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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

I pray everyone had a bless New Years. What was your New Years Resolution? What is your new beginning? Did you make a New Year's resolution? It is said that 45% of Americans make a New Year's resolution each year and that 8% of these are successful in achieving their resolution. The most common is losing weight, getting organized, saving more money, and spending time with family. So where does Jesus fit into your resolutions. According to Portals of Prayers January issue, new beginnings abound today. Perhaps you are discussing new beginnings as you ponder resolutions or goals for the year ahead. Our new beginnings may involve the support of others but the efforts are usually all ours and often arise out of past things that we desire to change. Those changes may or may not come about. Sin is an unchangeable item. Sin remains and imprisons us. Even if we desire a new beginning, we are not able to create one and escape our sins. However, do not despair, Christ has clothed you in Baptism. He has given you a truly new beginning. The new beginning in Christ is not like the resolutions or goals of a new year. Resolutions and goals may fail and go unfulfilled. You may grow weary of all the effort involved in keeping them. Christ, however, does not grow weary. Rather in Baptism, He grants you a daily new beginning from your sin. In Christ there is no waiting for the next year in order to start over. On this day of new beginnings, rejoice in Christ, for He has clothed you in Himself: He has made you new. Not just for the New Year, but for eternity.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for making all things new in Christ and for making your child and heir. Amen

Food for Thought:

What should our New Year Resolutions be about? Losing weight or getting closer to Christ?

Announcements:

Inclement Weather- School snow days and school closings will be announce on ABC, CBS and NBC. Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool and CDC follows the Hampton City School District in the closing of schools due to inclement weather and icy roads.

Medication Information- According to the Virginia Licensing policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, including non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. All medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle. If your child needs to take any medication while at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office. A medication form is available at the office. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Weather- Please with the cold weather upon us we ask that you dress your child according to the weather. If the weather permits they may go outside, so please dress your child in coats, hats, and gloves.

Absences-Tardiest- If your child will be absent or will be arriving after 8:45, please notify the office.

Calendar of Events:

January 1st – New Year's Day Center Closed

January 15th -Martin Luther King Day Center Closed

January 16th -19th Parent Conference, more information to follow