



*Caring Believers Sharing Joy*

## FLOCK TALK

Happy New Year to all!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Pastor James Walburg and his wife Darlene to Good Shepherd as our vacancy pastor.

Pastor Walburg was the pastor here at Good Shepherd previously. After taking another call, they decided to keep their home here in Alexandria. Now, in his retirement, we are blessed to have them back with us again during this time of change.

If you are in need of pastoral care you may reach him at  
763.732.2781 or walb3115@rea-alp.com

## LWML

SUBMITTED BY: Elaine Buelke

Happy New Year to all!!

Our January meeting will be Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm in the Education Wing. We will have a Bible study.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Love INC Christmas gifts for a family in the Alexandria area. We had the back of Tracy's Jeep full of gifts for the family!

Please bring your Christmas stockings to the January meeting.

## FELLOWSHIP

SUBMITTED BY: Deb Hull

Greetings and Happy 2021 to all of you. We are still not able to begin hosting our Fellowship Monthly Lunches yet, and boy do we miss them. We are still meeting monthly and brainstorming additional ideas that when the time comes we can get some fun events happening together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come join us! We are small and mighty but your gifts are welcome to join with ours to Fellowship in our Lord and Savior!

Remember to smile and take a moment to say Hi to everyone one you meet- let your God Light Shine!



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## ALTAR GUILD

SUBMITTED BY: Amory Anderson

We are nearly through the Time of Christmas and entering the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Today the Epiphany emphasizes the presentation of the Lord to the world. This begins with the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, which commemorates the visit of the Gentile Wise Men to the Babe of Bethlehem. A time of great rejoicing and gladness, since the Light of the world is revealed to the nations, "a light to lighten the Gentiles".

This manifestation theme continues on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, which celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord, when the voice from heaven revealed Him as "My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." The Sundays after the Epiphany continue to illustrate the manifestation of God in Christ Jesus. The Epiphany season reaches its highest point in the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine glory to the inner circle of His disciples. For the Church today, the Word of the Epiphany season continues to bring joy and awe to the faithful.

The color of Epiphany is white, the color of divinity, purity and joy. The First Sunday after the Epiphany is usually celebrated as the Baptism of Our Lord. On the Eve of the Third Sunday after Epiphany, the paraments are changed to green, since these Sundays, until the Eve of the Transfiguration, are considered to be "ordinary time," then the paraments are changed to white again.

We continue to live under this virus called COVID, and are all coping as best we can, remaining cautious in our daily living. I would like to thank everyone who stepped forward to help us fill our Altar Guild calendar for 2021, Marian and I appreciate your willingness to do so. Please thank LaVonne Schimmelpfenning and Deb Hull for caring for the Altar during the month of December. Nancy Schmidt and Amory Anderson will be care givers for January.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY: Deb Hull

Happy New Year everyone and May God Bless You all with a super fabulous 2021!

We have some important updates:

#1- We have started a Group on our Facebook Page for our Sunday School- please follow Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Facebook page and request an invite to this group. We are hoping to make this an easy place to ask questions, or for us to communicate to all of you important updates or reminders this year

#2- We would also like to get your email address! If you have not already provided us your email please reach out to Deb Hull- we are planning to start sending emails to everyone with updates as well.

If 2020 has taught us anything it is that we need to improve or adapt things to improve the way we are connecting to our families! If you have an additional idea for communication just give us a heads up.

We also will be deciding shortly on when we can return to in person Sunday School-

since the restrictions have not been lifted completely we will be looking to continue distance as long as we need.

We are thinking we would be interested in doing a zoom with the kids on Sunday Mornings during the Sunday School time and have you pick up the lesson items during the week. We will be getting these items ready to go and will be looking to possibly start this on the 10th of January.

Not sure how to get onto Zoom? You need to go the Church website at the appropriate time and scroll down to the 'Zoom' button and join- we will let you in. Updates will be sent to the Group via FB and via email.

Questions- Call one of us-  
Deb Hull- 320.766.9753  
Denise Norheim-  
Kari Kreemer- 320.766.5551  
Wanda Swenson- 320.491.4681

WE MISS You all and are praying that very soon we can get back to in person class time. :)



# JANUARY RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY: Leandra Boysen

## Cheesy Garlic Pull-Apart Bread

1 lb raw pizza dough  
 Egg wash (1 egg mixed with 1 TBSP water)  
 7 Mozzarella sticks (string cheese)  
 1/4 cup melted butter  
 1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese  
 1 TBSP thinly sliced basil  
 1 TBSP chopped parsley  
 1 TBSP chopped rosemary  
 1 large clove garlic, minced  
 Marinara sauce, warmed (for dipping)

Preheat oven to 450\*. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut mozzarella sticks into 1" pieces and set aside.

On a floured surface, divide pizza dough into two pieces. Stretch and roll each piece of dough into a long rectangle, then cut dough into 2" squares (you'll need 33 total)

Wrap a dough square around each piece of mozzarella, forming a tightly sealed ball. Place balls, seam-side down on baking sheet making sure they all touch. Brush egg wash on dough balls and bake until golden, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together melted butter, parmesan, garlic and herbs. Brush on baked mozzarella balls. Serve warm with the marinara for dipping.



# JANUARY JOKES

## Where do snowmen put their money?

Snowbanks.

## Why did the girl keep her trumpet out in the snow?

She liked playing cool jazz.

## Knock, knock Who's there?

Icy.

## Icy who?

Icy you!

## What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum?

A meltdown.

## What is a snowman's favorite snack?

Ice Krispies treats.

## What do snowmen call their offspring?

Chill-dren.

## What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite.

## How do mountains stay warm?

They put on their snowcaps.

## What can you catch with your eyes closed?

A cold.

## What is the best breakfast cereal to eat in the winter?

Frosted Flakes!

## Where do snowmen love to dance?

At a snow ball.

## What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman?

"Have an ice day!"

## What falls in the winter but never gets hurt?

Snow.



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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### January 1

Glen Wink

### January 3

Kyle Wink

### January 4

Tom Gerard

### January 5

Andrew Bohn

Abbigail Bouw

### January 6

Hannah Roth

Beth Melrose

### January 7

Molly Simonson

### January 8

Brittney Ziegler

Ben Hausmann

### January 9

Keith Melrose

### January 10

Kimberly Nokk

Jay Kohls

### January 12

Emma Bettermann

### January 13

Kari Kremer

Julie Myhr

### January 18

Bonnie Craig

Arnold Brelje

### January 19

Whitney Gesell

### January 20

Debi Koep

Anika Haug

### January 21

Les Kruse

Larry Lobitz

### January 24

Tanner Koep

Jon Venzke

Jan Hausmann

### January 25

Trey Johnson

Evan Schultz

### January 27

TJ Schultz

### January 30

Dawn Schultz

Jenny Lenarz

Holly Gerard

Jackson Heckert

**“This is the day that  
the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be  
glad in it.”**

*~ Psalm 118 : 24*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### January 3

Allan and Dorothy Hansen

### January 4

Greg and Denise Armbruster

### January 21

Marc and Ashley Nelson

### January 27

Len and Evy Schreiber

## TRUSTEE TEAM

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

With the new year comes new leaders in our congregation. We would like to take this time to inform you of our current leadership.

**Chairman:** Henry Huhnerkoch

**Vice-Chairman:** Gary Lips

**Secretary:** Tracy Boysen

**Treasurer:** Evelyn Beulke

### Executive Board

Chad Kohls

Carol Barenz

Deb Hull

Marcia Lips

Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall.

Executive council is still in need of one more member. If you are interested in this, please contact one of the people listed above.

## We are here for *You!*

### Our Elders are here for you!

Contact us for any spiritual needs, prayer or visitation needs.

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### Who is my Elder? What do I do?

The Elder Flock lists are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall, or call the Church office.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Flock Talk and Monthly Calendar are available on the site! If you have information about your ministry and you would like it put on our website, let us know!

### Service Cancellation Information

To check for service cancellations listen to KXRA radio station or go to voiceofalexandria.com

## You are *welcome* to join us for Bible Study!

**Wednesday mornings via zoom at 10 am.**

Please call, text or email Pastor Tim for the zoom ID number or if you have any questions on how to join a zoom call!



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