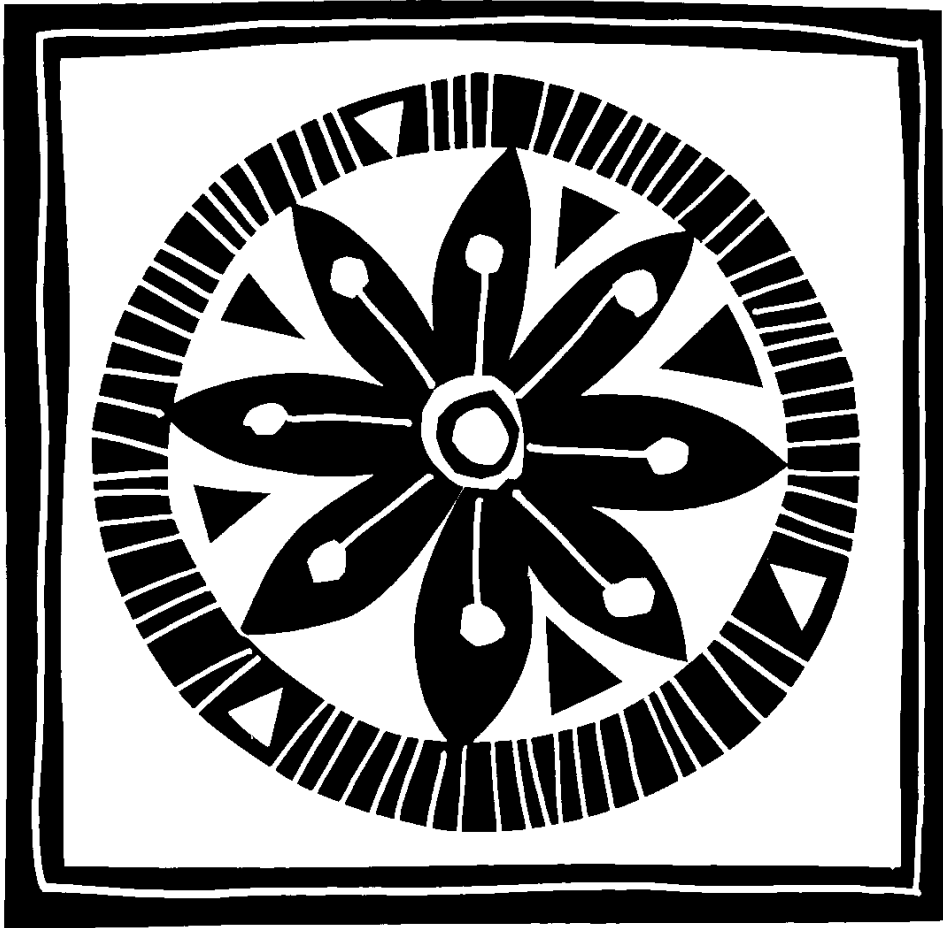


Epiphany



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Welcome to Prairie Hill

WELCOME VISITORS!

We rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us, and hope you feel welcome to call Prairie Hill your home. The page numbers for the service refer to the front of the red hymnals in the pew. You will find hymns in the back of the same hymnal.

The * indicates where you are invited to stand .

A cry room and a bathroom are located near the church entrance (the back of the sanctuary). If you have any questions about our church family, you are invited to ask an usher or the person next to you in the pew. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Pastor Jim after the service.

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

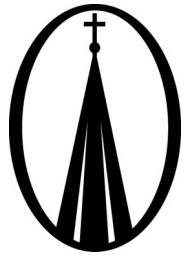
- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- It can be helpful to sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!
- There are Story Bibles in the pew—your child is welcome to read, look at, and use this Bible! (If you would like to take one home, talk to Pastor Jim).
- Teach children some of the basic prayers; being able to join in with the prayers helps them feel they are contributing too. Also, it can be helpful to explain to your child what is happening during the service.
- Attend worship often, children like and need routines where they can participate.

To those who are sitting near worshipping parents and children:

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful songs of praise.



Second Sunday of Christmas
January 4, 2015
“A Place to Call Home”



Guest Pastor

Rev. Skip Stutts

✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

*CONFESSION

*GATHERING HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old (v1-3)

#302

*GREETING

*HYMN OF PRAISE (8:00AM)

“This is the Feast”

p. 149-150

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Verse one

p. 204

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ ✠ ✠ PROCLAIMING THE WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Pew Bible, p. 649 (OT)

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

- ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
- ¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
- ¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.
- ¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

READING	EPHESIANS 3:1–12	<i>Pew Bible, p. 170 (NT)</i>
*ALLELUIA		
*GOSPEL	MATTHEW 2:1–12	<i>Pew Bible, p. 1 (NT)</i>
SERMON		Pastor Skip Stutts
HYMN OF THE DAY	Shine, Jesus, Shine	#671
*APOSTLES CREED		p. 104
*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✂ ✂ ✂ SHARING OUR GIFTS ✂ ✂ ✂

*THE PEACE

*We take up an offering,
 acknowledging that all that we have
 is a gift from God.
 The offering supports
 the ministries of St. John
 here at Prairie Hill
 and around the world.*

*We ask that you also fill out
 a worship attendance card
 and place it in the offering plate
 so that we can stay in touch with you
 You may use the back of the card
 to share any prayer concerns
 with the pastor.*

OFFERING HYMN	Joy to the World	#267
*OFFERTORY	What Child is This? (v 3)	#296
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is distributed by bread and wine in individual glasses or a common cup. Individual glasses of white grape juice are also available for those unable to consume wine.

All baptized Christians are invited to join us at the table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which we confess that we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

**✠ ✠ ✠ RECEIVING GOD'S SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠
(8:00AM)**

* SANCTUS		#473
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
*THE LORDS PRAYER		p. 154
LAMB OF GOD		P.154
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve</i>	#271
*POST COMMUNION BLESSING PRAYER		

**✠ ✠ ✠ GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S WORD ✠ ✠ ✠
(10:05AM)**

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD
*THE LORDS PRAYER

✠ ✠ ✠ BEING SENT TO PROCLAIM ✠ ✠ ✠

*BENEDICTION		
*SENDING HYMN	<i>The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve</i>	#551
*DISMISSAL		

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Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Annual Meeting will be between the 2 services on January 25, at 9:15am

On the agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Annual Reports from 2014
- Video Equipment Upgrade
- Closing Prayer

Annual Reports

Please have annual reports in the church office tomorrow on Jan. 5, 2015



Dear family of St John,

Words cannot express our gratitude for the many cards, gifts, kind words, and especially prayers over the Christmas season. It is always such a blessing for us to celebrate Christmas surrounded by your love and prayers. In this wonderful season of our Lord's birth, you have made us feel especially blessed to be a part of this family of faith.

Thank you so very much,
Pastor Abbott



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kelly & Melissa Guttenberger in honor of their wedding anniversary.

TODAY 2-6:00PM PASTOR'S OPEN HOUSE
Monday6:00PM Exe. Committee
.....ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
Tuesday7:00PM Rachel Circle
Wednesday.....1:30-5:30PM Senior's Get Together
Thursday10:00AM Naomi Circle
.....2:00PM Ladies Aid
FridayOffice Closed
Saturday7:30AM Men's Breakfast
Sunday8:00AM Service of the Word
.....9:00AM Sunday School
.....10:05AM Holy Communion
.....LADIES MEETING
.....4:30PM Deborah Circle

WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

Epiphany is Greek word that means “manifestation” or “appearance.” It is on this day that the church celebrates that God has chosen to make himself known to the world in the person of Jesus Christ.

Epiphany is the last day of the Christmas season—the 12th day of Christmas. This year Epiphany falls on Tuesday—so we celebrate Today, the Sunday closest to the 12th day. We hear in our Gospel reading for this day of the visit of the Wise Men. This story is an example of Christ being revealed not just to Israel, but to all nations.

Throughout the season that follows, we will hear stories of Jesus being shown to be the Son of God. From the turning of water into wine to his Transfiguration, Jesus is continues to surprise his disciples and us by preaching and acting with a new authority.

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PRAYER LIST

Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Linda Bryan	Howard Grebe
Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Kervin Finke
Clarence Moehlmann	Shirley Moehlmann	Lora Quebe
Elwood Oevermann	Fay Kokemor	Ella Ruemke
Pearlie Becker	Linda Schulze	Annie Gaskamp
Wilber Hohlt	Esther Dahmann	Ruby Schlottmann

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:

Kayla Rosenbaum, Lisa Chavelas, John Haarmeyer, Anne Merkel, Myrtle Randermann, Colby Seeker, and Kory Moehlmann.

Friends and Family:

Evelyn Klausmeyer	Matt Engeling	Avery Schell
Jeff Hohlt	Lincoln Foley	Trish Borgstedt
Teresa Derkowski	Samuel Faske	Glenwood Schwartz
Larry Glenz	Rebecca Schroeder	Chris Yoakum
Charles Schulte	Nicole Burks	Dan Reynolds
Allen Posey	Bonnie Scheffer	Gail Pennybacher
Nello Strickland	Jeff Schwartz	Darla Callendor
Mike Lampe	Gary Sonnenburg	Linda Oppermann
Reagan Jackson	Laura Jones	Otto Wehring
Jace Jurek	Don Dunn	Cheyenne Marie
Lillian Antkowiak	Judy Bormann	Melvin Neuendorff
Bethany Clemons	Charles Lindgren	Krystal Countermann
Virginia Fischer	Peyton Flowers	Debbie Heidemann
Barbara Bockhorn	Cindy Maldonado	Rev. Chris Lake
Jeff Ehlert	Marilyn Thomason	Esther Preuss
Mike McIntyre		

Military:

Cody Snell	Cody Paul	Wesley Paul	Hunter Ferguson
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Worship Assistants

Pastor

Visitation Pastor

Accompanist

Council Members

Altar Preparations

Ushers

The Rev. Skip Stutts

The Rev. Virgil Pecht

Linda Pieper

Lisa Finke & Cookie Engeling

Mary Hill & Betty Feldmann

Fred & Debra Westerfeld

Leigh & Jerome Cavner

8am

Clay Boeker

Glenda Stegent

10:05am

Bethany Janner

Karen Rosenbaum