



# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church Newsletter *January 2020*

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## New Testament Stewardship Faithfully Giving a First-fruits Portion of Your Income for the Work of Christ's Church

### *Introduction*

When we speak about stewardship, we often say that it deals with how we use our time, talents and treasure in respect to God's Church. And that is true as far as it goes. But catchy phrases usually don't make good theology. When Lutherans think about stewardship, we should think in biblical, Lutheran categories: Law and Gospel, vocation and sanctification.

### *Law and Gospel*

The foundation of understanding the Bible and its teachings is the distinction between God's Law and God's Gospel. The Law of God is the way He wants us to live, His commandments, principles, rules or whatever else you want to call them. In catechism class we learn that the Law of God always "Shows Our Sin" (SOS). Not one of us can perfectly keep God's Law. "[F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23) The Gospel is the Good News that though we can never earn God's favor with our works, merit or worthiness, God has provided salvation for us free of charge in the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As such, the Gospel of God always "Shows Our Savior" (SOS). "...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 3:24)

While the Ten Commandments are Law — they show us how sinful we are (1st Use/Function), they also serve two other purposes. For unbelievers, the Law helps curb outward sin. For example, since there is a law against stealing and a strong punishment for it, then there will be less stealing. In this way, the law becomes a deterrent toward sinning, whether that society believes in God or not (2nd Use/Function). For believers in Christ, the Law also serves as a guide to how to live a life of thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

The Law of God also serves a third use or function. Here, the Law acts as our guide for how to respond to God in thanksgiving for His gifts to us. But even this Law will always accuse us and show us our sin.

The following information from God's Word about the stewardship of our finances is Law in this third sense. In the New Testament, God has given us believers in Christ certain commands about how to use our finances for the work of the Church. No one (not even the pastor) can control God's Law and the way it affects the hearers who hear it.

So as you read through this information, if you are convicted that you have not been faithful with your finances in thought, word or deed, then know that this is God's Law at work. He is calling you to repentance. So repent and trust in the Lord Jesus who died for all sins — including sins of greed and miserliness. You are forgiven in Christ and as a forgiven child of God, you can lead a new and more faithful life in the power of Christ's Gospel.

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## Stewardship & Vocation

Christian stewardship begins with an understanding that all we have is God's and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7). Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have.

A great treasure of the Lutheran Reformation is the rediscovery of the holy callings given to each Christian. In Luther's day, it was taught that the surest way to enter heaven was to leave the world and join a monastery. But Luther saw this as actually turning away from the holy calling (in Latin: *vocatio*) that God has given each of us to play in the home, the church and society at-large. Each one of these vocations makes a claim upon us to perform specific responsibilities. Luther laid out the biblical commands for our various vocations in the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism. For our purposes we will look specifically at the command for all Christians when it comes to stewardship:

### What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14  
Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7

Our vocation as a Christian and as a member of a particular Christian congregation where we receive the Word of God and His Sacraments makes a claim on us — on our actually being present on Sunday morning to receive this gifts and also in our support for the work of the Gospel which is in response to God's gifts to us.

Our God-given vocations in the home make a claim on us — again, for presence and support. In the home with the vocation of parenting, a father uses his income to feed, clothe and protect his children; a mother must be present with her children to actually be a mother to them. In society at-large, our vocations are varied, but they all boil down to being a good neighbor no matter where we are: at work, we have friends, when we socialize with our neighbors, we have ample opportunity to help our neighbor in need. In each place, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. That means being a faithful friend and worker, a kind and generous neighbor, and so on. Once again, each role places a claim on our presence and our support.

In the Post-Communion Collect we pray that we would grow in "faith toward [God] and in fervent love toward one another." This growth in the Christian life is called sanctification. Our sanctification is never perfect in this life, but that is all the more reason why we must actually strive to live a faithful (toward God) and loving (toward our neighbor) Christian life. Thinking about sanctification through the lens of vocation makes this a much more concrete task. My sanctification is not "trying to get more holy" by attending church, rather it's about trying to get to church more often to be more supportive of the ministry. As parents, our sanctification is about making time to actually raise children and plan for their future by making sacrifices now. Sanctification is about allowing room in my life to give alms to my needy neighbor and being present for my neighbor in times of need.

### Tithing in the Old Testament

The word "tithing" comes from the Old English word for "a tenth." To tithe means to give one-tenth of one's income, or 10 percent. In the Old Testament, God commanded that the Israelites tithe for the support of the temple, its priests and Levites, and the sacrifices:

"Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD" (Lev. 27:30).

"To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting" (Num. 18:21).

Everyone in Israel was to tithe, even the Levites whose income came from the tithes of the other Israelites:

"And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Moreover, you shall speak and say to the Levites, "When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to the LORD, a tithe of the tithe"' (Num. 18:25–26).

Thus, tithing was a part of the Old Testament law for Israel (along with the entire law for the nation, including the dietary laws, which stated that one should not eat pork, shellfish, etc.). As such, God promised to bless Israel's faithfulness to this and all other Old Testament laws:

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Mal. 3:10).

### False Teachings on Tithing

Too often many Christians now make a jump from the Old Testament law to our current situation under the New Testament. These folks say that

- 1.) tithing is still a command of God upon us who share in the New Testament, and
- 2.) if you do tithe, God will bless you financially, and if you don't tithe, God will punish you financially.

Both of these statements are in error in subtle yet significant ways.

First, the tithing commanded by God in the Old Testament applied to the state of affairs before the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning the incarnation, life death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just as Christians today are not under any obligation to circumcise their sons or to abstain from pork and shellfish, so the Old Testament laws regarding tithing do not apply directly to today's Christians. St. Paul writes,

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ” (Col. 2:16–17).

Christ is the fulfillment and, therefore, the end of the Old Testament law.

Secondly, Christ tells us that our life in this world will be difficult. We are to take up our cross and follow Him. To say that God will necessarily bless us financially if we tithe (or do any other good work!) is to make God our slave and to deny the complete satisfaction that Christ won for us on the cross. That being said of course, a life lived in accordance with God's commands will end up being more blessed than a life lived in disobedience to God's Law. If we are faithful, God will bless us — but we must realize that God will also bless us in the shade of the cross. Johann Gerhard put it this way:

In the same way along with the eternal promises in the New Testament there are also given corporal and temporal promises which must be understood with the exception of the cross. “There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for My sake and for the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life” (Mark 10:29–30). “Godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Tim. 4:8). “He that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile” (1 Peter 3:10). “Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right?” (verse 13). (Gerhard, *Theological Commonplaces: On the Law*, CPH, 2015)

#### New Testament Stewardship

So, where does that leave us today with how we are to support God's work in the Church? To find these principles, we need to look to the New Testament and how we are told to fulfill the law of love in regard to financial support of the Church. St. Paul says the following to the Corinthian Christians:

“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper” (1 Cor. 16:2).

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:6–8).

So, in the New Testament we are to give:

1. Voluntarily and cheerfully. Giving must be done voluntarily, not under compulsion: cheerfully, without holding a grudge and without resentment in our hearts.
2. Our first-fruits. Giving should be from the first-fruits of our labor, “off the top”. Our giving is what we do on the first day of the week before our other expenses come due.
3. Proportionally. Giving is to be proportional, “as he may prosper.” Giving is not to be an arbitrarily set dollar amount each week, but rather it is to be in accordance with how one has prospered each week (giving once a month is also fine). In the end, the point taught here is that each of us should determine to set aside a certain proportion (percentage) of our income for the Church. (What percentage that should be will be addressed in the next paragraph below.)
4. Faithfully. We do have the promise that God will give us what we need for this body and life. Therefore, we should give in faith, trusting that God will provide for all our needs, though not necessarily our wants!

So, in the New Testament proportional giving also is commanded. We are to give each week in accordance with how we have prospered. Naturally, the question each of us then comes up with is “what size should this proportion be?” The New Testament does not lay down any set number. We saw that in the Old Testament the percentage was set down at 10 percent, a tithe. If God set this number down for His people of old, this seems like the obvious place to start with our giving. This is how tithing applies indirectly to Christians under the New Testament. Indeed, God in the New Testament does command that we give generously to support the work of the Church. And in the Old Testament, God commanded that His people give 10 percent of their income for the support of the temple. Thus, it seems fair to say that generosity begins at 10 percent.

A Parallel Example of how the Old Testament Informs our Understanding of the New Testament: The Sabbath  
One way to learn how the Old Testament informs our understanding of the New Testament is to look at how we are to keep the Third Commandment. Moses recorded the Lord's words:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”  
(Exodus 20:8–11)

So, should we have to keep this commandment? Should we cease from all labor on Saturday as the people of the Old Testament did? Of course not! That was one of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ — and since Christ has fulfilled the Sabbath rest by resting in the tomb on Holy Saturday, we are free from the Old Testament Sabbath regulations. Thus St. Paul writes,

“Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ” (Col. 2:16–17).

And yet, there the Third Commandment remains in our Small Catechism: “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy”! What’s going on here? Well, look at Luther’s explanation of the Third Commandment: “What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” So the form of the commandment, the letter of the law, has passed away as a shadow, but the spirit still remains. We are to honor God by our worship, by gladly receiving His Word and Sacraments in His Church.

So it is with tithing. Nowhere in the New Testament does it list the precise regulations about giving this tithe and that tithe to the Levites and the temple and so on. Those precise regulations were to point us to Christ, who represents the fullness of humanity though He is one man, just as the tithe represented the fullness and completeness of the income of the people of Israel though it was only 10 percent thereof. We are in no way bound to these precise legal regulations of Old Testament Israel.

And yet, just as the fulfilling of the Sabbath doesn’t mean that going to the Lord’s house for worship once a week is obsolete, so also the New Testament does not make faithful financial stewardship (including the tithe) obsolete. Rather, the New Testament is full of admonitions on this point:

“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper” (1 Cor. 16:2).

“But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7, emphasis added).

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:6–8, emphasis added).

So just as the Old Testament’s once-a-week worship became the benchmark for New Testament worship, so also the Old Testament’s tithe becomes the benchmark for New Testament stewardship. Not in the way of inflexible, fine-print regulations, but in the way of a pattern and fulfillment. If in the New Testament we are called to give proportionally (“as he may prosper”), weekly (“on the first day”) and generously (“bountifully”), then one could also make the assertion the Old Testament tithe is the floor level of Christian giving, not the ceiling. As our worship in the New Testament is a greater fulfillment of the Old Testament Sabbath, so also our New Testament stewardship is called to be an even greater sacrificial fulfillment of the Old Testament tithing regulations.

#### How to Plan Your Giving

Here is some practical advice on how to determine what you should be contributing to the work of the Church.

1. **Receive God’s gifts.** If you have not been faithfully attending worship to hear God’s Word, receiving His forgiveness and partaking of His body and blood for the eternal benefit of your soul, then by all means repent and come receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus! God does not want your money — He wants you, all of you.
2. Pray. Go to the throne of God’s grace and ask for strengthening of will to follow the Lord faithfully.
3. Consider what the Church does. The Church is called to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ by preaching the Gospel to all who will hear it and administering the Sacraments to the faithful. You are a part of God’s Church on earth. This is your mission as a Christian and this mission is for the life of the world! A mission God thought so important that Jesus laid down His life and took it up again. The Church cannot complete its mission unless all members of the Church, those who have benefitted from the Church’s mission, faithfully support the Church.

4. Examine yourself. Consider the commands of God from the New Testament about supporting the work of the Church and then examine your own giving. Are you:
  - a.) giving of your first-fruits (that is, does your offering come out of your paycheck first, not just what's left over?);
  - b.) giving voluntarily and cheerfully;
  - c.) giving proportionally;
  - d.) relying on God's promise to provide for you? If not, then repent and trust in God's provision.

Decide on your proportion. Now you are ready to consider what proportion of your income you can give faithfully, proportionally and cheerfully. As I mentioned above, a good place to start is 10 percent. That is what my family gives, and it makes for easy math — just move the decimal point and that's your offering for the week. But if you can't give 10 percent voluntarily and cheerfully, then pick another proportion: 7, 5 or even 1 percent. But just follow the guidelines from Scripture and faithfully give a voluntary first-fruits portion of your income.

#### More Law and Gospel

So that is God's Law on supporting the Church: support it faithfully from your first-fruits, do it voluntarily and cheerfully, and do it proportionally. Does that convict you? Does this Law show your sin? I know it convicts me. I have certainly not been as cheerful or faithful a giver as I should be. That is the bad news of our sinfulness against God's Law. But the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that we are forgiven by the blood of Christ and His work on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. God loves us and has made us His children in Baptism. He feeds us with His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We are His, and no one can snatch us out of His hands.



# Trinity Congregation News & Information

**MEN'S RESTROOM RENOVATION:** Demolition will start on *January 6, 2020*.

The renovation will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. During this time, please use the restroom located off the LWML room.

**PIE SUNDAY:** *January 5, 2020* - **Begin the year with Trinity Baker's delight –PIE!** All flavors welcome and will be shared during fellowship time. Sign-up sheet is posted on **Fellowship's Bulletin Board, or if you miss signing up, be sure your addition will be welcome.** Generally, 10-15 pies are needed for sharing. All look forward to your scrumptious contribution. Happy and Blessed New Year!

**LADIES' BOOK STUDY:** We will be continuing reading *Pew Sisters* together and will meet on *Monday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.* at the home of Shelly Rice. Contact Shelly at 307-253-0812 for more information.

**LUTHERAN MAMAS ASSOCIATION:** We will be meeting on Thursday, *January 23 at 9:30 a.m.* in the Trinity Parish Hall. Contact Victoria Haight if you have questions at, 307-287-3347.

**TRUE CARE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:**

**Announcing True Care Women's Resource Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang!** Baby bottles from the Center will be available here at church for you to take home between January and **Presidents' Day (February 16)**. Each bottle has a tag that lists the life-affirming services of **True Care Woman's Resource Center and the costs of some of the many materials needed to keep the ministry going.** Place your bottle in a prominent place in your home where you will remember to pray for the staff, volunteers and patients of the Center. Return your bottle on **Presidents' Day weekend (February 16), filled with the coins, bills and checks you collect.** Thank you for partnering with True Care to erase the perceived need for abortion in our community.

**2020 SAVE THE DATE:**

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| February 7-8   | Powder River Circuit Youth Winter Retreat at Mt. Hope<br>Bible Study: <i>The Law in the life of Christians: a brief look at Romans 7 and 8.</i> , Activities: Cross-country, Down Hill Skiing.<br>Registration: \$15. 5th Grade and up. See Pastor Olson for details.   |
| February 21-22 | WY District Tell the Good News about Jesus Convocation<br>At the Ramkota Hotel, Casper Speakers: Rev. Todd Wilken (Issues, Etc.) and Rev. Hans Fiene (Lutheran Satire) to discuss <i>Issues Concerning the Use of Social Media, the Gospel and the 8th Commandment.</i> Rev. Ron Garwood, Banquet Speaker. Registration opening soon. |
| June 26-28     | WY District Father/Son Retreat<br>Location TBD, Speaker: Dr. Peter Scaer, <i>Two Kingdom Doctrine</i>   |

**Food Barrel**

Food donations collected in the barrel placed next to the library door in the Narthex, will be delivered the last week of each month. Thank you for remembering to share the abundance with others that God so graciously continues to bless us with.



**Our next general meeting will be January 11th in the LWML room at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and welcome to attend a meeting at any time! Pastor will be continuing the Bible Study on the book of Ruth at 9 a.m. Please use the back entrance by the kitchen if you would like to join us!**

### **Upcoming Activities**

January 19th we will be serving during fellowship after the service.

### **Mites and Missions**

Each month Trinity LWML sends a donation to a different mission project. The January donation goes to Local Lutheran Hour broadcast which helps pay for broadcasting the Lutheran Hour in Casper.

The mites collected on the 2nd Sunday of each month go to the Wyoming District office to be distributed to 11 grants which were voted on at the LWML District Convention which was held June 21st - 23rd, 2018 in Cheyenne. As of July 8th \$24,750.00 of the \$35,000.00 has been paid.

### **Book Nook**

(A Christian Living Resource Center)

You will find cards for every occasion in the book nook. The Book Nook is located in the LWML room just outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance please see Jo Giles or call her at 235-1664.

### **ATTENTION WOMEN OF TRINITY!**

The Quilting ladies of Trinity hit a milestone this winter. They made over 50 Quilts! 2 quilts were donated to the Mount Hope Benefit Dinner, 10 quilts were donated to the Rescue Mission, 20 quilts were given to the homebound members of our congregation and 20 were given to the Wind River Indian Mission.

Since we made so many quilts this year, we need to restock our supplies. We are still accepting donations of sheets, blankets, thread, and/or any material scraps. There is a donation box in the LWML room where you can drop your donation.

Thank you to all the quilting ladies of Trinity. And thank you to all who donated throughout the year. We couldn't have accomplished this without you. This is such a great community service project!

We welcome anyone who can work a pair of scissors or tie a knot. Or just stop by for a cup of coffee and chat with us. We would love to have you! For questions please contact Nancy Martin at 237-8598, or Joyce Ewing at 333-2723.

**We would like to thank those who attended the LWML Christmas party. A special thank you goes to Neala Du Mont, Rebekah Hockaday, Ayla Huss, Tara McCumber, Jade Shulte, Addison Stitt and Bethany Quinn. They did their own decorating and did a fantastic job!**

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*Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to the chairman of the Board of Elders, Kyle Rice.*

The members of the Board of Elders work closely with the Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation.

### **FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES:** (on Church Property)

Please do not use the fellowship time after services for soliciting. All fundraising needs to be approved by the Board of Elders. No collections in the sanctuary or on church property except for those by auxiliaries (LWML, or boards of the congregations such as Youth Group, Fellowship) are allowed. This includes the solicitation for schools, sports, scouts or any group not specifically identified and associated with the congregation.



# January 2020

## Sunday Service Roster

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5th: Kyle Rice & Rick Reimann  
12th: Lou Allgeier & Josh Witkop  
19th: Jack Hyde & Shawn Dukart  
26th: Gary Edds & Marty Finch

### CRUCIFER/ACOLYTE

5th: Matthew Quinn  
12th: Ayden Robinett  
19th: Paul Olson  
26th: Noah Waterbury

### ALTAR GUILD

Karen Hyde & Faye Larsen

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5th: Caitlyn & Rebekah Wise  
12th: Neala Du Mont & Paige Wilson  
19th: Sarah Hockaday & Terra McCumber  
26th: Essence Koch & Ayla Huss

### USHERS

5th: Leonard Bauer, Blaine Christensen, Gary Edds, John Ewing, Sage Haight, Jack Hyde, Nathan Murrell  
12th: Lou Allgeier, Brian Chandler, Marty Finch, David Hutton, Richard Oates, Brian Quinn, Kyle Rice, Wesley Rice, William Rice  
19th: Mike Collins, Derek Buist, Keith Giles, Brandt Hedquist, Jim Kirchen, Tony Stitt, Josh Witkop  
26th: Andrew Beyeler, Dave Denke, Shawn Dukart, Chris Hermel, Vaughn Long, Bryan Pickett, Rick Reimann, Ryan Waterbury

### GREETERS

5th: David & Kathy Hutton, Jim Kirchen  
12th: Gene & Deanna Long, Tom Lucous  
19th: Shawn & Eulynda Dukart, Ryan & Meghan Waterbury  
26th: Josh & JessiKay Witkop

## January Baptisms

- 1 Beth Burgess  
Harvey Soulek
- 4 Joyce Fullerton  
Amy Stitt
- 6 Victoria Haight
- 9 Josh Hockaday  
Wesley Rice  
Evan Sowers
- 10 Jade Schulte
- 11 Andrew Beyeler  
Jacob Stutheit
- 18 David Denke  
Sally Oates
- 19 Erin Christensen  
Kimberly Redmond
- 21 Bryan Pickett
- 22 Terry Edds
- 24 Derek Buist
- 27 Kari Fransen
- 28 David Martin
- 30 Gary Edds
- 31 Austin Anderson



## January Birthdays

- 1 Linda Callies  
Gloria Friesen  
Joseph Michelena
- 3 Steve Monteleone
- 4 Lou Allgeier  
Tony Stitt
- 7 Jimmy Simmons  
Noah Waterbury
- 10 Darla Reese  
Dorothy Reimann
- 13 Sally Oates
- 17 Jessica Koch  
Ayden Robinett
- 18 Carol Boe
- 21 Pastor Olson
- 24 Vivian Haight
- 26 Ann Johnson
- 27 Justin Stewart
- 29 Gary Edds  
Fred Nemitz



## Wedding Anniversaries

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| January 5  | Kyle & Shelly Rice      | 29 Years |
| January 16 | Colton & Holly Sasser   | 4 Years  |
| January 17 | Ryan & Meghan Waterbury | 16 Years |
| January 26 | Joe & Jan Joslyn        | 58 Years |
| January 28 | Gary & Terry Edds       | 42 Years |
| January 30 | Bud & Vickie Ross       | 57 Years |

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 2020

<b>1 Jan</b>	Isaiah 61:1-11 Luke 1:57-80	<b>18 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-2 <i>Ezekiel 40:5—42:20;</i> <i>43:13-27</i> Romans 8:18-39
<b>2 Jan</b>	Isaiah 62:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	<b>19 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29 Romans 9:1-18
<b>3 Jan</b>	Isaiah 63:1-14 Luke 2:21-40	<b>20 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23 Romans 9:19-33
<b>4 Jan</b>	Isaiah 63:15—65:7 Luke 2:41-52	<b>21 Jan</b>	Joel 1:1-20 Romans 10:1-21
<b>5 Jan</b>	Isaiah 65:8-25 Luke 3:1-20	<b>22 Jan</b>	Joel 2:1-17 Romans 11:1-24
<b>6 Jan</b>	Isaiah 66:1-20 Luke 3:21-38	<b>23 Jan</b>	Joel 2:18-32 Romans 11:25—12:13
<b>7 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28 <i>Habakkuk 1:1—3:19</i> Romans 1:1-17	<b>24 Jan</b>	Joel 3:1-21 Romans 12:14—13:14
<b>8 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 2:1—3:11 Romans 1:18-32	<b>25 Jan</b>	Zechariah 1:1-21 Romans 14:1-23
<b>9 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 3:12-27 <i>Ezekiel 4:1—11:25</i> Romans 2:1-16	<b>26 Jan</b>	Zechariah 2:1—3:10 Romans 15:1-13
<b>10 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 <i>Ezekiel 19:1—24:27</i> Romans 2:17-29	<b>27 Jan</b>	Zechariah 4:1—5:11 Romans 15:14-33
<b>11 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 33:1-20 Romans 3:1-18	<b>28 Jan</b>	Zechariah 6:1—7:14 Romans 16:17-27
<b>12 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 34:1-24 Romans 3:19-31	<b>29 Jan</b>	Zechariah 8:1-23 2 Timothy 1:1-18
<b>13 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 36:13-28 Romans 4:1-25	<b>30 Jan</b>	Zechariah 9:1-17 2 Timothy 2:1-26
<b>14 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 36:33—37:14 Romans 5:1-21	<b>31 Jan</b>	Zechariah 10:1—11:3 2 Timothy 3:1-17
<b>15 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 37:15-28 Romans 6:1-23		
<b>16 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 38:1-23 Romans 7:1-20		
<b>17 Jan</b>	Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29 Romans 7:21—8:17		



# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p><i>First Sunday after Christmas</i> Divine Service 9 am</p> <p>Our Redeemer Glenrock Vacancy Divine Service 2:00pm</p>	30	31	<p>1</p> <p><b>New Year's</b> Day Church Office Closed</p>	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p><i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:35 am <i>Pie Sunday</i></p> <p>Our Redeemer Glenrock Vacancy Divine Service 2:00pm Bible Class 3:00pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Ladies' Bible</b> Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>LWML Quilting 9:00 am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p> <p>1st Year Youth Conf. 4:15 pm 2nd Year Youth Conf. 5:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Parish Planning Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	10	11
<p>12</p> <p><i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> Divine Service 9 am LWML Mite Box Sunday Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:35 am</p> <p>Our Redeemer Glenrock Vacancy Divine Service 2:00pm Bible Class 3:00pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Ladies' Bible</b> Study 9:00 am</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study 1:15 pm</p> <p>1st Year Youth Conf. 4:15 pm 2nd Year Youth Conf. 5:00 pm</p>	16	17	18
<p>19</p> <p><i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:35 am</p> <p>Our Redeemer Glenrock Vacancy Divine Service 2:00pm Bible Class 3:00pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Ladies' Bible</b> Study 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Ladies' Book</b> Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>LWML Quilting 9:00 am</p>	<p>22</p> <p>No Bible Study 1:15 pm No Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>LMA 9:30 am</p>	24	25
<p>CTSFW Symposia <i>Pastor attending Continuing Education Conference at WY District</i></p>						
<p>26</p> <p><i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Divine Service 9 am Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:35 am</p> <p>Our Redeemer Glenrock Vacancy Divine Service 2:00pm Bible Class 3:00pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Ladies' Bible</b> Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No Bible Study 1:15 pm No Confirmation</p>	30	31	
<p>WY District Circuit Visitor Meeting &amp; Reconciliation Training <i>Pastor Olson attending Conference in Billings, MT</i></p>						