THE MESSENGER JANUARY 2020

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service time 10:30 AM

**A WORD FROM PASTOR JEFF SILVERNAIL**

January Messenger

Pastor Jeff

“Commit your way to the Lord;

Trust in him, and he will act.” Psalm 37:5

This is the time of year when the tree comes down,

the decorations are put away, the last of the

Christmas consumed and if we are bold or fool

hearty we get on the scale and say - WHAT???

On come the diets, the exercise plans and the list of resolutions.

It is a good time to take stock as a new year begins. What good things in our lives do we want to enhance? What detrimental things in our lives do we wish to let go of? What is something new and positive that we can adopt.

Did you ever wonder what the success rate is for New Year’s resolutions? According to all knowing Google it is 8 % and 80% of resolutions have failed by February! That’s not very encouraging.

We aren’t the first people in the history of the world who have wanted to make improvements in our lives. Let’s learn from the wisdom of those who have gone before us, especially those who are our ancestors in faith.

Do you have a goal? Listen to the wisdom of the ancient psalmist, “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act.” Let God be your partner and your guide. Let your sisters and brothers in the faith be your cheering section. Together with our God we can make our lives and this world better.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jeff

PS: As part of my retirement from Prince of Peace, Linda and I are going to take some extended time off and away. During the month of February and the first week in March pastoral care needs will be attended to by Pastor Judy Converse of Faith Troy and Evangelical Poestenkill. If for any reason Pastor Judy is unavailable the office will have the names of those who are backing Pastor Judy up. I will see you on March 8th as I preach and lead worship.

**GILEAD’S VISION STATEMENT**

We ring out a joyous message of welcome and togetherness to neighbors near and far through the Spirit of Christ!

**VALUES FOR GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PRAISING GOD through Traditional and Contemporary music and Lutheran liturgy.

GROWING IN FAITH through Fellowship, Study, Prayer and Service.

STAYING CONNECTED with each other and reaching out to others in the community.

LISTENING for the Spirit’s guidance in all we do.

AFFIRMING each person as worthy of love and respect.

**ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 19TH, AFTER THE SERVICE**

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Please keep our homebound and those that can’t be with us in your prayers:

Fran Fiet, June Boomhower, Flip Coonradt, Bill Beck, Les Dunham,John Grassman, Eric Coonradt, Linda Romano, Mike Boomhower, Matthew Raymond, Tom Spade, Jim Spiak, Kelly Nutter, Kathy Raymond (mother of Nichole Shanahan), Cheryl Mavashev, Ron Bugbee, Bob Guerin and Rick Brown.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Kyla Blair 3 Gregory Jones 20

Barbara McGuinness 5 Marlene Shilling 21

Dona Kreiger 8 Meara Blair 21

Christopher Newton 17 Shi’Ann Faluszczak 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6th Worship and Music Meeting 10:30am

January 12th Sunday School 9:30am

January 14th Council Meeting 6:30 PM

January 19th Annual Meeting following church service

January 30th Pantry and Community Dinner 3-6

February 9th Sunday School 9:30am

February 11th Council Meeting 6:30 PM

February 25th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 4-6 PM

February 26th Ash Wednesday Service

February 27th Pantry and Community Dinner 3-6

April 18th Defensive Driving 9:00-3:30

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will be holding Sunday school classes the 2nd Sunday of every month. Please join us!! We will meet again on January 12th at 9:30am. Please join us. Please contact Andrea Keefer with your thoughts, text or call 518-598-2231, email akeefer.gilead@gmail.com.

**JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR**

**2nd Sunday of Christmas, January 5th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, January 19th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

 Psalm: 147:12-20 Psalm: 40:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18 Gospel: John 1:29-42

**Baptism of Our Lord, January 12th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany, January 26th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 29 Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

January 5th

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

January 12th

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

January 19th

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

January 26th

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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**WORSHIP LEADERS READERS**

January 5th Pastor Dan Hahn January 5th Betty Britt

January 12th Deacon Jim Netzer January 12th Eleanor Bode

January 19th Pastor Jeff Silvernail January 19th Glenn Hayner

January 26th Deacon Jim Netzer January 26th Al Coonradt

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**READ ME, SEE WHAT’S NEW!!**





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