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“Go and Do”

We are in the season that we know as Epiphany. That season begins with the visit of the Wise Men following the birth of Jesus. The word itself basically means “manifestation.” We think of it as a surprise appearance or, more understandably, the “AHA” moments of life.

When we connect it to the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Wise Men, we think of it as the opening up of God’s eternal love to all people. What’s interesting about that, however, is that it’s more about our own understanding and acceptance of that truth than it is about it taking place at a particular moment in time.

In other words, God’s love and acceptance doesn’t suddenly change with the birth of Jesus or with the visit of the Wise Men. It’s our understanding and acceptance of that eternal truth that changes. It’s the AHA moment when we understand and accept something that has always been true.

During the season of Epiphany, we’ll be looking at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus and the different ways in which people saw and responded to him.

This Sunday, we’ll be looking at a fascinating story of one of the first encounters Jesus had with those who would become his disciples. It’s an AHA moment for them. Contrary to the approach we customarily take, though, with words that are shared from one disciple to another, I’d like to reverse it and see it in a different way.

Read John 1:43-51 where we hear the challenge to “Go and Do.”


Blessings,
Dennis



NEW OFFICER TRAINING & ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Last Saturday, we had our annual New Officer Training Day. We had 13 of our 14 new officers present – an extraordinary turnout! The one unable to be there was away on vacation and regretted not being able to attend.

The following day we ordained and installed those new officers as elders and deacons. An Ordination and Installation service is always a very moving and profound experience. Let’s all join together in offering our love, support, prayers and encouragement to our new leaders of the Eastminster family!



Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster!

Please come support the Evansville Civic Theatre by stuffing you, your kids, your elders, and your neighbors with pancakes! Matt and Caitlyn Hummel and their Friends of Civic Theatre group are grateful to be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster on January 13 from 8-11AM, serving coffee, sausage links, hashbrowns, and of course piles of pancakes! They will also be teasing their youth production of "Carrie: the Musical," opening the following weekend. Buy tickets at the door for: \$10 (Adults 18+), \$8 (Kids 3+), and FREE (Kids under 3). Proceeds to benefit Evansville Civic Theatre.



Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST	USHER
Tim Fiedler	Chris Kuhs

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST	HEAD USHER
Tim Fiedler	Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Mark Nicholson & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Ashlyn Eddlemon

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

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Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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This Saturday, January 13th, the youth will be lending a hand at Sister Joanna's table. Sister Joanna's table is a soup kitchen located in Saint Episcopal Church where we will be serving lunch to roughly 100 people. See you from 10:00-1:00.

There will be a Nerf War on January 27th so stay posted for more details!



See you in The Place, Trey



ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports from staff and committee chairs will be due by January 26, 2018. Information regarding Annual Reports will be sent to committee chairs within the next week.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The new Flower Calendar is up and ready for 2018. The cost is now \$45 for two vases. Please reserve your special date as soon as possible as the dates fill up quickly.



Sympathy is extended to Brian & Beth Bailey in the death of Brian's mother.



Sympathy is extended to Dick Yeager in the death of Dick's mother.

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Donna Davis, Marian Bruggenschmidt, Marilois Barker, Austin Smith, Connie Nichols, Tracey Manis & the family and friends of Chris Hoefling. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church



Eastminster Board Listing



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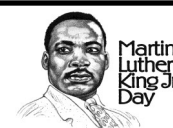


The Parlor Book Club

Join the Parlor Book Club on Wednesday, January 17th at noon to discuss The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

The Tuesday Book Club

Join the Tuesday Book Club at Western Ribeye on Tuesday, January 23, where we will discuss The Admissions by Meg Mitchell Moore. Every-



In observance for Martin Luther King Jr. Day the office will be closed.

Christian Education

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Summer in Psalms Reading Schedule

Psalm 1:2 Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

January 8-Psalm 5
January 9-Psalm 6
January 10-Psalm 7
January 11-Psalm 8
January 12-Psalm 9
January 13-Psalm 10
January 14-Psalm 11



Are you looking for a daily devotion for your personal use? See what you think about d365.org. They have an app for Apple devices or you can just go to their website and subscribe. I started getting them delivered to my email inbox in December. If you are looking for a short daily devotion, give these a try. As always, let me know what you think!

I am far from a Biblical scholar, but one thing I do like to do when I read the Psalms is look to different Bible translations for clarity on a particular passage or just to see what different translations say. One of my latest searches led me to Adam's Adventure Bible that he received last year from Eastminster. Sometimes even adults can use and be helped by the resources they write for kids! Look what great information I found!!!

Who wrote this book?

David wrote 73 of the 150 psalms. Several different people wrote the others.

Why was this book written?

The psalms show God's people how to talk to him and to worship him.

What kinds of psalms are there?

There are seven kinds of psalms:

1. Praise psalms like Psalms 33 and 103 show us how to thank God for who he is.
2. History psalms like Psalms 68 and 106 tell what God has done for his people.
3. Friendship psalms like Psalms 8 and 23 remind us that God loves us and tell us how we can show our love to him.
4. Anger psalms like Psalms 35 and 137 ask God to punish evil people.
5. Confession psalms like Psalms 32 and 51 show how to talk to God about our sins.
6. Messiah psalms like Psalms 22 and 89 tell us about Jesus.
7. Worship psalms like Psalms 30 and 122 were used on special religious holidays to worship God with other people.

Here's what's happening in 3rd-5th grade Sunday School!



In the third through fifth grade Sunday School Class we are learning about different characters

in the Bible. We took a break for the Christmas Season to do a series called Journey to the Manger. We discussed the journey Joseph and Mary took as well as the journey of the Wise Men. Now that the Christmas Season is over, we are returning to what we call our Bible Survivor Team Study. Each week we discuss a different character from the Bible and write down the traits they each have that would make them either a good or bad team member on a Survivor Team. So far we have discussed Noah, Moses, Delilah, Solomon, Esther, Jonah, Job, Daniel, and Paul. We should finish the lesson some time after Easter and at that point each child will be able to pick five characters that they would like to have on their Survivor Team and then explain why they chose each one. The kids do a great job picking up on qualities of each character and discussing why each would or would not be a good person to have on their team. This lesson has been a lot of fun and we've had learned a lot of interesting facts about each of the people we've discussed.

What are some favorite psalms?

God's creation and Word	Psalm 19
God is our shepherd	Psalm 23
Confessing sin to God	Psalm 32
Trusting God	Psalm 37
Don't be jealous	Psalm 73
God's great love	Psalm 89
How great God is	Psalm 104
Loving God's Word	Psalm 119