

February 5th ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the East Kootenay Lutheran Parish

EKLP serves the communities of Cranbrook, at Mt. Zion Lutheran;
Elkford, at Immanuel Lutheran; Fernie; and Kimberley.

We are CARED FOR AND CARING IN JESUS' NAME.

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Services

Praise God!

We are holding Sunday services at Mt Zion (Cranbrook) at

10:00 am; and at Immanuel (Elkford) at 3:00 pm.

Please Note: *Our face-to-face worship services at Trinity (Fernie) are on hold until further notice. Please join with either our Cranbrook or our Elkford congregations.*



Please visit our website www.eklutheran.ca for updates on all our locations & inspirational resources.

Mt Zion Announcements:

- **Samantha Bloomfield** would like to start a choir. She would like this to be fun and "stress free" and there will be no audition. Just come and praise the Lord with your voices.
- If you are interested, **please contact Samantha at (778-899-453, stabloom@gmail.com)** or catch her for a chat
- **Mt Zion AGM After Service** – Feb 12th
- **Revelation Bible Study** – Thursday at 7:00 pm until Feb 16th
- **Prayer Meeting:** 6:30 pm to 6:55 pm before Revelation Bible Study until Feb 16th
- **Sunday Prayer Meetings:** Every Sunday at 9:15 am. Join us as we pray for our members and the world.
- **Friendship & Food Bank Sunday:** Feb 12th
- **Mt Zion Council Meeting:** Feb 15th, 3:30 pm
- **Kids Church:** Every Sunday at 10:15 am (Special Occasions may pre-empt this)

Pastor Gordon's Schedule

- Feb 5 – Mt. Zion 10:00 Communion Service
- Feb 5 – IMM No Service
- Feb 12 – Mt. Zion 10 am Service of Praise
- Feb 12 – IMM Communion Service

- Feb 19 – Mt. Zion 10:00 Service of Praise
- Feb 19 – IMM 3:00 No Service

Chuckle of the Day:



Scripture Readings – Sundays

February 5th “Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany”

Exodus 17:1-7 1 Corinthians 9:24, 10:5

February 12th “Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany”

Isaiah 55:10-13, Hebrews 4:9-13

February 19th “The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

Isaiah 35:3-7, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The First Epiphany

The word "epiphany" means "to manifest" or "to have a significant realization." After Jesus was born in Bethlehem Magi from the East came to worship Him. Their experience teaches us many important things about God and about ourselves.

Answers to Epiphany

1. We don't know how many there were. Because of the three gifts, many assume there were three. The Magi are mentioned in [Daniel 2.12](#). They were probably from Persia or Arabia.
- 2-3. Julius Caesar made Herod, an Arabian of noble descent, the King of Judea in B.C. 47. Herod was known for his extravagant building programs and also for murdering anyone, even family members, who threatened his rule. It is no surprise that Herod sent his soldiers to Bethlehem to murder all the boys two years old and younger in his bloody attempt to preserve his authority.
4. Some think the Star of Bethlehem was a unique conjoining of certain celestial bodies. Others think that it was simply a miraculous star created by God for the purpose of leading the Magi to Jerusalem. Most likely the star wasn't unusually bright, because no one else seems to have noticed it. However, astronomers like the Magi apparently detected its movement.
5. Matthew tells us that they were living in a "house" by the time the Magi arrived.
6. The gifts were the "hard currency" of the times. They were very valuable and portable. The gifts would have been very helpful to the Holy Family for their upcoming escape to Egypt. The song, "[We Three Kings](#)" suggests that the gifts pointed to Jesus as King, God, and Sacrifice.
7. The most important gift that we bring to God is our faith. But from that faith grows love for others. Like the Magi, we bring our gifts of "hard currency" as well as our time and talents in the service of God's mission of the Gospel and mercy to the world.
8. Sometimes people think they need a miracle like a star or a special voice from the Lord in order to believe. Miracles are real, but they are rare. That's why we call them miracles. Most people who lived during the Bible

times never saw a miracle. The generation of Moses saw many miracles. There were miracles in the time of Elijah and Elisha. The disciples of Jesus saw many miracles. But most of the people who lived before, between and after those amazing times never saw a miracle. We, however, do have an amazing miracle that we often take for granted. This is a miracle that neither Moses, nor the Magi, nor even the disciples had - This is the miracle of the New Testament. The Holy Spirit has given this to us. Peter said that this is something even "angels desire to look into" ([1 Peter 1.12](#)). The New Testament and the Old Testament bring you the "epiphany" you need to realize who Jesus is, the Son of God and your savior. I urge you to learn as much as you can about Him, and above all believe in Him. He is the one who taught us to pray and who promises to "deliver us from evil."