



Monthly Newsletter

January 2022

Community Lutheran Church



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Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38



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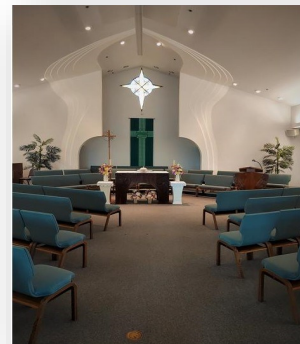
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Office Hours

Tues. – Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

Weekend Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am



Happy New Year

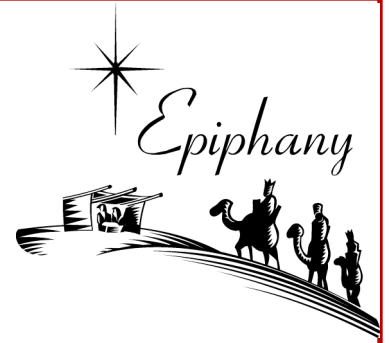
Our hope is not in the
new year...but in the
One who makes all things
new.

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Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:

Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



"PROMISES AND NEW BEGINNINGS"

Happy New Year! Every new year begins with the hope of new possibilities for the Church in Christ Jesus.

The new year begins with the Christmas season continuing. As far as the Church is concerned, there are twelve days in the Christmas season beginning on Christmas Day. New Year's Day is the eighth day of Christmas and January 5th is the twelfth day of Christmas.

January 6th marks the first day of Christmas in the Eastern Christian Orthodox tradition and is the Day of the Epiphany of our Lord for western Christian traditions. We celebrate how the wise men from the East are now celebrating the birth of our Lord now that the newness of Christmas is over for us. And we are reminded of our calling to be the shining light of Christ's gospel to all nations so everyone may know the hope we have in the saving love of God through Jesus.

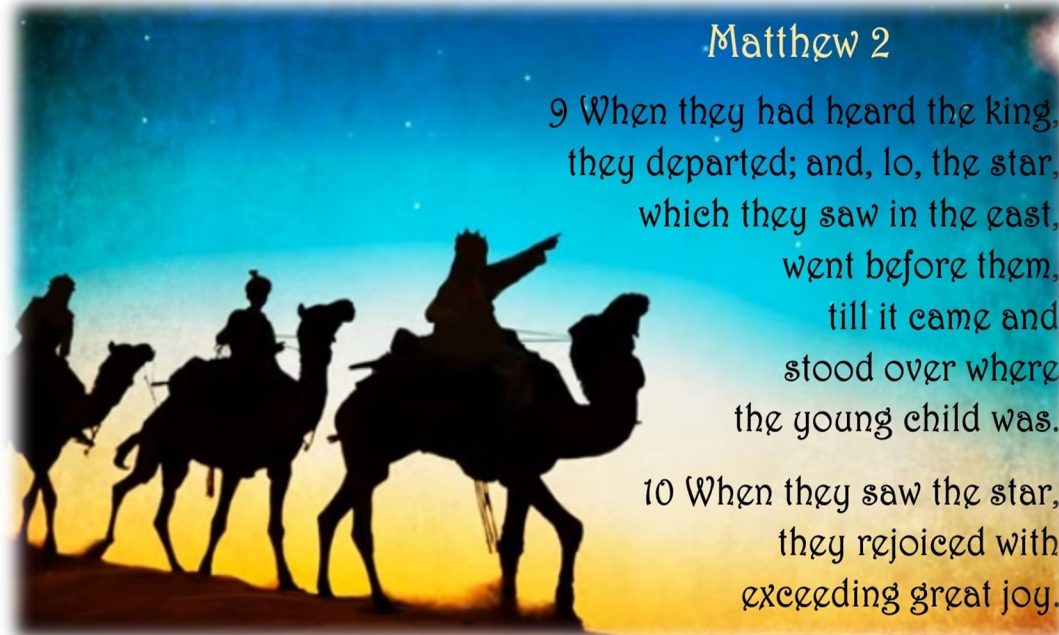
January 9th is the first Sunday after Epiphany when we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus and how through baptism we too share in Jesus' ministry here on earth.

And then on Sunday, January 23rd, is CLC's Annual Congregational Meeting when we elect new members for our congregational council and when we discuss our goals and ministries as a church.

And so we begin the new year of 2022 with the promises of Christ's presence and our calling to be Christ's followers and our planning for our ministries together as a church. So please pray for the ministry of CLC and for your role in the life of our congregation. And please pray for a world in need of healing and salvation and the knowledge that there is hope in Christ Jesus.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim



Matthew 2

9 When they had heard the king,
they departed; and, lo, the star,
which they saw in the east,
went before them,
till it came and
stood over where
the young child was.

10 When they saw the star,
they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.

TRUST IN YOUR PRAYERS

Happy New Year! Seems like I just said that...but it was 365 days ago. So, what were those 365 days like for you? Were they what you expected? Did you wake up each day and look for things to be thankful for? Did you pray to God? I mean...really pray?



I was reminded this week of a motivational message I heard a while ago. I didn't hear it from a pastor or someone you think of as a motivational speaker, maybe not someone you'd expect this kind of a message from. I heard it from Steve Harvey. It was called, "Trust in Your Prayers."

He re-told the story of where he came from...a dropout, homeless and living in his car, married three times, praying each day that he would just survive...have food to eat. And, he said he credits where he is today to his mama and God. His mother told him this, "Prayer changes everything. Never be embarrassed or ashamed to pray. No matter how dark things are. And it's the only thing I know that's available to anyone and everyone at any time. Don't ever forget that."

We need God. He has a great life planned for all of us. We don't know God's plan. That's not our job. But we need to ask. Something Steve Harvey said struck me. He said, "Is your ask too small?" Too often we wonder why we don't get what we ask for...but really, we are getting exactly what we ask for. We just didn't ask for the right thing. In James 4, the Lord says, "You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you do not have the right intention in your heart..."

You have not because you ask not. Hmmm...

I think often we hesitate to ask God for things because we think how in heavens' name could that ever happen? Guess what...it's not our job to know that! Even when we see no way. How isn't our business... there is no scripture that tells us that we need to know how! That's God's job.

Maybe we think God expects perfection and we aren't perfect. God doesn't expect perfection! (Trust me, He knows we aren't perfect!) He expects consistency. He expects us to talk with Him regularly. God wants to hear from us...from you. We need to have faith...we have to believe. God gives us what we believe. He puts His plan into our head—into our imagination. We need to believe that we can do it. If we give up...if we quit...it can't happen. God has a great life planned for us...but we need to have faith. Remember, God's plan works on God's timeline, not ours. Have faith, continue to pray and wait.

Remember that Justice is when we get what we deserve; Mercy is when we don't get what we deserve; Grace is when we get what we don't deserve. God is full of grace and mercy.



Here's what I ask for all of us in this new year. Make the most of 2022. Build on your relationship with God. Trust in your prayers...prayer changes things. Good things and new adventures are around the corner.

God's blessings to all of you throughout this new year,

Linda

2022: Your Year for Generosity

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity!”

-2 Corinthians 9:11



As you make resolutions and set goals for the New Year, be sure to include this one: “I will be more generous in 2022.” It will bless you – and your community and neighbor! The Bible makes clear that generosity leads to a more abundant life. Generous people experience one of those paradoxes of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the greatest is servant to all, and whoever loses her life for Christ will gain it.

The paradox? Generous people get back far more they give.

First, a clarification: The paradox is NOT a financial strategy to maximize return on investment. That would be missing the point. Besides, there are more important things to give than money, such as time, service, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, love, and joy. And what we get back may not be quantifiable. How do you measure wellbeing and happiness?

Generosity’s real “payback” is what and who we become when we cultivate a habit of giving. Giving transforms us into generous-hearted people, and generous-hearted people tend to experience a real abundance of joy, peace, love, and security.

The old saying is most certainly true: The open palm holds more than the closed fist.

For 2022, set a goal to be more generous. Start by increasing your charitable giving above last year’s offering, but also aim to give away your time, to serve your neighbor, to be lavish in compassion, extravagant in love.

Pray that God will guide you and help you experience the paradox: Givers get back more than they give away.

--Rob Blezard



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CHOIR NOTES



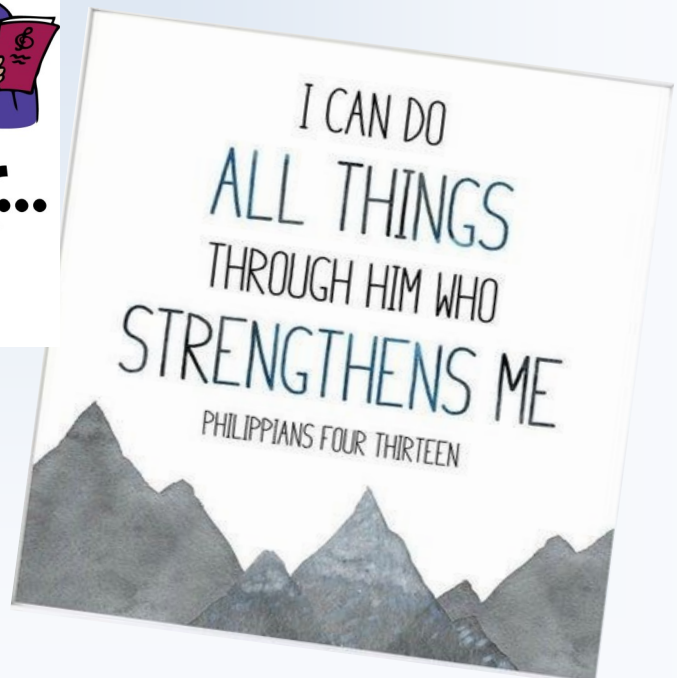
Members of the Community Lutheran choir continue to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Come visit a rehearsal for a risk-free opportunity to see if this might be something for you. Set those feelings of inadequacy aside. No one is expected to do more than they are able. We learn and grow together in service of something greater than ourselves--and we have fun doing it. Might there be moments of discomfort? Sure, but those moments usually signify growth and learning. It's all part of living life fully and being part of something meaningful.

The choir will begin preparations for the Good Friday and Palm Sunday cantata immediately. Folks who wish to join us for just the cantata are most welcome! The first part of Wednesday rehearsals, starting on Jan. 19, will be devoted to cantata music. Church choir blends spiritual experiences with social interaction. The choir's musical experience is a shifting balance between the analytic aspects--learning correct pitches and rhythms--and the emotional. Our desire to enhance other people's worship experience as well as our own leads each of us to find our own meaning through joyful collaboration. If you haven't experienced this type of activity before, you might be surprised at how rewarding it can be. Please join us!

By Shawn Bristle, Choir Director



Join the Choir...
**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**



January 2022

Here is what's happening this month...



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10 AM Worship Service (one service only)	3 Office Closed	4	5 6pm Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>Pastor is back!</i> 2:00 pm Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting	7	8
9 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service Pledge Sunday	10 Office Closed	11	12 6pm Choir Rehearsal	13 2:00 pm Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting	14	15
16 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service	17 Office Closed	18	19 6pm Choir Rehearsal	20 2:00 pm Bible Study	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Service Annual Meeting	24 Office Closed	25	26 6pm Choir Rehearsal	27 2:00 pm Bible Study	28	29
30 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service	31 Office Closed					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Jeannine Pence
- 4—Kate Larson
- 6—Dennis Gallagher
- 8—Deven Dunkle
- 9—Alyvia Redmann
- 9—Jeff Clendinen
- 12—Tori Lelm
- 15—Lois Kelley
- 17—Delma Turgeon
- 22—Annetta Knodel
- 22—Lee Roy Nau
- 24—Dolly Orth
- 29—John Miller



We don't have any anniversaries in January!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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

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.

Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers:



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



- Al Swanson, Jan 8, 2021*
- Joann Shober, Jan 14, 2021*
- Lew Beasimer, April 3, 2021*
- Ed Ecker, May 15, 2021*
- Ethel Harrison, May 31, 2021*
- Vada Mercer, July 13, 2021*
- Kenneth Rye, July 15, 2021*
- Nick Sessions (BHC Police Lieutenant), Aug 6, 2021*
- Don Andrews, Aug 12, 2021*
- Dar Vanderpool, Sept 13, 2021*
- Virginia Faust, Oct 19, 2021*
- Billie Locke, Oct 20, 2021*
- Tim Smith III, Oct 24, 2021*
- Penny Taylor, Nov 28, 2021*
- Cathy Cornell, Dec 20, 2021*



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