

Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church

January, 2022 Newsletter

Hirtenbrief 1/22 January 2022



Dearly Redeemed In Christ,

Another year becomes history. We stop to consider the passing of time. When you are young it seems that time passes very slowly. It speeds up as you get older (or it seem so!).

Finally, we are on the edge of eternity. Time disappears along with all created things.

To live as if the time we enjoy or suffer, here on earth, is all there is to life is to live a vain and foolish life. It is a part of the natural knowledge of God for people to know that there is life after death. Even those who live in the blindness of sin and practice idolatry have an idea of an afterlife. They don't know how to get where they want to go; yet, still, they know that there is life after death. The question is how? How can someone bound to time escape its ravages and enter into eternal life?

The eternal Word became flesh. He joined our time so that we might be joined to the Eternal. He did more! At a specific time and at a specific place, He confronted the decay and destruction that time inflicts upon a fallen world and He brought new innocence to life. He was sent to be the Redeemer of sinners by bearing, in His own body, the sin of the world! He took it away! Now we look forward to a New Heaven and a New Earth where sin, sickness, death, and decay cannot enter.

This is your future! This is why and how we can enjoy the life we live here and now. Dr. Martin Luther was once asked what he would do if he knew, for a fact, that Christ would return tomorrow and bring an end to this world. He said that he would plant a tree. There's an attitude for us to embrace!

Young folks grow up, get married, have children and face the world. "Oh," the pessimists lament, "I don't think I'd want to raise a family in the world as it is today!" Well, I would! Yes, the world's bad, but since Adam disobeyed God's command has there ever been a time when this world has

not been corrupt?

Yes, there are dangerous temptations out there facing our children. But when has it been any different? We have the Gospel! It is the most powerful message in the world. It joins us to our God by faith and it guarantees us that time will not destroy us; but will, rather, serve us in obedience to the Creator of all that exists.

It is when we know that we're not bound to time that we can live within our allotted time in this world with bless assurance and confidence. We Christians are optimists! How so? We know the end of the story!!! It is a good, perfect, eternal "ending." Yes, the end of time will usher in a wonderful eternity. We don't mourn the passing of time. We don't even mourn the corruption we see in this world. We live the lives God has given us to live in hope! Dearly beloved, the future belongs to you by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen! Come quickly Lord Jesus. Come quickly, indeed!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Patterson

Soli Deo Gloria

Sunday, Jan. 2, during Divine Service

**Pastor will offer a special blessing to the SSLC 2022 Elected Officers:
President Larry Groggel, Vice President Jim Ross, Secretary Darrell Root,
Treasurer Barry Krueger, Financial Secretary/ Bldg Admin. Dale Etchells,
Fraternal Activities Heather Crafton, Chair, Board of Elders Jeff Damec,
Elders Ben Kueter, Darrell Root, Doug Schmidt**

Saints and Commemorations we celebrate in January

- January 1:** The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus
January 2: J. K. Wilhelm Loehe - Pastor
January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord (the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of the Christ to the Gentiles)
- January 10:** Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa - Pastors and Confessors
January 18: The Confession of St. Peter
January 20: Sarah - wife of Abraham and ancestress of the Messiah
January 24: St. Timothy - Pastor and Confessor
January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul
January 26: St. Titus - Pastor and Confessor
January 27: John Chrysostom - Preacher

*In January we celebrate the feast of light - **Epiphany**. Originally, the feast of Epiphany celebrated all the ways that Jesus revealed His glory showing He was God and the Christ as foretold. It included the celebration of His birth, the visit of the Magi, the strange star, Jesus' Baptism, and the miracle at Cana. Over the centuries the other events became their own feasts leaving this feast in January just for the Wise Men and the star.*

January - Named after the Roman god Janus. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking to the past, and one to the future.

(From GLaw)



UPCOMING SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

2022

**Sun, Jan 2: Second Sunday after
Christmas (W)**

Sun, Jan 9: Baptism of our Lord (W)

Invitation to ALL SSLC Men

**Sat., Jan. 15, 9:00AM —SSLC men's first bible study gathering.
Breakfast and Coffee available for sure! RSVP to Larry.**

Sun, Jan 16: Epiphany

II Sun, Jan 23:

Epiphany IIISun, Jan

30: Epiphany IV

Sun, Feb 6: Transfiguration of our Lord

(W)Sun, Feb 13: Septuagesima

Sun, Feb 20: Sexagesima

Voters'

AssemblySun, Feb 27:

Quinquagesima

Wed, Mar 2: Ash Wednesday Divine

Service Sun, Mar 6: First Sunday in

Lent (Invocabit)

Wed, Mar 9: Lent Vespers (7 p.m.)

Easter, 2022 , Sunday, April 17





1-01 Helen Margaurite

1-14 Shannon Kueter

1-20 Marlene Schmidt



***CHRISTMAS CARE AND SHARE
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED***



Church Members

Al and Marlene Schmidt

Military

Captain Rob Landers (USAF) (Barry's Son-in-Law)
Sergeant First Class (USA) Benjamin Kueter (deployed)
Gunnery Sergeant (USMC) Kyle Chase (Kari's Nephew)

Sergeant First Class (USA) Jordan Etchells (Dale & Kari's Son)

The three USAFA Cadets:

Fred (4th year); Alexander (3rd year); Matthew (3rd year)

Family Members

Judith Taylor (Dr. Hein's Sister)

Rev. & Eunice Schaibley (Former Pastor)

Patty Krueger (Barry's wife)

Kathi Chase (Kari's sister)

Janice Patterson (Pastor's Mother)



Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

(Compiled by Evelyn Law)

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote the lyrics to our Epiphany hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (LSB 394). He also composed the following hymns that are in our Lutheran Service Book:

Easter hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (LSB 477)

Ascension hymn “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” (LSB 494)

Beginning-of-the-service hymn “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (LSB 906)

Dr. Wordsworth (he received his D.D. from the University of Cambridge) was born in England and was an Anglican priest. He was the nephew of William Wordsworth and was this famous poet’s biographer.

As a child, he was athletic, yet scholarly. At the early age of 30, he became head of Harrow School, a boarding school for boys in northwest London founded under a Royal Charter granted by Elizabeth I in 1572. He was made Canon of Westminster Abbey in 1844, and he served as Bishop of Lincoln from 1869 until his death.

Bishop Wordsworth, being a notable scholar, wrote many books, especially an important work on Greece and a learned commentary on the Bible. He also published numerous papers and lectures, including seven volumes of sermons.

He spoke against his liberal contemporaries who did not see Jesus presented in the Old Testament but regarded these books of the Bible as just a common history.

As for the New Testament, he considered that the Gospels were the history of what "Jesus began to do and to teach" on earth, that the Acts of the Apostles and all the Epistles were the history of what He continued to do and teach from Heaven, and that the Apocalypse (perhaps his favorite book) was the seal and crown of all. In all, he wrote 127 hymns, which he published in a hymn book in 1862. He looked upon hymns as a valuable means of stamping permanently upon the memory the great doctrines of the Christian Church. He held it to be "the first duty of a hymn-writer to teach sound doctrine, and

thus to save souls." He thought materials for English Church hymns should be sought first in the Holy Scriptures, then in the writings of Christian antiquity, and lastly in the poetry of the ancient church. He taught that hymns should not deal with personal, individual interests. Rather, they should teach the truths of Scripture and voice the worship of the whole congregation.

As a result, Bishop Wordsworth helps us all to raise songs of thankfulness and praise to our Triune God, who graciously gives His church hymn writers! God mercifully accepts our imperfect earthly singing until He teaches us to perfectly sing His new song of praise in the new Heavens and new Earth.

#####

Pastor Patterson offers this prayer as we begin 2022.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give You humble and hearty thanks that You have preserved us during the past year from all evil, and bestowed upon us all good, and have now permitted us to enter into a New Year! We pray that it may please You to mercifully crown us with Your goodness, to bless us and our households with Your heavenly gifts, and to grant us a blessed New Year in You. We ask for these blessings in the Name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever! Amen!



Sunday BIBLE STUDY

Jan. 2, Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30

10:30-11:30am

Dr. Steven Hein

THE CHRISTIAN in SOCIETY



Flexible hours, quiet environment, and personal satisfaction.

Job description

With people coming through the Sanctuary, Narthex and office every week, **volunteers** are needed to keep our church neat and clean.

Action

Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board to clean for a month, once a week.
 Questions? **Talk with Nina or Larry. Training available**

	Sanctuary	Narthex	Office	Kitchen
Straighten chairs	Weekly	Weekly	As needed	As needed
Dust surfaces	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	
Clean windows	Monthly		Monthly	Bi-Monthly
Clean mirror			Every 2 weeks	
Vacuum	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Monthly
Empty Vacuum			Monthly	
Empty trash cans	Weekly	Weekly		As needed
Spot clean carpet	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed
Spot clean walls	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed
Clean countertops				As needed
Clean cupboard doors				As needed
Clean microwave				As needed
Clean sink				As needed
Dust chairs	Every 2 weeks			Every 2 weeks



This newsletter is a publication of the Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. A Confessional, Evangelical, Sacramental, and Liturgical Congregation of the Lutheran Confessions-

Where the Lutheran Reformation lives!

Rev. Jeff Patterson- pastor@sslc-cos.org (719) 396-4710

Dr. Steven A. Hein -Deacon.

Steven Hein heinsteven@ix.netcom.com (719) 338-7891

Website: www.sslc-cos.org

Location: 6755 Earl Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Please direct corrections, comments, questions about the newsletter to Sue Groggel
atshkodani@gmail.com