



## Christ Lutheran News

January, 2024

### **A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
    Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
    Not by taking hardships from you,  
    But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
    But by keeping your face bright,  
        even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
    But by showing you when people  
    and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
    God's love, peace, hope and joy  
        to you for the year ahead.

-Anonymous

We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people.

**Sunday:**

**9:00 am** Sunday School

**10:00 am** Worship

**Confirmation Class**– Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Broadcasts:**

**Sunday, 11:30 am** Worship broadcast on  
Radio KJOE FM 106.1



**Executive Council**

Sue Blackmer, President  
Jeff Grieme, Vice President  
Kathy Behrends, Secretary  
Gail Radke, Treasurer

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**Prayer Requests**

Call the church office at 507-836-8291, or e-mail with your prayer requests. If you would like a pastoral visit or be included in pastoral prayers during worship, please call the church office.

**Address, Phone & Email Corrections**

Christ Lutheran maintains a database of all members. If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, marital status, etc. please contact Bobbi-Jo with your name and the changes that need to be made.

**If You Are Ill**

Hospitals no longer notify churches when their members are admitted for care. While we feel these laws are important to maintain your privacy, we would like to support you with prayer and a visit. Please call the church office 836-8291 to keep us informed of your situation.

***Weather Policy***

When school is let out early because of stormy weather, we will automatically cancel after-school and evening events that night. We will rarely cancel Sunday morning worship, as people appreciate the radio broadcast even more in stormy weather. Sunday School may be cancelled, however, Listen to KJOE Radio for news of storm-related cancellations, or check the “Slayton Christ Lutheran Church” Facebook page.  
The office will be closed when school is closed.

Dear Christ Lutheran members and friends,  
Another year has passed, and so much has happened in the year 2023 for me, Cynthia, my daughters (Lexi, Lauren, and Lacey), and our church here at Christ Lutheran!

Back in September of 2022, I was finishing up my last class at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa after nearly nine years of taking classes, when I started filling out the Roster Ministry Profile to possibly look for a full-time pastoral position. I have been a part-time pastor for the last nine years in Iowa (St. Paul's in Lakota, Iowa, and Immanuel's in George, Iowa) along with being a full-time teacher. I completed this and prayed God would lead Cynthia and me on the right path of either continuing where I was or becoming a full-time pastor somewhere in southwest Minnesota.

In January and February, I started looking at the ELCA vacancy website and did not see Christ Lutheran Church on it, but then in late February, I received a call from Pastor Heather from the Southwest Minnesota Synod about the opening here. She asked me if I would be interested in an interview. I spoke with Cynthia and my daughters about this amazing opportunity and Cynthia told me she always listened to the services on KJOE 106.1 and told me to accept the invitation for the interview.

I was nervous as I had never gone through a formal interview like this at my two previous smaller country churches. I was blessed to receive the questions ahead of time which made me more prepared and relaxed. The initial interview went well I thought and was then later allowed to come to the church for a second interview.

This was great, yet there was an ice storm that hit the night prior that made the roads not very good, Cynthia and I slowly drove to Slayton and were grateful for how kind everyone was and you even fed us! I would accept the position a while later and we would be moving to Slayton in the late spring or early summer months as Cynthia and I would be getting married on August 5th!

Cynthia and I felt welcomed right away into the church as we slowly learned about the members and friends of Christ along with the community! I would become ordained on June 25th with Cynthia, my girls, and other family members by my side. This was a glorious experience for both Cynthia and me as I heard the last time our church had an ordination was in the late 1960s!?! Since then, now seven months later 'WE' as a 'Family of God' have done a lot of great work together. This reminds me of the Bible verse from John 14:12 - **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. We certainly have!

I remember there was a survey that was filled out and I studied that after I became your pastor and tried diligently to work on those items. There were three items you were all focused on that I prayerfully have been excelling at this with all your help! They were (1) Leadership for the Worship Service, (2) Visitations, and (3) Working with the Youth.

### **(1) Leadership for the Worship Service**

I humbly accepted this task with your help to raise up our church in 2023. Here's a summary:

Our church has been doing fairly well, yet like every church, we still can improve and become an even more welcoming church than we already are. As the front of our bulletin says, 'We will seek God's will, share God's love, and serve as Christ's people.'

Here is the average attendance from 2019 to 2023:

2023 - 91 avg.	2022 - 80 avg.
2021 - 57 avg.	2019 - 97 avg.

Can we be such a welcoming church that in 2024 we average 100 people each Sunday and have new members and friends join us? One member had a Facebook post about a way to grow the church by having the members invite others to the church. This is a team approach to expanding God's kingdom and it begins with each of us becoming the best disciples we can for Jesus Christ!

### **(2) Visitations**

I have been honored and thankful for the opportunity to try and meet with every one of you through a house visit, and your coming to the church along with phone calls, texting, and emails. I have met with nearly 100 members and friends and will continue doing this throughout my ministry. We now have yellow cards in each of the pews for you to fill out if you want me to visit with you. Now - I ask you to do the same and visit those shut-ins and giving communion, nursing homes, and those who are going through some challenging times like surgery, loss of a job, a divorce, and/or death in a family.

### **(3) Working with the Youth & Bible Studies**

We are blessed as a church to have so many volunteers to help our youth and those teaching a variety of Bible studies to our adults. I am amazed at how our youth are getting more involved and the engaging studies we have taught this year.

May 'WE' continue working together as a 'Family of God' here at Christ Lutheran Church and seeing God's church grow throughout our communities!

With every new year, people have new dreams and goals for themselves and their loved ones, a church is the same - we also have goals and dreams to make the church of Christ Lutheran the most effective it can be for God's people.

*1 Corinthians 12:14 says, "For the body is not just one member, but of many." In essence, this is the simplest and clearest statement about teamwork in the Bible. The body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person but by all of us. We are one, we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony so that we can do God's will.*

So I have just one request I would like to ask you, "What talents, what gifts do you have that can make Christ Lutheran the most effective for ALL of God's people for this 2024 year?"

Please ponder these two questions in your heart -

- (1) What has gone well here at Christ Lutheran in 2023?
- (2) What do we need to work on to make our church more welcoming to others in our communities in 2024?

May you all have a blessed year and please call or email me if you need anything.

God Bless you all,  
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**Christ Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes**

November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Blackmer.

Those in attendance were: Pastor Duffy, Lorna Bader, Gail Radke, Nancy Moberg, Trish Grieme, Jeff Grieme, Karen Frisk, Curt Jensen, Kathy Wurpts, Janet Opdahl and Kathy Behrends. Members of the Constitution committee in attendance were: Gerald Hubbleing, Tom Kappes and Nicole Jens.

Pastor led us with devotions taken from Philippians.

The Agenda was approved as presented. M/S/P Kathy and Jeff

The Secretary's report for October 11, 2023 was reviewed. M/S/P Trish and Lorna to accept as presented.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Our October balance is \$48,976.68. Gail encouraged CLC to develop a reserve/savings account to cover unexpected expenses in times of hardship. The October treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President Blackmer stated that our Committee and Board ministry descriptions do not match up with our Constitution language. A reminder was given again, to all committees to prepare their annual reports soon and to review their ministry descriptions.

Pastor Duffy reported that the cleanup day, trunk and treat event and All Saints service were a success. Our average October attendance was 97. There is a new Sunday Bible Study scheduled. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Reports**

**Fellowship and Service:** Report Submitted  
**Mission Outreach:** \$126.30 was collected in the noisy offering in October, which will be dedicated to the Christmas program goody bags  
**Parish Education/Youth:** Report Submitted  
**Property and Management:** Report Submitted  
**Stewardship:** Report Submitted  
**Worship:** Report Submitted  
**WCLC:** Would like the council to make a commitment to continue with the Trunk and Treat event.  
M/S/P Kathy W and Sue Blackmer The December 13<sup>th</sup> WCLC program will include Lisa Kremer giving a presentation of her trip to the Holy land. All women are invited.

**New Business**

1. Hospice use of the Fellowship Hall on 11-14-23. An earlier an email vote was taken and therefore a motion was made, seconded, and passed to ratify this motion by Jeff and Kathy W. The motion included to waive any charges.
2. Nikki Cheskie use of facility. The request was made to use a locked room and the chapel lounge for her Helping Hands Christmas Gift Project. Due to the expansion of the Sunday school room's usage, we cannot offer a locked room for her use. Therefore a motion was made to allow her the use the fellowship lounge on Friday afternoon for storage and for her distribution on Saturday, with fees being waived. The Church would be locked Friday night. M/S/P Trish and Karen F.
3. Mailing Newsletter/service project. USPS announced they will no longer be offering bulk mail services as of January 28, 2024. We will encourage email delivery, copies printed for pick up and possibly a service project for students for other deliveries.
4. Cap on spending. M/S/P Jeff and Gail For committees and boards, any expense over the amount of \$150.00 must be approved by the council, prior to a purchase, with a description provided of the expenditure.

5. Letter to board and committee members. The council has the legal obligation to enforce our constitution. Non budgeted expenditures need the approval in written minutes of the board or committee making any request. This request shall then be presented to the council for approval. A copy of this action will be submitted. A motion was made to assign the council to approve and sign this action, M/S/P Trish and Jeff

6. Constitution. This process is almost complete with the committee, pending final review from the synod consultant. It is our hope that all the requirements can be completed to allow us to vote at our Annual meeting in January. This is now tabled until the final review is completed, at which time a special council meeting will be held, to expedite the process. M/S/P Trish and Gail

7. Shetek Lutheran Ministries request for money. The Director has sent correspondence to request \$2.00 for every baptized member (855) of Christ Lutheran. Discussion was held regarding the synod involvement of the camp. Is Shetek Lutheran Ministries still considered to be and ELCA sponsored camp? This request for funding was tabled. M/S/P Gail and Trish

#### **Unfinished Business** —None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/P Jeff and Kathy B.

The next meeting will be December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Kathy Behrends  
Secretary to the Council



#### **Worship Committee Report**

We met on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, with all members present. We were able to fill worship assistants for December, other than Christmas & New Year's week-ends. For those services we will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

We took the advice of the board and will only have one acolyte/bell ringer to make it easier on the Sunday School schedule. We are appreciative of the letters being sent home with the older students regarding signing up to learn to acolyte and look forward to seeing more children fill these rolls.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Respectively submitted. Trish Grieme

#### **Parish Education Committee**

Sunday School children wanted to make some money to donate to the Christmas Project. So far, they have sold pumpkins (complements of Gail & Floyd Radke) and have made stocking stuffers. Chocolate & Licorice treats to be sold on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The students have played bells in Church and will sing during the thank offering service. They also have participated in helping with All Saints Day. The Christmas Program is December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will begin to practice the week before Thanksgiving.

Confirmation meets Wednesday at 6:30pm. There are 5 students taught by Greg & Nancy Moberg. Each student has a mentor. One night a month is movie night. They have been watching the chosen.

The Adult Bible study completed a series on Forgiveness and is beginning a new series on Why.  
Respectfully submitted Lorna Bader

## **Property & Management Board Meeting**

Members Present:

Jan Cuperus, Jeff Grieme, Denny Lickness, & Curt Jensen. Jim Jens was not present.

### **Topics Discussed**

Fall Clean-up was held on October 21st. In addition to Property & Management board members helpers included Floyd Radke, Sue Davis, Sue Gass, & Tom Kappes (sorry if I missed anyone). Leaves & branches were cleaned up & Trees on the north side of the property were trimmed.

Slayton Plumbing & Heating has finally initiated work in the quilt room including relocating heat registers. Slayton Electric will be installing / relocating electrical outlets.

Jeff will put warning paint on a hazard / hole in the sidewalk on the west side of the building.

That sidewalk panel and 3 panels in the parking lot that have damage from salt will be replaced next summer.

Trees at the parsonage need to be trimmed. Since special equipment will be required Jeff will contact Peschges Tree Service for an estimate.

A hole in the sidewalk near the city water valve on the west side of the church needs to be patched.

Curt Jensen will report the Property & Management Board activities to the Council at the September Council meeting.

The next Property & Management Board meeting will be on November 29th.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Pastor Chad reviewed plans to provide "Generosity" sermons in November and December to prepare church members for decisions about their giving intentions for the coming year.

Following Revitalization guidelines, we discussed feedback from members about being thankful for our new Bible Studies and the support for children, parents, and grandparents from the Trunk-or-Treat event. Early next year plans are in place for a Grief Group, and new energy will be directed towards the information of a Parent Support Group.

The group considered the need for any budget changes for the coming year due to the increased and future programming; any requests will be included as the new budget is being developed.

The "Generosity" campaign for giving this year centers around our thankfulness for God's gifts to us, including Synod Office services:

- \*Hands-on, speedy support and guidance from the Synod to call a new pastor

- \*Amazing data collected from members by the Transition Team to determine the needs of the congregation

- \*Synod supplied the Call Committee with several qualified applicant candidates

- \*Rapid Synod action for the Ordination and Call of Chad Duffy as our unanimous choice

- \*Immediate follow-up and acceptance of our application for the Synod's Congregational Revitalization Program

- \*Professional, timely Zoom presentations of Revitalization concepts, actions

- \*Seasoned strategies to follow through with the Synod's Generosity Program, to build our church's resources for future growth.

.....Stay tuned, everyone, for the approaching "Intent Cards" following our Thank offering Service; we need responses from all of you!

### **Christ Lutheran Church**

Regular Council Meeting November 8, 2023 7:00 PM  
The Executive Council and Pastor Chad, under the advisement of the Synod office, would like to share the following information to all members of Christ Lutheran Boards and Committees.

Christ Lutheran is a non profit organization. In the state of Minnesota, the council, as governing board, has the legal obligation to enforce the constitution.

In the future any unexpected, non-budgeted expenditures need to be approved in the written minutes of the board or committee making the request. The written request must then be presented and approved by the council.

The charges for the unauthorized sign recently purchased will be considered an oversight and exception will be made, but going forward, we will follow the process established in the previous paragraph.

### Monthly Newsletter Mailings

The post office will be discontinuing bulk mail rates as of January 28th. This affects the mailing of our newsletter. We will mail the January newsletter out, but that will be the last one received to your home.

Newsletters will be printed and available to be picked up at the church. Or an email copy can be sent to you.

If you are not currently receiving the newsletter in an email and would like to. Please provide the office with your email address.

If you are unable to pick up a copy and do not have email contact the Pastor.

### Charitable Giving Reminder

If you are 72 or older you may be required to take out a minimum amount of your individual Retirement Account (IRA). The amount you may be required to take is called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). If the RMD is transferred directly to a charity (such as Christ Lutheran Church) your taxable income could be positively impacted. The direct transfer will keep your taxable amount lower while allowing you to support your chosen charity. It is recommended to contact your financial advisor or tax advisor for details on the RMD.

Don't worry about  
anything; instead,  
*Pray* about everything.  
Philippians 4:6

### **Radio Broadcast Ministry Sponsors are Needed**

Thank you to everyone who makes these broadcasts possible! Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated. Cost remains \$65 per weekend.





4% of your offerings each month will be sent to the Synod office to meet our Synod Mission Support goal.

**December Offerings**  
(through December 29th)  
General Fund Offering: \$28,955.02  
November offering to pay bill: \$21,385.50  
November bills paid: \$21,598.39

**Christ Lutheran Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
following worship.

**From your Parish Nurse....**

**January is National Birth Defects Awareness Month**

Birth defects are structural changes that can affect almost any part of the body, such as the heart, brain, or foot, and can cause lifelong health challenges. Birth defects are common, affecting 1 in every 33 babies born in the United States each year. Not all birth defects can be prevented, and they can occur in any family, regardless of race, ethnicity, health history, or economic status.

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) raises awareness of birth defects and promotes strategies that reduce the risk of birth defects and their complications. National Birth Defects Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness about birth defects and highlight efforts to improve the health of people living with these conditions across their lifespan. As early identification, medical care and treatment have improved, babies and children with birth defects are living longer and healthier lives.

That is why MBDPN's 2024 theme is **"Every Journey Matters"**, highlighting that from prior to diagnosis, throughout childhood and adulthood, every individual impacted by birth defects matters.

This January, take time to learn about:

- \*Birth defect prevention before and during pregnancy
  - \*Survival and health of infants with birth defects
  - \*Educational needs and special healthcare needs for children with birth defects
  - \*Transition from pediatric to adult medical care for adolescents
  - \*Planning for pregnancy, recurrence prevention, and genetics and family history for adults with birth defects
- NBDPN encourages all pregnant people and prospective parents to make healthy choices and adopt healthier habits to help lower their risk of having a baby born with a birth defect.

**5 Healthy Pregnancy Tips:**

- Tip 1: Be sure to take 400 micrograms(mcg) of folic acid every day at least one month prior to conception.
- Tip 2: Plan a visit with your health care provider to support a healthy pregnancy.
- Tip 3 Reduce your risk of infections.
- Tip 4: Care for your body and mind before and during pregnancy to set you and your baby up for success.
- Tip 5: Avoid harmful substance during pregnancy, such as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Join NBDPN and our partners in improving the health of those living with birth defects and reduce the risks of babies being born with birth defects.

NBDPN resources can be accessed at:  
<https://www.nbdpn.org/bdam.php>

Also included are links to the CDC website that has resources for before and during pregnancy, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. If questions contact me, Caren Voss Parish Nurse here at Christ Lutheran Church!

# Christ Lutheran's Calendar for January, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 9am WCLC Board meeting  Grief Support at 6:30pm	3 6:30pm Confirmation	4	5	6 Pastor off
7 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	8 3pm Love Circle 6pm Grief Support	9	10 9am Peace Circle 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm Council meeting	11	12	13 Pastor off
14 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	15 Office Closed 6pm Grief Support	16	17	18	19	20 Pastor off
21 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship	22 6pm Grief Support	23	24 6:30pm Confirmation	25	26	27 Pastor off
28 9am Bible study 9am Sunday school 10am Worship Annual Meeting After Worship	29 1pm Quilting 6pm Grief Support	30 1pm Quilting	31 4:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Confirmation			Worship Service is broadcast every Sunday morning @ 11:30am on KJOE 106.1 FM



**Our Mission:**  
To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**WCLC Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM

**Love Circle**  
Monday, January 8, 3:00 pm at the church

**Peace Circle**  
Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 am

**Quilting**  
Monday, January 29 at 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00 pm

**WCLC Council Report**  
**November 8, 2023**

The WCLC Board met on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Balance on Hand as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in the Treasury is \$3,009.75.

Reports from Committees were given and placed on file.

**Notes:**

1. Quilting room renovation continues. Quilters have raised a total \$2,960.82 in fundraisers towards this project. (1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Silent Auction netted \$653.00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quilt Silent Auction is in progress). A grant of \$350.00 from Nobles County Coop's "Operation Round-up Program" is pending (November 16<sup>th</sup>) toward the quilt room renovations

2. The 2023 Trunk or Treat Event was a huge success again. It was agreed that this event is a great asset to our community and church and we would like to see it continue. Cathy Blair wants to step down as organizer of this event. In order for this event to continue next year, perhaps a combined effort of CLC Council Mission Outreach Committee, the Mission Community Committee from the WCLC Board, and the Fellowship and Service Committee from Council could form a sub-committee to meet in September to work together with the office secretary to keep the Trunk or Treat Event going. We would like the Council to take action to affirm a commitment to this annual event.
3. The Thank Offering Service is planned for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Mission Growth Committee has coordinated this worship service and installation of 2024 WCLC officers will be included.
4. Cindi Pavlis was appointed to serve on the 2024 Mission Growth Committee.
5. The WCLC Handbook for 2024 is completed, proofed, and ready for printing. The phone numbers of the women have been updated to reflect cell phone numbers and land line numbers where appropriate.
6. The All-Women's Christmas Potluck even is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Lila Anderson is working on getting a speaker for this event. Trays of Christmas Goodies (donated by the women) will be assembled after the Potluck Dinner for Sunrise Terrace, Lindenwood Assisted Living, and Westside Apartments.
7. Quilting Dates are Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wurpts, President of WCLC

## QUILTING NEWS

2023 has been very successful and an exciting year for the Christ Lutheran quilters. Not only did we make quilts and school bags kits, the expansion of the quilt room is nearing completion. The CLC Quilters would like to thank everyone for the generosity that has enabled the expansion to progress. You participated in our many fundraisers, brought enthusiasm and encouragement to our project. Needless to say, your financial support was outstanding. Many members have spent time and energy to do their actual work to remove a wall, haul away concrete and other debris, also repairing and painting the walls and the ceiling. They are Jeff Grieme, Clayton Torbert, Kathy Behrends, and Jim Jens. Thank you so much. Donations of fabric and old blankets (used as liners) often appear in the church entry. These donors are anonymous and such a blessing. We thank you so much!! Without these donations, fabric and batting would always need to be purchased.

### Because of your generosity:

109 quilts

71 school bags

75 hats

2 lap robes

28 pairs of mittens

were donated to individuals and families.

\$4590.82 has been raised.

\$1500.00 expenses to date

Flooring and plumbing are yet to be completed.

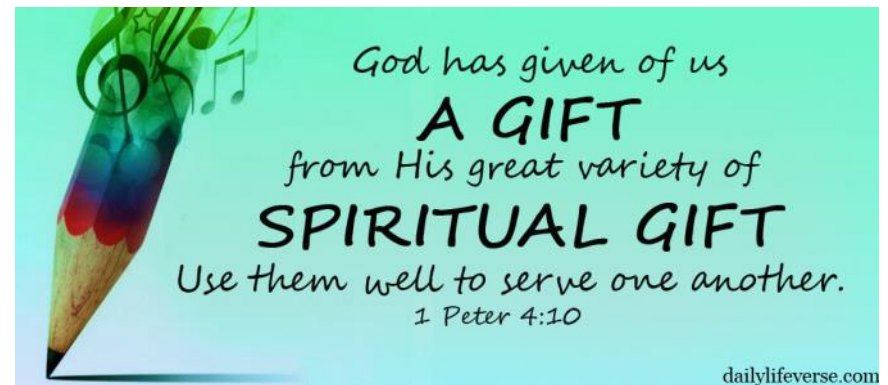
It is difficult to understand the impact of these donations. As one of our good friends said, "Outside of all the physical tangible things we donate, the biggest gift you give is hope. We may never meet outside of heaven, but please know you made a difference."

## **Prayer Concerns**

Joyce Larson, Harris Johnson, Opal Soderholm, Kathy Marco, Rick Staples, Matt Clarke, Ken Borgstahl, Josh Berglund, Dale Nelson, Kim Lavoy ( Ron & Judy Schreier's daughter), Helen Hutt (Alice Beattie's Sister), Harris Swan (Connie Berglund & Gail Radke's uncle) Jean Mundy (Elvera Nelson's sister)

Continue to remember in prayer ~

- ◆ Those dealing with cancer and other long-term illnesses.
- ◆ Members who are shut-in
- ◆ Service men and women
- ◆ Those who mourn the loss of loved ones
- ◆ Those dealing with mental health issues



Celebrate the  
Wonder  
of the Season



# January Birthdays

- |    |                     |    |                    |
|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Lila Anderson       | 19 | Alyssa Anderson    |
| 2  | Nancy Moberg        |    | Thea Schneider     |
|    | Mandy Carlson       | 20 | Amy Gertsema       |
| 3  | Deb Meyer           | 21 | Benjamin Loosbrock |
|    | Britta Malchow      |    | Cassidy Paulzine   |
|    | Karna Tommeraasen   |    | Elliot Bonnsetter  |
| 4  | Emily Gass          |    | Mike Olivier       |
| 5  | Elise Rohrer        | 22 | Brett Behrends     |
|    | Elisabeth Walker    |    | Gayleen Kirchner   |
|    | Jaxson Kline        |    | Caren Voss         |
|    | Kathy Marco         | 23 | Brockton Sell      |
| 6  | Brooke Neilson      |    | Wren Ackerman      |
|    | Gordon Opdahl       | 24 | Gene Short         |
|    | Rob Rohrer          | 25 | Jason Carlson      |
|    | Everett Johnson     | 26 | Jim Kluis          |
|    | Diane Christiansen  |    | Collyns Ackerman   |
| 7  | Sharon Staples      |    | Marge Short        |
| 8  | Mitchell Bonnsetter | 27 | Trish Erickson     |
|    | Amy Loosbrock       | 28 | Kori Robinson      |
|    | Melissa Schmidt     |    | Elizabeth Dardis   |
| 9  | Brady Johansen      | 29 | Kora Grocholski    |
|    | Kim Johnson         |    | Nicole Jens        |
|    | Avery Wynia         | 30 | Alexandra Kleven   |
| 11 | Cole Rachuy         |    | Mariella Danneman  |
| 13 | Jesse Estum         |    | Aiden Halma        |
| 15 | David Bennett       |    | Theda Ross         |
|    | Terri Swanson       | 31 | Gage Carlson       |
|    | Jordan Ahlers       |    | Ken Borgstahl      |
| 16 | Lenni-Ann Dardis    |    |                    |
|    | Caroline Engelkes   |    |                    |
| 17 | Elyse Paulzine      |    |                    |
|    | Elizabeth Thomsen   |    |                    |
|    | Emily Wajer         |    |                    |
|    | Evan Gillette       |    |                    |
| 18 | Brooke Ackerman     |    |                    |

# January Anniversaries

23 James & Charlotte Larson (1971)

Please contact the office if you notice a mistake or omission on the Birthday or Anniversary lists. Thanks for your help!

## Birthday Bags

For Murray County Food Shelf

*Each large birthday gift bag should contain:*

- box of cake mix
- can of frosting
- candles
- birthday paper plates
- birthday napkins



*Optional items:*

- birthday banners
- birthday cards
- or anything you choose to add

### Cash Donations

for the Murray County Food Shelf can be made to either Christ Lutheran Church or Murray County Food Shelf

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**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**  
**Where Christ Renews and Empowers**

### Events at camp!

(See [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) for more info.)

January 17-21 Quilt and Craft Retreat

February 23-25 Winter Family Camp

#### Wish List

- Vest style life jackets
- Extension Cords
- Volunteers
- Summer Staff - <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

"You crown the year with Your goodness, and  
Your paths drip with abundance."

Psalms 65:11

Happy New Year!

#### Help send kids to Camp...

**Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year.**

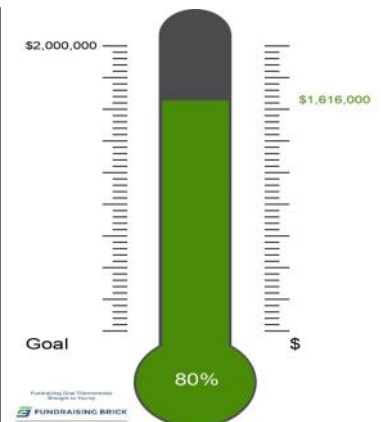
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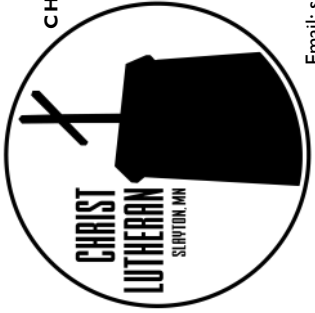


**Join us for our Winter Family Camp**  
**Or just come out and see the beauty of the season here.**



We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,616,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>





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