, we tend to understand light as good and darkness as bad. Just think back on the multiple light projects we have done at Immanuel in the past few years. More security light outside, replacing the parking lot lights and then the driveway lights. Don't forget the indoor lighting project at the church and school. I have never heard anyone suggest we make it darker in the building or on the property.

In John's time some misunderstood light and darkness. Some saw them as equal. This is why John made sure to write "and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5) letting us know in the beginning of His Gospel that Jesus, the light of the world, has won the battle and by stating so foreshadowing the epic battle on the cross through which the darkness was vanquished and morning came through Christ's Easter resurrection. Come into the light, and Let the light of Christ within you aching into rhea Seek world this New Year.

In our sanctuary we have many light so that we can gather to hear the word of god preached and spoken to us. With our projectors and screens light has become even more a part of our worship. We hope and pray that our congregation, that Immanuel, God with us, may be both a city on a hill, visible to the community around us, and a light, a place where Christ shines forth. As we enter the New Year and make resolutions may we take time to ponder how we can be better lights of Jesus in the world? Redeemed and saved by grace and now living in His spirit and shining for His light. Amen.

Pastor Yonkers



SPECIAL DATES IN JANUARY:

- New Year's Day, **Jan. 1**
- LWML Mite Collection, **Jan. 5**
- The Epiphany of our Lord, **Jan. 6**
- The Baptism of our Lord, **Jan. 12**
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **Jan. 20**
- ILS Sunday, **Jan. 26**
- National Lutheran Schools Week, **Jan. 27-31**



STEWARDSHIP SPOT

Repenting of “Feasts that Know No Fast” - Fresh off the Christmas season and the retail frenzy that accompanies it, January brings a shot of frigid air into the lives of the people we know and love. This is not a meteorological statement either. While it is true that January is one of the colder months for those in North America, the cold front blast that hits us is the full force of credit card spending that fueled the retail frenzy. The bills have now come due. The credit card makes things convenient, but it also requires more discipline than many can muster. When the bills come in, it really puts a damper on things. Congregations often make the same mistake in stewardship. We often charge forward in doing what we always do or starting new endeavors without counting the cost. But at the end of the month, or the end of year, when the bill comes due, the red ink on the congregational balance sheet smacks the people in the face like a stiff north wind in January. We start to panic. The work of the Gospel suffers. The fifth verse of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) addresses this January situation. The words penned by William Watkins Reid are very needful for us to hear as we start a new year, while dealing with the bills of past efforts and expense. **“Forgive us, Lord for feast that knows not fast ...”** This hits us hard, doesn't it? We love when the money is flowing, the parties are going, and things are getting bigger and better. But there is a time in life, and most especially in our spiritual disciplines, that we need to fast. The purpose of a fast is to step back, lay something aside for a time, and replace it with meditation on Scripture and prayer. This is designed to keep us from turning something that may well be good into an idol that separates us from the God who loves us in Christ. **“For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul ...”** In “The Parable of the Sower,” we hear Jesus talk about how the worries of life choke out the growth of the seed of the Word that was planted. We know how this happens in our lives. Professional and youth sports do this. Materialism does this. Travel and leisure and do this. There is a list of things that we enjoy that starve the soul. But it also happens in our congregations. When corporate stewardship is not managed in a responsible way, it can and does destroy individual stewardship. Is it good individual stewardship to support a ministry that doesn't take its corporate responsibility seriously? **“For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.”** This is the ultimate end of the idolatry of failed stewardship. We build walls between believers within the church and hamper those who are outside from coming to the Light of Life that is Jesus. The wars we fight over money and its impact on ministry do the same. It eventually blurs our vision of what we are here to do: share the Good News of Jesus. When the wintry blast of January hits us in this fashion, we are called to repent. When the Holy Spirit uses the cold front of the call to repentance, we meet the God who forgives and restores. That is what He does for individual and corporate stewards. When the bills hit, they call us back to Jesus. He is the One who indeed forgives us our shallow thankfulness and leads us into the bounty of His mercy yet again.

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

GIVING YOUR BEST: Like the Magi, we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person. Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or worldwide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ.

-The Newsletter Newsletter

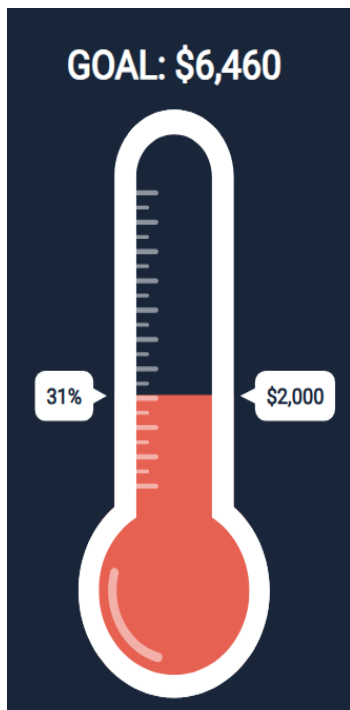
GOSPEL CONCERT: Plans are in the works for hosting an Adams Voice concert here at Immanuel the 2nd weekend in February. Adams Voice consists of husband and wife David and Charlene Adams and their four children, Emma, Johnny, Anna, and Luke. Each concert includes duets, trios, as well as the entire family sharing their vocal harmonies. Audiences appreciate their genuine spirit and how they readily connect with the audience through a variety of tunes and testimonies of God's goodness and grace. You can sample their music online at: adamsvoice.net



YOUTH GROUP

NYG 2025: Six and a half months to go before the youth go to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering - we are getting so excited! There will be four youth and three adult chaperones traveling to New Orleans via Amtrak. Departing on July 16 at 10:00 pm and arriving 3:47 pm. We will return on July 24 at 6:05 am. This will be an amazing experience where our youth will join the voices of over 20,000 other youth in worship, Bible study and service. We have been fundraising and our efforts so far are: registration has been paid, \$2,429. Transportation for round trip on AMTRAK was originally to be \$2,667 and we were able to get a price and booked for \$1,558. Transportation has been covered by a generous donation! Our remaining expenses to be covered are lodging \$3,960.00 and meals \$2,500. \$45 per diem per traveler. Fund raising to date included soup suppers and candy sales. Future monies will be fundraised by Hustle Hoops Concessions, 4 Saturdays starting in January 2025. We are planning a Glow Bingo and/or a Trivia Night. Watch for details on these fun events! The youth welcome any individual or corporate donations and checks may be made out to Immanuel Youth. Please keep the youth in your prayers as they grow in Christ!

Susan DeMoss, Director of Youth



This fundraiser thermometer shows the amount needed before we go to New Orleans in July. The \$6,460 is the cost for food and lodging needed. There is approx. \$2,000 in the youth account, so we are about 30% of the way to our fundraising goal. Thank you for your generous support!

HUSTLE HOOPS CONCESSIONS: We need your help! Please consider signing up to work a shift at the Hustle Hoops concession stand, hosted by the ILC youth. It is a great way to support the youth and get to know people from our community. The dates that need coverage are **Jan. 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1**. Pick the hours you can work and sign up at the bulletin board by the flower chart. Thank you!



GINGERBREAD CONTEST: The youth got together and decorated gingerbread houses on their youth night in December. They were put out during church the following Sunday and you had a chance to vote for your favorite one! Thank you to the youth for participating and to all who voted! Our winner was Hannah Christensen – *congrats!* There were a lot of votes on every house and all did a great job!



ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE: “The way you say ‘representative’ to an automated system reflects the real you,” a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative. Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn’t be “foul or abusive” but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I’m peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I’m not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God’s prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly. Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I’m alone* can become *God is with me.*
- *I can’t do this* can become *Anything is possible with God.*
- *I’m failing* can become *Just because I’m struggling, it doesn’t mean I’m failing.*
- *I’m not enough* can become *I’m God’s beloved child.*
- *I’m tired* can become *God will give me rest.*

Don’t stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Ladies, join us for our **Jan. 14** luncheon meeting at 11:30 am. Just bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. All ladies in the congregation are welcome!
- Thank you so much for the generous donations to the VA during November and December. Our new ingathering for the months of January and February is for the Food for the Children Backpack Program. The program, which began in 2008, fills backpacks with nutritious and easy to prepare food for students throughout District 118 who are at risk for hunger. In late 2024, this program was feeding 417 children and anticipate growing numbers. The following is a list of food items to donate. Donations can be placed in the marked tote in the coatroom.
 - Tomato soup (10.5 oz. cans)
 - Chicken noodle soup (10.5 oz. cans)
 - Beef ravioli (15 oz. cans)
 - Vienna sausages
 - Pork and beans (15 oz. cans)
 - Mac and Cheese cups
 - Fruit cups (4 oz. 4 packs)
 - Pudding cups (4 packs)
 - Cereal bowls
 - Peanut butter crackers
 - Juice boxes
 - Applesauce cups
 - Peanut butter (12-14 oz. jars)
 - Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated.
- LWML Mite Bytes: Mission Grant #5 is \$4,000 to purchase children's books for State Fair. The Central Illinois District's Lutheran Layman League has sponsored a booth at the Illinois State Fair for over 20 years. Bibles, children's Bible storybooks, Lutheran Hour ministry booklets, and water are given away free of charge. These funds would be used to purchase the materials distributed the fair. **How can you help?** Pray that God uses the materials distributed during the fair to bring lost souls to Christ. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML mite fund.



THANK YOU! The ILS Lunch program says a big thank you for all of the donations! They are greatly appreciated. Please plan to join us on Thursday, **Feb. 6** for a spaghetti supper to benefit our lunch program. Interested in helping? Please see Diana Pratt.

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Jan. 13** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts! Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. You can find a complete list of vendors at www.raiseright.com or on the bulletin board in the hall. Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line. Orders will be available on **Jan. 19**. **What is Scrip?** They are gift cards. If you order and pay for a \$100 Meijer scrip card, you get a \$100 Meijer gift card. The church gets \$3 (3%) from the program, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. There are varying rates depending on the vendor ranging from 1.5% to 13%. These cards are *good anywhere and make great birthday, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The current bank balance is \$3,014 with \$65,000 in Certificates of Deposit making our total monetary balance \$68,014. Our current project is the reroofing of the flat roofs of the school/gym wing of our building. This project will total approximately \$260,000 and fundraising should be done by the end of 2025 since the current roof has already outlasted its lifespan. We are going to apply for a couple of grants to help pay for this project, but we still need the donations of our congregation to be able to fund this project. Donations do not have to be one large amount; they can be smaller monthly or quarterly donations—whatever fits your budget. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades/renovations. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a Capital Fund Drive bulletin board in the hallway between the coat room and the parish mailboxes, where you'll find special envelopes for ongoing donations throughout the year. *"...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b.* All donations from large to small are equally appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members.

PARISH EDUCATION NEWS: Our Sunday School children of all ages did a wonderful presentation of the Christmas Gospel in December! Their participation is very much appreciated. During January, younger children will be studying the stories of David and Goliath and Daniel in the Lion's Den. We will also learn Psalm 23:1 and Psalm 46:1.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Capital Fund Christmas tree, with blue and silver ornaments, will remain in the narthex through Epiphany. All donations will be used to fund our school and gym roof. *All money received is kept in a special bank account and not comingled with the general fund for paying the day-to-day expenses of our church.*



A Message from Rev. Michael Mohr

Our God is a God of action. He heard the cries of His people, and He sent a Savior. A friend of mine at the Seminary would refer to this time of year as “Aunt Jemima” time. (This was before the recent rebranding of the popular ready-made pancake mix.) Three of the four collects for the Advent Season begin with the phrase, “Stir up, O Lord, ...” As our sight is turned forward in anticipation of our Lord’s return, as we remember the coming of our Lord in the flesh, rejoice that it is our Lord who has accomplished this work of salvation for you. Not *your* reason, not *your* strength, but God’s power and might, moved by His love. God has stirred, and you are saved. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Subscribe to the E-GatePost (digital newsletter) and monthly bulletin inserts: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>
Follow the CID on Facebook and Instagram

Camp CILCA News

Act Like Men Woodcutters: Feb. 28 – Mar. 1
Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God’s Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age.

2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry!
To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration is open - secure your spot!

Upcoming Important Dates: There is a pancake lunch on Mar. 15, The Women’s Retreat is Mar. 28 – 29, and the Annual Banquet is Mar. 30.

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

A Taste of Deutschland

German Dinner and Dancing

Saturday, February 22, 2025

SAVE THE DATE! The Men’s Club and Capital Fund are teaming up once again to bring the Taste of Deutschland German dinner to you! The menu includes grilled brats, red potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, pumpernickel bread, dessert, and a drink. Watch for more details in future newsletters and Immanuel Lights. This year we are adding a silent auction at this event! If you would like to make a donation, please bring your items for auction, such as gift cards, gift baskets, crafts, etc., to the church office. The proceeds from this event will be used for the reroofing school/gym project. Gift basket theme ideas:

- Spa Basket: Include soaps, candles, towels, lotions, bubble bath, a loofa, exfoliating scrubs, etc.
- Movie Night: DVD’s, popcorn, candy, a pizza gift certificate, popcorn buckets, etc.
- Wine/Charcuterie Basket: A bottle of wine, charcuterie board, meats, cheeses, etc.
- Bookworm Basket: bookstore gift card, reading light, candle, lap blanket, bookmarks, etc.
- Baking Basket: cookie sheets, measuring cups and spoons, spatula, whisk, cookie mix, etc.
- Game night: Board games, card games, candy, nuts, popcorn, soda, dice, etc.



WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE:

Sundays at 7:00 am – WTWO – TV2 (NBC)

Sundays at 7:30 am – WCIX Channel 3

Sundays at 10:30 am – TCT Network – Direct TV Channel 377

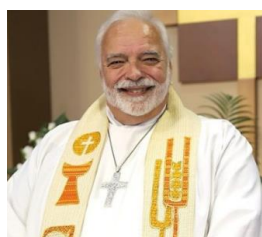
Nationwide Sundays: Direct TV Channel 377 (11:30 am Eastern / 10:30 am Central / 9:30 am Mountain / 8:30 am Pacific)

Tune in anytime online: www.worshipforshutins.org**January 2025****January 5, 2025****“Filled with Wisdom” by Rev. Thomas Eggold**

God’s Wisdom saves you. The teachers in Jerusalem were being taught by the One in whom all wisdom is found. In Christ Jesus, the Passover Lamb was sacrificed for our sins once and for all. In Christ Jesus, the punishment for our foolishness was received. We have been forgiven and heaven is ours.

**January 12, 2025****“Baptized into Christ” by Rev. Shayne Jonker**

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:5 ESV). Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan, God in the flesh, and so also we celebrate our baptism into Christ. What a great comfort in the midst of temptation and trial, sin and death, and every distress that we can say to ourselves, “I am baptized into Christ!”

**January 19, 2025****“Read the Signs” by Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

Recognizing and understanding signs is an important skill to master when learning to drive. Jesus performed many miraculous signs and wonders so we can see the signs and know He is the Christ, the Son of God.

**January 26, 2025****“Scripture Fulfilled” by Rev. William Mueller**

Jesus is invited to choose and read the Scripture reading at a worship service in His hometown of Nazareth. He reads a powerful section from Isaiah the Prophet about the work of the Messiah. He startles the worshipers with the statement, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” What? How could this be? But it begs us to examine our own lives and ask ourselves, “Are we offended at what Jesus says?”

Christ, Our Savior, is Born!

Enjoy special Christmas programs from Worship Anew. Visit www.worshipanew.org to see the Christmas Hymn program and Christmas Day Worship Anew program.

PSALMS SCAVENGER HUNT

Each day, enjoy reading the psalm. Then search for the answer and try the activity below.

1 Psalm 1
Find: What two contrasts appear in this psalm?
Activity: Write one way you can "delight in the law of the Lord" today.

2 Psalm 8
Find: According to this psalm, what is mankind's place in creation?
Activity: Spend 5 minutes outside observing nature and reflecting on God's creation.

5 Psalm 27
Find: What does David say about his source of strength and confidence?
Activity: Memorize Psalm 27:1 and recite it when you feel afraid today.

4 Psalm 23
Find: In this psalm, what are three ways God shepherds us?
Activity: Reflect on how God has been your shepherd in the past week.

3 Psalm 19
Find: What two ways does God reveal himself in this psalm?
Activity: Journal about one aspect of God's creation that reveals his glory to you.

6 Psalm 32
Find: What is the main theme of this psalm?
Activity: Pray a prayer of confession. Then reflect on the joy of being forgiven.

7 Psalm 34
Find: Who does the Lord hear?
Activity: Share with someone a testimony of how God has been good to you.

8 Psalm 37
Find: According to this psalm, what 4 things can you do instead of worrying?
Activity: Choose one action from Psalm 37 to focus on today.

9 Psalm 42
Find: What imagery does the psalmist use to describe his longing for God?
Activity: Write down one way you can draw closer to God when you feel distant.

10 Psalm 46
Find: How does this psalm describe God's protection during times of trouble?
Activity: Spend 5 minutes in silence, meditating on the phrase "Be still and know that I am God."

15 Psalm 84
Find: What does the psalmist say about people who dwell in God's house?
Activity: Write down one way you can cultivate a heart of worship today.

14 Psalm 73
Find: What does the psalmist realize after feeling envious of the wicked?
Activity: Reflect on a time you needed God's strength and how he provided it.

13 Psalm 65
Find: How does this psalm describe God's abundant provision?
Activity: Write down three things you're thankful that God has provided.

12 Psalm 63
Find: In this psalm, what does David say he will do?
Activity: Sing or listen to your favorite hymn or worship song.

11 Psalm 51
Find: In David's prayer of repentance, what are three things he asks of God?
Activity: Write your own prayer of repentance to God.

16 Psalm 91
Find: According to this psalm, what are some ways God protects his people?
Activity: Pray for God's protection over yourself or someone you know.

17 Psalm 100
Find: What instructions does this psalm give for worshipping God?
Activity: Create a gratitude list. Then thank God for each item.

18 Psalm 101
Find: What actions and attitudes can we follow from this psalm?
Activity: Take time today to bless the Lord by recalling his goodness in your life.

19 Psalm 111
Find: What does the psalmist say is the beginning of wisdom?
Activity: Think of times in the Bible when God saved his people.

20 Psalm 121
Find: What does this psalm promise about God's care for you?
Activity: Reflect on how God has "kept" you in difficult times. Then share that with someone.

24 Psalm 150
Find: What instruments and ways of praising God does this psalm mention?
Activity: End the scavenger hunt by creating your own joyful praise to God. Worship in whatever way feels natural to you—sing, dance or play an instrument.

23 Psalm 146
Find: Based on this psalm, who are some people God takes care of?
Activity: Start your day with a song of praise to God.

22 Psalm 139
Find: What does this psalm say about God's knowledge of you?
Activity: Pray, thanking God for knowing you and your life intimately.

21 Psalm 136
Find: What does this psalm promise about God's care for you?
Activity: Reflect on one specific way God has shown you his enduring love.



Serving in...



JANUARY

Elders

Jan. Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

Communion Assistants

Jan. 5 Dean Hull, Al Julian
19 Josh Christensen, Kurt Thornsborough

Ushers

Jan. **Team "A"**
Capt. Don DeMoss, Sue DeMoss, Pete Rudolph, RJ Davis, Zach Davis, and Charlie Crow

Lay Readers

Jan. 5 Dwain Dixon
12 Carrie Farrell
19 Gail & Barb Garner
26 Jan Mann

Gospel Reader

Dwain Dixon
Butch Buesing
Gail Garner
Josh Christensen

Acolytes

Jan. 5 Eli Mann
12 Jamie Yonkers
19 Kendall Wright
26 Kinley Pratt

Videographer

Jan. 5 Josh Christensen
12 Kim Davis
19 Dwain Dixon
26 Butch Buesing

Sound/Screens

Butch Buesing
Dwain Dixon
Jamie Yonkers
Jamie Yonkers

Children's Church

Jan. 5 Jan Mann
19 Jan Mann

Nursery

Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten T.
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Children's Sermon

Jan. 12 Jan Mann
26 Sue Heidle

Altar Guild

Jan. Sue DeMoss and Kim Davis

Money Counters

Jan. Team "A" Jerry and Charlotte Kennett


Check Signers

Jan. Mary Powell, Julie Buesing

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

A. 1 day
B. 2 days
C. 3 days
D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46.)



A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

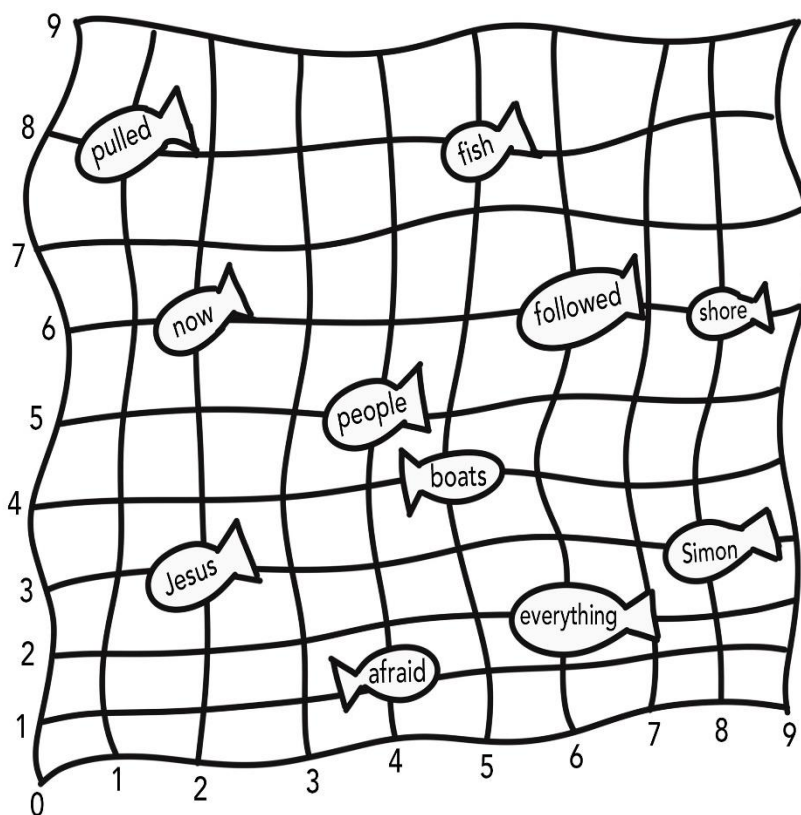
1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

PUZZLE

FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to , "Don't be ; from
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 on you will for ." So they their
(5,8) (4,5) (1,8)
 up on , left and him.
(5,4) (8,6) (6,2) (6,6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed

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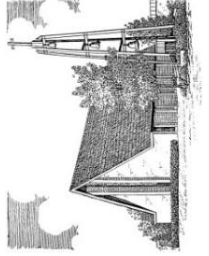
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O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to **follow you**
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.



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Worship Schedule
Sundays
Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 9:30 am
Wednesdays
Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
at 5:00 pm

Communion Schedule
Sundays
Jan. 5 & 19
at 9:30 am
Wednesday
Jan. 29 at 5:00 pm



Let the fields be jubilant,
and everything in them;
let all the trees
of the forest

sing for
JOY.

Psalm 96: 12, NIV

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