

Community Lutheran Church

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38



Weekend Worship

No In-person services
until further notice.

Sundays at 10:30 am
Live Worship Service
on Zoom; recordings
on website &
YouTube.

Office Hours: *Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm; 928-763-2422*

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So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church
Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM:



“Starting the Year with Christmas”

I will repeat what everybody else has been saying, “2020 was an awful year.” 2020 was a year when our nation collectively grieved over the massive spread of the Covid-19 virus, the shut-down of our economy, the eruption of protest movements for racial justice mixed with acts of violence in the streets, a large number of forest fires and hurricanes, and a deep and angry political divisions.

It was a frustrating and heartbreaking year for most of us.

We pray that in this new year things will get better, but we know we have a ways to go before it does as we begin this new year.

And as a church, we struggle and are grieving as well. Our common way of doing things has fallen in disarray. The church council of Community Lutheran Church is trying to determine when it is wise to begin in-service worship and how to keep things going online for those who don’t feel safe to take part in public worship just yet. Please keep our council in your prayers in making the best decisions possible for the life our congregation together.

And still as we enter the new year, we begin with the Christmas promise the God is with us – Emmanuel – through Jesus Christ in our lives. Christmas Day is the beginning of the Christmas season that goes from December 25 to January 5. January 6 is when Christmas officially ends with the Day of the Epiphany of our Lord when we celebrate the hope of Christ’s salvation is spreading to all nations. And so despite how difficult things are these days, we still live with the promise and hope of Jesus Christ and are called to share God’s grace in Christ with everyone.

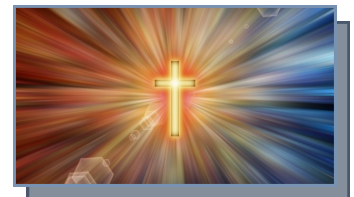
Every year for a month before Christmas Day, I hear people say things like: “We should be celebrating Christmas every day of the year”; or, “Jesus is the reason for the season.” And every year after Christmas when I am still wishing people a merry Christmas, people get grumpy and say, “Christmas is over with already”; or, “It’s New Year Day, it’s not Christmas. What’s the matter with you?”

The true Christmas Spirit is of course the Holy Spirit. And we begin this new year with the Christmas Spirit leading us to know the promise of Christ’s presence in our lives and the hope for all nations in Christ. So let this Spirit guide us as we begin this new year.

Happy New Year! Happy 2021!

In Christ’s peace,

Pastor Tim



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

“Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.” Psalm 103:2

Following a year like the one we all just experienced, you may feel like it’s easier to count your problems...your woes...than to count your blessings. And no one will argue the fact that 2020 was a very difficult year...in so many ways. But, if you think about it, you just might feel differently.

As I was writing my report for the 2020 Annual Report, I couldn’t help but be amazed – and feel so, so blessed – as I was writing about the past year. Was it a normal year? No! Was it an easy year? No! But when you really start thinking about everything that happened this year, you will also start realizing how many blessings you – we – received, I think you’ll realize just how blessed we actually are. Through everything, God has shown us his love and has been a beacon of light in our lives. God is Good...Always!

Something I’ve realized is that if you “name” your blessings, call them out – even write them down – you will be surprised at how much you have received...how blessed you are!

I’m not much of an “Oh woe is me...” type person, but we all have times when we wonder where our Lord is. Well, the answer is that He is right there with us always.

Remember this, in *Isaiah 41-10* we are told: **“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

We are truly blessed every day. And, when there is no other light, our Lord is our light and our salvation.



The Lord's Blessings to all of you each and every day!

Linda Miller

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

‘The Year of My Wellbeing’



“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.”

–Isaiah 40:31a

The Covid-19 pandemic has endured far longer than anyone imagined, and it has left us feeling stressed, weary, fearful, frustrated, angry, isolated, and dislocated. Many are simply depleted.

Even in normal times, being a good steward of our personal health takes time, vigilance, commitment and discipline. The pandemic’s protracted disruption has made it especially hard to take care of ourselves at the very time we need it most.

Because it will take months for the Coronavirus vaccine to be widely available, and even longer for “normal” to return, it may be wise for God’s people to designate 2021 “The Year of My Wellbeing” and focus on our health.

Our spiritual, mental, emotional wellbeing are interconnected. Working on any one of them will improve the rest. Working on all of them will best help you maintain equilibrium as we live into this new future. Here are some tips for crafting a wellbeing strategy. Some may seem pretty basic, but many of us forget even the most obvious ideas.

- ◆ Ask God for help.
- ◆ Don’t go it alone! Work with friends for mutual support.
- ◆ Tend to your spirit through Scripture study, devotionals, worship, and, most importantly, prayer!
- ◆ Make quality time with loved ones.
- ◆ Do something just for you.
- ◆ Stuck? Talk to a counselor.
- ◆ Exercise regularly.
- ◆ Eat healthfully.
- ◆ Practice stress-reduction techniques.

The pandemic will end, rest assured. When it does, we will all be greatly relieved. In the meantime, making 2021 “The Year of My Wellbeing” will help you stay strong.

-Rob Blezard

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We especially would like to lift up all those affected by COVID 19, and those who lost loved ones.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

January Happenings



January Birthdays

3	Jeannine Pence	12	Tori Lelm
4	Katie Larson	15	Lois Kelley
6	Dennis Gallagher	17	Delma Turgeon
8	Deven Dunkle	22	Annetta Knodel
9	Alyvia Redmann	22	Leroy Nau
9	Jeff Clendinen	24	Dolly Orth
12	Bertie Lock	29	John Miller



January Anniversaries

We don't have any January Anniversaries!



Upcoming Events:



- Jan 14: Council Meeting
- Jan 24: **Worship Service will be at 10 am this morning.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting will be by Zoom and telephone. Documents will be sent in advance for review.

The time of the meeting will be after a short break following the 10 am worship service on Zoom.

- Feb 17: Beginning of Lent

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	2 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
3 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 10:30 am Worship Service on Zoom	4 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> Office Closed	5	6	7 10am Special Council Meeting on Constitution via Zoom	8	9
10 10:30 am Worship Service on Zoom	11 Office Closed	12	13	14 6pm Council Meeting on Zoom	15	16
17 10:30 am Worship Service on Zoom	18 Office Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 am Worship Service on Zoom <i>Annual Congrega- tional Meeting</i>	25 Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship Service on Zoom						