

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2023



The Epiphany of Our Lord

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Christopher Uehlein

GATHERING HYMN Bright and Glorious is the Sky, vs. 1-4&6 #301 ELW



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'
arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall
come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and
Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R
¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,**
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.

¹³He has compassion on the low-¹ly and poor,
and preserves the lives¹ of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re-¹deems their lives,
and precious is their blood¹ in his sight. R**

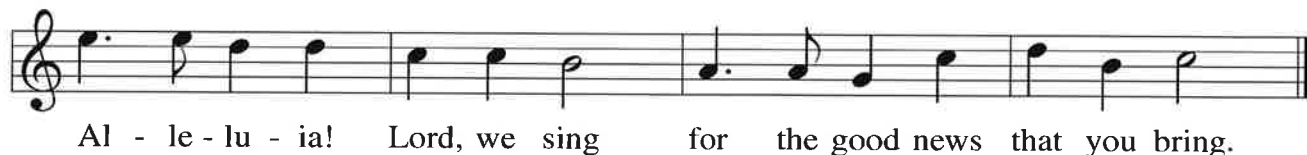
SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Jesus, the Light of the World

Wesley/Elderkin ACS 914

Offertory Hymn:

The First Noel, vs. 2&5

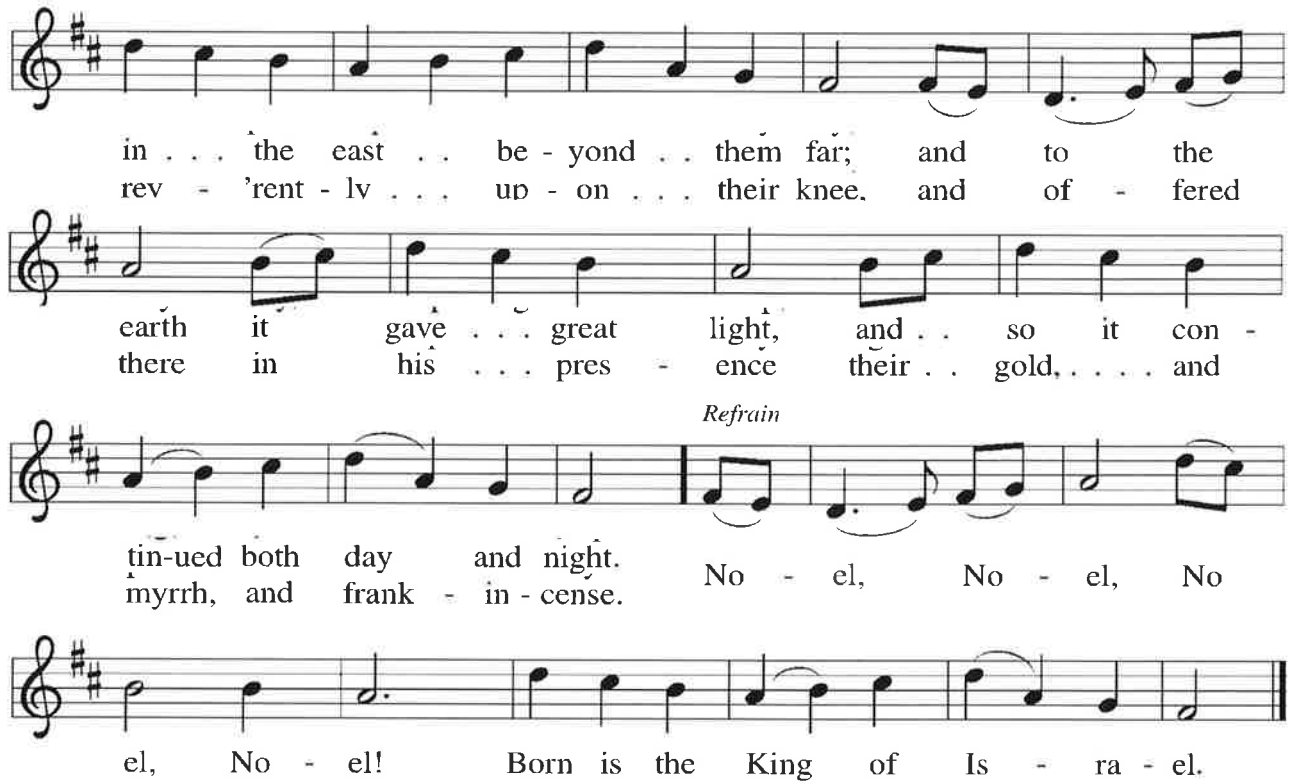
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2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

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in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and
Refrain
tin-ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

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heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, earth
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution

- *We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.*
- *The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.*
- *Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.*

Distribution

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

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1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#310 ELW



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Robert Hobby

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Jan 15 — Serena Severance

Jan 22 — Kimberly Milham

Lector

Jan 15 — Serena Severance

Jan 22 — Jeanne Moussette

Altar Preparation

Jan 15 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Jan 22 — Amy Sigmar & Monica Scheiber

Counters

Jan 15 — John Valiton

Jan 22 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 15 — TBD

Jan 22 — TBD

Ushers

Jan 15 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Jan 22 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

This Week at MLC

Sunday, January 8

8:15am Worship

8:30am **NO Atrium**

10am Worship

Tuesday, January 10

9am **NO Bible Study**, Zoom

7pm Council Meeting

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, January 12

11am **NO Bible Study**, In Person

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, January 13

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, January 15

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service



happy new year
2023

congregational meeting



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Magnolia Lutheran Church's first semi-annual meeting for 2023 will be held on Sunday, February 5th. At this time it is not known whether the meeting will be held via Zoom or in person. Please stay tuned for more details but keep that date in the back of your mind and/or on your calendars!

IMPORTANT DATE!

STRANGE RECORDS BROKEN IN 2022

- Most soda cans suctioned to a person's head (ten)
- Most eggs balanced on the back of your hand (18)
- Fastest time to find and alphabetize all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup (2 minutes & 9 seconds)
- Fastest time to eat ten Carolina Reaper hot peppers (33 seconds)
- Farthest tightrope walk in four inch heels (640 feet)
- Largest gathering of people with the same first and last name (178 all named "Hirokazu Tanaka")

INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

Choir practice began again on January 4th and will meet every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir meets once a week for a few weeks prior to a scheduled performance.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at ajsimo@comcast.net.

LOOK!



Please Remember In Prayer

Kathleen Rowan
Donna Hegstrom
Dave Larson
Family of Don Goertzen
Family of Bob McIntosh
Pauline McIntosh
Gail Hendrickson
Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle
Heidi Carpine
Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)
Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).
Sandy Bennis
Family of Liz Roach
Family of Robert Hansen (cousin to Russ Long)

If we have inadvertently removed someone whom you wish to remain on the list or if you wish to add someone new, please contact the church office.

Last Week's Attendance

January 1, 2023 — 29

QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided.

No need to RSVP—just show up!

There was no quilting or handwork group work in December! Next meeting is TBD.

Questions? Contact the office at 206-284-0155.

ATRIUM HAS BEGUN!

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for **all children** have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.

LOOK!

NO ATRIUM ON JAN 8!



THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!!

A big thank you to Barbara Helde for heading up the Fellowship Committee in providing the Congregation with all of the coffee hour goodies for all of the Sundays in Advent! Barbara headed it up but she couldn't have done it by herself. So a big thank you also goes out to Linda Johnson, Kay Kurtzweg, Jeanne Moussette, Georgia Backman, Susan Swenson, Kimberly Milham, Ronnie Beckerleg and anybody else that I might have overlooked! My apologies if I did!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy in order to keep MLC running smoothly in 2022! There are too many to mention by name but **you** know who you are and **we** know who you are! A special shout out to Aaron Stevens and Evan Kelly who switch off but are at MLC every week to do the live stream. And a big thank you to Johnny Searle who runs the audio and makes sure everyone's mic is on every single Sunday! These are two areas where we could really use some volunteers!

ORIGINS OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany is both a day and a season on the church calendar. The day is January 6; the season is the time between the close of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of Lent.

The word epiphany has a variety of meanings intimately related to one another. Epiphany means the shining of a light, a shining forth, a manifestation, an appearance, or a revelation.



The Day of the Epiphany, with Easter and Pentecost, is one of the three oldest and most important festivals observed by Christians. This is true even though today the festival seems to be little understood and under-celebrated.

The Festival of the Epiphany apparently had its origin in the east at the beginning of the third century. By the end of the third century, January 6 had become the accepted date for the celebration of the festival. In those days, Epiphany Day

commemorated the birth of Jesus, His Baptism, and His first miracle at Cana in Galilee. At the outset, it was a splendid, multifaceted commemoration.

In the middle of the fourth century, the Western Church moved the celebration of Christmas as the birthday of Jesus to December 25. So the Epiphany festival took on new meaning for the western, and many eastern, churches. In the west, the visit of the Wise Men came to have the position of prominence on Epiphany day, and, in time, other events of the day were assigned to the Sundays of the Epiphany season.

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- Online banking through your financial institution

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- Computer or smartphone
online giving:
⇒ Credit, Debit, Checking account
⇒ One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
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MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select "MLC Guest" on your device, the password is:

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(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update

As of November, 2022

*Income — \$ 310,689

Expenses—\$ 323,823

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2021-2022

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron
Vice President -- Victoria Watson
Secretary -- Serena Severance
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Council members:

The year listed is when the member's term ends, in June.

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2025)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum, age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God..

SERVANTS TODAY

Presiding Minister — Reverend Valinda Morse

Assisting Minister — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Kay & Cliff Kurtzweg

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.
All are part of God's masterpiece.
All are loved as they are.
All are welcome here.

