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THE PATHFINDER

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Epiphany

January

Brothers and sisters...one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3: 13-14)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While I was waiting for our Christmas Eve worship to begin, I was looking around the sanctuary and thinking to myself how great it was to see so many people in church. All during that worship time, a question occurred to me. It was a little question, but the answer to that question could have a tremendous impact on our congregation. The reoccurring question was "what if?" What if all these people would come and worship even when it wasn't Christmas Eve? What if all the children who came to participate in the children's time came to Sunday school? Can you imagine how it would be around here if that would only happen?

This is typically the time of year to make resolutions. We resolve to do things differently, to lose weight, to exercise more, to be a better person, to stop some bad habits and begin some good ones. May I suggest a resolution; how about resolving to attend church more often, how about resolving to bring the children to Sunday school?

If you are interested in keeping any of your resolutions this year look to the Apostle Paul to be your guide. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul is talking about forgetting in such a way that the past, good or bad, will have no negative bearing on one's present spiritual growth and condition. If you haven't been to church since last Christmas, if you haven't brought your children to Sunday school this year, that shouldn't stop you from doing those things in the New Year. Don't dwell on the past; look to the future!

Resolutions are self-improvement for God. We want to be more like God himself. He wants to help us become more like Him. Remember, Paul said "forgetting what is behind." God is continually making us new. If you have a relapse, talk to God about it and get back on track. It's not the end of the world; God forgives.

The Bible has a lot to say to us as we work on becoming more like Christ. Making resolutions is a very Christian thing to do. By doing this we say, "I want to be better prepared for life in heaven by starting to live a more godly life right now." Since resolutions make us consider the future, the best resolutions are the ones that we will enjoy throughout eternity.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Barry

**Office hours for
Pastor Barry:**
The Pastor's office hours are Mon.—Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with some flexibility for visiting homes and hospitals. Please call the office if you need to schedule an appointment or to be sure of finding



Special Dates

- † New Year's Day, *January 1, 2012*
- † Epiphany, *January 6, 2012*
- † Baptism of the Lord, *January 8, 2012*
- † Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, *January 16, 2012*
- † Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
Jan. 18-25, 2012

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Adult Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. , weather permitting. New faces are always welcomed!

To my Family at Faith Lutheran—

Thanks you so much for all your cards, calls and prayers during my time away from you. They have meant so much to me.

Eva Mohr



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Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, a cycle is repeated many times: The Israelites do "what is evil in the sight of the Lord," God hands them over to an enemy nation, they cry out to the Lord and he appoints a judge, or political/military leader, for them. Under the judge's leadership, the Israelites conquer their adversary and prosper—until they start doing "what is evil in the sight of the Lord" all over again.

Who was not one of these judges?

- A. Deborah
B. Ehud
C. Esau
D. Shamgar



Answers: C (see Judges 3-5).

"Music is the shorthand of emotion." - Leo Tolstoy

+Christian Symbols+

"Ecce Agnus Dei"

Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point our Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



Faith Lutheran Church— has an Endowment Fund. Please be aware of this and consider it when doing your financial planning. Contact any member of the Congregation Council for information about our Endowment



January



ANNIVERSARIES

Josh & Amy Sanner	1/9/1979	33 years
Keith & Jean Ludwig	1/24/1953	59 years
Dave & Judy Bloom	1/25/1964	48 years

- 4 Brian Bush
Kathy Kagarise
- 5 Bill Robinson
- 8 Erin Bachand
- 11 Alec Cook
- 12 Peggy Suriano
- 15 Garrett Peterman
- 22 Abby Hawker
- 24 Darryl East
- 25 Logan Cook
- 26 Danielle Fike
- 29 Nancy Bolio

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Margaret Morris McKinley Manor, #115 E 2023 W. 4th Ave. SSM, MI 49783	Elma Shumbarger McKinley Manor, #119 E 2023 W. 4th Ave. SSM, MI 49783	Elma Marble 347½ W. Spruce St. SSM, MI 632-3452
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YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY - Stay after worship on Jan. 15 for lunch, Bible study and a fun afternoon of table games (cards, board games, Yahtzee, etc.) Bring a friend!

From the church office — my vacation plans this year necessitate my absence during the week of the Annual Meeting. This means that I will be preparing the Annual Report before I leave so PLEASE, get your information in to the office no later than the end of January.

Dear Friends in Christ—

Bobbie and I would like to thank you for your very generous Christmas gift. We will use it to fund our favorite musical evenings at the Sault Symphony. Season tickets ensure those special nights out with friends that we have come to treasure. They are also a great way for us to support the arts in our community. 2012 is the orchestra's 40th season and the event line-up promises to be wonderful. If you would like to join us, please let us know. Do we sound excited? We are—and very grateful too, for your Christmas gift as well as the gifts of your love and support all year long. We wish you God's richest blessings in the New Year as we continue our journey in ministry together.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Barry and Bobbie

Please accept our apologies if your birth date or anniversary date is omitted. We have found that when the database system was changed several years ago, all information had to be re-entered manually and many dates were either missed or omitted. We will be glad to correct this, but we need to be made aware (politely, please) of the oversight. Also, please be aware that we are missing **many birth dates. Thank you for your patience.*



NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:














1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatim			



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