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SERVING THIS WEEK OF January 4

Worship Leader: Shannon Reed
Elders: Jan Rockwell (bread), Mike Drake (cup)
Diaconate: Bev Drake, Rachel Bliven, Gail Randall
Betty Sherwood, Bob Sherwood, Jill Jones
Balcony: Chris Dace, Linda Dace, Maddie Dace
Preparatory: Joyce Randall, Phyllis Shields, Sam Shields
Greeters: **Front** Rod Burg
Central East Nita Burg
Balcony South Bob Sherwood
Elevator Gail Randall
Sanctuary Superintendent(s): Rod & Nita Burg
Children's Moment: Sue Cangro
Children's Church: Heather Craig-Bailey
Soundboard Tech: Tim Adams
Coffee Fellowship Time: Sherri Wagner
Acolyte:
Hospital Caller: Mike Drake
Financial Escort: Dean Rockwell
Sunday Morning Office Staff: Patti Jones

Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister

Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director

Carol Harmon,
Organist

Annetta Holt,
Administrative Assistant

Paul Huff,
Custodian

Mariah Chapdelaine,
Youth/Children's Choir Director

Brandi Collins,
Nursery Supervisor

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HAVE A
SAFE AND
BLESSED
NEW YEAR!

Kelly's Korner



Saturday, January 3

7:15 AM Disciples Men @ Old Dairy

Sunday, January 4

opens/closes church
drive(s) van

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
1:30 PM Shut-in Communion
Elder: Janet Shank
Jan Rockwell
Deacons: Collin Reed
Shannon Reed
5:00 PM Youth Group

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 11

opens/closes church
drive(s) the van

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries

8- Jim Schauble

Sunday, January 4 Second Sunday after Christmas Epiphany Sunday

Sermon: Seeing Salvation

Scripture: Luke 12:22-40

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday, January 11 First Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

The holidays have passed. The new year has begun. As you start 2015, was 2014 all you hoped it would be? How about the holidays—did you get everything out of the holidays for which you hoped? I'm not talking about gifts. Did you restore a relationship with a parent or sibling or child that had been troubled? Are you at peace with the world around you? Did you find ways to extend love and grace? Has anything changed inside of you?

A child has been born and life is to be different. If Christmas is to be real, then change is imminent. I read a post on someone's Facebook page that said something like *Christmas is not a day, it is a way of life*. What change/s would you have to make for Christmas to become a way of life?

One of my favorite bands is U2. I saw them in concert a few years ago in Nashville. It was a pretty amazing night. One of their biggest hits is a song called *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*. It's a song full of angst, about one who is still searching. For what? The song is a little unclear. Whatever effort this person has put in to find greatness, something is still lacking. Thus, the title of the song.

I sometimes wonder if the holidays are like that for us. We have so much hope. We have so much desire. We work so hard to make good things happen. When they are over, we are still empty. We are still wishing certain parts of our lives could change. And the new year begins and we resolve for things to be different.

Long ago, a child was born. He was born to be a king. People were drawn to him. Kings came from far away to bring him gifts. They were led by nothing more than a star. His name, Jesus. As Christians, we have been telling his story for over 2,000 years. Maybe this year, the story can become real for us. Maybe this year, we will find exactly what we are looking for. Maybe this year can be different from all the others.

Peace,

