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Isaiah 60:1 - **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."**

### **"Epiphany"**

"A moment of great and sudden revelation". That's how the dictionary defines the word "epiphany". Each year, in Christian churches throughout the world, January 6<sup>th</sup> is observed as the day to remember that Jesus is the Savior of both Jews and Gentiles. In other words, He is a universal Savior. Regardless of race or nationality, age or gender, poverty or wealth, Jesus came on a rescue mission to save all people from the darkness of sin. That's the reason why the prophet Isaiah encouraged the people of his day to "arise, shine". In Christ Jesus the "light" of forgiveness and salvation has come into the world.

But here is the real, personal question of "Epiphany": Are you currently living in the "light of Jesus Christ or are you still living in "darkness"?

Imagine for a few moments that you have been trapped inside a cave for many weeks. There is absolutely no light within that cave. As time has passed your fear of the dark has passed, your eyes have grown accustomed to it, and you're very comfortable all alone in the dark. Now imagine that a rescue team finds you and offers to lead you out of the cave to the light of day. Once you reach the mouth of the cave you notice that the sunlight is quite bright, in fact it causes your eyes some burning discomfort because they haven't seen sunlight in so long. Now imagine that you refuse to leave the cave because of that discomfort. Instead you choose to spend your life in darkness and solitude rather than feel the warmth of the sun's rays and see the beauty of the creation around you and see those you love all because that sunlight caused your eyes a little pain at first.

Sounds silly doesn't it? Yet don't we sometimes treat the light of God's Word in that exact same way! God in His Word doesn't hold back any of the details about who we are. He tells us that we are wretched sinners by nature. We are people who deserve his wrath and punishment for all eternity. Those aren't easy words to hear. Those words make us uncomfortable because it's not easy to admit that we're lost people by nature. Those words aren't easy to hear because many times we're quite comfortable with our pet sins and occasional indulgences. How do you react when someone confronts you with your sin? How do you react when your imperfections and bad judgments are brought to light? Do you stand in the light confessing that sin and pleading for God's forgiveness, even though it's a bit uncomfortable? Or do you stubbornly insist on returning to the cave of the darkness of sin trying to cover them up or rationalize them away?

God urges us to "Arise and shine". He invites us to come into the light of His Word. While it is true that his Law causes us discomfort as we recognize what we truly are, it's the beautiful light of the gospel that gives us the only real comfort there is. It's that light that shows us the cross where our forgiveness comes from. It's there that God forgives us for those pet sins, those occasional forbidden indulgences, our sins of bad judgment, and flawed character. It's that light which guides us on the path to eternal life. It's that light that showers on us the warmth of God's love for us.

"Arise and shine because your light has come", the light of his Son, our Savior Jesus. "Arise and shine" with that light. Let the light of your faith shine brightly. Put that light on display.

### **St. Philip's Lutheran Church**

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday worship services at 10:30AM. Bible class begins at 9:30AM.



### **School Snow Closing Policy**

Closings are announced on radio station **AM 620 WTMJ** or **TV station TMJ4** as well as **FOX 6, CBS 58 and WITI Channel 12**. St. Philip's is automatically closed if the **Milwaukee Public Schools** are closed for snow or cold. Listen to the radio or TV! Teachers will also call their students if we have an accurate phone number for your child. Once the school day has begun, classes will be conducted for the remainder of the school day except in the case of extreme emergency. In case of bad weather, parents/guardians may pick up their children early if necessary.

***BREAKFAST IS SERVED EVERYDAY FROM 7:00AM – 7:40AM.***

***Cereal, fruit, graham crackers and milk.***

***All students eat for free!***



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**<https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipsLutheranSchool/>**

**Special thanks** to all our families who attended and supported our children's Christmas service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Without cooperation from the homes, our students would not have been able to present the message to the worshippers who had gathered.

For the extra effort those families made to be present, we are especially grateful.

### **Wisconsin Lutheran Jr. Viking Football**

Registration for the Wisconsin Lutheran Jr. Viking Football 2017 football season for boys in grades 5-8 is underway. If you are interested, registration forms are available in the office.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Extravaganza**--Attention all 5th grade students and their parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 29th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at WLHS. The evening is free and includes an Italian dinner and a showcase of what WLHS is all about. Plus, they're giving away a Chromebook! To reserve your spot for your 5th grader and yourself, please RSVP by January 20th by going to [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org).

**Bucks Faith and Family night 2017** is coming soon! On Friday, February 24, the Bucks will play the Utah Jazz. Tickets for upper level will be \$15. If we sell 25 tickets, the Bucks will match it and give us 25 additional free tickets! If you are interested, please talk to Andrew Olson and/or sign up in the entryway of church **by January 24**. Thanks and hope to see you there



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S**

### **Thursday, January 12**

Boys A & B Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM

Academic Recovery 3:30-5:30PM

### **Friday, January 13**

**Grades 3 – 7 to UWM Women's Basketball Game**

**Students going on the trip need to bring their own bag lunch. Leave school at 9:30AM.**

**Return at 2:00PM.**

**Girls B Team & Boys A & B Team Basketball games AT St. Philip's vs. Christ/St. Peter – Games start at 4:30PM – No Girls A-Team game this week.**

### **Sunday, January 15**

**Worship 10:30AM**

### **Monday, January 16**

**NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday**

### **Tuesday, January 17**

Boys A & B Team Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30PM

### **Wednesday, January 18**

Chapel 10:00AM

**Girls & Boys A Team Basketball Games HOME vs. Mt. Lebanon. NO B Team games.**

**Girls A-Team plays at 5:30PM**

**Boys A-Team plays at 6:30PM**

**All students attending the games need to have a parent or guardian present to supervise them. Parents, please remind your child to find a seat where they can watch the game. Students who are present without an adult will not be allowed to attend. Thank you for your support in helping us to have home games which are safe for all involved.**

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Thursday, January 19

Report Card Conferences 3:30-7:00PM

Friday, January 20

NO SCHOOL – Report Card Conferences 8:00AM-11:00AM

Thursday, January 26

Movie Night at St. Philip's School

Friday, January 27

NO SCHOOL – Professional Day

### **Singing Schedule for K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017 – Grades K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> sing for 10:30AM worship service**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 – Grades K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> sing for 10:30AM worship service**

### **Parents and Teachers Must Meet**

Report Card Conferences are Thursday, January 19, 2017, from 3:45-7:00 p.m. and Friday, January 20, 2017, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. If you cannot make the times your child's teacher suggests, contact him/her to make other arrangements. Report cards will not be sent home, and parents will have three weeks from the end of the quarter to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress. Any child whose parents DO NOT meet with the teacher by Friday, Friday, February 3, 2017, will be excluded from classes until the obligation is fulfilled. We are merely trying to reinforce how important and influential parents are to their children's school success.

### **Uniform Policy**

This is a general reminder to all students and parents. Our uniform policy can be found in your school handbook. All students should be wearing navy blue pants. All students should also be wearing either a brown, black or navy blue belt. No other types of belts should be worn. Shirts should be tucked in at all times when students are in the building. Thank you

### **Fake Nails**

Fake nails should not be worn to school. The nails become a distraction to the student wearing them as well as a possible safety issue involving scratching and breaking. Thanks!

**Please note** – Students can wear boots to school but need to bring a pair of shoes to change into during the day. Boots are not allowed to be worn all day in school. Thanks.



### **Not feeling well?...**

If your child is **coughing, sniffing, sneezing** and/or **not feeling well**, please keep him or her home. A sick child has a difficult time concentrating and he or she may also infect the rest of the class. Give your child time to recuperate and get their strength back before you send them back to school. We want to keep everyone healthy and well. Please make sure we have a current phone on file as well in case we need to contact you during the school day. Thanks!



### **January Birthday's**

Caleb Wilson	January 1	Elise DeRuiter	January 3
Rayion Nolden-Ellison	January 4	India-Armani Jenkins	January 9
Jaden Lawrence	January 12	Mrs. Moldenhauer	January 16
Aaron Cotton	January 19	Davian Quinones	January 20
Makayla Jenkins	January 25	Mr. DeRuiter	January 26
Trinity Robinson	January 29	Zamariana Watts-O'Neal	January 31