



# Sharon Lutheran Church UPDATE

JANUARY 2013

## *Pastor's Thoughts*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...*

*Every where I go... I'm gonna let it shine...*

*Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine...*

We learned with song among our classmates in Sunday school, or in a children's choir, or during a summer session, or at camp. A song we can all sing and do motions to. A song that brings a smile to our faces and can even allow us to be silly and share joy in the moment. This song sticks around because its words remind us that we have been called as bearers of light to the world. It is a song that demands that we hold fast to our own call to be disciples who bear witness to Christ, the Light of the world.

Blessings to you all in this New Year!

As we begin a new year with the announcement of the Epiphany and hear again of the star shining in the sky and of the light that breaks in for all the world, I want to be in conversation together throughout January and up to Lent about mission. We will start globally and move our way to our own personal sense of mission. Along the way, we will have a visit from Rev. Amy Reumann on January 13 as she shares about the ministry of advocacy; we will have a visit from one of my colleagues from the Selinsgrove Ministerium as we share in a pulpit exchange on January 20; and we will invite Lowell Leitzel to share his thoughts on Transfiguration Sunday.

I am inviting the Sunday school children to bring their project from December 30 along to 8 or 10:30 worship on January 6<sup>th</sup>, so that we might tell the story of Epiphany together and discover what it means that this star marked the birth of Christ for all people. I am inviting the whole congregation to take part in this year's annual meeting that is planned for January 13 and will begin around 11:45 or noon that morning. In this gathering we will celebrate, encourage new leaders among us, and talk together about our mission. I will also be hosting a retreat with our council members and nominees which will focus on our understanding of mission together.



This little light of mine....I'm gonna let it shine. We each have a light to share; that light that broke into our world and into our lives in Christ. Learn to sing all over again of this one whose joy and forgiveness lives in you and through you for the reconciliation of the whole world.

Peace,

*Pastor Doll*

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## Dates to Remember

### January 1

Happy New Year-Building Closed

### January 4

2012 Annual Reports due

### January 13

Potluck lunch and

Congregation Meeting following the  
10:30 am service, in the fellowship hall.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share

### January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day-  
Building Closed

## Happy Birthday to you in January

Mason, Lois	1/3
Master, Robert	1/3
McGrath, Thomas	1/4
Rowe Jr., Eric	1/5
Stuck, Phyllis	1/5
Black, Erik	1/8
Weller, Susan	1/9
Ettinger, Lewis	1/11
Ettinger, Norma	1/12
Sands, Richard	1/12
Hummel, Mary	1/13
Harnum, Don	1/14
Housley, Grace	1/14
Reiland, Markie	1/16
App, Carole	1/18
Bohm, Kelley	1/19
Beaver, Dylan	1/20
Bilger, Michael	1/22
Leitzel, Lowell	1/22
Dillman, Gail	1/23
Scholl, Joshua	1/23
Aungst, Molly	1/25
Savidge, Alexis	1/26
Snyder, Madison	1/27
Corbin, Ruth	1/28
Mangels, Zachary	1/29
Bradford, Robert	1/30

## Sponsor the Weekly Altar Flowers:

The cost to honor your loved one is \$30.00.

The following dates are available:

February 17 and 24, March 10, 17, 24, 31

May 19 and 26, June 2, July 14, 21, 28, August 4,

September 1 and 22, October 6, 13, 20,

November 3, 10, 17, 24

Contact the church office with your information.

[sharon.lutheran.church@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.lutheran.church@gmail.com) or 374-8444



**Sharon Members:** Dale Bickhart, Ruth Corbin, Suah Harris, Jean Leach, Mary Partica, Myron "Nip" Shirk, Robert Stetler

**Deployed in Military Service:** Josh George, Kimber Creamer, Ryan Kuster, Matthew Sharp, Jake Tomko

**Friends of Sharon:** Rodger Bergquist, Barbara Broadt, Charles Bull, John Burk, Amy Bush, Pat Campbell, Sue Catherman, Holly Daubenspeck, Sally Diehl, Carol Farris, Teresa Flynn, Wade Ganns, Colin Grube, Mitch Himmelberger, Jeremy Hoffman, David Holmes, Jr., Sara Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Kendra Hoover, Arlene Hummel, Paul Kerstetter, Destany Kile, Donald Kopp, Susan Mull, Tina Reichenbach, Linda Remler, Laurie Riggs, Riley Schwalm, Mary Sheridan, Lura Sollenberger, Brenda Sprenkle, Wendy Stauffer, Felicyal Stern, Rev. Cathy Stevenson, Rick Sweigart, Linda Wetzel, Ken and Chris Whitebread

# **MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS**

Contact = Robin Kunkel 374-8444 or [robinkunkel@gmail.com](mailto:robinkunkel@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY**

As a young child we learn that Christmas is about baby Jesus' birthday, which is why they get presents on Christmas day. This month the children will venture into why Jesus was born and the gifts we can give to others, the reason why shepherds were told the news by the angels, about the twelve days of Christmas, and why the Wise Men came. The classes will help to explain all the characters in the Nativity.



## **CHILDREN'S ART at WORSHIP JANUARY 6 at 10:30am worship**

The Sunday school students will be creating a mobile that Pastor Doll will be using as a visual for his lesson in worship on January 6. All Sunday school children are invited to be part of the lesson to help Pastor Doll explain the star and coming of the Wise Men.

## **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER AWARENESS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10**



A representative from our local ELCA summer camp, Camp Mount Luther will be visiting with us at both worship services and Sunday school. There are many opportunities for all ages at CML. Summer camp is most known to many of our middle school and senior high children. But, Camp is active throughout the year with youth leader trainings, Advent events, Women's retreats, the Dandelion 5K run and much more. Sharon has a scholarship fund to assist students to go to camp. Please see Pastor Doll or Robin

Kunkel for more information. The early bird sign up ends in April 2013.

### **CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER**

JANUARY 6  
5-7 pm at Sharon

JANUARY 20  
4:45 - 7 pm - Meal at Haven

MARCH 1 and 2  
**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** at  
Camp Mount Luther

### **VISIT the CHURCH LIBRARY!**

Visit our Holiday section in the library. Books span a variety of interests during this season. You can get ideas on activities and crafts to decorate the tree, house or give to others. There are also books about the Christmas season like *Manger in the Mountains* or *The Christmas Bird* or books with an alternative to Santa Claus such as *Saint Nickolas* and *The First Christmas*. For those who enjoy a relaxing read, there are many Christmas themed books in our fiction section.

## ***MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE***

**FOUR EVENINGS: January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2013 from 6-9pm**

Sharon Lutheran is hosting a Mental Health First Aid Certification course designed for four evenings in the Winter. MHFA is an innovative training program to equip individuals with the skills to recognize mental illness and respond to mental health emergencies. The training also addresses the risk factors and warning signs of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and substance use disorders. This course is designed for nurses, emergency responders, church staff and volunteers, teachers, family members and friends. Because of a grant pending through The Degenstein Foundation, the cost is \$50.00 per person. The class is limited and 11 CEU credits are recognized. A very helpful 136 page manual will be given to each participant as well as refreshments. Give it some prayerful consideration...it will be one of the best things you do for yourself and those you care about. The course director is Lisa Basci, MA, LPC from the Community Services Group (CSG) with one of their offices located in Sunbury. Contact Robin Kunkel at robinkunkel@gmail.com or 374-8444 to reserve your place.

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### ***A note from the M.E.F. Committee***

On September 10, 2012 the balance in the Mission Endowment Fund was \$21,306.22, with \$20,000 of this amount given in memory of John and Christabelle Bolig. The M.E.F. bylaws state a sum of \$50,000 must be accumulated before distribution can be made. The committee believed that there were members of the congregation who were in a position and would be willing to provide gifts beyond their regular giving to allow the committee to move forward. The committee selected fifteen members or families to visit during the months of October or November.

By December 17, \$18,744.60 has been received, leaving a balance of \$10,000 to reach the \$50,000 figure. Believing there may be others who may be willing to make a contribution, M.E.F. brochures have been placed in the narthex of the church that contain a gift card and envelope that can be placed in the offering or dropped off at the office.

At the congregation meeting of January 13, 2013, an update of the total amount received for the Mission Endowment Fund will be announced.

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### ***A note from the Fellowship Committee***

Anyone wishing to be a member of the fellowship team in 2013, please plan to attend our next meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. You can be a part of planning the future events at Sharon!

Contact Nancy Martin, Chairperson-374-6388

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### ***Notes of Thanks...***

Thank you so much for the beautiful carols you sang at our home. They were lovely to hear. Also, our poinsettia is right by my bed and brings me a lot of Christmas cheer.

Merry Christmas to all!

**Shirley Mayo, Rich and Marsha Young**

Dear Pastor Doll and members of Sharon,

Thank you for allowing us to use the beautiful sanctuary and exquisite piano for our annual studio recital. The students played their best and appreciated the thrill of playing on a Steinway.

**Kay Hooper**

# Kid's Page

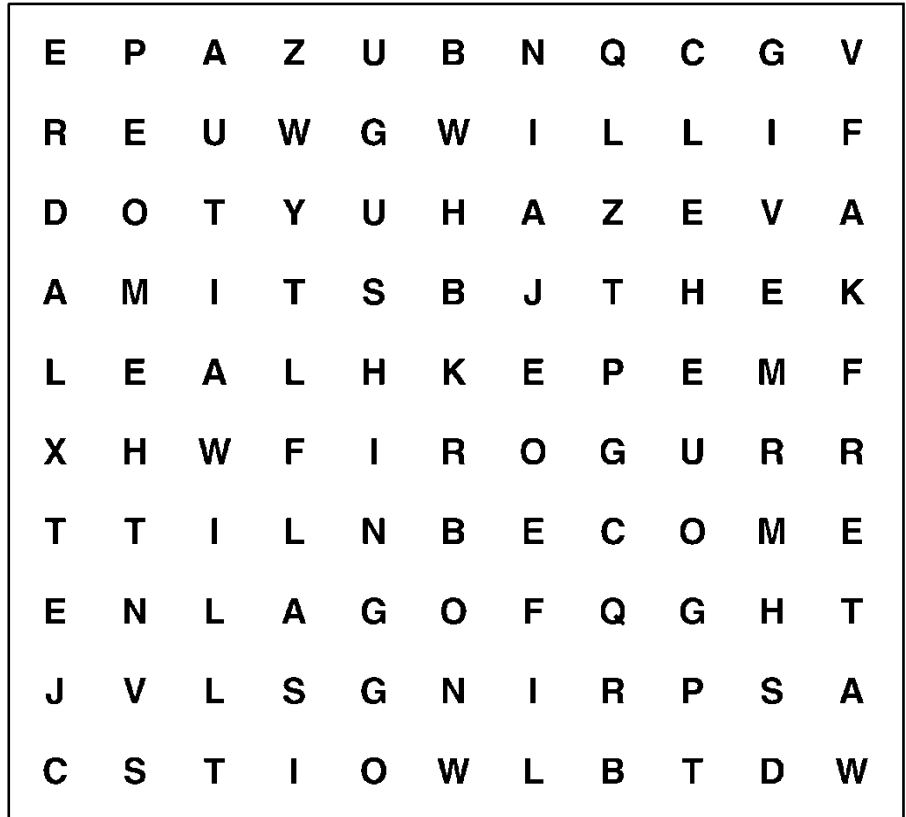
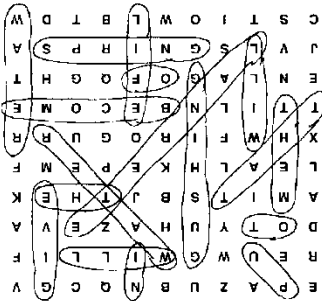
## Word Search

In the word search at right, circle the words from this Bible verse.

**"The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."**

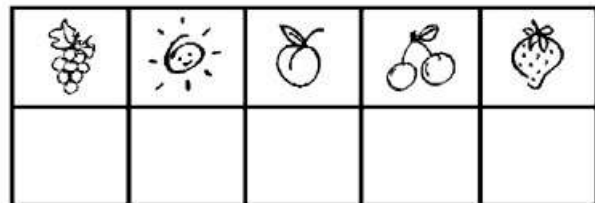
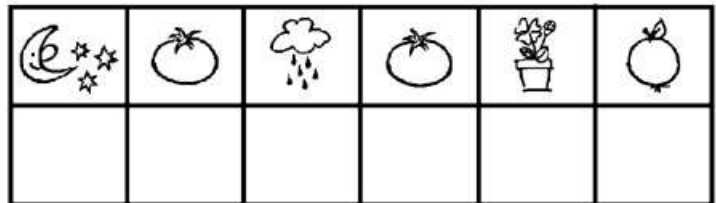
John 4:14b

Answer



## Decode the Message

Use the decoder at left to fill in the spaces in the boxes below. Then complete the Bible passage with the answer.



"He would have given you \_\_\_\_\_"

John 4:10c

Answer:  
Living Water



# January Worship Volunteers Schedule

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Bill + Barb Remaley	Olivia Dunkle	John Pendley	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Sue Pennay	Brandy Savidge (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	
	Kirk + Carol Hanson	Jessica Beaver	Art Bowen	Doug + Tammy Hassinger	Philip Riggs Don Harnum Dave Deckard	Joyce Kuster Carol Harrison Linda McMillin
<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Rick + Brandy Savidge	Courtney Kemberling	Brandy Savidge	John + Roseann Stetler		Jackie Winey (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	
	Jim + Linda Gautsch	Raechel Councill Hannah Doll	Deb Bernhisel	Keith Kunkel Chris Lupolt	Victoria Doll Casey Reiland Madison Weirick	Marian Thomas Mary Seiler
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Megan + Elise Keeney	Kay Spigelmyer		Alex Pennay	Judy Johnston (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	
	Robin + Jamie Fedder	Sarah Fedder	Carol Bradford	Judy Longacre Nancy Martin	Bob Bradford Maureen Ries Eric Rowe	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Don + Aundrea Weirick	Aaron Weirick	Roseann Stetler	Don Bottiger Paul Culbertson	Lowell Leitzel	Alma Pauling (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	
	Harley + Marjorie Freed	Markie Reiland	Harley Freed	Harvey + Nancy Murray	Jeff Whitman Kathy Reiland Sue Starr	Audrey Deckard Mary Hummel



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