



# NEW LIFE NEWS



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## Glad Tidings of Comfort and Joy

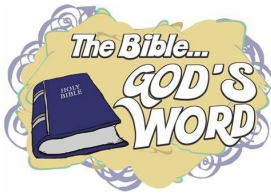
### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



### BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the bible this year. You will need to read through 2 Revelation 22 by December 31



- Sun 12/6 ~ through Colossians 4
- Sun 12/13 ~ through Philemon
- Sun 12/20 ~ through 1 Peter 5
- Sun 12/27 ~ through Revelation 9

"I'll be back soon," a World War II soldier told his wife before leaving her and their infant son. Four years of war and fighting went by. The young mother would show her boy a portrait of the soldier and say, "See, that's your daddy. One day he's going to come home." In reality, she didn't know what to expect.

One morning As the boy grew and was in need of some comfort, he said, "Mommy, wouldn't it be great if Daddy would just step out of the picture frame and help?"

In a sense that's what God did 2,000 years ago. As part of his eternal plan, he stepped out of heaven and became a man so you and I could look at Jesus and say, "That's what God looks like. This is who God is. He is here!"

The apostle John described the stepping out, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14 NIV). This verse shares the comforting truth that God is with us. John's introduction of Jesus teaches us of His humanity in the midst of his divinity. This verse contains the truth behind the story of the angels and shepherds and the Wise Men and the journey to Bethlehem that first Christmas morning. Without this verse the rest of the story loses it's meaning, and strips it of all hope.

I don't have to remind you that things are different. In fact, things are so different that we have grown accustomed

to them. Look through the newsletter there aren't many opportunities to gather, and the opportunities there are, will be different. Watch news and see... better yet... don't watch the news!

Things are different, and yet as Christians we still have hope to hold onto, and even more timely, hope to share. You can see in the newsletter that Kid's Club will be meeting virtually through the month of December. It's different, but how much easier it would be to invite your Grandkids. This year as Pastor Jesse and I work to connect with you, we are planning a Drive-in Christmas Eve Service. It's different! I bet you have never done something like that before... us either. Although it's all different, we are finding new ways to be together, and excited and hopeful for what the Lord will do through these opportunities as we meet together.

Things are different, but Christ is with us! Christ humbled himself to be born in human form, to live with us, to experience the things we are experiencing, AND to share His grace and truth. He has stepped out of heaven to make his dwelling among us. How unbelievably comforting.

May the God of **hope** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Pastor Jed



# What's Happening



Join us Christmas Eve from 6:00 to 6:30 pm as we celebrate the birth of our savior together. Gather with us for a Christmas Eve Drive-in Service as we celebrate in Song and Social distance fellowship.

Parking attendants will be there to assist with parking.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU and SEND YOU a happy NEW YEAR

## December Birthdays

- 1 Clyde Martz
- 2 Kristen Djonne
- 2 Stephanie Johnson
- 6 Tim Meise
- 10 Allyson Green
- 11 Dave Sherven
- 16 Cindy Doescher
- 17 Jenna Meise
- 17 Lisa Meyer
- 20 Isabelle Westendorf
- 21 Nikki Hanke
- 22 Dale Lempa
- 30 Randy Wallace

We will be holding Kids Club virtually on December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021. We hope to go back to meeting in person on January 20, 2021.



## Happy Anniversary

31 Benjamin & Lindsey Marty

We will be offering delivery of Individualized Communion Cups to local residents of our church. If you live in the Baraboo area and wish to be added to our list for delivery please send us an email at [newlifebaraboo@gmail.com](mailto:newlifebaraboo@gmail.com) or call the church at 608-356-3367



Merry Christmas from our family to yours...

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."  
~Luke 2:10-11

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### Financial Report

Month of October	Year to Date
Actual Income \$12,599	Actual Income \$125,203
Actual Expense \$14,840	Actual Expense \$153,311
Difference <b>-\$2,241</b>	Difference <b>-\$28,108</b>
Budgeted Giving \$16,145	Budgeted Giving \$166,145
Budgeted Expense \$17,242	Budgeted Expense \$161,818
Difference <b>-\$1,097</b>	Difference \$4,326