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February



Kathy Osmak 715-292-6207 Sandy Nutt 715-663-1110 Thank you to all who colored the 25 days of Christmas pictures. They were wonderful. We'll have some more coming up for Lent. There are many pictures to choose from. You have an entire month before we will post them, May 2nd- They will be on the counter where the newsletter is located.



The Mountain Top Messenger

Generations of Faith

FEBRUARY 2022

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH - LCMS, ASHLAND, WI

Welcome to February, as I look at my calendar, I see it is a month of variety, we have Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, of course with that the traditional Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Chinese New Year, and of course lest I forget, ground hogs' day. For some reason, and I am not 100 percent sure why, the Bill Murray movie Ground Hog's Day was a favorite of my dad. I believe, as I have thought it through, it was probably because Bill Murray took what began as a bad dream, living the same day over and over again into an opportunity to grow and better himself. He took the proverbial lemons and made them into lemon aide. In a way, the more I have thought about it our lives are a bit like Ground Hog's Day. Every morning when we wake up, we have the opportunity to improve ourselves from the day before. And if we consider the realization that we have the Holy Spirt on our side, always encouraging us to improve ourselves in the way we live, and particularly in the way we treat our neighbors, we have an advantage. I remember in the movie some of Bill's attempts didn't always go well, but he always had the next day to improve and try again. We have that opportunity. Every day that we wake up this side of heaven we are given a new opportunity to do better. Even if we messed things up yesterday, even if we sinned and fell short yesterday. We wake up knowing that we are forgiven for our shortcomings and have the opportunity to improve. So, remember when you watch as old Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not, whether there are six more weeks of winter or not, you are a baptized and forgiven child of God. You have the opportunity to wake up each and every morning and do your best through the power of the Holy Spirit to make it a better day for both those around us and ourselves.

Couple of things going on this month in the church, first June and I are heading to Phoenix, AZ for the Best Practices Ministry conference which takes place annually at Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix. While I say it takes place annually there was no conference last year. They have reinstated the conference this year and everyone is looking forward to it. We are also going to tack a few extra days onto the trip and enjoy a little down time in the Arizona sunshine. We say that hopefully, last time we were there they had 5 Inches of snow in Scottsdale for the first time ever. But even with that it was 65 two days later. In my absence Pastor Scott Holoubek from Prentice will be filling in for me. Pastor Holoubek is the part-time pastor at the LCMS church in Prentice, WI. In the past he was a vicar at

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St. Paul's in Marengo for a while. There will be a Wednesday service for the one Wednesday I will miss and one of the elders will be covering that service. We are working to make sure that both of the Sundays that Pastor Scott is preaching it will be live streamed as well. Also, during my absence if you have and questions or need any assistance you can contact Elder Darryl Warren, President/Elder John Pruss, or the church office. And if you really need to talk to me I always have my cell phone with me.

During February we will also be preparing for the start up of Lent which begins on March 2, Ash Wednesday. I am pushing for a resumption of the Lenten soup and sandwich for Wednesday evenings, perhaps not every week but at least 3 or 4 times. I would welcome your thoughts on that and will be discussing with both the elders and church council.

I think that about covers it, as always if you have any questions or if I missed anything please contact me at your convenience.

The apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthians reminds us:

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Cor 9:8)

Rely on God's sufficiency in you to do every good work, every day!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and give you peace. Pastor Rick

Groundhog Day

Old Groundhog stretched in his leafy bed.
He turned over slowly and then he said,
"I wonder if spring is on the way,
I'll go and check the weather today.
If I see my shadow between eleven and noon,
I then will know that I'm out too soon.
I'll crawl back in bed for six weeks more,
Pull up the warm covers and snore and snore.
But if no shadow gives me a scare,
I know that spring is in the air,
I'll wake my friends and wish them cheer,
With glorious news that spring is here."



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 17, 2022

1. Call to Order

2. Opening prayer – Pastor Williams

Roll Call – John Pruss, President Darryl Warren – Elders Nick Jarvela, Trustees Jule Jarvela, Secretary

Nick Jarvela, Trustees Jule Jarvela, Secreta Lisa Guski, Treasurer, Education, LFOJ

Pastor Williams Lori Landry, excused

4. Approval of Minutes – 1st – Nick Jarvela 2nd – Lisa Guski MMC

Pastor's Report – Advent and Christmas attendance numbers up to precovid

Midweek Advent series on Epiphany, Midweek Lenten services begin March 2, Pastor Holubek to fill in on Feb. 13 & 20 while Pastor at conference, Sunday Bible Study on "Being a Lutheran Future training for video equipment

6. Treasurer's Report (as printed) – 1st – Darryl Warren 2nd – Nick Jarvela MMC Approval of Agenda – additional item - 1st – Nick Jarvela 2nd – Darryl Warren MMC

Board Reports

Elders - None

Trustees – cleaned sewer line in women's bath, scoping of line in Spring Education – Combined middle and older grades, younger children separate LFOJ – need staff, donations helping with expenses

Evangelism – printed

Official Acts

Deaths: Walter Schutte 11/19/2021

Confirmation: 10/31/21 Gloria Darling, Ayeisha Deragon

New Members: Severt Dahl 10/31/22021

Kevin Dahlke 11/17/2021 Karen Pierre 11/28/2021

Transfer: Mike and Diane Cashman 12/09/2021
Alan and Lisa Sunie 12/30/2021

Old Business

2022 Budget – as printed with one new item which is the raising of the amount given to the Synod yearly for our support of them to \$12,000 Motion was made to present the budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in Feb. 1st Nick Jarvela 2nd Darryl Warren MMC

11. New Business

A. Informed by Jule Jarvela that the Altar Guild will begin raising money to replace the aging paraments on the altar. Motion made for project 1st Lisa Guski 2nd Nick Jarvela MMC

- B. Pastor reported that the lighting in the sanctuary will need some improvements due to needs for televising. Costs are being checked into for improvements.
- C. Board member sheet was updated. Secretary will revise.
- D. Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 after church
- E. The discussion of the storage of Church records proposed that before we decide what to do with the records, it is necessary that we first purge the existing records and hire a company to dispose of anything sensitive. Lisa Guski will be the contact person for organizing a group to establish guidelines for keeping them in the near future.

Next meeting – February 21, 2022 5:30PM

Motion to adjourn – 1st Lisa Guski 2nd Darryl Warren MMC Closed with the Lord's Prayer

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021

| Wednesday, Ja | nuary 12, 2022 | | Page 1 of 1 | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--|
| Account # | Account Name | Beginning Balance | YTD Balance | |
| Assets | | | | |
| 101.101 | fM & I CK ACCOUNT Gen. | 48,372.32 | 62,174.12 | |
| | General Checking | \$48,372.32 | \$62,174.12 | |
| 101.201 | GEN FUND SAVINGS Northern Stat | 33,239.21 | 33,653.24 | |
| 119.999 | TO BALANCE 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Total Assets | \$81,611.53 | \$95,827.36 | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| 202.102 | M & I Line of Credit Loan | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 202.103 | BULDG LOAN PAYABLE | 95,714.71 | 95,714.71 | |
| 202.104 | Principle from Bldg Fund | (52,301.45) | (63,699.39) | |
| | Note payables LCEF & M& I bank | \$43,413.26 | \$32,015.32 | |
| 200.000 | Accounts Payable/Vendors | 791.08 | 397.08 | |
| 201.101 | BORROWED WITHIN ORGANIZATION | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 201.201 | EMPLOYER'S TAXES PAYABLE | 1,456.48 | 4,452.67 | |
| 201.203 | EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE | 271.27 | 21.67 | |
| | Total Liabilities | \$45,932.09 | \$36,886.74 | |
| Fund balance | Total Fund balance | \$35,679.44 | \$58,940.62 | |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund balance | \$81,611.53 | \$95,827.36 | |

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI Consolidated Fund Activity Report for December 2021

| Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Account Name | Beg Balance | Receipts | Disbursements | Transfers/JE's | Page 1 of 1 End Balance |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| BUILDING ACCOUNT TO BALANCE LOAN | (32,015.32) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (32,015.32) |
| BUILDING CAPITALIZED General Fund ORGAN FUND | (6,362.00) 96,756.61 0.00 | (10.00) 18,991.38 0.00 | 0.00 18,420.05 0.00 | 0.00 0.00 0.00 | (6,372.00) 97,327.94 0.00 |
| Total | \$58,379,29 | \$18,981.38 | \$18,420.05 | \$0.00 | \$58,940,62 |

Dear Lord,

In this month of cold winter days, help me see that I am blessed, Place in my heart a desire to please you. And fill my heart with thoughts of your love. Amen.





ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am live streamed Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Sunday School - 1st .- 7th grade Sunday 10:15am Bible Studies

Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am Thursday 1st/3rd 6:30pm Women's Group

Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479

Office Hours: M/T/TH 9:00-5:00 W 12:00-8:00 F Off

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.

Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075 Office Hours M/Th 8:30-2:30 W 11-6 Days and times may change.

Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 Head Elder: Darryl Warren 715-492-0488

Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center: 715-682-5185

LFOJ Administrator: Karyn Leino 715-682-6075



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Arlene Zimmerman Violet Basina

Arlene Zimmerman Violet Basin Madge Houle Nancy Zehe



Brad Prill Madge Houle Alice Balmer Penny Larson David Gustafson Francis Balmer Vi Basina John Schutte **Dave Pearson** Andrea Gunderson James Fletcher Pastor Bob Brett Everman Judith Wismeth Sheryl Hildebrandt Harold Larson Nancy Beiersdorf Sherry Gurski Danny Pocernich Larry Tody James Lavasseur Lisa Thomson Russel Joyner Carmella Kortekaas Steve Bauer Taylor Sprague Diane Beiersdorff Terry Haas and those in our hearts

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

David Wright Jordan Thimm Andrew Pruss

Hidden Equation





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Instructions: Find the hidden equestions! Circle each one and solve it using the operators addition +, subtraction -, multiplication \times , division \div , and equals = (see above: 6 + 3 = 9). Get started by searching left to right, one row at a time. You can make it more challenging by working vertically, diagonally, backwards, or using two-digit numbers, for example ($2 \times 4 + 6 = 10 - 3 \times 2$).

| Wednesday, January 12, 2022 | | | | | Page 2 of 3 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Account Name | Period Activity | Monthly Budget | YTD Balance | Over/Under YTD+(-) | Annual Budget |
| WATER - CHURCH | 0.00 | 150.00 | 1,270.68 | (529.32) | 1,800.00 |
| Church Utilities | \$667.62 | \$1,062.00 | \$11,539.05 | (\$1,160.95) | \$12,700.00 |
| BUILDING CAPITALIZED PROJ | 0.00 | 531.00 | 0.00 | (6,372.00) | 6,372.00 |
| CHURCH MAINTENANCE | 245.00 | 163.00 | 1,749.85 | (250.15) | 2,000.00 |
| ORGAN PURCHASE EXPENSE | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| PRESCHOOL BLDG. MAINTENANCE | 0.00 | 163.00 | 0.00 | (2,000.00) | 2,000.00 |
| PROPERTY/WORK COMP INSURANCE | 0.00 | 601.00 | 7,379.50* | 134.50 | 7,245.00 |
| Snow Removal | 472.50 | | 1,417.50 | | |
| TRUSTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Church Maint. & improvements | \$717.50 | \$1,458.00 | \$10,546.85 | (\$8,487.65) | \$17,617.00 |
| BANK SERVICE CHARGES | (109.36) | 12.00 | 104.53* | 4.53 | 100.00 |
| JANITORIAL SUPPLIES | 380.75 | 51.00 | 548.25 | (129.75) | 678.00 |
| KITCHEN SUPPLIES | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Member services in and out | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| MUSIC | 0.00 | 21.00 | 100.00 | (150.00) | 250.00 |
| Office Supplies | 709.39 | 83.00 | 1,301.90* | 305.90 | 996.00 |
| POSTAGE | 13.68 | 20.00 | 364.28* | 124.28 | 240.00 |
| Technology - Marketing | 966.66 | 248.00 | 9,437.99* | 6,461.99 | 2,976.00 |
| WORSHIP SUPPLIES | 257.49 | 177.00 | 2,408.52* | 284.52 | 2,124.00 |
| Church Supplies | \$2,218.61 | \$612.00 | \$14,265.47* | \$6,901.47 | \$7,364.00 |
| \$ FOR CONFER/ CONVENTIONS | 0.00 | 166.00 | 466.37 | (1,533.63) | 2,000.00 |
| \$ TO EDUCATION | 374.26 | 342.00 | 980.22 | (3,123.78) | 4,104.00 |
| \$ TO EVANGELISM | (10.00) | 87.00 | (10.00) | (1,010.00) | 1,000.00 |
| \$ TO LFOJ CHILD CARE SUPPORT | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| \$ TO STEWARDSHIP | 0.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | (100.00) | 100.00 |
| \$ TO YOUTH PROGRAMS | 0.00 | 84.00 | 0.00 | (1,000.00) | 1,000.00 |
| BRICK MISSION | 135.00 | 135.00 | 1,620.00 | 0.00 | 1,620.00 |
| MISSION varoius | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| MISSIONS TO SYNOD | 800.00 | 800.00 | 9,600.00 | 0.00 | 9,600.00 |
| OVERALL OFFERINGS PD TO SYNOD | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| PUBLICATIONS LUTH WIT. ETC | 7.36 | 37.00 | 458.90* | 58.90 | 400.00 |
| Ministry Disbursements | \$1,306.62 | \$1,663.00 | \$13,115.49 | (\$6,708.51) | \$19,824.00 |
| interest on line of credit | 0.00 | 21,000100 | 0.00 | (00), 00002) | , |
| LOAN FEES | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Mort. & credit card interest | 136.49 | 250.00 | 2,079.26 | (920.74) | 3,000.00 |
| PRINCIPAL payment | 898.80 | 1,040.00 | 11,397.94 | (1,027.06) | 12,425.00 |
| Total PRIN. AND INT. payments | \$1,035.29 | \$1,290.00 | \$13,477.20 | (\$1,947.80) | \$15,425.00 |
| Ordination Expenses | 0.00 | | 0.00 | (| , |
| principal to principal from bl | 0.00 | | (11,397.94) | | |
| TRUSTEE CONTROLLED DISBURSEMNT | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Total Expense | \$18,420.05 | \$14,019.00 | | (\$12,198.91) | \$168,160.00 |
| Difference | \$561.33 | (\$47.00) | \$23,261,18 | (012,170,71) | (\$540.00) |

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI Treasurer's Report as of December 2021

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| Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Account Name | Period Activity | Monthly Budget | YTD Balance | Over/Under YTD+(-) | Page 1 of 3 Annual Budget |
| Income | (10.00) | | | | |
| BUILDING CAP PROJ FUNDRAISER | (10.00) | | 0.00 | | |
| EDUCATION FUNDRAISERS | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| EVANGELISM FUNDRAISERS | (10.00) | 12.072.00 | 0.00 | 2 500 05 | 15750000 |
| GEN. FUND ENVELOPE RECEIPTS | 20,507.25 | 13,972.00 | 171,328.06* | 3,708.06 | 167,620.00 |
| GENERAL FUND LOAN PROCEEDS | 0.47 | | 19.44 | | |
| GENERAL FUND LOAN PROCEEDS LFOJ FUNDRAISERS | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Member services\$ etc | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Mission MISC IN/OUT | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| ORGAN FUNDRAISER | 500.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| | 0.00 | | 750.00 | | |
| Special Gifts STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISERS | (500.00) | | | | |
| | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Transfers in/out general fund Trivent Choice Dollars | (1,506.34) | | (3,067.17) | | |
| TRUSTEE FUNDRAISERS | 0.00 | | 404.00 | | |
| YOUTH FUNDRAISERS | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Total Income | 0.00 | 612.072.00 | 0.00 | 63 700 07 | 8167 630 00 |
| Expense | \$18,981.38 | \$13,972.00 | \$169,434.33* | \$3,708.06 | \$167,620.00 |
| CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Guest/vacancy pastors | 0.00 | 25.00 | 230.00 | (70.00) | 300.00 |
| MILEAGE OR TRAVEL EXPENSES | 0.00 | 38.00 | 0.00 | (500.00) | 500.00 |
| ORGANISTS SALARY | 1,120.00 | 333.00 | 3,040.00 | (1,000.00) | 4,040.00 |
| PASTOR'S SALARY | 5,601.15 | 3,959.00 | 48,585.35* | 1,110.35 | 47,475.00 |
| SECRETARY SALARY | 1,395.00 | 929.00 | 11,936.27* | 821.27 | 11,115.00 |
| SEXTON SALARY | 280.00 | 275.00 | 2,358.13 | (941.87) | 3,300.00 |
| SMP PROGRAM VICAR ED | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Treasurer Salary | 159.50 | | 192.50 | | |
| Church Salaries | \$8,555.65 | \$5,559.00 | \$66,342.25 | (\$580.25) | \$66,730.00 |
| EMPLOYEE RELATIONS | 370.00 | 38.00 | 520.00* | 20.00 | 500.00 |
| EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX EXP | 654.54 | 474.00 | 5,197.44 | (479.56) | 5,677.00 |
| HEALTH & DISABILITY INS. | 242.08 | 117.00 | 1,454.48* | 72.48 | 1,382.00 |
| PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOW. | 1,730.76 | 1,250.00 | 15,576.84* | 576.84 | 15,000.00 |
| PASTOR'S PENSION PLAN | 921.38 | 458.00 | 5,536.02* | 95.02 | 5,441.00 |
| PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL EXP | 0.00 | 38.00 | 0.00 | (500.00) | 500.00 |
| Pastor's retirement Savings | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| SEC. PENSION PLAN | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Employee Benefits | \$3,918.76 | \$2,375.00 | \$28,284.78 | (\$215.22) | \$28,500.00 |
| ELECTRICITY - CHURCH | 0.00 | 337.00 | 3,368.08 | (631.92) | 4,000.00 |
| FUEL - CHURCH | 462.66 | 250.00 | 2,785.26 | (214.74) | 3,000.00 |
| INTERNET SERVICE & SOFTWARE | 79.99 | 115.00 | 1,050.45 | (329.55) | 1,380.00 |
| TELEPHONE - CHURCH | 124.97 | 113.00 | 1,432.32* | 32.32 | 1,400.00 |
| WASTE DISPOSAL | 0.00 | 97.00 | 1,632.26* | 512.26 | 1,120.00 |

Other Mementos Left On Graves



Throughout the centuries, other religions and cultures have also paid their respects to the dead by leaving with them not just coins, but other symbolic or sentimental objects.

Ancient Egyptians would bury their dead with items they believed would benefit them in the afterlife, such as jewelry or shabti dolls.

The Navajo tribe would kill and bury the deceased's horse with them, so that they could travel into the afterlife.

And observing the burial story of Jacob's wife Rachel, the Jews have long placed pebbles or rocks on the headstones of their loved ones, as a sign that someone visited:

"So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day."

Genesis 35:19-20

In modern Americana, you will commonly see flowers at gravesites of loved ones. Mementos that hold special personal meaning to the deceased or their family, like a flag for a veteran or a teddy bear for an infant, may also be left or displayed at a grave.

It's all the same idea: When you visit a grave, don't come empty-handed. A small gift or token that shows you've visited, and is a way to physically "pay" your respects.

But coins are still especially symbolic as a modern American grieving ritual. To understand why, we have to go back to the 1960s, when the Vietnam War was rampaging.

Meaning of Leaving Coins on Gravestones

The practice of leaving coins on graves has deep symbolic meaning rooted in military tradition.

Special Military Symbolism

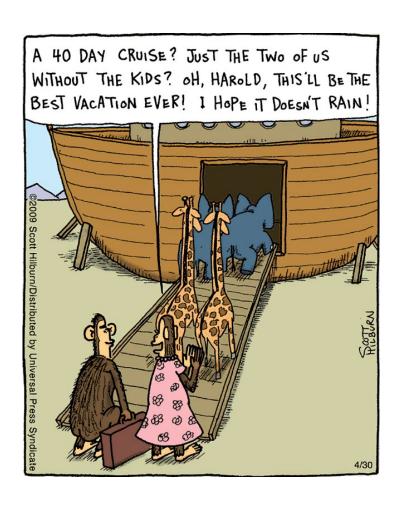
Vietnam

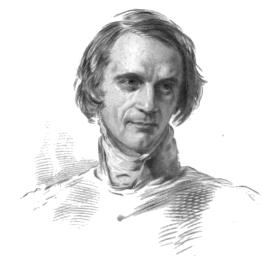
During the Vietnam War, political strife was rampant. Even between families of servicemen and women who were serving or had served, opinions as to the necessity of the war greatly varied. Communication between those who were once good friends became muddled. But there was still a need to pay respects to comrades who had died.

Servicemen and women who were fortunate enough to come home needed a way to bypass political tensions, yet still let their fallen comrades' families know that they had paid their respects. So, they started leaving coins on headstones as a form of communication.

CURSE ENEMY EVIL FATHER GIVE GOOD HATE **HEARD JUST** LOVE **MORE NEIGHBOR OTHERS PERFECT** PERSECUTE **PRAY RAIN SINNERS** SUN **UNJUST**

"The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum"
May 2-7
Bus tour leaving from Glidden. Fliers available by the February newsletter.





Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LSB 394) by Christopher Wordsworth

Scripture References: st. 1 = Matt. 2:1-12 st. 2 = John 2:1-11, John 3:13-17 st. 3 = Matt. 4:1-11, 23-24 ref. = Mark 8:29, John 1:14

Wordsworth was born in London, the youngest son of Christopher Wordsworth, Master of Trinity, who was the youngest brother of the poet William Wordsworth. Thus, Wordsworth was a nephew of the celebrated poet.

Wordsworth was the younger brother of the classical scholar John Wordsworth and Charles Wordsworth, Bishop of Saint Andrews,

Dunkeld and Dunblane. He was educated at Winchester and Trinity, Cambridge. Like his brother Charles, he was distinguished as an athlete as well as for scholarship. He won the Chancellor's Gold Medal for poetry in 1827 and 1828.

Wordsworth was a prolific author and the most renowned Greek scholar of his day. Included in his works are *Memoirs of William Wordsworth* (1851), *Commentary on the Mole Bible* (1856-1870), *Church History* (1881-1883), innumerable sermons and pamphlets, and *The Holy Year* (1862), which contained 117 of his original hymns as well as 82 others written for all the Sundays and Christian holy days according to the *Book of Common Prayer*. Wordsworth was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, England, where he distinguished himself as a brilliant student. He later taught at Trinity College and was headmaster of Harrow School (1836-1844). Ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1835, he was canon of Westminster in 1844, a country priest in Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire (1850-1869), and then Bishop of Lincoln (1869-1885).

He was a man of fine character, with a high ideal of ecclesiastical duty, and he spent his money generously on church objects.

The didactic text teaches the meaning of Epiphany–the manifestation of Christ in his birth (st. 1), baptism, miracle at Cana (st. 2), healing of the sick, power over evil, and coming as judge (st. 3). Originally the refrain line was "Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest." The revised refrain borrows Peter's confession, "You are the Christ!" (Mark 8:29), and makes that our corporate confession as we acknowledge the 'Word become flesh" who lived among us.

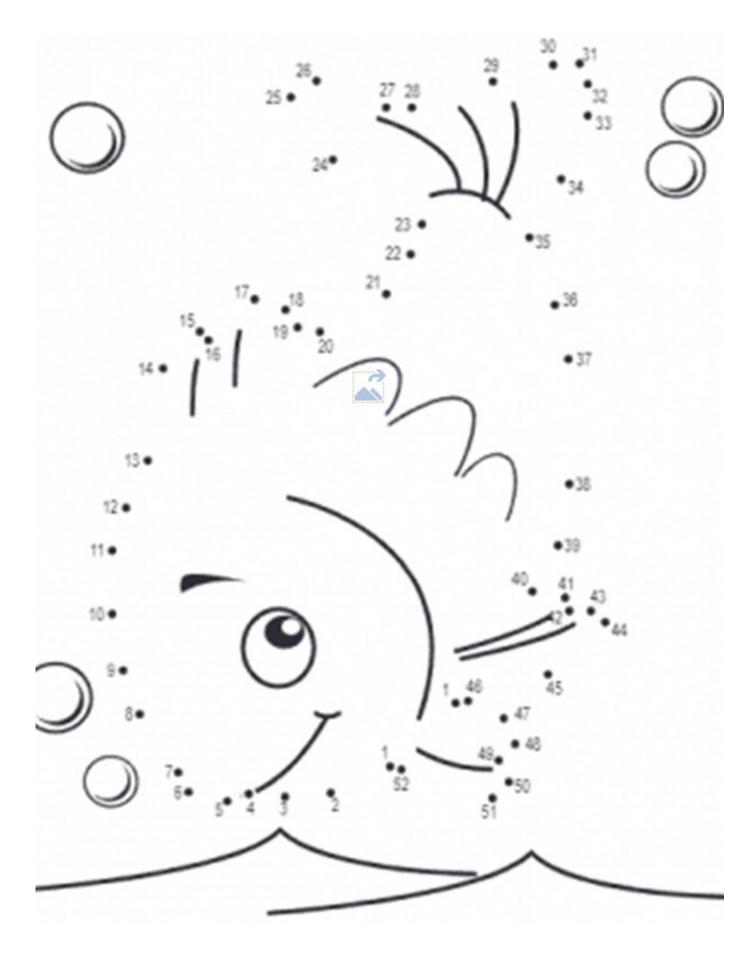
He is buried near the Shrine of St Hugh in Lincoln Cathedral.(picture on the right) wrote this hymn in five stanzas. It was published in his *Holy Year* (1862) John 3:13-17 with the heading "Sixth Sunday after Epiphany."

Tune Information:

The tune SALZBURG, named after the Austrian city made famous by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was first published anonymously in the nineteenth edition of *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (1678); in that hymnbook's twenty-fourth edition (1690) the tune was attributed to Jakob Hintze (b. Bernau, Germany, 1622; d. Berlin, Germany, 1702). Partly as a result of the Thirty Years' War and partly to further his musical education, Hintze traveled widely as a youth, including trips to Sweden and Lithuania. In 1659 he settled in Berlin, where he served as court musician to the Elector of Brandenburg from 1666 to 1695.



Peter Catches a Fish



Part 2

A 1,000-pound puppy

Since Jenna never had the opportunity to get to know her real mother, Ryan became the parental figure in Jenna's life. He provided her with all the hugs, scratches, and attention that a baby needs. He found that Jenna would follow him from window to window around the house until he came outside to play with her. Describing Jenna as a "1,000-pound puppy," Ryan says their favorite activity is to play chase. Jenna runs behind Ryan from

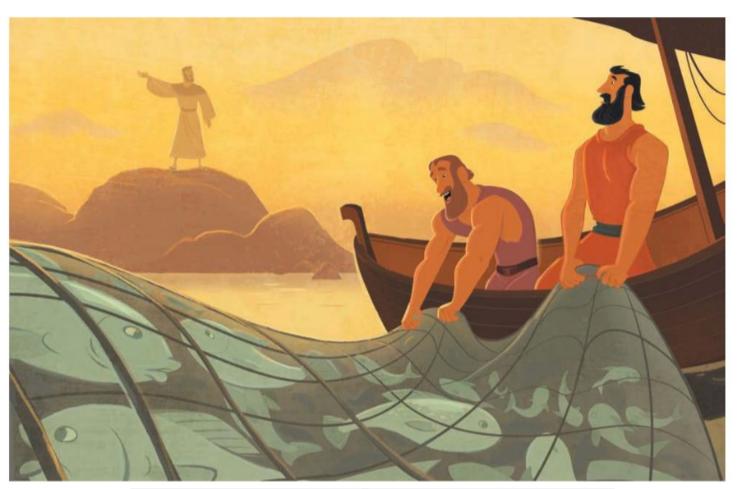


tree to tree, followed by a game of headbutt in which they push their heads up against each other to see who can move the other first. Jenna always lets Ryan win.

"From that moment forward, Jenna became my best buddy," said Ryan. "I fed her three bottles a day for 6 months and slept with her in the barn many nights to make sure she never felt lonely. Without her mother cow to pass her immunities through her milk, Jenna ended up being sick a lot in the first few months she was with me. I worried about her constantly as she lay sad and sickly with her head in my lap, with frequent vet visits to help her pull through."

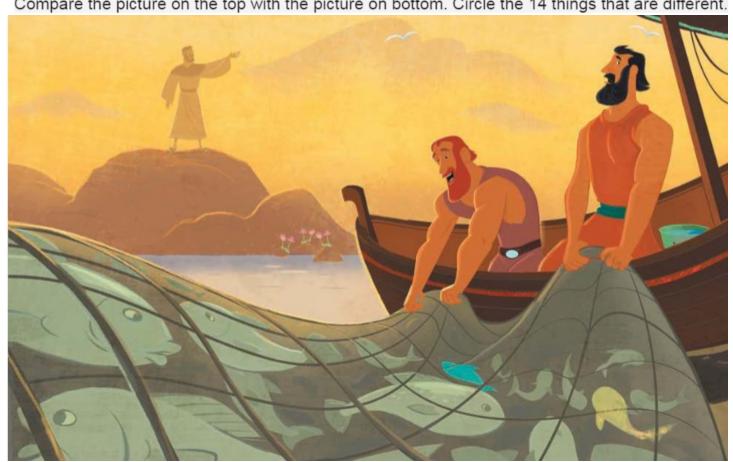
Because of how much time Ryan and Jenna have spent with one another, Jenna believes herself to be human. When another cow was rescued to live with Jenna, she hid behind Ryan and acted as if she didn't know what to do. Eventually, she came around to having other cow friends, but she still loves Ryan most.

MISSION PROJECT BRICK - The table is set up in the Narthex for collection. The following items can be brought in at any time: Canned fruits and vegetables Soup Pasta and pasta sauce Peanut butter Cereal Bath soap Shampoo Toothpaste Laundry soap Diapers Lotion Paper towels Toilet paper This project will run until the end of February.



A Big Catch of Fish Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.



Peter Recognized Jesus

PETER ROCK MIRACLE JESUS FISHERMAN GOD DISCIPLE ANDREW BOAT

TEACHING

WATER



"No, Dolly, I looked online and THIS is what a heart's s'posed to look like."



"Churches are smart. They make you come inside to enjoy their windows."