

The Means of Grace

January 28, 2024



Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - [Moses said,] "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My Name, I Myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"



Moses was talking to the people of Israel on the day before he died, and he reminded them of a pretty embarrassing moment from their past. God had brought them to the mountain of Horeb (Sinai), and they heard God's voice speaking directly to them—and it was too much for them. They freaked out. And they begged Moses to ask God to stop it, and to talk only to Moses from then on, so they wouldn't have to be exposed to God in all His power and possibly die.

So now, Moses, says, remember what you asked for, because God has promised to do it. God will send someone else like Moses to speak the words of God to all the people—so make sure you pay attention. Whoever doesn't pay attention will be in deep, deep trouble.

So when did God keep this promise? He kept it when He sent Jesus.

Jesus is a prophet like Moses—and yet, so much more than just a prophet. Jesus is God Himself, come down from heaven to be a human being like us. He was born as a tiny baby, grew up in a village in the back of beyond, and grew to manhood doing all the same work we do. And then He went out into the world to do the work that only God could do—to speak God's Word to the people, to teach, preach, heal, and forgive.

But that wasn't all. At the end of His ministry, Jesus willingly lay down His own life for the sake of God's people. He allowed Himself to be betrayed by a friend, and was arrested, mocked, whipped, and crucified. How could God let things like that happen to Him? Only for love—love of us.

And then He rose from the dead, never to die again, so that you and me who trust in Him will never have to suffer eternal death. No, we will be with Him forever, happy and joyful—if indeed we listen, and trust in the One God promised to us. That's Jesus!



Sunday January 28, 2024-Epiphany 4
 9:30 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Sunday School/VOTERS MEETING
 11:15 AM Bible Class
 6:00 PM Basketball

Monday January 29, 2024

Tuesday January 30, 2024
 8:00 AM 7-8 Grade Confirmation Class

Wednesday January 31, 2024

8:30 AM Chapel
 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation
 2:30 PM Individual Confirmation
 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class

Thursday February 1, 2024
 8:00 AM 5-6 Grade Confirmation

Friday February 2, 2024
 8:00 AM 7-8 Grade Confirmation Class
 9:20 AM PK Jesus Circle
 Afternoon Member Visits

Saturday February 3, 2024
 9:00 AM Confirmation Class

Sunday February 4, 2024-Epiphany 5
 9:30 AM WORSHIP
 10:30 AM Fellowship
 11:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Bible Class
 6:00 PM Basketball

IN PRAYER

Iris Stoffer who fell this past week, breaking her elbow. She will have surgery on Monday.

Juan Garcia and his family. Juan's brother, Jorge, was call home to heaven last week.

Pastor Bitter will be gone from February 2nd – 10th. **Larry Glasheen** and **Justin** will be assisting with worship next Sunday. If you need to reach pastor during this time, please call or text his cell 503-290-6316.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2023, at 11 AM



Our voters meeting is scheduled to be opened on Sunday, January 28th at 11:00 AM. At this meeting we will set the date for the actual business meeting and then recess until that day & time. The motion will be to reconvene on February 18. It will be brief but it's important for all our voters to attend to set a meeting date that everyone can attend.

Grace School – Restoration & Repair



During this past winter storm our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms were affected by a pipe burst, necessitating a temporary relocation to the gym and office area. Thank you to everyone who has been able to stop in and lend a hand. You have made a significant difference! We also had a very large tree fall on our property. We are currently exploring various offers to help remove the tree.



Through the help of many people we have relocated our classrooms. The Preschool is now using half the gym and the Kindergarten is using the office area at the school while we dry out and renovate the classrooms over the next few months.





The Eagle Message

Grace Lutheran School

DECLARE *His* PRAISES

January 23, 2024

No Chapel Service on Wednesday

Due to the relocation of the Preschool class to the gym, we will not be having our weekly Chapel service this week.



A-Team Boys and Girls Basketball

There will be **NO PRACTICES** for the Boys and Girls teams since the Preschool is using the gym for their classroom.

Thurs. January 25 - Girls @ Country Christian 4:00.

Thurs. January 25 - Boys @ Agape Christian Academy, Camas, WA 4:00 PM

Monday, January 29 - Girls and Boys Games @ Meadow Glade, Battle Ground, WA (Girls - 4:00 PM, Boys - 5:15 PM)



The **End of the Second Quarter/First Semester** has been moved to this Friday, January 26. The **Third quarter/Second Semester** begins on Monday, January 29. **Report cards** will be sent home on Tuesday, February 6.



Piano lessons will resume on Monday, January 29th.



January HOT LUNCH

This month's Hot Lunch will be served on **Tuesday January 30th**. The meal will include Meatballs, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. Cost is \$5 per person.



5th through 8th grade Spelling Bee NEXT FRIDAY

There will be a Spelling Bee for 5th through 8th grade students on **Friday, February 2nd**, starting at 1:30 PM. Spectators are welcome to attend!

* COLD WEATHER CLOTHING *

Recess will be outdoors as often as the weather allows, especially now that the gym is being used for the Preschool classroom.

So **make sure that your children have JACKETS, AND SHOES** that they can wear outside.

* School Cancellations / Snow Closures *

Parents will receive a message from **Brightwheel** when we have a late start or cancel school. **Please sign up for Brightwheel and install the app on your phone so you can easily and quickly receive important information about your children and our school.** If you are not receiving the texts & emails, please email the school office at lkraiklow@grace-wels.net with the best phone number & email address where we can reach you. The link to check for weather related school closures or delays for Grace Lutheran School & Precious Lambs Preschool.

<http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=1488>. Set this link on your favorites list. Closures or delays will also be listed on the TV news "crawl" at the bottom of the screen as **"Grace Lutheran Sch. & Precious Lambs Presch."**



Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

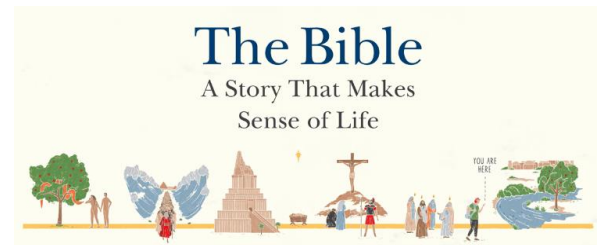
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class and Sunday for every age! Following worship each Sunday we will continue to offer our refreshments & fellowship AND we will be adding to our opportunity for fellowship by offering Bible Class and Sunday School from 11:00 – 11:45. Please, plan to join us! Sunday School will be offered for kids Preschool – 8th. If you are interested in helping teach... please contact Pastor Bitter or Craig Baker.



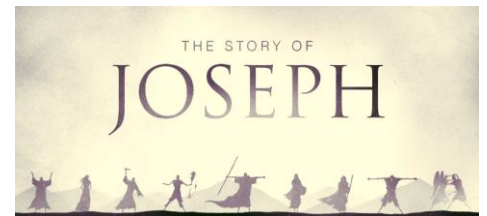
Sundays at 11:15 AM

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class as we continue our study of the Story of Scripture. Teens to adults!



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Please plan on joining us on Wednesdays by clicking on to our Google Meet study. This fall we will begin a new study on the story of Joseph. Join us as we discover the ways that God graciously equips us to bless others.



Saturdays at 9:00 AM

We are beginning our Confirmation Classes for students who are not able to attend during the week at GLS. This class is especially for 6th - 9th graders but younger students are also welcome to attend.



Our Next Saturday Meeting is February 24th

Men's breakfast and bible study! Bring your sons! Once a month we will plan to meet again for bible study and breakfast at 8:00 AM at the SCHOOL! Please let Pastor Bitter know if you'd be interested in attending or helping organize.



What's Happening @Grace



Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks

Please consider signing up to host a Sunday by providing coffee, drinks, and food. A signup sheet is in the entryway at church. THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in providing all the goodness we enjoy after worship!



Weekly Mowing!

Please consider signing up for spring and summer lawn care. The lawn at church needs to be cut every week... can you sign up for a weekend to cut. THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in taking care of the church property and making it beautiful!



Weekly Cleaning!

Please consider signing up for spring and summer church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help! THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in cleaning the Lord's house and making it ready for worship!



PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP. WE NEED YOU!



FROM THE WELS



God blesses us every day in so many ways that it's easy to take those blessings for granted. That's true for us as individuals, and it's also true for us as a synod. This annual report is intended to review some of the ways that God has blessed our work together during the past year.

The blessings begin close to home, as well-trained pastors and teachers serve our congregations with God's Word. We will want to remember that those workers are gifts of God and are able to serve us because God himself has sent these workers into his harvest field.

We will look back on how God blesses our congregations as they gather around Word and sacrament and as their members reach out into their communities with the good news of our Savior and with Christian love and compassion for those in need. Looking a little farther beyond our own congregations, we have seen how God has blessed the first year of our "100 missions in 10 years" effort, with 10 new home missions established and 10 existing ministries enhanced to enable them to serve more people with the gospel. Then we look to see what God has been doing to bring his saving message to people of all cultures and nations. Cross-cultural ministry has been expanded here in the United States and beyond. God is giving us numerous new opportunities to reach the lost in places like Vietnam, Africa, and Asia. He's not only giving us the opportunities, but he is also providing the manpower and opening the hearts of WELS people to support those efforts with their thank-offerings. **God's mercies and blessings are new every morning.**

He proved it every day during the past year, and he will continue to prove it in the year to come.

Mark Schroeder

Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS President



International Youth Rally

WELS International Youth Rally attendees come from huge churches in big cities and small churches in farming communities, from Alaska to Texas. And everywhere in between. No matter where you come FROM, when you come together at a youth rally, you're home! Home with your family of believers.

That's a big family! You get to say the Lord's Prayer and sing praises to our Savior with thousands of people. That WILL give you goosebumps.

A youth rally is designed for teens. Workshops hit timely teen topics. Performances and recreation are planned with teens in mind. There's time to discuss

issues, time to eat, time to play frisbee, and time to just chill!

Some have said that the youth rally changed their lives. I won't go as far as to say that it WILL DEFINITELY change yours or the lives of your church's teens. But it may: one may be motivated to pursue the ministry; another may meet a new lifelong friend; another may confide in a workshop leader about a struggle with temptation. Front and center at the youth rally is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CANYONVIEW SILVERTON IS BACK... OREGON BIBLE CAMP!



Lutheran Bible Camp returns to beautiful Camp Canyonview in Silverton June 23-28. This is a wonderful opportunity for children going into grade 4-12 to make new Christian friends and spend time with old ones. Daily devotions, Bible studies, and the example of Christian adults will help feed and nurture the faith. Crafts, outdoor skills, sports, swimming, and other activities from the crazed mind of Pastor Tembreull provide fun for everyone and opportunities to build friendship and teamwork. Details on costs and registration dates will soon

follow, but mark your calendars and make your plans today! If you have any questions call or email Pastor Tembreull: pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 5412316189. You can also follow Lutheran Bible Camp-Oregon on Facebook.

SECRET PAL'S

Mary and Martha group is encouraging all ladies to sign up to have a secret pal in 2024. You may use the info sheet in the bulletin or pick one up at church. Join the fun!

A Secret Pal is a person who sends kind gifts and cards to their "pal". Don't let your Secret Pal know who you are until the reveal event in January.



Because the weather delayed this event for 2 weeks, a new Secret Pal drawing and revealing of Pals from 2023 will now take place after church this Sunday. All ladies are still welcome to get in on this fun activity!

If you haven't done Secret Pals before, plan to give your Secret Pal a small gift and a note or card at least once a month. This does not have to cost a great deal-we are suggesting \$10 max per month.

Sign any cards "Your Secret Pal", NOT your name. You can have someone else deliver items so that you remain a secret.

Names are drawn and you will be given the information sheet for the person who will be your Secret Pal. Please fill out as much as you would like. Understand that the more information you include the more fun this can be! Place your completed info sheet in the box on the bulletin table.

Special days to remember your Secret Pal:

4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, ANY DAY!!

There are many sites on the Internet that offer suggestions and ideas on what to do for you Secret Pal.

SECRET PAL

INFORMATION SHEET

(This will be given to the person who draws your name/sheet.)

NAME:

Bible Verse:

Birthday:

Holiday:

Anniversary:

Color:

Interests:

Flower:

Food or snack:

Restaurant:

Place to shop:

Like to read:

Author:

Home color:

Decorating style:

Type of music:

Movie/TV show:

Collections:

EXTRAS:

Prayer Requests

3 Fun Facts to know about you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank—December

Mainspring Foodbank—Year end Update 2023

This past week I took the last donation of food and clothing for 2023 to the Mainspring Foodbank.

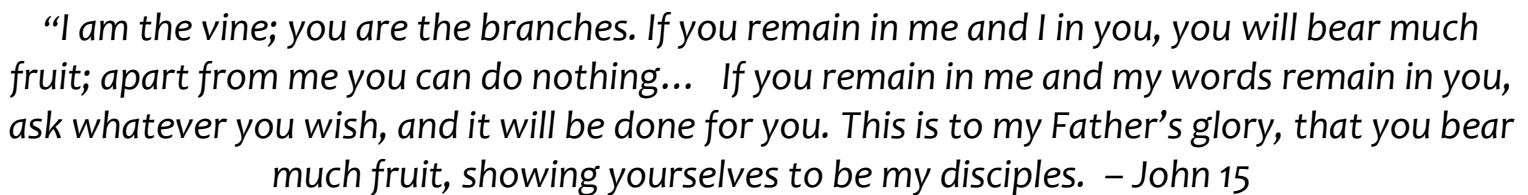
We donated 26 pounds of food and 14 pounds of clothing. The totals for this Fall season are: 203 pounds of food, 32 pounds of clothing, and some school supplies. Lorren, Operations Manager at Mainspring, is very grateful for our continued support, and he looks forward to working with

us in the New Year. Look for the next “donation date” towards the end of January, 2024. And again, thank you, thank you for your generous gifts to Mainspring.

God bless you in 2024, Leann Breza

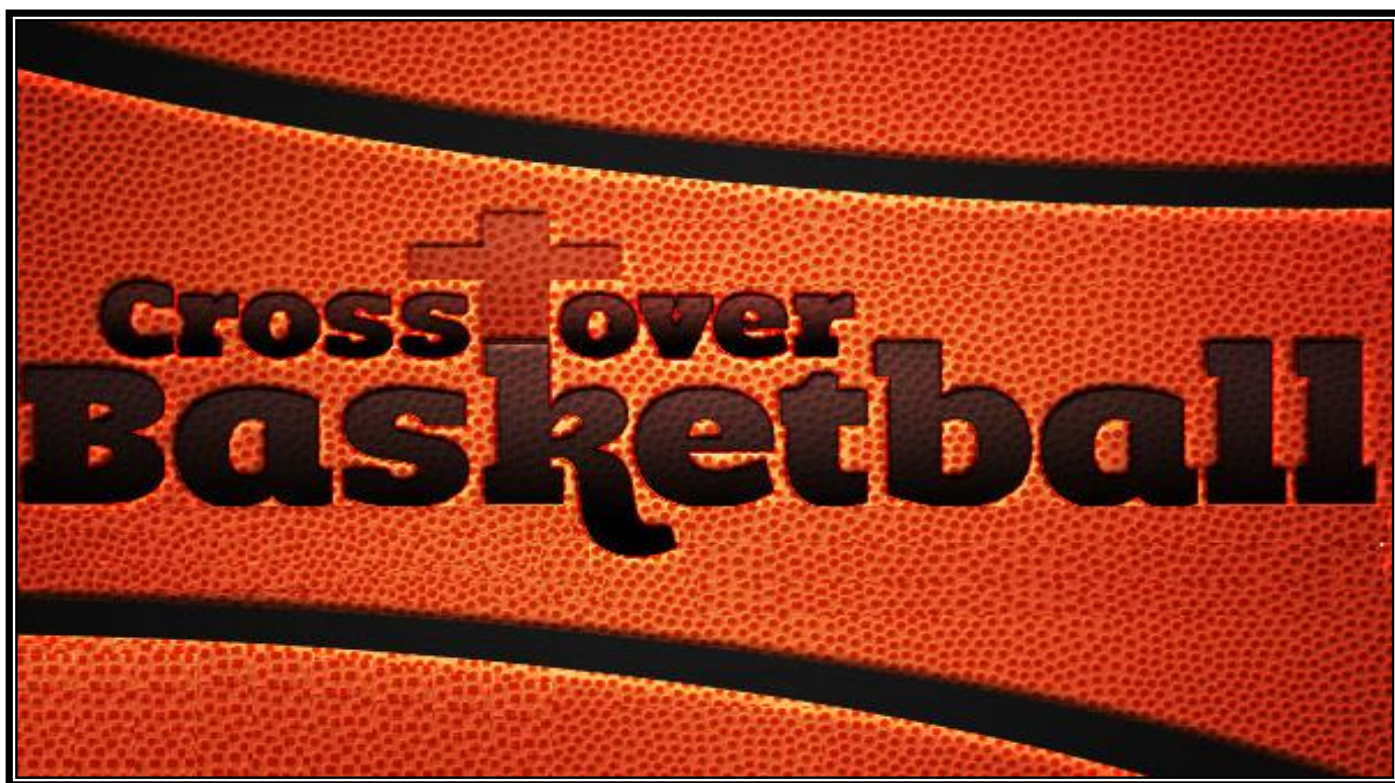


“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1Thessalonians 1:2-3)



Look at the logo above. Think about what each symbol might mean and what area of ministry you can serve in!

Wedding Rings - Couple's Inreach/Support, Marriage



We would like to continue our “Cross-over” Basketball nights again at our gym at Grace School.

If you, or a group, would like to help organize, plan, and carry out these basketball evenings please contact Pastor Bitter.

All you need to do is come and open the gym!

This event is for adults – high school age or older.

Bring your friends.

Get some exercise.

Dunk on someone.

Have fun.

Live your faith.

Contact Pastor Bitter or Ben Baker (503) 734-7038 if you’d like to play!

Boards & Committees at Grace

Church Council

Juan Garcia – President
Josh Luplow – 1 VP & BOE Chair
Jon Cohrs - 2 VP & Secretary
Larry Glasheen – Ministry CFO
Dan Paschke – GLS Finance
Thad Bitter – Pastor
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Education

Josh Luplow – Chair
Michael Godish
Dave House
James Settje
Tamm Godish - Preschool
Thad Bitter – Pastor
Justin Eternick – Principal



Board of Elders

Craig Baker – Head Elder
Courage Mudzongo
Len Stadler
Josh Luplow
Pastor Bitter



Worship Committee

Marilyn Baer
Mark Leitzke
Sue Hartwig
Melissa Baker
Olivia Baker
Jacob Meyer
Pastor Bitter



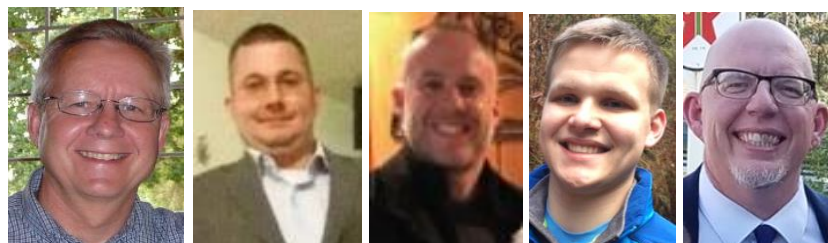
Mary & Martha

Sara Hehr – President
Elke Werner – Vice President
Linda Bern – Secretary
Cathie Gillespie - Treasure
Leann Breza – LWMS
Pastor Bitter



Trustees

Ed Gillespie
Brian Boyer
Matt Ginnow
Kyle Leitzke
Tyler Hafner – GLS Custodian



Devotional Thoughts for the week of Epiphany 4 2024

Sunday Micah 6:1-3

- ❖ What does God invite the people of Israel to do?
- ❖ Why does God ask His creation to be his witnesses against his people?
- ❖ What is the case God has against His people?
- ❖ What does God ask his people to do in verse 3?

Monday Micah 6:4-5

- ❖ What had the Lord done for his people? Recount the slavery of his people.
- ❖ What should the word "redeemer" bring to the minds of God's people of all time?
- ❖ How does the Lord again ask? What evil; have I done to you? V. 5

Tuesday Micah 6:6-8

- ❖ Micah asks, How can we approach this angry God?
- ❖ Talk about the options Micah gives them.
- ❖ What is the answer to Micah's question?
- ❖ What did God expect of them? What does God expect of us?
- ❖ How do these words fit into your answer - Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God?

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

- ❖ What does Paul ask the Corinthians to think about? See previous verses.
- ❖ What are the standards which the Corinthian use to assess their wisdom?
- ❖ What does Paul say about earthly wisdom?
- ❖ God chose to do his great things in ways which many consider foolish?
- ❖ What makes these ways wise?

Thursday 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

- ❖ How have we become wise? Define being "wise unto salvation. Romans 1:16-17
- ❖ What precious benefits does Paul list in v.30?
- ❖ Who is our source for everything? How do we boast in the Lord?




Friday Matthew 5:1-10

- ❖ This is Jesus' famous sermon on the Mount. Whom does he gather around him as his students?
- ❖ Why is this fact significant?
- ❖ List the blessing Jesus notes and discuss their meaning.
- ❖ Are these spiritual or physical blessings? Explain how real these blessings are in your life.

Saturday Matthew 5:11-12

- ❖ Why should we expect the things listed in verse 10? Why does Jesus consider them blessings?
- ❖ Why should we rejoice when these things happen?
- ❖ Why does the world around us not want to hear the truth of God?
- ❖ Why will we continue to share the truth of God anyway?

Grace January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 3:30 PM GLS Staff Meeting	3 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 2:30 PM Indv Confirm 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	4 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation	5 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir Afternoon Member Visits	6 9:00 AM Confirmation
	7 Epiphany Observed 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	8 6:30 PM GLS Board of Education	9 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 10:00 AM Mary Martha	10 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 2:30 PM Indv Confirm 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	11 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation	12 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir Afternoon Member Visits
14 Epiphany 2 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	15 GLS - No School MLK Day 	16 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 10:00 AM Circuit Meeting at Corvallis	17 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 2:30 PM Indv Confirm 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	18 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation 6:30 PM Bend Mission Mtg 6:30 PM Leadership Meeting	19 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir Afternoon Member Visits	20 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  9:00 AM Confirmation
21 Epiphany 3 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship GLS Sings 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	22	23 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 3:30 PM Worship Comm 6:30 PM Church Council Leadership Meeting	24 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 2:30 PM Indv Confirm 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class 7:00 PM Elders	25 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation 5-7 PM GLS OPEN HOUSE	26 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir Afternoon Member Visits	27 9:00 AM Confirmation
28 Epiphany 4 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	29	30 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation	31 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 2:30 PM Indv Confirm 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	