**Sunday School – 9:30**

**Worship Service – 10:30**

Worship Leader: Frank Steckly

***Epiphany Sunday***

*“I Saw the Light”*

*“The Lord is my Light”* **(green #97)**

*“Longing for Light”*  **(green #54)** Vs. 1 & 5

**Welcome to Worship:**

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God

has risen upon us!

**People:** **Nations will come to the light, and kings to the**

  **brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed

 Through his Son, Jesus Christ.

**People: We are now one world and one family, called to be**

 **Children of God.**

***All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!***

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Offertory:** Please tear off your “Response Sheet” and drop it

 In the offering basket.

**Children’s Moment:** Taric Leichty

 Kids to Activity Room with Sheryl Keller

 (4 years & younger)

*“We Three Kings”*

**Sermon:** Gordon Scoville

 “LIGHT RATHER THAN SPECTACLE”

 Matthew 2:1-12

*“You are Salt for the Earth”* **(blue #226)** vs. 1,2 & 4

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**What’s happening at Bellwood this week:**

Monday, January 7 – Gordon’s day off

Tuesday, January 8 – Elders – 7:00

Wednesday, January 9 – Grounded Youth – Jr. 6:15-7:15,

 HS 7:30-9:00

Thursday, January 10 – A.A. & Alanon – 7:30

Friday, January 12 – Taric’s day off

 Men’s Prayer Breakfast – 7am

WOMEN’S RETREAT PLANNING MEETING:

Please plan to attend the next planning meeting for the March 1st-2nd Nebraska Mennonite Women’s Retreat. We will meet tomorrow,

(Monday, January 7th) at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone is

Welcome to come and share ideas for the retreat!

“Who are Mennonites? Who are Anabaptists? To answer these

Questions requires that we study how these unique Christians came into existence. During the spring Sunday School quarter you’re invited to join Gordon in studying a very special introduction to the Mennonite story: John D. Roth, Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be. We will follow Mennonites from Europe and Russia to North America and beyond. Sign up for this class in the overflow se we know how many books to order.

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). For more information, visit our webpage at [www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment)

Souper Saturday is January 19 at the Milford Elementary Gym from 5-7:30pm. If you would be willing to make soup, or cookies/bars, raffle prizes or bake sale items, please let Katie Wergin know at Insure NE

by Wednesday, January 9th.

**Epiphany’s significance**

 The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia,* meaning “to appear, to show or to manifest.” The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

 Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

 The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, grown, hope and eternity.

**Last Week:** Worship Attendance – 60, Budget - $4,093

Daisha’s Fund - $4,000, Benevolent - $1,000

**Birthday’s this week:** Celia Bontrager, Sarene Friedli, Hannah Compton (today), Jeni Bogenrief (Mon.), Josh Miller (Wed.), Diane Irwin (Thurs.)

**Anniversary this week:** Greg & Jessica (Mon.)

**Activity Room:**

January 13 – Verlyn Dunlap & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Need volunteers rest of the month

**Worship Leader, Music, Singers & Greeters:**

January 13– Worship Leader – Lisa Compton

 Piano – Pam Erb

 Offertory – Katie Spohn

 Singers – Joy Steckly & Tracy Yeackley

 Children’s Moment – Tara Stahl

 Greeters – Kelly & Carol Newton

January 20 – Worship Leader – Paula Martin

 Piano – Peg Burkey

 Singers – Sid Burkey, Shani Mach

 Children’s Moment – Craig Bontrager

 Greeters - ??

**Remember in Prayer:**

* Darcy Friedli
* Cliff Irwin
* Gordon Stutzman & family (his dad’s declining health)

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**“The Light of God”**

**January 6, 2019**