

CHURCH *Matters*

Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 01.22 Edition



GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 6

**The meeting will be held
at the church after Sunday Worship
(approximately 11:45 a.m.)**

**The option to join the meeting via zoom
will be available. Details will follow in
the e-news, in our weekly bulletins, and
on Glory's website closer to the date.**



Council Highlights

Annual General Meeting –

Glory Lutheran Church's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 6, 2022** immediately after the worship service (approximately 11:45 a.m.).

In light of the circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions enacted by Alberta Health Services, this meeting will be held **in person** in the sanctuary and with the opportunity to join the meeting via **Zoom**.

The AGM Report will be sent by mail or email to members of the congregation. You are encouraged to read the report ahead of time and call Pat Becker if you have any questions or would like further information or clarification on any topic. If you are not able to attend in person, please watch for instructions in upcoming E-newsletters from Glory on how to join the meeting via Zoom and what to do when you get there!

Nomination committee –

Each year as some council members complete their terms, the nomination committee begins the process of contacting members who feel a sense of call to let their name stand for membership on church council. There is a need for three congregation members on council for this upcoming year. If you are moved to be involved in the life of Glory in a way that supports the congregation in answering God's call, please contact Rhonda Berg, Ellen Sitler, or Kurtis Ashton.

Furnaces for the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms have been repaired.

The **Stewardship Committee** reviewed and approved a final draft of their 2022 committee charter.

This was approved by the Church Council. You will find this document on Glory's website in the near future.

A note of gratitude from Glory's church council -

We would like to thank you, the members of Glory Lutheran Church, for your faithful giving during this pandemic! Your unwavering support and generosity mean that, financially, we have been able to meet our commitments for the past year!

The **pastor's discretionary fund** is a designated fund made available to the pastor to distribute for emergency financial aid. This fund is especially important considering the events of the past eighteen months and the uncertainty going forward. *Please consider making a special offering designated for the discretionary fund.* Every donation will make a positive difference as we take care of our community. ♥

Thank you for all the ways you find to stay connected with members of your Glory family – phone calls, email messages, meals made and shared, helping with all that still needs to be done at the church, contributions to worship services, and especially your prayers!

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any feedback, questions or concerns.

Blessings
Pat
Council Chair



Thank you

Thank you to **Elizabeth Wood** for coordinating the decorating of Glory for Advent and Christmas. Thank you to all those who helped in any way! Many hands do make light work!

Thank you to **Eunice Querengesser** and **Karen Carlson** for supplying colouring sheets and assembling new zippered pouches for children to use during worship services. These are filled with activities appropriate for different age groups and can be found in the Narthex just outside the sanctuary doors

Thank you to **Lynn Spain, Dave Hauf** and other volunteers for snow removal. This was especially challenging and very much appreciated during the last cold spell.



God's story is big enough for all of us.

Our part, no matter how big or how small, is important in God's plan.

What is your part? Is it praying for those in our church and community, is it teaching Sunday School, is it in tithing, is it folding bulletins, is it welcoming folks into our church, is it serving on Church Council?

We know the arrival of Jesus was a surprise to every human on earth. In this story of the poor, uneducated, rural and young, we meet an unwed teenage pregnant girl, a carpenter thinking about getting married and starting a family, and the lowly shepherds.

What did these people, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, do to become key players in God's movement of history?

Nothing.

They were just living their lives, and they listened when called of God.

We don't have to struggle to be used by God.

We don't have to hustle our way into His plan.

We don't have to figure out how to be a part of His movement.

He will use us.

As we are.

Where we are.

Who we are.

We, - just like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds - have to be willing to
Listen **and** **respond.**

What are you trying to do - to become - to get - to accomplish ---SO
THAT you may be used of God?

Think about where you are right now. How much more influence you
have than the shepherds. How much more education, and resources than
Joseph. How much more of the story you know than Mary.

What can you do RIGHT NOW - TODAY - to respond to God's call.

What can you do NOW - to play your part in His story?

PRAY THIS:

*Emmanuel,
God with us,
I don't understand why you choose to work
through the people you do.
I don't even know why you want to include me, or how.
But I trust that you do.
Give me ears to hear what you are calling me to,
and eyes to see the needs,
that are right around me,
right where I am
right now.
Exactly as I am.*

*I trust that your story is big enough to include even people like Mary,
and Joseph, and the shepherds, and me.*

Amen



To see how you can serve at church, contact any of your
council members through the church office
at glory.office@glorylutheran.ca

*Adapted and modified with permission. Advent Week 4: LIVING
CONTENTMENT article written by George Watts. (Tim and Paul Berg's cousin.)
George and his family are living in Rwanda, Africa doing God's service under
the support of Serge Missions.*

Message from Pastor Markus

January 2022

A Changed Perspective

An epiphany is a moment of clarity, of insight, and a new perspective. When Jesus showed up at the Jordan river to be baptized, the sky opened up, the Spirit came down and a voice called him “My beloved Son”. When Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding, “he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.” When Jesus was on the mountaintop with his three disciples, a cloud enveloped them and he talked with Moses and Elijah. Again, a voice said, “This is my Son, listen to him.” John the Baptist, the guests at the wedding, and the three disciples all had their perspectives on Jesus changed by their experiences. They had epiphanies.

The two years since the start of the pandemic has changed our perspective on many things: faith, church, life, health, death, disease, government, industry, healthcare, medicine, essentials, time, family, friendship. These things have taken on new, different meanings in our world. Meaning changes with context. Marriage and family feels different under lockdown. School, sports, dating: they work differently under restrictions. Masks change what we see of each other.

The epiphanies occasioned by the changes in our every day lives are matched by the epiphany of God in Jesus Christ. Jesus gives us the view of God from below, as opposed to from above. God is among us, below us, beside, behind and before us. Jesus allows us to see God in a new way - “unmasked”. Jesus changes our perspective on God.

And Jesus changes our perspective on the other. The other is me. I am the other. “As you did it to one of these...”, the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the sick, the imprisoned... “you did it to me”, Jesus tells us.

There is even a change of perspective on the virus. The omicron does not have the last word. Jesus does. He is the Omega. The big OMG, who carries our diseases, and by whose bruises we are healed. But that’s already going beyond the season of Epiphany.

This is Epiphany. A change of perspective that looks at the world in the light of God’s glory in Jesus. Lent is coming, and then Easter. The light will continue to shine, and the darkness will not over come it. Thanks be to God!

Pr. Markus

WELCOME

*New Member
Sunday*

During Worship Service
February 13, 2022



SHHHHH— THE GARDEN IS SLEEPING!



“Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.” – Barbara Winkler

A garden in the winter is a sure sign of faith – faith that out of a cold and barren vista, beauty springs forth in a riot of colours, fragrance, memories, and anticipation of new life.

Few things can rival the joy of sharing time in a garden with an old friend, with a young child, and with memories of our loved ones. Look around a garden as the seasons change and you will see God’s creation in beauty upon beauty emerging from its cocoon.

We are excited that in just a few short months, work on the Glory Garden will get underway!

First and foremost, we are thankful for the prayers of support and for the words of encouragement as the plans have been developed. It has been exciting to see things come together!

We are also coming to the end of the formal fundraising effort. We are thankful for each donation received, no matter the size.

If you have been planning to make a donation but have yet to do so, please consider making it before the end of January. Donations will continue to be received after the end of January but having a firm number in place will assist the Planning Committee in finalizing plans for the work to be started in the spring.

If you have unanswered questions about the garden or the fundraising effort, please reach out to Rita Spain (780-953-9665) or Ellen Sitler (780-604-5970)

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)



Did you know we have a Prayer Chain at Glory?

The Prayer Chain at Glory is available to anyone wishing to send or receive prayer requests. It is private and confidential. Members with or without e mail are welcome.

Please contact Donna Dawson at dawsondl@shaw.ca for details.

PRAYER IS...

- ◆ Prayer is speaking and listening to or resting in God.
- ◆ Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.
- ◆ Have a definite time and place for prayer; anytime is ok too.
- ◆ Pray in a quiet spot, where you can be alone; anywhere is ok too.
- ◆ Get help from the prayers of others as in prayer books; free prayer is ok too.
- ◆ Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell Him what is in your mind.
- ◆ Pray remembering the good things God has done for you.
- ◆ Review your blessings from time to time and give thanks for them in prayer.
- ◆ Pray for God's forgiveness, for the unworthy things that you may have done -- with a humble and contrite heart.
- ◆ Pray for the things that you need, especially those that will make your life more Christ-like.
- ◆ Pray for others, remembering the situations they confront and the help they need.
- ◆ Pray for the world in its needs, asking God to bring better things -- and offering your help to Him.
- ◆ Pray about everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world -- His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.
- ◆ Pray and then start answering your prayer -- with thought, care, sympathy, understanding, and humility. Prayer helps create the mood in which a miracle can happen.
- ◆ Prayer will calm our fears, renew our hope, and open the way to a new day, a new life, a new rebirth, a new strength.

~Gary Nickel/adapted from a short article, "Personal Prayer", ARC 1999, by George Poulos Pr/CT

Our *Spiritual* Journey

A Message from Pastor Nickel

Our SPIRITUAL JOURNEY always involves **BELIEF and FAITH**.

And right from the start, the Holy Spirit is trying to help -- from our very beginning.

For me, out of my blessings and beliefs and faith, I wanted to help others, and one

option was to become a pastor -- belief and faith came first, then my response.

Not excitement city?! Belief and faith CAN bring us understanding and open new

and interesting directions for our faith journey.

BELIEF is a key to our Spiritual Journey -- it involves several things, including

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1- Learn what you can from the best possible sources. Learn from history, including people past and present who express their beliefs and faith so well. Learn from the Bible in study, prayer and devotion. Seek good Bible Commentaries and some of the great writings of Christians through the centuries. Pray for guidance.

Choose and work with the best resources. Seek and find good advice and information. We're now careful of who's talking or offering advice out there including on lots of social media and some tv. Now we ask: HOW DO YOU KNOW something is true?

Remember that even religion has both its shysters and its saints. Find the people or the writings that you trust or that are unbiased or are truly well-informed. The wise Voltaire said many, many years ago that in 100 years the Bible would be found only in museums; today, Bible Societies work and sell Bibles from his house -- he was smart but wrong.

Being careful what YOU believe, we start with an open mind, not a closed one. Nobel Prize-winning Professor Kahneman confirmed that:

WHEN PEOPLE BELIEVE A CONCLUSION TO BE TRUE, THEY ARE ALSO VERY LIKELY TO BELIEVE ARGUMENTS THAT APPEAR TO SUPPORT IT, EVEN WHEN THESE ARGUMENTS ARE UNSOUND.

That can happen to any of us if we are not careful. I know of people who were prejudiced against Blacks but had never seen one in person.

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2- So, BELIEF; next -- **Check your understanding with that of others.** Compare. Check. Ask. Seek. Look within the richness of the Community of Faith, the Church.

The Bible in Colossians 1:22-28 tells about belief, about continuing in our faith, and about having firm foundations and hope -- with the center focus in the Gospel.

3- **Act upon it.** To have faith is not merely to keep it in our minds. Respond with it by *living it* in what you do, how you live, how you relate to others. Let your belief and faith determine how you live.

4- **Check how you feel!** How do you "know" something? Really?! How do you feel about that certain something. In some parts of the world, we see people following some groups who seem to be motivated by fear!, or, fear and anger. We see, in fear some people turn to God to keep from going to hell; or some fear that God won't love them if they do wrong things. ...Where's God's love in that?

If you believe something in faith, do you feel the love of God as expressed through Jesus Christ, God's Son who was willing to die for us because he loves you and me?

Do you feel God's love as the result of what you believe?

Rather than despair, loss, feeling alone, do you feel life, love, and Hope?!

5- **Share what you have discovered/learned/believe.** Start with a prayer to help you share God's love.

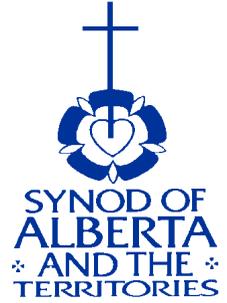
BELIEF AND FAITH INCLUDE something you think and feel and something you do. It can thrive on study and thought, and on "doing".

Want help? Know someone needing help? Can someone from the church help you or others? Please let us know...We are here for you.

Yours, Together in Christ,

~Gary Nickel

Bishop's Message - January 2022



Dear friends and family in † Christ--

So here we are. We celebrated the coming of the Christ child into the world. Worshipped with candlelight and carols, smiles (even through masks) and family (however that may have looked).

It has been and continues to be my favorite time of year. And even during the pandemic, now edging itself towards the completion of its second year, the power of this season cannot be masked. It is a season of hope that cannot be denied. Hope echoes repeatedly as John triumphantly proclaims, that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5, NRSV).

This common translation of the text seems to pit the darkness against the light, indicating that these two forces have always been locked in struggle with each other. That is often how we view the light and the dark, good and evil, as two diametrically opposed forces that are constantly struggling against each other. That is how our faith has often been taught to us. God against the devil, good against evil. War raging for the very soul of creation. And though there is a great deal of truth to that image, how that conflict plays out may look different than what we expect.

I recently encountered another translation, one that seemed to change the focus of this text. The text reads,

† · The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it .
kai ho phōs phainō en ho skotia kai ho skotia katalambanō ou katalambanō autos

(Mounce Reverse Interlinear New Testament). I had not heard that translation before.

The darkness did not understand the light. What does that mean?

I often think of our belief that good is warring against evil. It is common language, and it has been used as a justification for many terrible things done in the name of Christianity. The crusades, the residential schools, the wars against believers who “corrupted” the pure faith are all examples of such acts. We insert the word “warrior” into a lot of things to do with our faith. We take passages from books like Ephesians, which references the armor of God, and talk about how we need to arm ourselves against the dark.

A video game in a local Christian bookstore was like a Dungeon and Dragons style role playing game. The goal was to find and use the armor and sword of God, again derived from Ephesians, to defeat the evil one. Both were patterned after the Roman armor of Paul's own day and age, an inherently war like empire that had known more years of war than of peace throughout its 1000-year history.

Many find comfort in this image of warring against the principalities of evil and being guarded by God in the process. But I harken back to this interpretation of John from Mounce Reverse Interlinear New Testament and wonder if there is a little bit more to it.

For me, comprehend means to understand and so this text would seem to be saying the light has come into the world, and the darkness cannot understand it. Something about the light, the way it shines, confounds the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it because this light, this Christ, is so different from anything it has ever encountered that the darkness just doesn't understand.

The darkness is about hate and exploitation, about harm and destruction. It is about breaking people's relationship with God and with each other. It is about chaos and a destruction of all that is beautiful and good in God's creation. The light, Christ, is about love and restoration, about healing and the end of warfare. Christ is about healing the relationship between ourselves and God, with each other as part of God's creation.

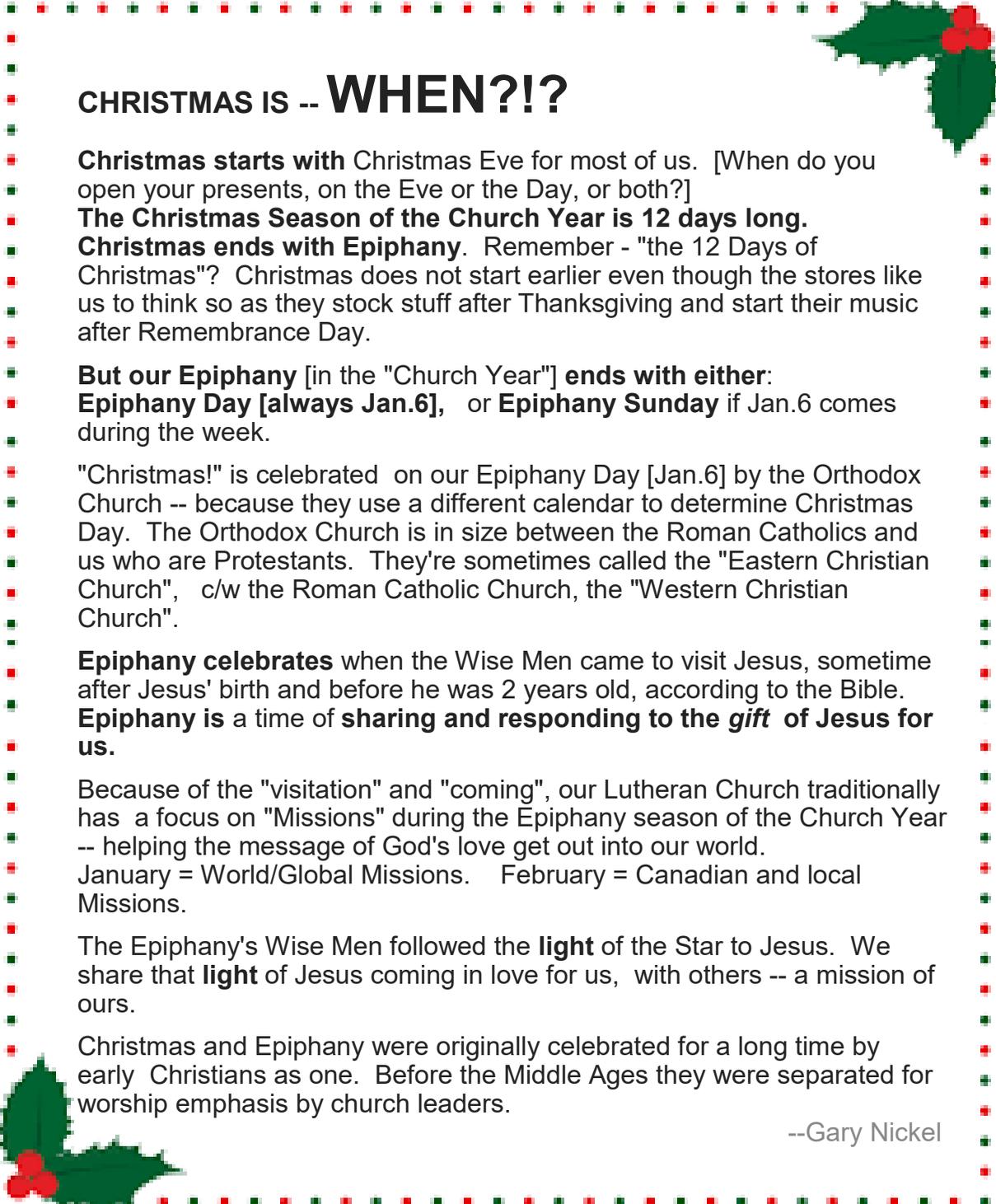
And Christ does not seek to win the day with the same means as the darkness. Jesus wields no sword and bears no shield. His way is the way of God's peace and love, and it stands in direct opposition to the darkness, so much so that the darkness cannot comprehend it. The love Jesus shows is a love that is contrary to everything that hate and greed and the worst forces in our world represent, and the darkness is befuddled and confused by the light. It cannot overcome it. It cannot begin to understand it.

My daughter loved the movie 'Frozen' when it first came out. Two sisters left orphaned; one of them with mystical powers to freeze things, which she cannot control, and of which she is terrified; the other full of life and a desire to fully engage in life; talking snowmen; and the apparently incessant sound of 8-year-olds singing "Let It Go". Cinematically, the film was a triumph for Disney's animation team. Throughout the movie, Anna is struggling to heal a broken relationship; her sister Elsa is struggling with the fear of her uncontrollable power. The message throughout the movie is that 'True love can melt a frozen heart'. At the climax of the movie, Anna performs that selfless act of love that brings healing to the frozenness – The Act of True love melts the Frozen Heart'.

Think about the moments that changed the world. On one hand, we have the acts of love. Mary said "yes" to God and she and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem to bring the Saviour of the world into that world. She was not a person of power, nor did Jesus grow up as an influential member of society. But God chose that way to work into the world. Or think of people like the disciples, or Paul, who stood even against the empire to declare their message of the Gospel. We wouldn't be here, celebrating, if they had not done this. Or the works of others, like Martin Luther King Jr., or non-violent protestors that altered the fabric of society for the better. Their legacies are legacies of love and have given us hope, God's hope, by which to live.

Thus, when we say the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it, it is not simply a statement of trust or a defiant statement to the powers and principalities of darkness. It is a faith statement. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not comprehend it. As people of the light, our way forward is a different way. It is God's way. To state these words is to say that as children of the light, our path will take us down very different avenues.

The light shines on us, as we sing our praise to the light of this world, the love of our lives, Jesus the



CHRISTMAS IS -- **WHEN?!?**

Christmas starts with Christmas Eve for most of us. [When do you open your presents, on the Eve or the Day, or both?]

The Christmas Season of the Church Year is 12 days long.

Christmas ends with Epiphany. Remember - "the 12 Days of Christmas"? Christmas does not start earlier even though the stores like us to think so as they stock stuff after Thanksgiving and start their music after Remembrance Day.

But our Epiphany [in the "Church Year"] **ends with either:**

Epiphany Day [always Jan.6], or **Epiphany Sunday** if Jan.6 comes during the week.

"Christmas!" is celebrated on our Epiphany Day [Jan.6] by the Orthodox Church -- because they use a different calendar to determine Christmas Day. The Orthodox Church is in size between the Roman Catholics and us who are Protestants. They're sometimes called the "Eastern Christian Church", c/w the Roman Catholic Church, the "Western Christian Church".

Epiphany celebrates when the Wise Men came to visit Jesus, sometime after Jesus' birth and before he was 2 years old, according to the Bible.

Epiphany is a time of **sharing and responding to the gift of Jesus for us.**

Because of the "visitation" and "coming", our Lutheran Church traditionally has a focus on "Missions" during the Epiphany season of the Church Year -- helping the message of God's love get out into our world.

January = World/Global Missions. February = Canadian and local Missions.

The Epiphany's Wise Men followed the **light** of the Star to Jesus. We share that **light** of Jesus coming in love for us, with others -- a mission of ours.

Christmas and Epiphany were originally celebrated for a long time by early Christians as one. Before the Middle Ages they were separated for worship emphasis by church leaders.

--Gary Nickel



GLORY 50 PLUS

Glory 50 Plus Staying Connected

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, Glory 50 Plus has been unable to meet. Individuals have tried to stay connected with a few outdoor gatherings while recognizing those who celebrated milestone birthdays. Sometimes it rained, cutting the gatherings short. Other times the sun shone so we could gather social distanced in a backyard or outside the church. We even huddled - apart, of course - in a garage on a very cool day.

Thank you to those who volunteered to come masked with their best singing voices, to those who brought cupcakes, and to those who visited eagerly to restore our energy and fulfill our need for fellowship.

Special thanks to **Delores Friske** for continuing to be our Sunshine Custodian - faithfully sending birthday, anniversary, and get well cards to those who attend Glory 50 Plus.

We have tentative plans to meet in March 2022. Decisions will be made based on the progress or decline of this new Omicron variant. Meanwhile, you are invited to stay connected with your Glory 50 Plus friends - pick up the phone and call those you have not seen or heard from lately.

Best wishes to everyone for a hope-filled 2022.

Marjorie Zelent
Chair, Glory 50 Plus

Effective immediately, the Glory Lutheran Church Office email is:

glory.office@glorylutheran.ca

To ensure you continue to receive our enews and congregational announcements, kindly add the new email address to your address book and delete the old telus.net email address. Please check your Spam and/or Junk folder(s) and if you find an email from Glory, **mark it as NOT SPAM or NOT JUNK.**

The old email account is no longer being monitored.

HELP WANTED

Do you want to make a difference in a child's faith life?

Do you have a willingness to support our children in their faith journey with love, compassion, and patience?

If so, Sunday School is for you!

Glory Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers for the following roles:

**Sunday School Coordinator(s)
Teachers and Assistants**

QUALIFICATIONS: A sincere desire to positively impact the lives of children and to share God's word!

You need not be a biblical expert!

Persons of all ages (from confirmed youth to long-time members) are encouraged to get involved.

Contact: Greg Jeffrey
greg.jeffery@ata.ab.ca

Commencement date is to be determined, dependent on congregational comfort with the state of the pandemic after resuming in-person worship and the filling of these roles.

Service Volunteers Needed!

Greeters: Greet people at the door with a smile.

Ushers: Distribute service bulletins, assist with distanced seating, count attendance, secure offering, collect bulletins.

Please sign up on the calendar on the easel stand in the Narthex at church or contact the office.

Children's Time Story Tellers: *To volunteer, please contact Rhonda Berg. 780-440-6682 bergsdownunder@gmail.com*

Counters: *To volunteer to help count the offering after service on Sundays (usually 1 Sunday per month), please contact Chelsea Ashton. 780-435-5998 kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com*

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Glory Nomination Committee welcomes you to consider volunteering for Church Council - to share in the joy of being elected by the congregation to provide guidance for a three year term; to deliberate and make decisions about the policies, practices and plans for the future of our church.

Council is guided by our constitution and is responsible for specific areas of church life -- such as Youth & Children, Worship & Music, Education, Finance & Stewardship, Congregational Life, Property & Facilities, Community Outreach as well as the care, support and encouragement of our pastor.

CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR: Our council chair and vice chair maintain oversight of the council and have general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation. Together, with council, they are responsible for ensuring that everything is done in accordance with the word of God, the faith and practises of the ELCIC, the constitution, bylaws, resolutions, purposes and principles of Glory Lutheran Church.

PASTOR: Pastor Markus is the voice of spiritual leadership and wisdom at Council meetings and participates in a consultative role. A Mutual Ministry committee provides care for the well-being of the Pastor.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: The Worship Committee works tirelessly to provide worshipful experiences for you through readings, music, the altar guild, children's stories and visual arts.

FACILITY EVENTS: The Facilities Committee is responsible for the promotion and rental of the facility space. Our facility provides opportunities for others (both from our congregation and the community) to gather for many occasions.

CREATION CARE: The creation care team loves our earth and feels this life in the dirt under their bent knees! The blessing of a land site to honour and serve God goes far beyond the 44 acres and spreads into areas such as recycling, conscientious use of lighting, etc.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: This committee provides leadership in ministries which deepen the spiritual life and support the care & well being of the congregation including supporting outreach, work groups, guest speakers and the many special events that bring joyous fellowship to our congregation.

PROPERTY: The property committee works hard in all areas of our property making it safe for all to enjoy. The property team oversees the lawn care, painting, wiring, etc needs of our church.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: The stewardship committee provides leadership in the management of the congregational funds. Their strong, confident financial understanding and creative energy results in the congregation stepping out in faithful giving. The Finance team oversees audits, maintaining the church funds, and budget preparation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: This committee focuses on programs that will reach out to those both within and outside of our congregation. They focus on initiatives that extend our care in various ways to the less fortunate of our community or world.

EDUCATION: This committee has a special responsibility for providing leadership in adult and children's education - to assist persons to grow in grace, faith and knowledge. This includes Vacation Bible School, supporting, recruiting, motivating and equipping Sunday School teachers and superintendents.

ALL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES: The council needs the leadership of members who are willing, not only to give of their time and thoughtful opinion, but also to make, at times, difficult decisions and even risk a little criticism from other members. They are accountable to the Church Body through scheduled and special congregational meetings. Council meets monthly, at emergency meetings should the need arise, as well as participate in an annual planning retreat to appraise the present state of the church and clarify its near and long range future plans.

Prospective council members need not have experience in church leadership. (Here is where you get that experience.) There is no race, gender or age requirement (other than being confirmed and with mature judgment). There is no education, career or financial qualification. Genuine faith and willingness to speak and work for the glory of God is what we need and ask for.

Church members who have a genuine love for Jesus Christ and HIS church; who are concerned about God's will and the mission and direction of their church; and who are willing to speak up and work for the betterment of this community, the family of faith called Glory Lutheran Church, are all potential candidates for council.

During the next couple of months, we will be reaching out to several in our congregation to ask for your consideration and consent to have your name stand to be elected to Glory's Congregational Council.

Many blessings, Rhonda, Ellen, Kurtis, Pat & Pastor Markus

If you are asking yourself "*Should I consider being a candidate for council?*" feel free to talk with anyone on the Congregation's **Nomination Committee** for more info:

Rhonda Berg (780-449-6682)

Ellen Sitler (780-604-5970)

Kurtis Ashton (780-435-5998)

Pastor Markus (780-416-9594)

Pat Becker (780-998-5345)



Finance Corner



How many times in the last couple of weeks have you written down last year's date instead of 2022?? Or are you tired of paying fees to the bank to order personal cheques time and time again?

Well, we have a solution for you!!

Consider signing up for **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** with Glory and you will never again have to worry about wasting another cheque or paying more bank fees to share your gift with us!

Please contact our Financial Secretary, Chelsea Ashton, for more information or to sign up. kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com
OR call (780-435-5998 (home), 780-984-7411 (cell).

**Update for
January 1 to
December 31, 2021:**

Actual Offering*:	\$291,437.00
Budget Offering Goal*:	\$302,706.00
Short by	\$ -11,269.00

*(General Fund & Capital Building Fund)

Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

If you need any help with giving options (envelopes, PAR, e-transfer or Canada Helps) please contact the church office.



Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please note that Heidi may be working from home.
Email and phone calls will continue to be answered during office hours. Please call the office if you would like to visit the church.

OFFICE
HOURS



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