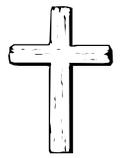




Voice of One In Faith Parish



January 2021

One in Faith Parish

St. Paul 8:30 a.m.
Hope 10:30 a.m.

St. Sebald 8:30 a.m.
St. John..... 10:30 a.m.

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"I am about to do a new thing. now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:18-19

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The story is told of a little boy on his birthday. His mom and dad planned a terrific party for him complete with lots of friends, lots of presents, a clown that came to do magic tricks, a jumping castle and a rubber ball crawl in the backyard topping the day off with a supper with all his favorite foods and of course cake and other wonderful sweets. When his parents tucked him in that night, his eyes still wide on a sugar high, he asked, "Now what, Mom and Dad?" "What are we going to do tomorrow?"

So you've bought and wrapped the presents. You've sent off all your Christmas Cards (notice I said, "you" not "me?" 😊). You've made the many dozens of Christmas cookies and visited with the neighbors across the street (from 6 feet). You called up a few others to see how they're doing and chat awhile. You did your volunteer work at church or at Shepherd of the Hills and made your end-of-year donations to your church and those Charities you like to support. You finished that wood working project for your granddaughter and knit that scarf for your friend. You made sure you got your other presents wrapped and sent off on time. You opened up your presents and watched your family members with joy on Zoom open up the gifts you sent them. You ate your wonderful ham and potatoes or turkey and stuffing or meatballs and lefse for Christmas dinner and enjoyed some of those Christmas cookies

yourself. You even squeeze in a couple of your favorite Christmas movies.

You've engaged in Christmas Eve worship, likely online. Maybe you were at a parking lot service or sat in a pew (hopefully masked and distanced). Maybe you had lovely a quiet time of reading the Christmas story, lighting candles and singing some Christmas carols together at home.

Then you sat around in the glow of it all for a few days before you started reflecting and asked, "Now what?"



Now that all those rushed preparations and all that celebrating is over, "Now what?" Now that we're looking at a New Year, now what?

Well there's a large part of 2020 that we'd just as soon not have to do over again; the illness and death of loved ones and friends, having to rethink what feels like how

we do just about everything, frustration with the “gift” of technology which is definitely wonderful when it works, not so wonderful when it doesn’t - or when the operator doesn’t.

At the same time, there are some things that I know I learned and many of you did too. I learned how important my relationships with family and friends are and that I need to take care of those. I learned how to be more creative with worship, to use technology a bit more effectively and probably most importantly that God lives vibrantly outside the “God box” of our church buildings. God definitely lives there too but our Creator is really active OUT in our communities, in our parks, on our streets, among our health care workers and among you, dear people!

So, “What’s next?” “Now what? What is God calling us to do and to be? How is God calling us to respond to his presence in our communities, in our world and in our lives, even amidst the dry, rocky soil it feels like God may have planted us in?”

Well, for starters, I think we can build on what we’ve learned in this last year. What new things we did as regards worship and devotional and prayer life do we want to keep? Which of our attitudes and experiments revolving around worship and Bible study and Vacation Bible School and Sunday School are solid and which could use a change?

“Now what?” Well, what did Mary do when God asked her to bring Jesus into the world? After a time of some pondering, she said, “I’m ready God!”

What did the shepherds do when they witnessed the star, heard from the angels and then figured out the wonder and the miracle of what they were witnessing? They ran about the countryside telling everyone what they had seen and heard!

It looks like we might be working hard together for a while yet to beat back the COVID virus, so as the New Year dawns, may we keep each other and ourselves safe from the virus – continue to distance and wear masks even as we get in line for our vaccinations.

And may **we also** have some good, honest open conversation in this new year as we live into the “Now what?” May we not just slip back into our old normal, just because it’s comfortable. It may not be what God’s calling us to do. May we continue to point to the light of Christ and the truth, peace and justice that He brings with all we do and all we say.

Your partner in service, in ministry and in love to God’s world,

Pastor Margaret

(Thank you to Bishop Andrea for the inspiration for this letter!)

WORSHIP NOTE

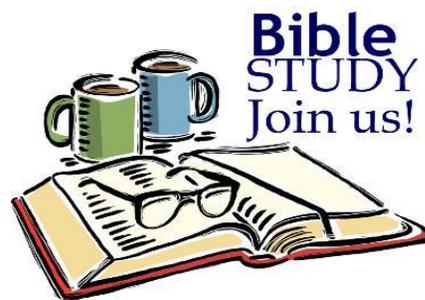
Due to the fact that our Iowa State positivity rate has fallen as of Monday, December 28 to 12% we will be holding in person worship in all four of our sanctuaries starting this coming Sunday, January 3rd. We will continue to have in person worship through the month of January unless the state positivity rate goes up to 20% or unless your pastors deem it unsafe to be in person. For those who are ill or don’t feel safe coming to in person worship, please know that we will continue to film our worship services and devotions and put them up online as we have been doing.

Please continue to stay home if you are ill, wear your masks throughout the time you’re in the buildings, remain socially distant – 6’ apart, and wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently!

Don’t Relax Your Guard! Thanks for keeping yourself and others safe!

COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE

For those who would like to have the opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion but don’t feel safe coming to in person worship, Pastor Margaret will be in the office at St. John most Friday mornings from 9 am – noon or other times by appointment. Please call her at 563-329-1366 to make an appointment



BYOB – Bring your own Bible Study Group

Will connect by Zoom on

January 21 at 7 pm. Please contact Pastor Margaret for the link.

PREPARING THE 2021 OIF DIRECTORY

WHAT'S NEW OR CHANGED?

Please send any directory information changes for the new 2021 One In Faith Parish Directory to the emails or phone numbers listed. This is a very important asset to all of us to communicate and connect in many ways. So, if you have moved, changed your name, your phone number, or any other information for the directory please send it to oneinfaith@windstream.net 563-633-3885; kmorarend@gmail.com 563-419-5329

AND, We would like to include wedding anniversaries from all our churches along with birthdays in the monthly newsletter. We have some of the wedding anniversary dates but not all. Please help me with this by sending the anniversary dates and birthdays. These are all very important dates to remember and celebrate.



ST. SEBALD'S ANNUAL MEETING

**February 7th following
8:30 am worship**

St. Sebald Council Minutes December 10, 2020

Present: Kris Morarend, Fuzz Brown, Pastor Margaret, Pastor Clark, Wayne Yelden, and Nancy Yelden. The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and Pastor led devotions from Isaiah Chapter 14.

The October 8, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. Nancy made motion to approve, Wayne seconded the motion, motion carried. No council meeting was held in November.

Pastor reviewed her monthly report with the following highlights:

**Memorial service by zoom will be held on 12/12/20 for Linda Stoner.

**Pastor Margaret and Pastor Clark continue to offer online devotions 3X/week.

**Parish services will be online for the month of December. Will be using the state positivity rate for COVID-19 to determine if in person or online services will be offered. When the rate is at 12.5% or higher at the time of the newsletter being published then online services will be offered instead of in person services.

Kris continues to work with our Sunday School children and is sharing with them monthly packets of activities to complete in their homes.

A big thank you to Dave and Kris Morarend for putting up all the Christmas decorations for the sanctuary.

All members need to notify Kris of any changes needed in the One in Faith parish directory as is time to update. Plans are to include St. Sebald calling tree for easy reference for all members. Suggestion was made to include the wedding anniversary dates for St. Sebald members in the monthly newsletter like the other churches in the parish list.

Nancy has not had any more contact with the Navajo Mission Preparatory School regarding our sponsorship for this year. Will continue to try and stay in contact and possibly will wait till next year for sponsorship once the COVID pandemic is under control.

The Lord's Prayer was shared, and meeting adjourned at 8:30 by Wayne and second by Fuzz, motion carried.

Submitted by:
Nancy Yelden

Hope Council December 13, 2020

The Hope Council met Dec. 13 following the 10:30 worship. Attending were: Pastor Margaret, Richard Thurn, John Hunt, Ron Kuehl, Jamie Burgin, Lori Fannon, Gary Thurn and Joyce Thurn. President Richard called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Margaret led devotions from Isaiah 40, "Comfort, comfort you my people."

Minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Income for the month was \$2,654. Expenses were \$664. (A payment to the Parish was forgiven.)

Pastor Margaret presented her written report.

Old Business:

The three new outside doors for the fellowship room have arrived and were to be installed.

Brad Bockenstedt has agreed to serve on the building committee.

New Business:

The council voted to hold a Christmas Eve lay service Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.

The annual meeting date was set for Jan. 31. Plans are that the meeting will be done with mail-in ballots.

The Budget Committee, Ron, Gary and Jamie, presented a proposed budget for 2021. Motion, made, seconded and carried to present the proposed budget to the congregation for approval.

Pastor Margaret and Jamie reported on the SOTH holiday gift shop with which they had helped. Some 450 children were served.

Since noisy offerings were limited this year, it was decided to donate to SOTH, EWALU, the Food Shelf and Wartburg Seminary. A noisy offering container will be placed in the Narthex.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Thurn, secretary



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2021

Our 2nd Annual Service will premiere on social media on Wednesday, January 20th. Please look for updates on SOTH's Facebook page, prior to the event, for future updates.

Annual Meeting 2021

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 21, 2021 at 2:00pm by Zoom Video Conference. Letters were sent to each of the conference churches regarding the layout and information needed, as well as by email.

Christmas Just 4 Kids

We have just finished up another successful year of our Christmas Project!

We served 462 children from 178 families this year! We finished packing bags on Friday, December 11. Thank you to the generous donors, who also were "safe" by dropping the gifts curbside this year! See you all next year!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Take time as a family to set up Random Acts of Kindness. You will make a difference through them. Do an activity that is kind for someone else. Some ideas are:

1. Make a card for someone in your neighborhood and deliver it.
2. Do a chore without being asked or one that is not your normal chore.
3. Share something with a friend.
4. Give compliments to every member of your family (even someone you don't know)!
5. Tell or read a story to someone.
6. Hold the door for someone.
7. Tell your parents or children about a happy memory you have with them. Tell them that you LOVE THEM. (Don't assume they know.)
8. Fill a bag full of books to donate to a library.
9. Help make dinner.
10. Tell people you meet to "Have a nice day."

EPIPHANY

Epiphany – the Season of Light begins January 6. Light from the star led the wise men to Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world, and our call to be His light in the world. Here are some suggestions of ways that you can celebrate Epiphany:

1. Changing the candles in your advent wreath to white and continuing to light them each day during devotions during Epiphany.
2. Make cinnamon star ornaments. (recipe for cinnamon star ornaments)
3. Add star decorations to your Christmas tree.
4. Save a present to open on Epiphany.

CINNAMON ORNAMENTS RECIPE:

1 (4-oz.) can (approximately 1 cup) cinnamon*
1 tablespoon cloves*
1 tablespoon nutmeg*
¾ cup applesauce
2 tablespoons white glue
1 drinking straw
Ribbon to hang ornaments with.
Roll dough ¼" thick. Use 2" cookie cutters. Cut in desired shapes and use the drinking straw to place the hole for the ribbon to go through to hang the ornament with. Let dry 4-5 days, room temperature on wire racks.

DO NOT EAT!

St. John Christmas Poinsettias

From Pastors Margaret & Pastor Mark
In Memory of Eleanor Yackel (Pastor Margaret's Mom)



In Honor of John Yackel
(Pastor Margaret's Father)
In Honor of Their Children
Andrew, Elizabeth, Eli
From John & Dawn
Cunningham

In Memory of Mike & Helen Cunningham

In Memory of Duwain & Ilo Mae Rau

From Dean & Judy Meisner...

In Memory of Kermit & Mabel Glass

From Patty Burrack

In Memory of Curt Chappell

In Memory of Ron Palas

In Memory of Kenny Dierks

From Debbie & Jeri Watson

Two Plants for Shut-Ins

From Larry & Brenda Fliher

A Plant for Shut-Ins

**POINSETTIAS FROM HOPE
GIVEN BY:**

Marvin & Annette Dahling, John & LuAnn Hunt,
Joyce Thurn, Lucille Hubbard, Ron & Mary Kuehl
Brad & Darcy Bockenstedt, Una Groth

Thank you

Thank you to all who helped to make our Frozen Lasagna Fundraiser a success. I truly appreciate everyone who donated their time, expertise, ingredients, and ordered lasagna. This has been an unusual, difficult and challenging year, but together – apart – we’ve accomplished so much! Keep the spirit alive and well.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season and 2021.

Sincerely,
Penny Handke

A Merry, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you all from Mark and me. Thank you so much for all the lovely greetings and gifts! It is a joy to be doing ministry together with you and I look forward to what God has in store for us in 2021.

Shalom,
Pastor Margaret

Thank you everyone for the nice gifts and cards you sent Shiloy and I for Christmas. Thank you too to the churches for their gifts and cards. All the words and messages in the cards were kind and uplifting. It is a privilege and honor to serve as one of your pastors. May we all partake in God's rich blessing in the coming new year.

In the deep love of Christ which shines through the darkness this time of year,

Pastor Clark & Shiloy

Thank you to LuAnn, Jamie, Darcy and Jerri Kay for keeping up tradition with a festive holiday event on Dec. 13. Funds raised were donated to the WELCA.

Thank you to the members of St. John and St. Sebald for your Christmas gifts to me. God’s blessings to everyone.

Kris Morarend



We extend our sympathy to the families of Delonace (Lonnie) Franks, Cindy & Doug Nus for the loss of Cindy's brother, Jim Buol, and to Janet Butikofer for the loss of her aunt, Eunice Walke. Eunice was 103 and a former member of Immanuel at Elkport



LENTEN SERVICES

Feb.17 Ash Wednesday	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – Hope
February 24	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. John
March 3	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul
March 10	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – Hope
March 17	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. John
March 24	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. Sebald
April 1 Maundy Thursday	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul Meal
April 2 Good Friday	7:00 p.m. – St. Sebald
April 4 Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m. – Hope -Communion w/ Breakfast following 8:30 am – St. Paul & St. Sebald with Communion 10:30 a.m. – St John with Communion



Serving in January at Hope

Acolytes Confirmation Students,
 Ushers:
 Jan. 3 Richard Thurn, Gene West
 Jan 10 WesLee Gould, Hunter Thompson
 Zander Purman
 Jan. 17 Richard Thurn, Gene West
 Jan. 24 WesLee Gould, Hunter Thompson,
 Zander Purman
 Jan. 31 Richard Thurn, Gene West
 Communion Assistant John Hunt
 Altar Comm. Helen Rowell, Joyce Thurn,
 Lu Ann Hunt
 Church Cleaning Annette & Marvin Dahling
 Special Offering Lutheran Chaplaincy

Serving in January at St. Sebald

Acolyte Confirmation Student/Usher
 Ushers:
 Jan. 3 Mace & Kristin Klingman
 Jan. 10 Les & Elaine Peterson
 Jan. 17 Jerry Harvey
 Jan. 24 Dave & Kris Morarend
 Jan 31
 Reader(s): Bill Hunt
 Jan. 3 Kristin Klingman
 Jan. 10 Jerry Harvey
 Jan. 17 Shiloy Baldwin
 Jan. 24 Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer
 Jan. 31 Bill Hunt
 Church Cleaning Week of:
 Jan.3 Tracy Kregel
 Jan. 10 Jessica Haynes
 Jan. 17 Tracy Kregel
 Jan. 24 Dave & Kris Morarend
 Jan. 31 Bill Hunt
 Flowers:
 Jan. 3 Poinsettias
 Jan. 10 Poinsettias
 Jan. 17 Poinsettias
 Jan. 24 Poinsettias
 Jan 31. Poinsettias

Serving in January at St. Paul

Acolyte Roger & Shelly Bushkofsky
 Ushers Marcus Evans

Serving in January at St. John

Acolyte Hali McIntyre
 Monthly Ushers : Dean & Judy Meisner
 Readers:
 Jan. 3 Kim Klocke
 Jan. 10 Brenda Fliehler
 Jan. 17 Cassie Gruman
 Jan. 24 Sharon Reed
 Jan. 31 Joyce Knickerbocker
 Altar Guild Art & Dorothy Eckheart
 Flowers Joyce Knickerbocker
 Communion Assistant Deatra O'Dell



(Please contact the church office when family members and friends can be removed from the Prayer List.)

Prayer Requests may be phoned to (563) 633-3885/563-419-5329 or emailed to the One in Faith office – oneinfaith@windstream.net

Please Hold in Prayer: Clarence Groth; Marilyn Shaffer, the Gernand Resident Community; Dorothy Lucas; Cathy Boyer; Les and Elaine Peterson; Dorothy and Art Eckheart;; Lynda Burgin; Dick Clemen; Danielle Pape; Jeremy Walz; Mary Lou Coonfare; Greg Shaw; Pastor Jerome Godson; Jane Godson; Bob Blue, Merlin Goedken, Daryl Baade, David Opperman, Luther Pugh, Lawrence Kuehl; Joyce Erickson; Brenda Landis; Brian and Becky Meisgeier; Bernice Fletcher; Kent Klingman; Amanda Peterson; Charley Daisy; Adeline Andreae; Lucas Baker; Barb Garms; Jim Miller; Wayne Coonfare; Luke Baade; Myrna DeSotel.. The families of Delonace (Lonnie) Franks, Jim Buol, and Eunice Walke..

Service people: Josef Von Handorf; Justin Minger; Patrick Pryer; Justin Pryer; Jesse Gossett; Tabitha Lambert; and other service men and women.



Hope Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Brian Stewart
- Jan. 2 Kay Nagel, Ricky Thurn, Debra Wagner
- Jan. 3 Larissa Shaw,
- Jan. 7 Nicole Smith
- Jan. 10 Lynn Rowell, Donald Davis
- Jan. 13 Dexter Kuehl,
Becky Voshell
- Jan. 14 Christina Kuehl
- Jan. 15 Lee Lenth
- Jan. 17 Heidi Meyer, Cheryl Scott
- Jan. 18 Owen Sylvester
- Jan. 19 Peter Purman, Danielle Wagner
Tina Kuehl
- Jan. 24 Ashley Clinton, Adriane McClintock
- Jan. 27 Patty Hankins, Sandy Ashline
- Jan. 29 Dustin Smith
- Jan. 30 Brett Nagel

St. John Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Hunter Bachtell
- Jan. 3 Cynthia Hamlett, Kenneth Chappell,
Olivia Thomas
- Jan. 4 Duncan Schott
- Jan. 5 Dick Wells
- Jan. 7 Karen Glass
- Jan. 8 Dale Adams, Janice Breitsprecher
- Jan. 12 Charlotte Bazyn, Ruth Gamm,
Karen Hamlett
- Jan. 14 Blake Meisner
Tom Knickerbocker
- Jan. 16 Maria Gruman
- Jan. 20 Adeline Andreae, Louis Hamlett
- Jan. 22 Hannah Andreae
- Jan. 24 Jeff Watson
- Jan. 31 Jaren Evans

St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Allen Coan,
- Jan. 2 Mikayla Evans
- Jan. 3 Kevin Hakert
- Jan. 4 Caitlin Howard
- Jan. 8 Jason Corell
- Jan. 12 Kenneth Faust, Janice Moore
- Jan. 15 Mary Kay Hummel
- Jan. 17 Logan Everitt
- Jan. 19 Marisa Baker
- Jan. 23 Carol Leonard, Marcus Evans
- Jan. 25 Kristin Klingman
- Jan. 26 Meghan Bergan, Mike Leonard
- Jan. 30 Karen Trautman



St. John Anniversaries

- Jan. 15 John & Clara Pleis
- Jan. 16 Chuck & Jan Hamlett
- Jan. 17 Fred & Rose Hilsenbeck
- Jan. 27 Ron & Sheila Corbin

Hope Anniversaries

- Jan. 30 Mike & Julie English

St. Paul Anniversaries

No anniversaries in January

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