

## ACT Parish Events

### Tuesday, January 8

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### Wednesday, January 9

1:30pm – Mamrelunds Dorcas Circle  
6:30-8pm – 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Hope

### Thursday, January 10

9:30am – Pastor's Lakeland Conference meeting  
11:30am – "Thursday Food & Fun" at Kerkhoven Civic Center for 55 year olds and older. A free will donation will be taken.

### Sunday, January, 13

**8am – St. John's annual meeting with potluck brunch to follow**

Monday, January 14 9am – Hope's Quilting

### Tuesday, January 15

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### Wednesday, January 16

10am – Miriam Manor Worship

### Thursday, January 17

5-7pm - W.O.W. "Women of Worship Outing" (formerly MOPS) at Bethesda

Monday, January 21 9am – Hope's Quilting

### Tuesday, January 22

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### Wednesday, January 23

1:30pm – Mamrelunds Dorcas Circle  
6:30-8pm – 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation at Hope

Monday, January 28 9am – Hope's Quilting

### Tuesday, January 29

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda  
1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

For a complete list of announcements check the ACT Parish website at [www.actparish.com](http://www.actparish.com).

### January 2019 Worship Schedule

St. John's - 8am                      Buffalo Lake – 8:15am  
Bethesda and Monson Lake – 9:30am  
Hope – 10:45am                      Mamrelund– 11:00am  
Jan. 13 - Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Jan. 20 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11  
Jan. 27 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

# St. John's Lutheran Church Area Churches Together Parish

### Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

### Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

### DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran



Epiphany  
of our Lord  
January 6,  
2019

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

### *Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Almighty God,

**We confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn* LBW 75 Bright and Glorious in the Sky v. 1-4

*Greeting*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you**

*Prayer of the Day*

**O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*First Reading* Ephesians 3:1-12

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel* Matthew 2:1-12 ]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day* LBW 82 As With Gladness Men of Old

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Offering & Offertory*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

*Words of Institution*

In the night in which he was betrayed...

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Holy Communion*

*Benediction*

*Announcements*

*Sending Hymn* LBW 90 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*Dismissal*

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

**January Servants** Organist: Arnette Wallentine  
Reader– Nancy Stredde Usher–Mike Arends



- Lisa Carlson
- Roland Froehlich
- Kris Baker
- Caryl Henry
- Alice Randt
- The family of Al Lesteberg
- The family of Nancy Gafkjen
- Elaine Sjelstad
- Kelly Rodenberg
- Allen Barrett
- Sheila Stredde

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