



BROADCASTER

January 2023



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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A SNEAK PEEK
INTO HOPE-FULL LIVING

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Born Anew

One of my favorite activities to do with my family is to celebrate our children's baptism birthdays. They are another reminder of the blessing we have in our own baptism and the gift of being adopted as a child of God. Our family will gather, often times with the child's sponsor, and sing the baptismal hymn that was sung on that special day when they were baptized. Then they blow out their baptismal candle as we sing a special happy birthday song. Happy, happy birthday; blessings from above; that is what we wish you; dear (child's name) with love!

On January 8, in many churches and on Worship Anew, we will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. This moment points to the start of our Lord's public ministry and a significant moment where each person of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) was present. We will hear about this as told in God's sacred Word and shared in Matthew 3:13-17. It's worth noting that Christ's baptism is mentioned in all our four Gospels, which emphasizes its immense importance in the Christian life. Paired with Paul's thorough doctrine of Baptism in Romans 6:1-11, I urge you take in Pastor Eggold's inspiring message on Worship Anew that Sunday as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord.

By the way, Happy New Year! I pray God will bless you in 2023 with His peace and joy. Did you know that the United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2023 "International Year of Millets?" Yes, millets! Sponsored by the country of India, this is basically an attempt to promote the benefits of this grain grown around the world for food. While not seeking to downplay such a major decree, perhaps we make 2023 the



"International Year of Proclaiming Christ as Lord." You can help by sharing Worship Anew with those around you. Worship Anew engages and equips aging adults with resources to live a full and abundant life in Jesus Christ. By sharing Worship Anew's weekly program and regular devotionals that you've come to know and love, you are furthering the proclamation of the Gospel.

Our third child, Addison, celebrates her baptism on January 1st. What an awesome way to kick-off the new year! Have you noticed that every new Worship Anew program begins at the baptismal font? These are fitting reminders that through our baptism, our life began anew in the light of Christ. As you journey throughout the new year may you always be reminded that through your baptism you are, "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).



Matthew F. Leighty
Executive Director

Worship Anew in January

Year 2023 | Series A



January 1, 2023 – Epiphany Observed

Psalm 31:1-5; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

“New Year’s Comfort” - Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Whenever you stand at the beginning of a new year you have concerns. What events will take place in the world? What will happen in your own life? The good news is that the Triune God rules the universe and controls world history. This God also knows you, loves you, and will save you. You are in His hands, and that is the best place to be.



January 8, 2023 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

“Newness of Life” - Sermon Text: Romans 6:2-4 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

One of the most important things the Bible teaches us about Baptism is death. In fact, Paul’s words in Romans 6 tell us that Baptism is first about death. As odd as this may sound, it is only when we understand the death that occurs in our Baptism, that we can fully live as God’s people.



January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42a

“Lamb of God” - Sermon Text: John 1:29 – Rev. Shayne Jonker

Once again, John the Baptist is our preacher, pointing the way, the only way to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But don’t look to John, he’s not much to look at anyway, look to where he’s pointing. Look to Jesus. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”



January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 27:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

“A Divided Family” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It is always tragic when families are divided. The hurts and resentments can last for a lifetime and even be passed on to the next generation. The Apostle Paul encourages all families, including our church family, to look to Jesus and His love for us to resolve all quarrels and divisions.



January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 15; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:1-12

“Walk Humbly with God” - Sermon Text: Micah 6:8 – Rev. William Mueller

Through the prophet Micah, our Lord gives a great charge: walk humbly with Him. In good fashion we ask the question, “What does this mean?” How do we walk humbly with God? And why does it matter?



HOPE-FULL *A Look Inside* LIVING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

Forward Thinking

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing ..."

Isaiah 43:18-19a

When we were younger, starting a new year often felt exciting and full of possibilities. As seniors, we may have lost that anticipation and, instead, wish that things were more like they were in years past. Here's a verse (Ecclesiastes 7:10) that might be uncomfortable: "Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this." Ouch. What do these wise words tell us?

God sees everything, from before creation to the last day. His love renews us by his Spirit. God propels us forward and promises, "Behold, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). By grace, through faith, we look forward to each new day and year.

*Marj Maynard
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Thank you, Father, for every year of life and the promise of life to come. Amen.

Reflect: Treasure past memories and blessings, while looking forward with thanks and praise.

Read: Psalm 103:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18



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SOAR

in the
NEW YEAR



A new year is about to take off. It is a time for a fresh flight of new hope and clear skies. Whether you are flying to a vacation, business meeting, volunteer opportunity, or if you are traveling only in your mind, the new year lies ahead. Pilots begin with a checklist, so should you. Here is a good place to start on your estate planning this year:



YOU WILL SOAR WHEN YOU SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO LOWER YOUR TAXES AND POSSIBLY INCREASE YOUR INCOME, ALL WHILE HELPING OTHERS.



Write or update your will



Check with your bank and investment advisor to update your transfer on death forms



Take inventory of your highly appreciated assets and use them, rather than cash, to transfer gifts to charity

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Moments of Comfort

New Life in Christ

*For through the law I died to the law,
so that I might live to God. I have been
crucified with Christ. It is no longer I
who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live
by faith in the Son of God, who loved
me and gave himself for me.*

Galatians 2:19-20

Moments of Comfort is a weekly video devotional of Worship Anew which ministers to the hurting and suffering we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word. Our January Moments of Comfort videos will be written and presented by Director of Christian Education, Paul Wendt, who serves at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, Indiana. The theme for our January videos is "New Life in Christ."

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