

DECEMBER



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S ADVENT MESSAGE

"All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task..."

ELW Hymn #266

Many of us have been told that Advent is a time of waiting. And there is truth to that. These weeks go so slowly for children. It seems to them that it takes forever for Christmas to arrive. But for adults, these weeks rush by like the blink of an eye. Many of us have trouble keeping up with everything that we need or hope to do before December 25. Each day is full of creative tasks as we prepare presents, baked goods, music, clothing, our homes and our church buildings for Christmas. We are engaged in a special kind of waiting - not a sit still and wait but an active waiting, a waiting in which we are preparing for what is to come.

That was true for the people of ancient Israel also. They were waiting for the promised Messiah. But they didn't sit still and wait. They studied the scriptures and attempted to live according to them as they awaited the arrival of the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, Living Water.

On the weekend of November 30/December 1 we begin a new Church Year. We begin to once again tell the story of Jesus' life. We start not at his birth but with the promises of his coming. Every Advent anticipates the three comings of Jesus: he will come again in glory, he comes to us now, and he came in the flesh to live among us. Future, present, past. Even as we wait for the future, we trust that the Messiah who came to earth as a baby, is with us now as we offer love and care to family, friends, neighbors, and strangers so that all may know Christ's love.

Pastor Darla Ann

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OUR LORD'S NEWS

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SATURDAYS at 5 pm with Fellowship after the Worship

SUNDAYS at 8 am and 10:45 am Hospitality—9:15 am

Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1

Advent 1: Isaiah 2:2-5

Visions of Hope

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Advent 2: Isaiah 10:33-34 and 11:1-10

A Shoot Sprouting Forth

We will have a Noisy Offering on this day for "People in a Pickle"

Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15

Advent 3: Isaiah 35:1-10

Anticipation

Children's Pageant at 10:45 am

Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22

Advent 4: Matthew 1:18-25

Divine Intervention

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20

Three Candlelight Services with Holy Communion

5:00 pm—Hymns and Carols accompanied by Organ and Piano, special music by Chancel Choir and Handbells and Trumpet Duo

7:30 pm—Worship and Special Music led by Praise Band

11:00 pm—Quiet Candlelight Service with hymns and carols and special music ending with Silent Night and the Christmas Proclamation

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day: John 1:1-14

9:00 am

Carols, Gospel, Sermon and Communion followed by Christmas with Our Neighbors at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Saturday, December 28 and Sunday, December 29

Christmas 1: Matthew 2:13-23

Crossing Borders

VISION 20-20 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed the Vision 20-20 Questionnaire on the weekend of November 2-3. Having heard various opinions in recent months as to how the church should best focus their time, attention, and finances in the upcoming year, the Church Council thought it was prudent to get a quick glimpse of how the membership felt about our various areas of ministry. This survey was simply meant to help members of the Council and the Steering Team decide what goals and projects to further investigate in the upcoming weeks. OLLC members will have other opportunities to voice their opinions, especially as they pertain to any facility upgrades. These opportunities will most likely begin as early as the Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 25.

In the **Ministry of Finance** category, #1 priorities were given a weight of 5 points, #2 priorities were given a weight of 4 points, #3 priorities a weight of 3, #4 priorities a weight of 2, and #5 priorities a weight of 1 point. The final rankings in this category, according to their weighted scores, were:

Aggressively pay off existing mortgage	266
Prioritize improvements	222
Hire part-time staff	195
Refinance mortgage to pay for all improvements	178
Expand staff	147

Similar weighting schemes were applied to the remaining ministry categories. The highest weighted items under learning, caring, worship and inviting were as follows.

Ministry of Learning: Improve/enhance Sunday School and Youth classroom space.

Ministry of Caring: Increase congregational involvement with existing ministries.

Ministry of Worship: Increase individual member participation in the worship services.

Ministry of Inviting: Increase publicity about church programs and activities AND increase efforts to assist visitors and prospective members.

Under **Ministry of Facilities**, the final rankings according to their weighted scores, were:

Update restrooms	418
Remodel/expand kitchen	382
Sanctuary floor	371
Remodel kitchen	348
Narthex/hallway	320
Commons	312
Blinds	292
Door Signage	278
Soundproofing	247
All ASAP	244
Sanctuary Ceiling	238

As indicated in the financial stewardship letter from Pastor Darla Ann, we will continue with our VIF/BOOM campaign to pay off our mortgage in approximately four years. The Council and Steering Team members will also coordinate further research into various facility improvements. Any campaign efforts for major improvements or projects, however, will be voted on by the congregation. Once again, the earliest any vote would take place would be at the 2020 annual meeting. If finances become available for any of the smaller projects prior to the January meeting, these particular upgrades may be made.

Thank you again for the valuable feedback you have already provided! If you have any questions or concerns about the questionnaire results, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In peace,

Tom Steinmann, President OLLC Council

Greening of the Church



“The Greening of the Church”

Saturday, December 14
8:00 am

“The Symbols of Christmas”

Children’s Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 15
10:45 am

The children of the congregation will share six special symbols with us, sing for us, and lead us in Christmas Carols.



*A Shoot will come
up from the stump
of Jesse ...
and he will delight
in the fear of the
LORD.
Isaiah 11: 1, 3, NIV*

CHRISTMAS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

The joyful tradition of sharing Christmas with Our Neighbors at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will continue this Christmas season. You will be given an opportunity to purchase gifts for specific residents that will be delivered by the congregation, and Santa, on Christmas morning after the 9 am service. If you would like to watch for early bargains, here is a list of generic items needed: gloves, readers of various magnifications, slip proof socks, stocking caps, underwear and t-shirts of various sizes and stuffed animals. Watch for more information at the beginning of December. Thank you for helping make Christmas morning for our neighbors a little more special.



**DECEMBER 8
ECUMENICAL
ADVENT CONCERT**
Sunday, December 8
3 pm

Our Lord's Lutheran Church



Combined vocal choirs and musicians from Our Lord's Lutheran Church, Holy Family Catholic Church (Granite City) and St. Mary's Catholic Church (Madison) with string quartet, oboe, and percussion.

Free will offering to be collected.

Admission is free.

Portions of this concert will be performed at Holy Family Catholic Church at 3:00 pm and as part of their 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 7.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The sessions for Visioning the Future of Worship at Our Lord's gave participants a chance to think about and quickly share:

- 1) The things that are most meaningful or most important to them in worship,
- 2) How they got to Our Lord's Lutheran Church,
- 3) Ideas about what we could do next

Approximately 35 people participated in the sessions. Our time together ended with my invitation to be a part of a 3-session book study on "The Art of Curating Worship." Nine people have accepted the invitation!

As we go through the year and look at creativity and worship, I welcome all of your feedback in person or via email at chilesharvey@gmail.com

Harvey Childs, Director of Traditional Music

"MORNING GLORIES" Spiritual Discussion Group

Thursday, Dec. 12, 10 am Life Center Conference Room

Curriculum: "Walking Through the Wilderness of Advent: A Creative Retreat with Isaiah" by Vonda Drees from the ELCA Women's magazine **Gather**.

Course Description: An Advent/Christmas devotional to find the true meaning of the season using creative artistic exercises.

Leader: **Debby Gunderson**



MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

On break until January 2020

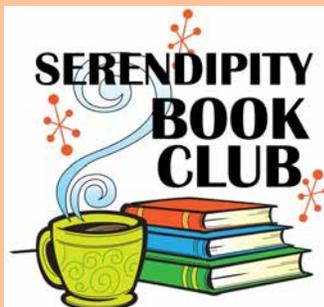
Leader: **Mike Hester**

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 20 at 11:30 am Life Center Conference Room

On break in December.

January Book: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe. Bring a drink and a brown bag lunch to enjoy as the book is discussed. All welcome!



(For more information and details on Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday's at 9:15 am Worship Center Conference Room

Curriculum: DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: **"Thinking about Religion and Violence"** by Professor Jason C. Bivins of NCSU.

This course explores the increase in religious violence, persecution of religious traditions, religious terrorism, etc.

Lectures: "Understanding Witch Trials" (12/8) and "The Apocalyptic Outlook" (12/15/)

Leader: **Dona Racich.**

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10 am

Life Center Conference Room

12/2 Curriculum: DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: **Science and Religion** by Professor Lawrence M. Principe of John Hopkins University.

Last Lesson: "Past, Present, and Future" (12/2)

New Curriculum beginning Dec. 9: DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: **The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History** by Professor Craig R. Koester of Luther Seminary.

Course Description: Explore what the Apocalypse is, it's volatile role and it's continued meanings in Jewish traditions and the New Testament, but also looks at it's influence on literary work and the arts.

Lectures: "Revelation and the Apocalyptic Tradition (12/9) & "Apocalyptic Worldview in Judaism" (12/16)

NO CLASS on 12/23 & 12/30

Leader: **Dona Racich.**

BIBLE CRUNCHERS STUDY

On break until January 2020.

(For more information and details on "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth", visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please take note:

Children's Sunday School Age 3 through 5th Grade, High School and Adult Bible Study will take a Thanksgiving Break on Dec. 1 and a Christmas Break on Dec. 22 & 29.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR AGES 3 YEARS OLD – 5TH GRADE...

Sundays, (12/8 & 12/15), 9:30 am Worship Center Fellowship Hall

Kids will be rehearsing for the Children's Christmas Play – "The Symbols of Christmas" during regular Sunday School time.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

Sundays at 9:15 am Life Center-Fellowship Hall (basement)

Curriculum: "Faith Inkubators" Teacher: **Ed Foppe**

Lessons: "Fast Cars & Other Risky Business" (12/8) and "Media & Materialism" (12/15)

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

Sundays at 9:30 am Worship Center Youth Room

Curriculum: "re:form" by Augsburg Publishers.

Discipleship Lessons: "Why should I pray the Lord's Prayer when it feels like I'm just going through the motions?" (12/8) and "Can someone lose their salvation?" (12/15).

Teachers: Debby Gunderson & Scott Comrie



EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHANGES TO ILLINOIS CANNABIS LAWS

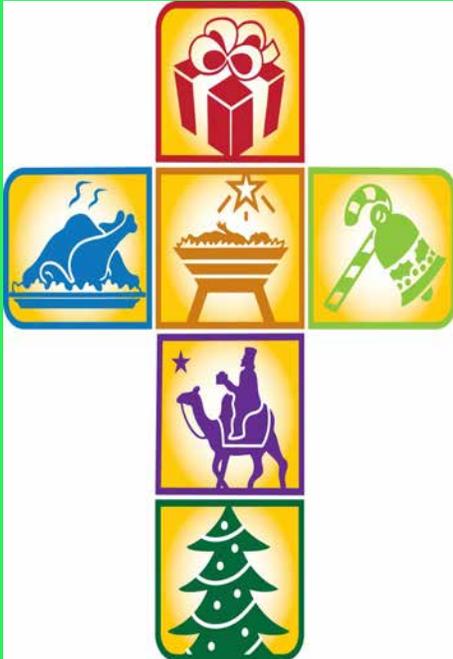
Thursday, December 5, 10 am

Anderson Hospital (6800 State Route 162, Maryville, IL 62062 – Enter through Hospital Entrance #2. Follow Directional signs to Lower Level Classrooms 1-3). All welcome.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION...WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Thursday, December 5, 2:30 pm

Programs & Services for Older Persons (201 N. Church St., Belleville, IL)
All welcome.



EXTRA GREENERY FOR SALE

The fresh greenery ordered by the youth group is purchased by the case, so the youth group will have a few extra items available when the order arrives in early December. Items available include:

3 Noble Fir Wreaths (22-inch) \$25 each

1 Mixed Evergreen Wreath (22-inch) \$25

3 Noble Fir Swags \$22 each

3 Tabletop Centerpieces \$18 each

FIRST OF THE MONTH DINNER OUT

Saturday, December 7,
following the 5 pm service (around 6:30 pm)

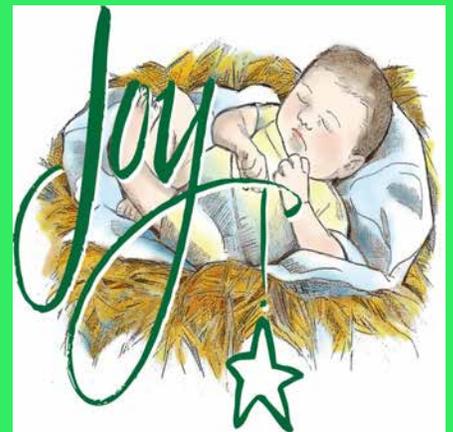
Fire and Ice BBQ Restaurant

Come out for good food and fellowship with church friends!

LATE BOOMERS IN DECEMBER

Rod & Carol Orr and Dave & Carol Gocken
will be co-hosting the Boomers.

Details to follow soon.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Dec. 8, 2019 (X-mas Party, Hoelscher House 3:00 p.m.)

January 5 and 19, 2020

February 2 and 23, 2020

March 8, 2020

April 19, 2020



Peace and thanks to all!

Kathy Hoelscher

Thank you, people of Our Lord's!

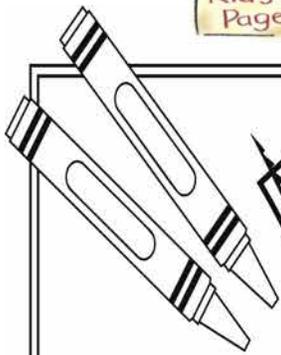
At the Bake Sale, the Youth Group raised \$868.00. Many thanks to everyone who purchase baked goods and to those who made donations sans baked goods. You are a very generous and kind church family!

Our Lord's Youth

The following are important fund raising dates for the youth group.

- 1) Spaghetti Dinner / **Feb. 8** Leads: Hoelschers
- 2) Brick Sales / Start beginning of March (All Parents Involved)

*For more information and details on "Youth Ministries" visit our website:
www.ourlords.org*



PUZZLE

Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ _ _ _ _

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ _ _

green for eternal life, _ _ _ _ _ &
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ _ _ _ _

sounds to announce _ _ _ _ _
good news

has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ _

Th ks b to od fo is
indesc ba le gif !

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answers: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Bible Quiz

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		10		11		12	
13		14					

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E), God's gift of love



MEN'S CLUB

Saturday, December 14, (Not Dec. 7), 7 am
 December's chefs are Jeff Beauchamp and Jim Spencer. Come out for food, fellowship & decorating the inside and outside of the church for Christmas!

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of October 31, 2019

Total receipts for October 2019	\$23,905	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,083)
Total expenditures for September 2019	\$28,704	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,083)
Total receipts for 2019 as of 10/31	\$275,190	(anticipated budget amount of \$300,833)
Total expenditures for 2019 as of 10/31	\$359,936	(anticipated budget amount of \$300,833)
Mortgage principal paid in October 2019	\$1,973	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2019	\$29,022	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$138,677	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$32,873	
Cash - Designated	\$19,316	
Money in Savings	\$25,000	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)

Submitted by **Max Eakin** 11/18/19

COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION

A Willingness to Give

Purpose: to help seniors and adults with disabilities to thrive and live independently, through transportation, advice and information on federal, state, and local benefits (Answers on Aging Program), and social events (Elder Connection Program). December is a time to give – of our time, donations and gifts. Volunteers are always needed. If able to help, contact Nancy Kaprelian at 344-8080 and invest your gifts in CFIA!



MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER



Open to residents of Maryville, and members of Maryville churches or schools.
Ministries Include:

Resident Assistance Program (RAP), Office Hours: Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm.

Food Pantry, Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 pm
Thursdays 10 am – noon
Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Grandma's Attic, Attic Hours: Tuesdays 10 am-noon & 5:30 -7:30 pm
Wednesdays 10 am – noon
Thursdays 10 am – noon
Friday 10 am - noon
Saturdays 10 am – noon

Our Lord's Liaison to Maryville Outreach Board: **Carol Orr**

CARING MINISTRY TEAM: Being God's Presence in Someone's Life

Want to help or know someone who might need help?

Services available:

Provides care to church family as needed.

Visit people in hospital or homes

Take previously consecrated Communion to homebound or sick, at direction of Pastor

Call on those experiencing a personal crisis

Provide transportation to doctor appointments or grocery shopping

Sitting with someone who is ill while the regular caregiver gets some "me" time for rest, shopping, etc. Contact: Mary Olsen or the church office. Team members:

Mary Olsen, Carol Gocken, Kathie Brady, and Carol and Rod Orr.

(For more information and details visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

FAIR TRADE

The Wonders of Christmas

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, a true celebration. It's also a time of sharing, of giving, of receiving. Our Lord's is in it's fourth year of a ministry that has reached around the world in support of small farmers, artisans, and many people who share their talents and help make God's creations better and more beautiful.

The Fair Trade Ministry of Our Lord's is doing great things. Last year we helped by providing over \$2000 in support. My goal for us has been to do better each year. This year we have two fronts to help with that effort. Not only The Fair Trade Shop, but the Our Lord's Christmas Store in the Narthex.

I am reaching out to you in helping staff the Shop & the Store. I know many of you had fun helping and socializing with members and visitors last year. Be ready for more new, beautiful and delicious treats. I look forward to your help in making the Ministry the best yet. I will have sign up sheets with the dates and times on the Narthex tables. You may also E-mail, call or text me.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Williams (Mike)

vablu2@aol.com
(618)772-9260



SOS (Spirit of Sharing) SOUP KITCHEN

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 - 7 pm

1st Presbyterian in Collinsville

Menu: Christmas Tacos! Sign-up in Narthex for food and volunteers.
(We will need plenty of both, as we are the only church serving.)

Questions: **Gail Jorgenson**

S.O.S. Soup Kitchen

Christmas Give-Away

Thursday, December 19, 5 pm

Need donations of: Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Scarves, Coats (Children & Adults), Socks, Slippers, Blankets, Personal hygiene items, Toys, Games, Teen gifts.

Items can be new or gently used.

Please drop off at St. John UCC before 12/19.

Questions: call 618-344-2526

Southwest Illinois Correctional Center, East St Louis needs...

Regular size deodorants, toothpaste, bars of soap,
and
Travel size shampoo, conditioner, and lotion.

Place donations in Worship Center Hallway under credenza beneath the bulletin board.

WORSHIP HELPERS MINISTRY!

(Of course, we can still use your help!)

Worship Volunteers needed weekly. Servant spots include: acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, assisting minister/lectors (Saturdays), communion assistants, greeters, ushers, greeter/ushers (Saturdays), altar guild, projectionist, ride givers, and fellowship.

People Power Sign Up Sheets: find the date you want to volunteer & sign up!

The opportunities to serve are powerful and enriching. Signup sheets for December and January are already out!



OFFICE ANGELS

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Life Center Conference Room

(Christmas Week we will meet December 23rd, 10:30 am)

Purpose: to help assemble bulletins
& visit with church friends.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

Monday, December 23, 9:30 am

Life Center Conference Room

Purpose: to help assemble printed newsletters
& visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

Joint Christmas Pot Luck Party after all bulletins and newsletters are done...
or when we get hungry!

All help welcome!

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

PRAYER LIST

We want to keep Our Lord's Prayer List as current and viable as possible. The list is long, as we have many in our church family, or people we know, that need prayer. The church office "purges" the list periodically. If the person for which you have requested prayer has improved enough to come off the prayer list or has passed away, please let the church office know. Thank you for your help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for **January's** Newsletter is **Friday, December 13.**

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Donna Beauchamp, **Max** Eakin, **Greg** Fremder, **Jim** Green, **Matt** Gross, **Linda** Harriss, **Rudy** Kantola, **Don** Klingsick, **Greg** Perkins, **John** Puricelli, **Jeff & Hilda** Scheiter, **Melinda** Stein, **Fred** Tatjenhorst, **Harry & Lynn** Thiel, **Emily** Callahan Thompson, **Karen** Tilashalski, **Larry** Trucano, **Lisa** White, **Sarah** White, **Mike** Williams



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell, Major James Carmichael, Capt. Blake Crosby, Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby, Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby, SPC Bill Homes, Charles Homes, Zach Huff, AB Lucas Maue, John Meyer, Zachary Neubauer, Amador Ochoa, Josh Pace, Scott Prengel, Jake Randall, Jack Scoles, Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith, Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.), Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer

PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Dar Kratzer, Pastor; **Dr. Harvey Chiles**, Director of Traditional Music; **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, Organist; **Beth Giese**, Nursery Attendant; **Brian Gunderson**, Director of Contemporary Music; **Chery Sides**, Organist; **Linda Spencer**, Office Assistant; **Loretta Williams**, Administrative Assistant

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President; **Kathy Hoelscher**, Vice President; **Jaime Henderson**, Secretary; **Dr. Max Eakin**, Treasurer; **Alan Kramer**, At Large

Steering Team [Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service]

Ed and Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators; **Tim Nyland**, **Lyn Kampwerth**, **Erick Larson**, **Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson**, **Jan Vinson**

Transition Team

Deanne Holhouser, Lead, **Dr. Rhonda Comrie**, **Bruce Fritz**, **Dave Gocken**, **Katie Noga**, **Dr. Laura Schoenecker**, **KaLonny Short**, **Marian Steinmann**

IN SYMPATHY



Please remember these members, friends of Our Lord's, and their families as they grieve their loss and share the sure promise of the resurrection:

Elaine Nemsky Collier & Husband Zebulon Collier (at the death of friend & Zeb's business partner Brian Miller)

Jaime Henderson Family (at the death of Jaime's aunt Mary Rhinehart on November 2)

Linda Spencer Family (at the death of her cousin Steve Miner November 4)

BAPTISM

We rejoice that **Beckett Lloyd Wieser** was baptized on Sunday, November 10 at the 8 am service. Parents are Drew & Megan Wieser, siblings are A.J. & Brooke and sponsors are aunt Anne Matzek & great uncle Mark Wieser.



FIRST COMMUNION



The following people received First Communion on Sunday, November 24, 2019: **Claire Blind, Kaitlyn Blotevogel, Alex Corrie and Sophia Helms**. Please pray for them at this next important step in their faith journey.

BIRTHDAYS



Dr. Harvey Chiles
Abby Tiemann
Erick Larson
Eva Klopfer
Carol Gocken
Holly Hayes
Brian Hartke
Sarah Perry
Anna Rimar
Carol Hancock
Grant Lang
John Kohoutek
Caroline Menz
Laika Wagner
Nathan Richard
Jeff Treat

Jacob Cuperus
Dean Lackey
Joel Kampwerth
Crichton Williams
Bill Davidson
Sophia Helms
Rachel Lee
Jack Rimar
Sue Green
Ian Maue
Caitlyn Baczewski
Kaitlyn Blotevogel
Irene VanHooser
Lauren Moehl
Kendyll Orr
Susanne Richter
Kayden Bianco
Linda Spencer
Loretta Williams
Liam Seifert

ANNIVERSARIES



Erika Kohoutek & Katie Niman Kohoutek
Jeff & Penny Waterman
Brian & Jaime Henderson
Don Simonson & Jan Vinson
Terry & Kathie Brady
Bruce & Mary Ann Fritz
Randy & Erin Helms
Brian & Doug Lotz-Manns
Jordan & Lisa Dollar

Pray for Family and Friends of Church Members

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Andy & mother Candance
(Donna Racich's friends)

Gladys Adams (Nicole Williams' friend)

Steve Anderson (Beth Giese's brother)

Steve Baczewski (Caitlyn Baczewski's father-in-law)

Barbara

Dorian Blackwell

Jeff Bombal (Comrie's nephew)

Isabella Boyer (Noga's 13 year old neighbor)

Aaron Brady (Kathie Brady's nephew)

David Brady (Kathie's son)

Christian Bristol

Steven Bristol

Ken Bruninga

Pat C. (Schoenecker's friend)

Lucian Cojucaru

Brenda Cussanelli

Annette Deem

Priscilla Donals

Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalski's aunt)

Anita Dunlap (Harvey Chiles sister)

Terry Eakin (Max Eakin's brother)

Bruce Fernie (Lori Fremder's friend)

Vickie Finan (Kassing's niece)

Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's mother)

Glenda

Miranda Goes (Kassing's friend)

Pr. Lisa Goodwin

Chuck Griffin (Mike Williams' friend)

Penny Grimes (Hoelscher's friend)

Leroy Hall (Darlene Carney's uncle)

Kate Harris

Harold Hartke

Mac Herrera (Jim Spencer's friend)

Jean Huster (Dora Clawges' sister-in-law)

Sandra Ingram (Mike Williams sister)

James Jamison

Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)

Premie **Harleigh Yvonne Johnson** & parents
Sierra Puryear & Michael Johnson
(Williams Great great niece)

Journey Kampton (Erick Larson friend's granddaughter)

Kendall

Linda

Gene Manley (Tatjenhorst's neighbor)

Kathryn Martin (Karen Larson's friend)

Jim Maue (Roberta Maue's friend)

Charlie McCord

Daniel Miner (Linda Spencer's cousin)

Don Muller (Terry Menz' brother)

Margaret Neubauer (White's sister-in-law)

Rick Neubauer (Lisa White's brother)

Brantley Noble

Olivia (Carol Orr's cousin)

Pr. Paul & Rosy Park

Peggy (Caryl Kassing's friend)

Stephanie Polston (Karen Larson's friend)

Jason Ralston (Jodi Pugh's brother)

Rhonda Reuter (Sue Green's H.S. friend)

Pr. Lev Reynolds

Lucas Wade Rodell (Carole Callahan's nephew)

Larry Saler

Loralee Snyder (Tim Nyland's aunt)

Alex Spudich

Jim Starrett (Waterman's brother-in-law)

Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)

Rod & Sharon Summer (Williams' neighbors)

Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)

Ben Szakacsi (Nicole Williams' grandfather)

Sarah Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's Granddaughter)

Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)

Doug Wannan

Lance Wellner (Robin Wellner's husband)

Jean Wheeland (Beth Giese's mother)

Marilyn Wolfe (Irene VanHoser's friend)

Diane Wooden

Heather Yost (Julie Gruber's cousin)

Nick Zappia (Davidson's son-in-law)



PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances.

JANUARY

- New Year's Day – Church Office Closed, Jan 1
- NO Men's Club Breakfast
- Un-Greening of the Church, Jan 5
- Epiphany of Our Lord Weekend, Jan 5-6
- NO S.O.S. Soup Kitchen
- Baptism of Our Lord Weekend, Jan 11-12
- Via de Cristo-Fresh Start, Jan 12 (inclement weather date Jan 19)
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 15
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 20
- Annual Meeting, SATURDAY, Jan 25
- Newsletter Assembly, Jan 29

FEBRUARY

- Men's Club Breakfast, Feb 2
- Presentation of Our Lord, Feb 2-3
- Souper Bowl of Caring, Council Installation, Boy Scout Recognition Weekend, Feb 2-3
- Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner, Feb 9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen at 1st Presbyterian, Feb 11
- Valentine' Day, Feb 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Feb 15
- President's Day, Office Closed, Feb 17
- Martin Luther Died in 1546, Feb 18
- Transfiguration Weekend, Feb 22-23
- Ash Wednesday, Feb 26

MARCH

- Lenten Weekend Services, Feb 29-Mar 1-2, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
- Casimir Polaski Day, Mar 2
- Wednesday Lenten Services, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25
- Daylight Savings, Girl Scout Recognition, Mar 8
- SOS Soup Kitchen @ St. John UCC, Mar 12
- St. Patrick's Day, Newsletter Deadline, Mar 17
- Spring Begins, Mar 19
- Grandview University Concert Choir, Mar 21-22
- Newsletter Assembly, Mar 26

**Annual Reports
due
December 15th**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 1 8 - Worship 9:15 - Hospitality 10:45 - Worship 4-8 - IL Global Arts	2 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Mtg 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts Academy 6:30 - Church Council	3 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon, Praise Band 7—Praise Band	4 6 - 9—Advent Concert Dress Rehearsal	5 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 4 - 6 - IL Global Arts 6:30 - Bell Choir	6 Pastor Sabbath	7 Advent 2 Lighting of the Church 3:30 - Ecumenical Advent Concert 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:30 - 1st of the Month Dinner Out
8 Advent 2 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Confirmation; Hospitality 9:30 - S.S.; H.S. 10:45 - Worship 3 - Ecumenical Advent Concert 3-6 - HS, Youth, Hoelschers 4-8 - IL Global Arts	9 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Mtg 4 - 8:30 - Illinois Global Arts 6:30 - Steering Team Mtg	10 3:30-7 - SOS Soup Kitchen, 1st Presby 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	11 6:30 - Chancel Choir	12 10 - Morning Glories 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 4 - 6 - IL Global Arts 6:30 - Bell Choir 6 - 8:30 - Hindu Worship	13 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Sabbath	14 Advent 3 7 - Men's Club 8 - Greening of the Church 3:30 - Praise Band Christmas Store 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
15 Advent 3 Christmas Store 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - S.S.; H.S. Class; 10:45 - Worship/Children's Christmas Program 12 - Reception 1-6 - Kelly Birthday Party 4 - 8 - IL Global Arts	16 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Mtg 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts	17 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon; Praise Band	18 6:30 - Chancel Choir	19 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 4-6 - IL Global Arts 6-MOC Meeting 6:00 - Bell Choir; Recovery 360 Family Support	20 Katherine vonBora Luther, Renewer of the Church Pastor Sabbath	21 Advent 4 First Day of Winter 9 - Le Leche League 3:30 - Praise Band Christmas Store 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
22 Advent 4 Winter Begins Christmas Store 8 - Worship 9:15 - Hospitality 10:45 - Worship 10:30- 2:30 - Galinski Family Reunion 4 - 8 - IL Global Arts	23 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly 10 - Office Angels & Christmas Potluck 10 - Staff Mtg	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 5 - Christmas Eve 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon 7:30 - Christmas Eve/Contemporary 11 - Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 9 - Christmas Day Service 10 - Christmas with Our Neighbors	26 Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	27 John, Apostle & Evangelist Pastor Sabbath	28 Christmas 1 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
29 Christmas 1 8 - Worship 9:15 - Hospitality 10:45 - Worship	30 10 - Staff Mtg	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	27 New Year's Day Office Closed			



**Sunday, December 8
Ecumenical Advent Concert
3:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 15
Children's Pageant at 10:45 am**

**Tuesday, December 24
Three Candlelight Services with Holy Communion
5:00 pm 7:30 pm 11:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 25
9:00 am
Christmas Day Communion Service
followed by Christmas with our neighbors at Elmwood**

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