



GOLD
myrrh
& incense

Resurrection Life

JANUARY 2018



*From the
Pastor*

**Let's all make a New Year's resolution
that will make 2018 a year of epiphany.**

*¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **Matthew 2:10-11***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Traditionally, January is the month for New Year's resolutions. January is also the month when the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. In this my first Newsletter contribution for the new year of 2018, I would like to encourage us to combine these two traditions. I encourage each of you to resolve that 2018 will be your epiphany year. For the Church, the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord is a about the manifestation (visible expression) of Christ to the Gentiles. However the word epiphany (lower case) is used to describe an 'illuminating discovery', among other similar meanings. So, I am suggesting that 2018 can be for each of us a year filled with the possibilities of 'illuminating discoveries'.

The text I quoted above from Matthew's Gospel, is part of the account of the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. There are three things that jumped out at me from these two verses of scripture: 'exceeding great joy'; 'fell down and worshipped Him'; and, 'they presented gifts to Him'. Let us look at each one of these and see how it could shape our resolution to make 2018 a year of epiphany.

The Magi had followed the direction of the star until they were distracted by the invitation of Herod to have an audience with him. After their audience with Herod, they saw the star again and they were filled with exceeding joy. When we accepted Christ as our Savior, we submitted ourselves to the guidance and

direction of God. However, because we are tainted by sin, we are broken and imperfect. In our brokenness and imperfection, we will constantly be distracted and lose sight of the guidance and direction of God like the Magi did. However, God always provides the opportunities for us to break out of our distraction and by His grace see the 'star' again. When we do, like the Magi, we also will experience exceeding great joy. A year of epiphany will mean that we must be so vigilant that we become aware of the things that have the potential to distract us from submitting to the guidance and direction of God. When we are distracted, God will show us the 'star' again. When we see that 'star' again, we cannot ignore it, but gladly embrace it and experience the joy it brings.

When the Magi saw the Christ Child they fell down and worshipped Him. A year of epiphany will mean a year in which we endeavor to constantly see the Christ Child, and thereby be moved again and again to fall down and Worship Him. Christ is revealed in Word and Sacraments. He is also revealed in

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Shared Faith Ministries

Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church



Saturday, January 6, 2018

EPIPHANY Service at Resurrection beginning at 7:00pm

Ladies Guild January

Family Ties

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:35

The ties of family, the ties of friendship, the ties of love and affection keep us in relationship with one another. Where there is relationship among us, feelings and experiences are shared. Care and concern are shown. Help, support, and encouragement are given whenever they are needed.

Jesus was born among us to bring us into a relationship with Him. When He stepped down from heaven and took on human form, He forged eternal ties between Himself and us. He came to express God's love, share the Good News of forgiveness and salvation, and show us how much our heavenly Father desires a vibrant, living bond with us. To make sure we know what kind of relationship He means, He calls us His brothers and sisters. He assures us of His friendship and His presence in our lives. He promises us His love and affection now and forever.

Our connection to Jesus opens another magnificent relationship, too, and that is an eternal relationship with one another. Through the glorious ties of faith in Him, we are more than friends today. We are family forever. What glorious ties! What a magnificent relationship!

Walking with my Lord

Lord, keep us ever connected to You in faith and love. Amen.

There will NOT be any meetings during the months of January and February.

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. March 13, 2018 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes ...

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

Elder: Tom McNeely

Church Office: (718) 463-4292

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Musicians: Flautist - Heather Valente; Percussionist - Ralph Valente

Ministers: All the Members

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL: President: Gary Carella, Vice President: Vacant

Elder: Tom McNeely; Secretary: Dottie McNeely;

Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Eleanor Johnson; Deacons: Walter Hartman, Henry Troue
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JANUARY 2018

Too cold to change sign.
Come inside for message.

AND

Jesus loves you SNOW MUCH!



BIBLE TRIVIA

DECEMBER 2017 Trivia Question with Answer:

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What instrument is usually associated with dance in the Bible?

ANSWER: **TIMBREL OR TAMBOURINE** *Exodus 15:20 / Judges 11:34 / Job 21:12 / Psalm 150:4*

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH 2018 TRIVIA QUESTION

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

Who came out dancing after David killed Goliath?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK 1Samuel

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are Home-Bound: Joe Dunlop, Sonja Munzenmaier and Dorothea Gruenwald; **in NURSING HOMES:** Harriet Rose; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Grace Serro, Nicole, Kathy Lee Cookson, Pastor Sam, Marie Cappello, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Ronnie Sowa, Mike Scarrano, Melissa Samuels, Eileen Alvarez, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, John Ulicny, Cheryl Ulicny, Tim, Nancy Michaelis, Tom McNeely, Trina Seibel, Peter Siebel IV, Anthony Novitske, June Kippney, Julie, Baby Brielle Timmers, Audrey Jones, Joanne, and Laraine Hetzer.

Heavenly Father - We thank you for all those people whose faith and faithfulness have inspired us. We thank you for the lessons we have learned from them and pray that, as the Holy Spirit works in and through us, we may pass along the light that they kindled in us. May our days and our deeds bring glory to Your name for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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Christian community where two or three are gathered in His name and in every good deed done or kind word spoken in His name. There are so many varied ways that Christ is revealed to us. Each time that Christ is revealed to us, it brings us exceeding joy and it leads us to fall down and worship Him through Word and Sacraments.

When the Magi saw the Christ Child they were moved to present Him with gifts. So too, we who through the guidance and direction of God have seen the Christ Child and have been moved to fall down and worship Him will also be moved to present Him with our gifts. The Holy Scriptures tell us that God loves a cheerful giver. God does not only expect us to give our pledges to support the ministry and mission of our Church. God also expects us to use every gift we have to bring His grace to those who need it. So, our relation with God must so transform our lives that we become agents of God's grace. Those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, sick and in prison must feel and experience the power of God's grace in their lives through us. When we do this to the least of our brothers and sisters, you do it for Him. So, we must make a very serious effort to become more and more aware of the gifts that God has blessed us with and then use them, as God provided opportunity, to touch the lives of others.

If each of us can make a New Year's resolution that we will make 2018 a year of epiphany, we will be more aware of God's guidance in our lives, be filled with exceeding joy, be motivated to fall down and Worship Him and become, by His grace, agents of that very grace that He bestows upon us. In so doing we experience the awesome possibilities of us making illuminating discoveries about ourselves and about how God's grace works in and through us.

Jennifer, our children and grandsons join me in praying that this New Year will be one in which the grace of God will abound in each of your lives in such a way that it overflows into the lives of others.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar





God's Blessings on your birthday...

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 7 Joseph Dunlop
- Jan. 28 Sabrina Gmuca
- Jan. 29 Debbie Sichler



We acknowledge with gratitude the following gift that was made to the Resurrection Memorial Fund or other funds this past month to the Glory of God and in memory of:

In Loving Memory of

RUTH JORGENSEN
and **RUTH ANN GREEN**

from the CARELLA Family

On **Sunday, January 14, 2018** the following individuals will affirm / re-affirm their commitment to Resurrection's Church Council. Please pray for these individuals as they meet monthly to discuss the future of Resurrection.

2018 Church COUNCIL

- President: Gary Carella
- Vice President: Vacant
- Elder: Tom McNeely
- Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Eleanor Johnson
- Deacons: Walter Hartman, Henry Troue, Karen Carella and Sharon Rouzier
- Trustees: Henry Troue, Walter Hartman, Tom McNeely
- Recording Secretary: Dottie McNeely

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 265

Matt. 14:1-15

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Death of John the Baptist

- BOAT BAPTIST
- BODY BEHEADED
- BOUND BIRTHDAY
- BURIED BROTHER
- CROWD CARRIED
- DANCED DAUGHTER
- DINNER DISCIPLES
- GUESTS GRANTED
- HEALED LAWFUL
- HEROD MOTHER
- JESUS ORDERED
- JOHN PLATTER
- KING PLEASED
- OATH POWERS
- PEOPLE PROPHET
- PLACE REMOTE
- PRISON REQUEST
- RISEN SAYING
- TOWNS WANTED

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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January 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p>9:00am HEALING SERVICE 10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</p>			<p>Shared Faith Ministries Combined Service @ Resurrection 7:00pm</p>
<p>The Baptism of Our Lord 7 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MEETING</p>			<p>10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</p>			<p>Food Pantry 13 At Corona 9am 9:30am UN-Decorating Church from Christmas</p>
<p>Second Sunday After the Epiphany 14 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>		<p>10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Council Meeting 1:00pm 7:30pm CHOIR</p>			
<p>Third Sunday After the Epiphany 21 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p> <p>VOTER'S MEETING</p>			<p>10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:30pm CHOIR</p>		<p>Newsletter DEADLINE</p>	
<p>Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany 28 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p>			<p>10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:30pm CHOIR</p>			

Serving Schedule:

JANUARY 2018



<p><u>January 6, 2018</u></p> <p>Epiphany </p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Altar Care: Ida Myers Cynthia Myers</p> <p><i>(Service begins at 7:00pm)</i></p>	<p><u>January 7, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Debbie Sichler</p> <p>Usher: George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Dottie McNeely</p> <p>Altar Care: Cynthia Myers Ida Myers</p>	<p><u>January 14, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Sharon Rouzier</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p>	<p><u>January 21, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Gary Carella</p> <p>Usher: George Fisher</p> <p>Greeter: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p>	<p><u>January 28, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Walter Hartman</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Ada Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Karen Carella Jenny Gajadhar</p>
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SATURDAY
Jan. 13th at 9:30am

IT'S TIME TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH.

Please lend a helping hand to un-decorate the church!



Congratulations to **Anna Chang**

who recently graduated from New York Medical College.



FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, the second Saturday of the month. For further information call (718) 359-3289.



Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!

- SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm
Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm
- FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm
- SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

We thank Heather Valente and the *Sunday School* children for their presentation of a Christmas song on Sunday, December 17, 2017.



Christmas
2017



We were so happy that Joe Dunlop and his family were able to join us for Christmas Eve Service.



David Ahn who was on break from his Seminary studies was able to Assist Pastor James on Christmas Eve.





Our Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word, the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ, ministering to one another and to those in the community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith relationship with Jesus.



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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

