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**Contemporary
Worship**
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:55 a.m.

**Traditional
Worship**
11:00 a.m.

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Epiphany

Epiphany: appearance, manifestation.

A discovery, realization.

Epiphany is about God's appearance in our world.

Each Epiphany, we remember the story of wise men from the east who traveled by the light of a star to bring gifts to the baby Jesus. What they found, at the end of their journey, was a new vision of God. What they discovered was a child—a living, breathing, helpless infant whose eyes, coos, and cries were those of God Himself. What they looked upon when they entered the house, was the manifestation of the word “Emmanuel” which means “God is with us.”

This Epiphany, we will have the opportunity to experience this same thing, along with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Rhode Island. There will be a cooperative worship service held on Friday January 6 at Emanuel (how appropriate!) Lutheran Church, West Warwick (more details follow in this issue of the Scroll). Together, we will recreate the journey of the magi, and the wonder of the child that God has sent us.

Epiphany is about God's appearance in our world. It's about seeing God face to face, and living to tell about it. In fact, Epiphany is about discovering that when we see God with us, that our life's work is redefined and becomes all about telling this story with every thought, word, and deed.

Join us for Epiphany, and bring the joy of the appearance of the Son of God into this new year. It's yet another reminder that God is up to something!

God's peace!
Pastor Andrew





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for submission of Scroll articles will be the 15th of each month. Last minute additions may be accepted – as space allows – until newsletter is completed. Please send all content to Scroll@stjames-ri.org or leave it in Debi Curry's office mail cubby.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the St. James "Cell Phones for Soldiers" drive over the past few months.

We are pleased to report a final tally of **105 cell phones** collected and delivered. This greatly exceeded our expectations of 75 cells and we are so very thankful to all the contributors!

Lou D'Errico



CHURCH COUNCIL

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Financially Speaking

The current year budget shows revenues of \$132,767 and expenses of \$133,998 through November. This shortfall of \$1,231 is significantly below the \$21,000 projection for year 2011. Thank you to all who have contributed in keeping our deficit down.

The 2012 budget will be presented at the December Council Meeting and presented to the congregation at the February 5, 2012 Annual Meeting.

We need new members. Please consider joining Finance & Stewardship. See George Bowen for details.

Mission Offerings

The January Mission Offering has been allocated by the Outreach Ministries Team for heating assistance. There is much need within our own community; families are having to choose between heating their homes and purchasing food.

Please help, as you are able.

Thank you to all for supporting the December Mission Offering. We were able to purchase an astounding amount of grocery cards.

The Pastor receives many requests for assistance; it is good to know he will have some resources to help

needy individuals and families during these coming months.



MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES - OUR FIRST YEAR

So much gratitude was received, so many hands worked to feed and cloth those less fortunate, and so many prayers were answered. We at St. James were led to be a part of the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry. Feeling the need to do more for the homeless and working poor the Outreach Ministry Team had a heartfelt discussion just over a year ago. We had heard about MLF and even attended an informational meeting about the program. We came away feeling overwhelmed, we just couldn't see a way to make this great ministry work at St. James. Then came Mike Nadeau and his never-ending faith and compassion. He'd run into the MLF truck and the Barrington Methodist crew. Mike had no doubt that this was something St. James needed to be a part of.

So... one year later we have prepared and served over 3,000 meals.

Funds and supplies to support the program have flowed from a variety of sources including the St. James

Yard Sale, Thrivent, donations from members as well as donations of bread (Homestead Baking in Rumford supplies all of our bread and rolls) and the good folks at We Share Hope in Riverside. It has been an amazing year and we are all blessed to have been a part of it. Thank you to everyone for your faithful service.

St. James is scheduled for three MLF runs in January 2012.

Sat, Jan 14th
Woonsocket
Prep begins at 10:30 am, the truck will leave a noon

Sun, Jan 15th
Providence
Prep begins following the Contemporary Service (10:15ish), the truck will leave at noon

Wed, Jan 18th
Providence and Pawtucket
Prep begins at 3:30, the truck will leave at 5:00pm

WHAT CAN YOU DO OR PROVIDE?

- Volunteer to help with shopping and organizing.
- Driver and

volunteers are needed to go into the city and distribute food.

- Join the food prep group.
- Donate bread, fruit, juice boxes, sandwich fixins (peanut butter, jelly, cold cuts etc), cookies.
- Bring your warm coats, sweaters, fleeces, scarves, mittens blankets to Lou's Closet.

Please continue to pray for the homeless in our community and around the world. Please pray that the St. James volunteers will be able to bring comfort and a warm meal to those in need.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make Mobile Loaves & Fishes work. Please see Pastor Andrew, Mike Nadeau, Dale Rideout or Jill Bowen if you would like to help out.



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.

Mt 25:35-36

Christmas Senior Luncheon



On Saturday December 10th over forty young-at-heart members enjoyed a Christmas Party at the church. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon compliments of the Ethel Johnson Endowment.

Linda Farynyk played the piano with everyone joining in for a wonderful holiday sing-along. Margie Reiske recited a heart warming Christmas poem she composed after being Santa's helper many years ago.

Lou D'Errico, Donna D'Errico and Norman Rousseau shared some jokes and then Santa (disguised as Jack Zawislak) came by to help with the Yankee Swap. Gifts were opened, exchanged and exchanged again.

It was a wonderful day and a great time of fellowship with friends.

A special thank you to Ellen Zawislak, Brigitte Palmer, Renie Erickson, Linda Farynyk and Sue DiFuscio for planning and serving a great party.

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exchanged
again!

Lou's Closet was emptied in late December with the majority of clothing being readied for the Mobile Loaves & Fishes truck. Professional clothing and some children's clothing was also delivered to Dorcas House and Tap In.

We need to stock up again with warm coats, sweaters, fleeces, scarves, mittens, and blankets. These items will be given directly to individuals and families in need who live in and around our community. It is our hope to once again fill the truck with warm clothing for men, women, children and babies.

Please check your closets for those items your families has outgrown and bring them to Lou's closet (located across from the cry room at the rear of the sanctuary).

Thanks to everyone who supports this wonderful ministry. A special thank you to Brigitte Palmer, Lois Oelhkens, Ed and Blanche Richmond and Lou D'Errico for loading up their cars each month and making deliveries of clothing all around the state.





Keep everyone safe in the car

The CDC estimates there are 300,000 incidents of drunk driving every day across the US

Your best defense against a drunk driver is to buckle up every time

- Every person in every seat should be buckled on every trip.
- Seat belts reduce serious injuries and deaths from crashes by about 50%.
- Children should ride in a booster seat until they are 4ft 9in tall and can properly fit in a shoulder belt.

Children should ride in the the rear seat until age 13

- Data from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that children riding in the front seat are at an up to 70% increased risk of injury

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 : Come to our next Parent2Parent meeting :
 : Wednesday 1/11 7pm :
 : at the Barrington Public Library :
 :
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Parenting *is* prevention

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THE BAY TEAM

*The Barrington Adult Youth Team
 Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse*



Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Bazaar

The 2011 Fair Trade Bazaar was a great success.

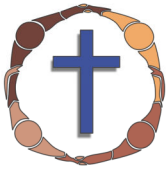
Outreach Ministries raised over \$220 for outreach programs at St. James and another \$367.00 for Lutheran World Relief.

The St. James funds will be split between Mobile Loaves & Fishes, the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen and Heating Assistance for those with need.

Thank you to everyone for shopping at the bazaar.

Going Green - Remember to reuse and recycle Christmas gift-wrappings, bags, bows and ribbons.

Sun Jan 1, 2012	9:00am – 10:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Traditional Worship
Wed Jan 4, 2012	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Table Talk - St. James- Conference Room
Fri Jan 6, 2012	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Epiphany Worship - Emanuel Lutheran Church, 9 New London Avenue, Warwick, RI
Sun Jan 8, 2012	9:00am – 10:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Traditional Worship
Tue Jan 10, 2012	7:00pm	Team Tuesday
	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Disciples in Training - St James Office
Wed Jan 11, 2012	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Table Talk - St. James- Conference Room
Sat Jan 14, 2012	All day	MLF - Woonsocket
Sun Jan 15, 2012	All day	MLF - Providence
	9:00am – 10:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Traditional Worship
Wed Jan 18, 2012	All day	MLF - Providence & Pawtucket
	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Table Talk - St. James- Conference Room
Sun Jan 22, 2012	9:00am – 10:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Traditional Worship
Tue Jan 24, 2012	7:00pm	Council
	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Disciples in Training - St James Office
Wed Jan 25, 2012	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Table Talk - St. James- Conference Room
Sun Jan 29, 2012	9:00am – 10:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Traditional Worship
Wed Feb 1, 2012	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Table Talk - St. James- Conference Room
Sun Feb 5, 2012	11:30am – 1:30pm	Annual Meeting
	10:00am – 11:00am	Combined Worship Service



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Epiphany Worship

Rhode Island Conference ELCA Joint Epiphany Worship

Friday January 6, 2011 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

9 New London Avenue, West Warwick

The service will begin outside around a fire, then process into the sanctuary for a "lessons and carols" service. There will be a coffee hour with desserts following.

A Community Choir will sing "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" Those who would like to be a part of the choir are asked to arrive at 6:30 for a short choir practice.

