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# THE EPISTLE

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## Pastor's Column

The season of Epiphany is upon us. Traditionally, it begins on January 6 and concludes on Ash Wednesday. This period is characterized by revelation and discovery as we recognize that God has incarnated within His creation. We are invited to perceive the divine in every aspect of our lives and the world around us.

The enduring symbol of this time is the visit of the Magi, who followed a star to find the Christ child. Their journey reminds us that God's light is present throughout all creation, guiding us to a deeper understanding and relationship with Him. As we progress through this season, the days gradually grow longer, and the light becomes more prominent in our lives.

Epiphany encourages us to open our eyes to the numerous ways God reveals Himself to us. It is a time when what has always been familiar takes on a new perspective. Whether in the beauty of nature, the kindness of a stranger, or the quiet moments of reflection, God's presence is interwoven into the fabric of our daily existence. In the beauty of creation, the love of our community, or the challenges we encounter, God's grace is ever-present, guiding and sustaining us.

As we open our hearts and minds to the divine revelations in our lives, God draws us closer and invites us to be transformed by His love. As we journey through this season, let us be mindful of the divine epiphanies that occur in our own lives, bringing us nearer to the heart of God and to one another.

In this season, may we discover anew the nature of God in all things and be transformed by His love and grace. May our hearts and minds be attuned to His presence, leading us to a deeper appreciation of His work in our lives and the world.

God's Blessing,

Pastor Nic

## **Council Corner – February 2025**

### **Reflection and growth**

#### **Looking forward to New Beginnings for 2025**

This year is the Chinese Zodiac Year of the Snake, as this is my Mothers year whom I lost three years ago, I reflect on losing a loved one but how we must go on. In a church or as a person we relish and celebrate our lives of past happiness and sadness when they are gone; but we walk one foot ahead of each other, knowing eternal life is before us.

**John 3:16:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

With changes and doubt that come upon us, with no new Pastor for our church at St Paul's Lutheran, we must find prayers to go on

#### **Titus 1:6-9**

##### **Commentary on Titus 1:5-9**

The character and qualification of pastors, here called elders and bishops, agree with what the apostle wrote to Timothy. Being such bishops and overseers of the flock, to be examples to them, and God's stewards to take care of the affairs of his household, there is great reason that they should be blameless. What they are not to be, is plainly shown, as well as what they are to be, as servants of Christ, and able ministers of the letter and practice of the gospel. And here are described the spirit and practice becoming such as should be examples of good works.

Please pray to heal ourselves, lead in a compassionate way and pray we do good works and actively seek a new Pastor to welcome to our congregation.

Blessings  
Charrise  
Council Member

### **Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW)**

We will have our first meeting of 2025 on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 at the Church.

Come and join us as we put together plans for events in 2025, set our Budget and try to discern God's way forward for our group.

At our Christmas party, we decided to keep our Prayer Buddy program and those who wanted to be part of it found out who their Prayer buddy was for 2025. If you were unable to attend but think you may be interested in being part of the Prayer Buddy program, please speak to Sarolta and she will partner you up. (A Prayer Buddy is someone you pray for throughout the year, and she prays for you. You know who you are partnered with so you can also be in touch by phone, email or in person and hopefully get to know each other better).

Linda, President

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



***This is a special time for fellowship for the whole family. Bring the kids, bring the grandparents!***

When? 6:00 pm, March 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

Where? St Paul's Fellowship Hall

What? Yummy pancakes!

## ***St. Paul's Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 23rd – 11:30 am***

Join us for a great lunch provided by the ELW and then stay for the meeting. We will review the past year of ministry together and elect our leaders for the coming year. **Please note that the AGM will not be live-streamed or on zoom.** Celebrate another year of ministry and talk together to make decisions for the future of YOUR church.

This is also the time for you to help select new leaders for your church. If we want our congregation to grow and be a positive force in our community, it is absolutely necessary to select leaders that bring the right priorities, a positive attitude and a willingness to serve.

Sometimes God chooses us when we least expect it – so if you are “chosen” by the Nominating Committee – please prayerfully consider whether this is God “calling you” to do his work in ways you may not have thought of before!

You don't have to wait to be asked! Talk to Allyson, Susan, Cheryl, Sarolta and Shawna for more information.

## ***Worship Schedule***

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pastor Nic

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Vickie Wong

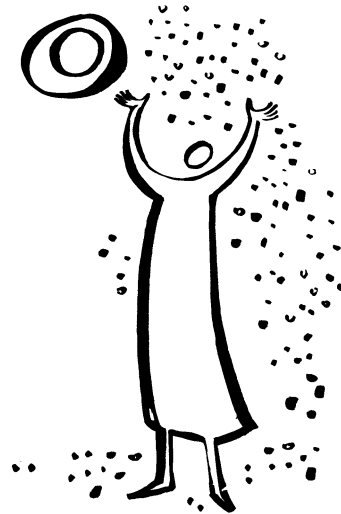
Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Nic

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pastor Cliff Reinhardt

Ash Wednesday Worship  
Pastor Nic Alexandre  
March 5, 2025 – 7 pm



Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.



give and it will  
be given to you

A GOOD MEASURE  
PRESSED DOWN  
SHAKEN TOGETHER  
RUNNING OVER.  
LUKE 6:38