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Fr. Tyler Richards

Fear in The New Year

Occasionally in my sermons, I find myself waving to the problem of the 24-hour news cycle. I loathe this phenomenon precisely because of my upbringing. In my grandparents' house, we had news just a few times

a day: The morning news, the noon news, 5 O'Clock, The Evening News, and then the 6 pm local news. Outside of this, our usual broadcasts of *The Price is Right*, *The Young the Restless*, *Jeopardy!*, and *Days of our Lives* went uninterrupted. My grandmother, God rest her soul, assured me she never watched any of those soap operas, she just listened, but I digress. Greatly. The point is that with just half an hour a few times a day, even we, on the far end of the world, felt like we had enough information about what was going on in the world to get by. We didn't feel like we needed much more than this. I admit that I grew up in a place much like The Shire from JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* novels. It was a place where change came slowly if it came at all, and we liked it.

On June 1, 1980, CNN started the 24 hours news cycle as it came on the air as the first dedicated channel to the news. I'm not convinced it has done anything to move the conversation forward since it came online. There's something about the news cycling over and over and over that does nothing to make one feel more informed but more anxious. There's a thing called information overload when a person receives too much information, making more thinking about a subject impossible. The 24-hour news cycle overloads us with information to the point that it may be making us sick, as our anxiety about things that have happened around the world is continually stoked.

One area that I think this may be happening in is the concern about COVID-19. It's been a big seller for the news industry. What's sad is that the information that we get is pretty static. We only know the cases by the end of the day, the numbers reported to state health agencies that eventually trickle down to the CDC

and WHO, who then pass along the numbers to media outlets. Who then recycle them *ad nauseum* to the chagrin and panic of everyone else.

But what does Jesus say?

In the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is laying out teachings about several issues ranging from almsgiving (6:1-4) to worry (6:25-34), arguably giving the most weight to the matter of worry. His thesis in this section of scripture is,

*“ So do not worry about tomorrow,
 for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
 Today's trouble is enough for today.”*

I'm not saying bury your head in the sand and pretend there aren't problems, and neither is Jesus. I'm not saying that if we ignore COVID and everything else gone wrong, everything will be put right, and neither is Jesus. Rather tomorrow will be what tomorrow is. For that matter, the next 5 minutes will be what they will be; we're all within a hair's breadth of living lives vastly different from the ones we are currently living. Whether by accident or choice, our lives are what they are now, and then they change. Few things are static. Today is all we have, and tomorrow will be what it is. I think the beating heart of what Jesus is saying is to be gentle with ourselves, steward our energy carefully, and guard our hearts and minds against becoming mired in worry around things we cannot control, especially tomorrow.

To that end, I continue to exhort everyone to make the best choices that they can about care, prevention, and looking after themselves and their neighbors. We need to treat everyone gently as well, remembering that we're all doing the best we can or we should be. As we continue moving forward, let us do so with sound judgment, avoiding judgmentalism, and exercising great care for one another, remembering that today's troubles are enough for today.

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.” — Vern McLellan

As a Family Living &
Growing in Christ ...

we are on the
Journey **TOGETHER!**



Service Times

Sundays 8am and 10am
Wednesdays 9 am

Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays
9 am to 1 pm
And by Appointment

Clergy

Rector *Fr. Tyler Richards*
Deacon *Mary Lynn Adams*
Bishop: *Matthew Gunter*

Staff

Youth Coordinator
Kara Schroeder
Sexton *Chad Kaminski*
Office Asst. *Debbie Ortiz*
9am—1pm (M—Th)
Office Angels

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Music Ministry Director
Ginny Brand
Organist *Clarice Drummon*
Newsletter *Linda Forbes*

Vestry

Members

Matthew Borowitz '22
Rose Anne Stoa '22
Eric Zapien-Kimps '23
Bette Briar-Tilot '23
Sheri Hank '24
Joe Brand '24

Senior Warden

Eric Miller

Junior Warden

Vic VanGermert

Treasurer

John Eggers

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Already, as we replace our calendars, we encounter a bit-sweet change as we bid farewell to Clarice Drummon, our accompanist on piano & organ, and to Ginny Brand as our music director. Both are retiring from their positions after many years of faithful service. What a blessing they are! Ginny & Clarice will celebrate their last Sunday with us on January 9th.

The exciting news is that we already have a new organist/music director whom some folks might remember. Mark Sikkila, is returning to us after working in Chicago. Mark will be playing and directing both the choir and the bells! Please welcome him!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN UPDATE

We have closed out the 2021 event and I am happy to share with you the final numbers for 2021:

Grand total is: 674,925 meals (\$161,982)

This equates to 1,849 kids that will be fed for one full year!!

Breakdown: we packed 326,592 meals here in Green Bay in October and provided funds for an additional 348,333 meals. Thank you to all who participated!
- Teri Eggers

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Be sure to look through the entire newsletter so you don't miss the many opportunities we have to learn together, share our lives (lots of pictures this month) and have fun even if we aren't in the same room. This month's event is virtual BINGO! You might want to print page 12 as a reminder that any time is a good time to start a new. Let's make 2022 a year full of hope & joy!

Welcome to 2022!

Test your smarts and see if you know how people around the globe celebrate the New Year! Information for the quiz comes from: [13 New Year's Traditions from Cultures Around the World \(invaluable.com\)](https://www.invaluable.com)

How many snow flakes can you find in this Newsletter?

The Church Annual Meeting is January 30th after the 9am worship service. (There will only be one (1) service that day.) Please make every effort to be there in person as we make decisions for 2022 and beyond.

Reports and nominations for vestry are due NO LATER than January 17. Yes! You can nominate yourself.

For those considering running for delegate, Diocesan Convention is set for Saturday, October 29th, 2022

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LIVING LIKE THE SAINTS: A resolution for us all

St. John Chrysostom

By Linda Forbes

As I was working on the Lesser Feast and Festivals section of the Newsletter, I was moved by what I read about **Saint John Chrysostom, whose day comes on January 27**. Serving as the Archbishop of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul) he was famous as both a bishop and as preacher from the fourth to the fifth centuries in Syria and Constantinople. So eloquent were his speeches and sermons that after his death he was named **“Chrysostom”** which is **Greek for “golden-mouthed.”** He is the patron saint of orators, preachers, and speakers which I am sure is no surprise. John is recognized as a saint by the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Catholic Church and by The Church of England. In the Eastern Church he is named among the Three Holy Hierarchs, the other two being Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian. In the Catholic Church he is both saint and Doctor of the Church.

John was born to noble parents (c. 344) with his father being a high-ranking military officer. Unfortunately, John’s father died soon after his birth, so he was brought up by his mother, Anthusa, who was a model of virtue according to some sources. In other’s she is less so revered. John started his education under a pagan teacher from whom he learned the art of rhetoric. He went on to study theology in the Antiochian School. He was known to practice extreme asceticism and eventually became a hermit around 375. He only returned to Antioch (c. 386) after he was forced to because of bad health. Having already been ordained a deacon in 381 and a presbyter in 386, he was eventually elevated to the See of Constantinople in 398. His elevation to Archbishop was against his will and without his knowledge. He had no desire to live a lavish life at court. By this time, he was well known because of his preaching which, unlike his peers, was not allegorical but straightforward in applying Biblical passages to everyday life. As a result, the themes of his talks were social, explaining the Christian’s conduct of life. Chief among his writings is the topic of Almsgiving, serving the poor, and living a simple life.

As is so often the case, he had enemies in high places among both the religious and secular powers. No doubt it was his attempts at correcting the abuses of authority in the Church and the Roman Empire that caused some of the hatred. John never hid his disdain for how clergy were living the highlife while others died in poverty. Those who visited him at the See often complained about the plain food and stark living conditions. For whatever reason, in 404, he was banished to the town of Cucusus (Göksun) in Cappadocia. Not satisfied with his suffering, he was later banished even further away to Pitiunt (Pityus) (in modern Georgia), the very edge of the empire. It was on his way there that he died on September 14, 407.



Wanting to learn more, I looked at some of his writings. Having failed at so of my New Year’s Resolutions I had no plan to make any but these quotes changed all that. Living more simply and giving more have become a goal for me. Perhaps you will join me in that adventure. Stay tuned for further articles on living simply!

On Almsgiving

"In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it. Yet, when we must put aside our wrath, quench our envy, soften our anger, offer our prayers, and show a disposition which is reasonable, mild, kindly, and loving, how could poverty stand in our way? For we accomplish these things not by spending money but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all."

On Serving the Poor

"[N]othing is so strong and powerful to extinguish the fire of our sins as almsgiving. It is greater than all other virtues. It places the lovers of it by the side of the King Himself, and justly. For the effect of virginity, of fasting . . . is confined to those who practice them, and no other is saved thereby. But almsgiving extends to all, and embraces the members of Christ, and actions that extend their effects to many are far greater than those which are confined to one. For almsgiving is the mother of love, of that love, which is the characteristic of Christianity, which is greater than all miracles, by which the disciples of Christ are manifested. It is the medicine of our sins, the cleansing of the filth of our souls, the ladder fixed to heaven; it binds together the body of Christ."

(Homily 6 on Titus)

"Do you wish to see his altar? . . . This altar is composed of the very members of Christ, and the body of the Lord becomes your altar. . . venerable because it is itself Christ's body. . . You venerate the altar of the church when the body of Christ descends there. But you neglect the other who is himself the body of Christ, and remain indifferent to him when he dies of hunger. This altar you can see lying everywhere, in the alleys and in the markets, and you can sacrifice upon it anytime. . . And as the priest stands, invoking the Spirit, so do you too invoke the Spirit, not by words, but by deeds." . . . "When then you see a poor believer, think that you behold an altar: when you see . . . a beggar, not only insult him not, but even reverence him." (Homily 20 on 2 Corinthians)

If you want to read more check out these sites:

Christian Classics Ethereal Library: <https://ccel.org>

Just do a search on the site and you will find St John Chrysostom

Catholics Online: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=64

John Chrysostom Text Sermons - Sermon Index

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=category&cid=1037>



Wednesday Family Nights

Come and join us!

Bring your family, friends or someone you just met!

5:30 PM - Casual Simple Supper

6:00 PM - **Youth Group**

Adult Book Study

Hand Bell Choir

7:00 PM - Choir rehearsal

Youth Group is for kids in middle school to high school.

The **ADULT BOOK STUDY (6PM)** will discuss four or five books over the course of the academic year, covering a wide range of topics. Here are the books for the next two months.

January 5, 12 & 19

The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel

For the first session on January 5 please read Section One

Jan. 26 & Feb. 2

Praying with Icons* by Jim Forest

February 9, 16, & 23

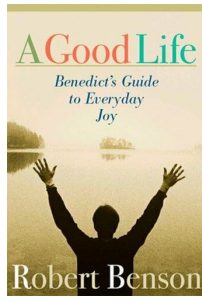
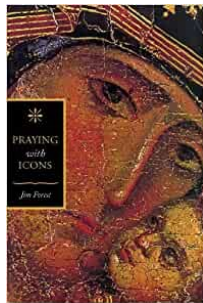
A Good Life: Benedict's Guide to Everyday Joy
By Robert Benson

Ministry groups at St. Anne's will provide a simple dinner ONE time during each semester.

We hope that with everyone's help we can make Wednesdays an important part of our community life here at St. Anne's!

If you want to participate in the book study from home please let Fr. Tyler know or Dcn Mary Lynn know so they can send you a zoom link.

* Praying with Icons: While we will be discussing Part I & II, you are encouraged to read the in depth material on the icons that speak to you. These are found in Part III. This book includes illustrations of many icons!



Save the dates for the
Panel & Small Group Discussions
From the **Community Faith Conversations**
January 11, February 8 & March 8

Community Faith Conversations

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30!

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, in cooperation with G.I.F.T. (**G**athered **i**n **F**aith **T**ogether), is proud to be hosting a series exploring the different faiths in our community, and how these faiths inform our lives, including our life as a community. Speakers will include members of the Jewish, Christian, Buddhist and Muslim faiths. These introductory sessions will serve as a framework for panel and small group discussions to be held in early 2022.

Each program in the series will be held the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

January 11th, February 8th, March 8th:
Panel and small group discussions

St. Anne's is happy to invite ALL members of the Green Bay Area community to these talks, regardless of faith affiliation. We're also happy to welcome those who do not profess a faith.

All people are welcome at St. Anne's, without exception.

St. Anne's Flower Guild and Fund

We are looking for at least one or two individuals to join with those who have been arranging the flowers for Sunday mornings. If you have an interest in arranging flowers, would like to learn or have done it in the past, then talk with Bishop Jim Adams and he will tell you all about this new Guild at St. Anne's.

If you would like to provide the flowers on Sunday the contribution is now only \$30.00 per vase and you can provide one or two. This is a great way to remember a friend or relative who has passed into eternal life, to commemorate a special event or time, or to mark a birthday or anniversary.

In addition to memorializing a person or event, flowers are a wonderful way of sharing God's glory with your Church family. You may sign up for a Sunday in the Narthex.



The picture above is a team of quilters tying a 60" by 80" quilt for a local shelter. We are able to tie 2-3 quilts during one of our gatherings. Each quilt takes about 10, plus hours from cutting the squares, sewing them together, preparing the backing and batting, tying then binding the edges. In addition, we have been busy this past year assembling lap quilts for Aurora Hospice, comfort quilts for Pediatrics, teddy bears and military quilts for Vets, along with lifts and cloth hearts for Premies.

On Tuesday, January 4th and January 18th, we will be assembling pillows for chemo patients. If you would like to see us in action or help, please join us between 10am-2pm. *Bring a lunch. **For this project, donated soft poly fill, soft cottons, or sewing supplies would be appreciated.**

Several of the ladies mentioned how appreciative of the easy access, the wonderful natural lighting and open space that St. Anne's provides for our charity projects.

Any questions can be addressed to Joan Junkhan @ davejoan1@gmail or 262.492.9206.


Under His Wings, Joan Junkhan



NEW Community Shelter Luncheon
 Saturday, January 22, 2022
 9am -1pm

We will be cooking Sloppy Joes to feed 150-175 at the shelter
 Menu: Chili, Bananas, Bread/crackers, salad, Cookie
200 cookies are being donated by Great harvest Bread in DePere

If you can help, please contact **Pete Tooley** at
 920-366-1487 or tooleypc@gmail.com




Scrip Ministry — BRING ON 2022!!

A THANK YOU is due: Your support of Scrip in 2021 earned nearly \$2,000 for St. Anne's!


An average of 4.8% was earned on scrip card purchases, which is simple fundraising for the parish. Let's beat that in 2022! When you purchase Scrip cards that you can use like care in store or online, St. Anne's benefits by obtaining them at a discount and earning on each card.

Stop by the Scrip table after service on Sundays to fill out the order form or order from a coordinator. Or go to www.stannes.us for other ways to order. 4

The deadline is 2 pm every Sunday.

Got an extra 15 mins after the service to help work the scrip table? Please sign up for a time slot on the scrip bulletin board in Miller Hall. Training only takes a couple of minutes.

Our organization's coordinators:
 Jenny Adams and Amber Paluch
 Email: stannes.scrip@gmail.com



January 20 - Online



Get out your pencils, pens, markers or dabbers and get ready for some fun!



Our own Fr. Tyler will be our official **BINGO** caller!

When?: Thursday Night, **January 20** starting at **7pm**

Where?: From the safety of your home, office or wherever your computer is!

How: Via ZOOM **Cost?:** ZERO, nada, absolutely nothing!

How do I sign up?

- Look for the sign-up sheet at Church
- Let Deb or Fr. Tyler know you want to participate



BINGO				
11	25	47	66	74
4	19	28	61	85
29	30	★	43	51
83	2	17	20	67
80	13	26	44	90

How do I get a BINGO CARD?

- Pick 'em up at Church
- For same-day cards: Via email

(Let Linda Forbes know and she will send you one. LMForbes5134@gmail.com)

Will there be prizes?

The Elephant say, "You Betcha!"

This should be a great family event!



January



Mark Your
Calendar

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Lesser Feasts and Festivals for January

Here are a few of the Days of Celebration with some wonderful Saints and Clergy. For more information and to read about these folks and more, please see the Forward Movement at: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/calendar>

- 1 **THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton (Vowed Religious & Educator, 1821)
- 5 Sarah, Theodora & Synclitica of Egypt (Desert Mothers, 4th-5th century)
- 6 **THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- 8 Harriet Bedell (Deaconess and Missionary, 1969)
- 9 Julia Chester Emery (Lay Leader and Missionary, 1922)
- 10 William Laud (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645)
- 12 Aelred of Rievaulx (Monastic and Theologian, 1167)
- 13 Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop, 367)
- 14 Richard Meux Benson (Priest & Vowed Religious, 1915)

[Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Theologian, 407]

O God, who gave your servant John Chrysostom grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of your Name: Mercifully grant to all who proclaim your word such excellence in preaching, that all your people may be made partakers of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

- 17 Antony of Egypt (Monastic, 356)
- 18 **THE CONFESSION OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE**
- 19 Wulfstan of Worcester (Bishop, 1095)
- 20 Fabian (Bishop & Martyr, 250)
- 21 Agnes & Cecilia of Rome (Martyrs, 304 and c. 230)
- 22 Vincent of Saragossa (Deacon & Martyr 304)
- 23 Phillip Brooks (Bishop, 1893)
- 24 Florence Li Tim-Oi (Priest, 1992)
- 25 **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE**
- 26 Timothy & Titus (companions of St Paul)
- 27 **St John Chrysostom** (Bishop & Theologian, 407)
- 28 Thomas Aquinas (Friar & Theologian, 1274)
- 31 Marcella of Roma (Monastic & Scholar, 410)

February

- 1 Bridget of Kildare (Monastic, c. 523)
- 2 **THE PRESENTATION OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE**

Collects for lesser feasts and hagiographies are taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018. Copyright 2018 Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Used by permission.

Dates of Note from the Dioceses of Fond du Lac

- 6 Epiphany
- 11 **Celebration of New Ministry, St John's New London**
- 12 Executive Council
- 21 **UTO Grant Submissions**
- 25 **Celebration of New Ministry, Sheboygan**

February

- 3 **Celebration of New Ministry, Ripon**

For the full calendar follow this link.

[Diocese of Fond du Lac - Calendar - Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac \(diofdl.org\)](http://Diocese of Fond du Lac - Calendar - Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac (diofdl.org))

Trinity Church Wall Street

Is hosting a series addressing health inequity. This series is available online and is free. Registration is required. [Trinity Talks: Addressing Health Inequity | Trinity Church Wall Street \(trinitywallstreet.org\)](https://trinitywallstreet.org)



Here are the dates and topics that are coming up.
All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Times

Violence as a Public Health Issue

Thursday, January 13, 6:30-7:45pm

A discussion about violence as an endemic public health issue, particularly in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, greatly impacting children and teenagers.

Medical Debt and the Health of the Country

Thursday, March 10, 6:30-7:45pm

A discussion about how medical debt threatens the most vulnerable in society, causing many to delay medical care, declare bankruptcy and even lose their homes.

Health Equity from the Global Perspective

Thursday, April 28, 6:30-7:45pm

A discussion about health care as a human right.



A BIG *Thank You*

to all those that made a donation to the United Thank Offering.

We will be sending \$1,055.27 to the Dioceses!

It will then be sent to the National Church to assist churches in need. Keep up the good work by adding to your blue box each day as you are blessed.

Let's see if we can send even more in 2022!

**Please send me your pictures or share a story!
Clean jokes also welcome!**

DEADLINE: 24th of each month!

Email: LMForbes5134@gmail.com

Welcome to the Family!
Linnea Catherine Richards!
December 9, 2021
10lb 6oz, 21 1/2 inches long!

Happenings!



Who wouldn't want to wake up to this smiling face!
Cutie pie!



Mother Colleen with Little Linnea



Daddy & His Girls, Emery & Linnea

Our Youth Group members wrapping Christmas presents and raising funds for future fun!



Happenings!

Here's some of what is going on with folks from our congregation!



Here's the official write-up!

UW-Green Bay retiree **Daniel Spielmann** received the Chancellor's award—the highest honor bestowed on a community member by the University, Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Fall/Winter Commencement. Among his many roles through a 36-year career with

the University, Spielmann served as chief of staff; policy advisor to six chancellors; athletics director during the program's rise as an NCAA Division I contender; interim assistant chancellor, legal counsel, and director of Major Gifts and Government Relations. He was also known for his passion for teaching, and his involvement in University fundraising and fiscal management, among many other contributions. The Chancellor's Award is presented to individuals who have assisted in some significant way in the development of UW-Green Bay. Spielmann was recognized at both ceremonies, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

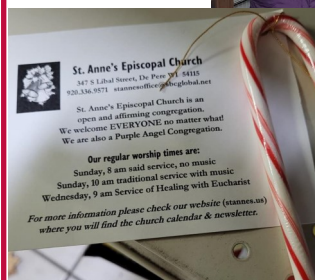
Spielmann was a trusted advisor to anyone who sought his council. A man of few words, his advice was treasured by staff and administrators, alike. Described as a person of high integrity; he was persuasive in his role; assertive, but not aggressive. After retirement in 2015, he continued as a great friend to the University, providing pro bono council to the both the Athletics and Advancement divisions, and teaching in the Lifelong Learning Institute. He also turned his attention to a regional treasure—the Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary—where he serves as president of the Friends of the Wildlife Sanctuary (FOWL), and helped to spearhead a \$3.2 million campaign to expand and enhance the Sanctuary. Spielmann continues his association with the University as president of the UWGB Retiree Association, a friend to all, and a fan of Phoenix Athletics. He and his wife Liz, supporters of the arts, live just minutes from campus and spend a great deal of time walking on UW-Green Bay's Cofrin Memorial Arboretum Trails. Liz and Dan created the Kurt Spielmann Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Music that honors their late son's memory and helps music students realize and achieve their dreams.

[Daniel Spielmann to be honored with Chancellor's Award - Inside UW-Green Bay News \(uwgb.edu\)](#)



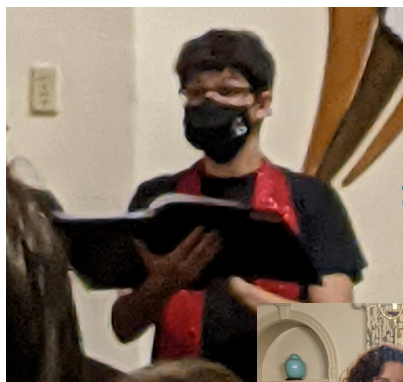
Look whose number one! Congratulations to Alec Ukkola on his win at the wrestling match! Alec is pictured with his family here on the right. Alec, mom Emily Hamilton, dad Kimmo, and sister Erika! Way to go!

Caroling @ the Pig!



Happenings!

Youth from our Congregation singing with the Green Bay Children's Choir on 12.05.21
Captured off of Facebook!



Jacob Hagerty



The Hagertys
Michelle, Jacob, Mike



James Tilot

(front row, 2nd from the right)

Bridget Tilot

(middle, back row)

Jackson Tilot

(in front of Bridget)



Bridget Tilot

(center)

Since these were captured off of Facebook the other youth are unknown to the Editor and she apologizes if your child was missed. This concert took place on December 5, 2021.



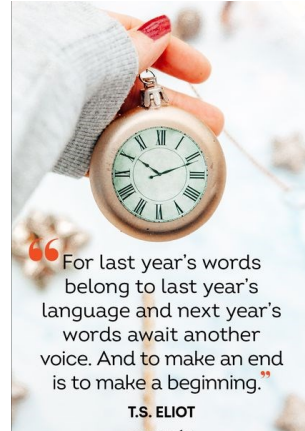
Jackson Tilot

New Year's Traditions Around the World: A QUIZ

- In **Brazil** what color do people wear to celebrate the new year? They wear this color because it signifies good luck, prosperity and it wards off bad luck. a. Blue b. Yellow c. White d. Red
- Lunar New Year in **China** is the biggest holiday for many around the world. This 15-day celebration is also called Spring Festival. Red decorations are all the rage. Which of these are also used to celebrate? a. Fireworks b. Lions c. Dragons d. Money filled red envelopes e. All of these
- In **Colombia** lentils are believed to bring luck and affluence, so many bake them into their rice or carry them in their pockets. They may have money in hand to attack financial security. What else do Colombians carry as they walk around? a. Suitcases b. Umbrellas c. Bells d. Soccer Balls
- In **Denmark** folks consume *Kransekage*, a wreath-shaped cake created using marzipan rings stacked on top of each other with a bottle of wine in the center. They also do this at midnight: a. Jump off chairs b. Beat pots with wooden spoons c. Smash plates and old dishes d. All of the above e. A & B f. A & C g. B & C
- In **Ecuador** people burn these symbolizing the cleansing of bad energy from the previous twelve months and is meant to bring about good fortune. The tradition originated in 1895, when a yellow fever epidemic hit Guayaquil and forced many to burn coffins packed with clothes of the infected. a. Suitcases b. Coffins c. Effigies d. Books
- The **Greek** celebration of the New Year is also known as the Festival of Saint Basil, honoring the founder of the Greek Orthodox Church. Each year, there are a number of celebrations that take place as a means to attract luck and bring prosperity. A customary Greek tradition is consuming *Vasilopita*, or Saint Basil's cake. This cake is baked with a silver or gold coin inside, and whoever finds the coin in their slice is considered especially lucky in the coming year. What do the Greeks hang on their doors and use to wake up children? a. Olives b. Flowers c. Onions d. Garlic e. Gold Coins
- Israel's** Year, called Rosh Hashanah, comes in the fall during the seventh month of Jewish Calendar. During the night the holiday begins, a festival candle blessing is recited as well as the *Kiddush*, blessing over wine. Those celebrating enjoy apples and other fruits dipped in honey, which symbolizes sweetness and blessings in the coming year. Throughout the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the *shofar* is sounded. This instrument is made of a ram's horn which is meant to symbolize what? a. Joy b. Humility c. Prosperity d. All of these
- Oshogatsu*, the **Japanese** New Year, is one of the most important holidays in Japan. Like other New Year's celebrations, it symbolizes renewal, bidding farewell to problems of the previous year through a variety of customs and celebrations. On December 31st, Buddhist temples strike their gongs 108 times; each ring representing one of the 108 earthly temptations a person must overcome to achieve nirvana and expel wrong deeds and ill luck of the past year. On December 31st these parties, known as *Bonekai*, take place. a. Dance Parties b. Traditional Tea Parties c. Year Forgetting Parties
- In the **Netherlands** New Year is called: *Oud en Nieuw*. Like many other places fireworks are part of their tradition. Another Dutch New Year's tradition is consuming *oliebollen*, which translates to "oil balls." Similar to donuts, these bite-sized balls of fried dough dipped in powdered sugar are sold on street corners and shopping centers. Other crazy (?) traditions include which of the following? a. Burning Cars b. Burning trees c. Jumping into freezing North Sea d. All of the above e. A & B f. A & C g. B & C
- Scotland's** New Year's festival is called Hogmanay. This Christmas celebration was banned by Oliver Cromwell in the 16th & 17th century which has made it even more important. Hogmanay comprises street entertainment, fire festivals, concerts, street festivals, and more celebratory acts, but is also known for its tradition of "first-footing." According to the custom, the first person who crosses the threshold of a person's home should bring a gift of luck. Which of the following are traditional gifts for "first-footing"? a. Coal b. Candles c. Shortbread d. Haggis
- Spain** has a tradition of eat 12 of these at the stroke of midnight. What do they eat? a. Figs b. Meatballs c. Grapes d. Churros bites
- In **Switzerland** people dress up in colorful costume that are intended to scare away evil spirits. Seeking good luck, wealth, and abundance the Swiss drop this on the floor at Midnight? a. Plates b. Dirty Clothing c. Salt d. Ice Cream
- The **United States** used to celebrate with fireworks and some locations still might but in New York, after the ban, event organizers had a 700 lb. ball lowered down a pole. Americans also sing the tune "Auld Lang Syne," which translates to "old long ago." The song spread beyond Scotland and the English-speaking world, bringing about a sense of belonging and fellowship. In the Southern part of the US folks eat a dish called "Hoppin'-John." What does the dish include? a. Okra b. Brussels Sprouts c. Black-eyed Peas d. Pigs Feet

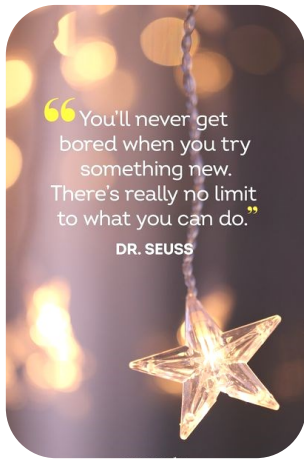


Lord, I have no idea what's going to happen in this New Year. I pray that you will guide me. Please help me to look to you always, and through everything that I do, may I bring praise and glory to Your name. I thank you Lord for another year. Amen.



I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said: Behold, I make all things new.

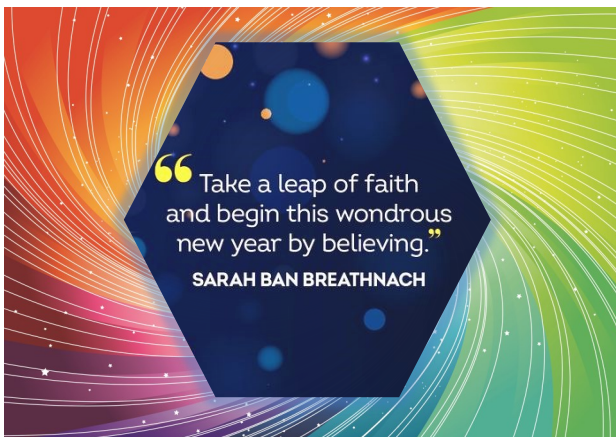
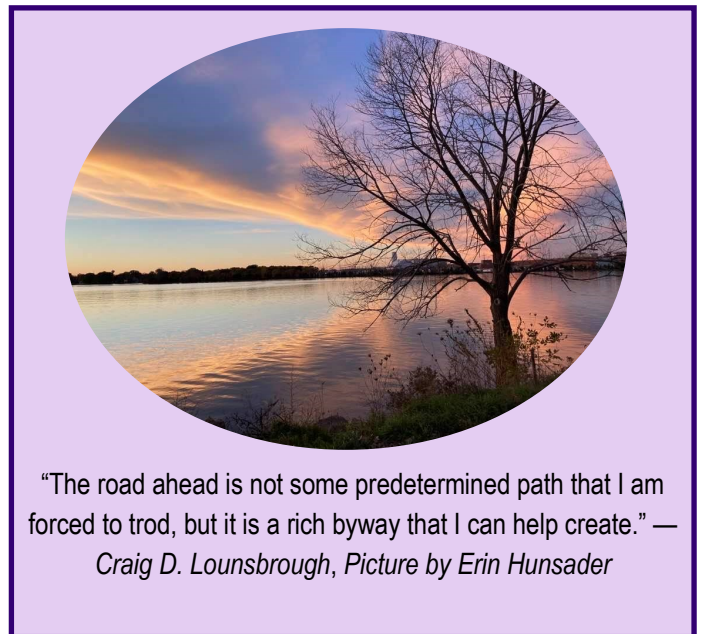
"It is never too late to be what you might have been." — George Eliot

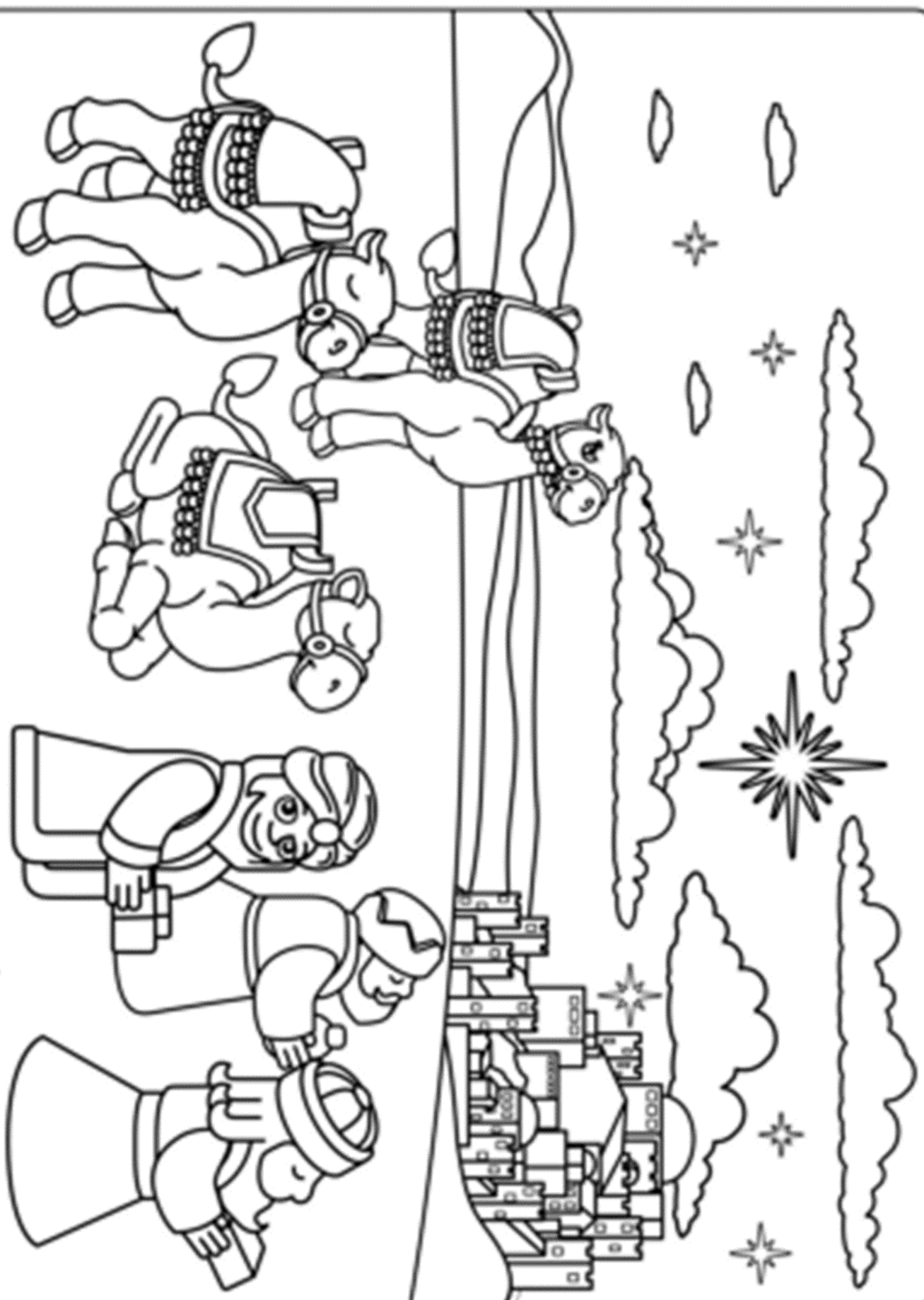


"Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day." — Michael Josephson

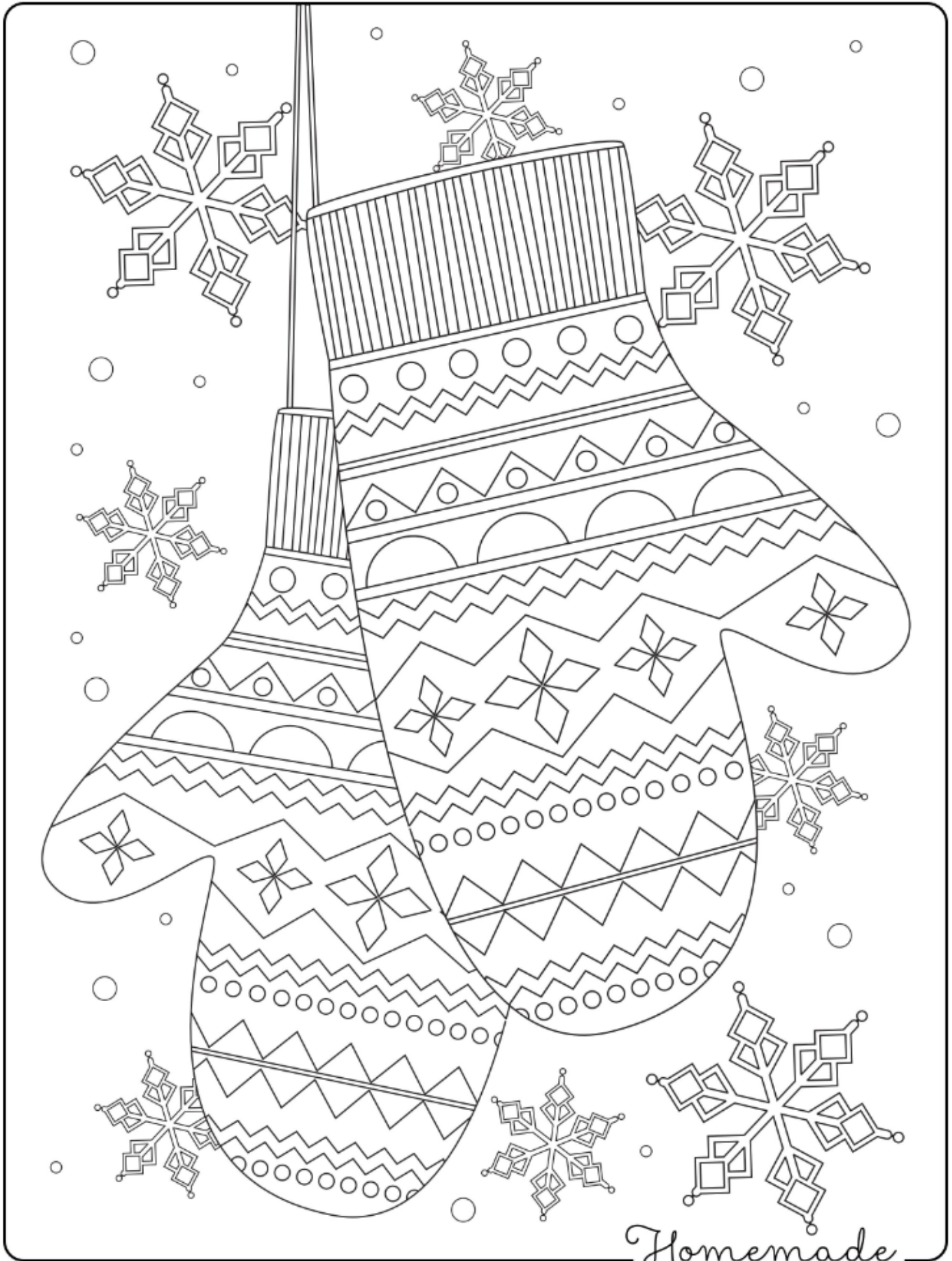


"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." — C.S. Lewis





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