





Bulletin Cover Information:

© John August Swanson, *Festival of Lights*

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Of this work, John August Swanson wrote in 2000: “It is a dark night with a star-filled sky. Tiny lights are seen on the distant hillsides, gradually becoming figures carrying candles as they come closer to the foreground of the painting.... I thought about liturgical processions I had seen. I remember walking with groups in candlelight for peace in Central America. The symbol of candles shining in the dark is powerful to me. Star-filled nights are images that help give me a sense of the place we are in the universe. My original thought was that this would be a procession of children from every city and town. The children would bring light and peace to the world. They would gather from many places, joining an unending procession toward peace and nonviolence for all children of the world.”

Born in 1938, John August Swanson lives in Los Angeles, California. His works can be viewed at the National Museum of American History, The National Museum of American Art, the National Air and Space Museum, The Art Museum of Chicago, the Tate Gallery, and Fogg Museum, as well as internationally in London, Paris, and the Vatican. For more information please visit.

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 2017

"[Jesus] said, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.'" - John 8:12b, NKJV

Prelude

Worship the Lord in the Beauty

HWB 220

Call to Worship

HWB 678

Prayer

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Psalm 72 (Pew Bible p. 309)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

HWB 216

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offering Prayer

Children's Time

Who will fill this house?

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

HWB 185

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-7 (Pew Bible p.390)

Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible p.509)

We have come to worship Him

Message

Celebration of Communion

Christ, Who is in the Form of God

HWB 333

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Charlene Friesen, accompanist; Joline Thomas, song leader; & Todd Jones, children's time & message

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family of Don Olson (entered Eternal Glory on 12-26-2016)
- Lucilla Dewald (mother of Glenda Langeland)
- Larry Hofer
- Randy Pullman (brother of LeRoy Pullman)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY— Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2017

Greeters: John & Monica Clem

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Steve & Charlene Friesen

11:10 am: Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY— January 15, 2017

Greeters: Dennis & Marcia

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Music: Fortis

Coffee Time: Stan & Jill Hofer

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

JANUARY PROJECTS

MW January Project: Blankets, sheets, and towels for MCC
Children's S.S. Dec/Jan/Feb Project: MCC Congo Project

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, 10:00 am: Freeman Ministerial (HMC Parsonage)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—January

18, 12:00 pm: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Freeman Library)

18, 6:30 pm: Soup supper and Midweek Bible study

19, 7:30 pm: Church board meeting

24, 9:15 am: Pastor-peer (Sioux Falls)

25, 12:00 pm: February *Connection!* deadline

25, 6:30 pm: Soup supper and Midweek Bible study

29, 2:30 pm: Worship @ Oakview Terrace

31, 7:00 pm: Deacons' meeting (Hofer residence)

Feb 1, 12:00 pm: *Connection!* deadline

TODAY we will celebrate Communion together. We encourage you to enter prayerfully into this celebration, asking for God to move in and through the time we share together that we might be both refreshed and renewed.

Benevolent Fund offering: The Deacons would like to encourage you to consider giving a gift to the Benevolent Fund. **THIS MORNING** an offering basket will be placed in the foyer to receive gifts for this ministry. The Benevolent Fund is overseen by the Deacons and is used to offset the financial strains caused by ill-health, work loss, etc. If you know of someone who may benefit from the ministry of the Benevolent Fund we ask that you speak with one of our Deacons: Todd Koerner, Monica Clem, or Monica Hofer. All disbursements are handled confidentially.

TODAY there will be a brief congregational meeting following the church service to vote on the following **MOTION:** *The church board moves that we replace the furnace at church for an approximate cost of \$2,700 (including labor). (Paul Hofer, Jr., Kathy Pullman)* This project will be funded by: \$1,000 out of the Erwin R Gross fund and the remainder will be taken from the Capital Improvement fund. Donations will be accepted upon approval of this motion.

A sign-up sheet for the upcoming Midweek Bible Study, *Courage for the Journey*, is now available in the church foyer. Our midweek study will begin January 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm and will feature a soup supper each evening. Child care is available upon request for infant to pre-k and a Bible Study, The Parables of Jesus, will be offered for children K-6th grade. We encourage you to sign-up all adults and children that are planning to attend as this will assist the Deacons with further planning of this event.

MDS Region 3 is asking for volunteers in two different areas:

- In Lusk Wyoming, in January to finish trim work on a house built by MDS. A possible 2-4 days
- In Oklahoma within the next couple of months, with a lot of drywall installing from the 2016 spring flooding

If interested please contact Dennis Ries at 925-7788

Family Farming Program - Local Freeman area farmer, Will Ortman, will be giving a presentation on his family's farming practices. His talk and power point presentation will be at the Freeman Community Center, 224 South Wipf Street, Freeman, SD, 57029, on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:30 PM. The public is invited to attend this free program sponsored locally by Rural Revival. Refreshments will be served.

Blessed Epiphany (& Happy New Year) from the Freeman Ministerial! Thank you for your support of Freeman's pastors and other local ministry leaders! Your contributions go primarily toward administering a Traveler's Fund available to those in need passing through our town. The Ministerial also gathers monthly for collaboration, sharing and prayer for our churches and community. We have been additionally privileged to expand and lead the Community Baccalaureate in recent years. This year's officers include president Steve Roussos (pastor, Missionary Church), vice president Mike Petts (pastor, Salem MB), and treasurer Nick Detweiler-Stoddard (pastor, Salem Mennonite/South). You can reach the Freeman Ministerial at PO Box 182, Freeman, SD 57029.

Schmeckfest Notes:

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be making noodles for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on January 31 (Tuesday), February 4 (Saturday) and February 7 (Tuesday) in the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at 9 a.m. each day. Volunteers to help with the noodle making project

will be appreciated.

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