



Community Lutheran Church

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



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OFFICE HOURS:
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Last Sunday of every
month: 10:00 am



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



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



"Endings and New Beginnings"

Just as Christ's death on the cross is the beginning of new life in Christ's resurrection, so we now come to the end of the year 2022 and the beginning of a new church year in the season of Advent. It is always hard to believe how quickly a year goes by. There seems to always be things left unfinished that we wanted to get done. The holiday season is upon us as we prepare for Christmas celebrations, Christmas Cantatas, as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. We are at a time of year that is filled with much joy and excitement and much sorrow and fears.

Many of us are looking forward to vacations and seeing family and loved ones. But others are feeling acute loneliness, depression, and anxiety. Some of our families are very loving and others are toxic and even abu-

sive. This is a time of year to spend money on gifts for loved ones and it is a time of year when people face major financial difficulties and don't know how to make ends meet. It is the time for Christmas decorating and a time to face the messiness of our lives.

Perhaps this is why every year we read how Jesus was born in a manger – a stable; that is, into the messy and difficult reality of our lives in this world. As the days get darker, we feel the year coming to a close and those who have lost loved ones this year are finding their grief come back as the darkness closes in. And yet we will soon be celebrating the New Year and the hopes and opportunities that are yet to come in our life and in our faith in Christ Jesus.

This is why we dare to

celebrate in the darkness of the world the true light that brings hope, new life, and new opportunities. And that Light is Jesus Christ our Lord.

So please join us here at CLC for our Christmas celebrations. Our Christmas Cantata will be presented on Friday, December 16th at 7 pm AZ Time and on Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm AZ Time. Our Christmas Eve Service will be on Saturday, December 24th at 6 pm and Christmas Day Service will be on Sunday, December 25th at 10 am AZ Time.

*In the hope and peace
of the coming Christ,*

Pastor Tim



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Notes from your Church Council



Greetings to all. As we welcome a new church year with the Advent season, your church council is wrapping up another year that will conclude with the Annual Meeting to be held on January 22, 2023.

Efforts continue to bring our transition to the city water system. James Smock worked patiently with an engineer, the city, and others to navigate the steps needed to reach a point that we could formally apply for a connection. Joann Hoffmeyer completed the necessary application. The Council decided that at this point, a Water Committee would be formed to complete the necessary tasks to reach the final goal of a city water connection to the church. Joann will chair the committee.

A second continuing concern for the council has been the care and repair for our church and property. Chad Lelm has been instrumental in identifying and helping to solve the variety of issues that are part of property care. If anyone notices a need for attention to something dealing with facilities, please speak to Chad so we may coordinate any efforts to remedy problems.

Many individuals deserved thanks for their service in ways great and small during this past year. One way to recognize those participants is through the Annual Report that will be prepared for our Annual Meeting. Please, those of you who are involved with committees and various groups within the church, thoughtfully prepare a report by the end of December and turn it in to the Church Secretary to be included.

*Blessing to all,
Jan Parrott*

Have yourself a Holy little Christmas

The "Christmas season" seems to begin earlier every year. Some stores had Christmas stuff on the shelves weeks before Halloween. What madness! We go dashing through the stores to the beat of *Jingle Bells*; and we go "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" until we crash from exhaustion.

Revelry and gift-giving are fine and fun, but if we're not careful they can snowball out of control. Stewarding a Holy and meaningful Christmas means balancing the commercial with the spiritual. Here are some tips:

Observe Advent: The four weeks *before* Christmas Day comprise the Advent Season, a time to *prepare* for Christmas through prayer, song, worship, and spiritual disciplines. Lean into the spirit of Advent. Advent devotionals can help (I recommend Richard Rohr's *Preparing for Christmas*).

Observe the Christmas season: The church calendar lists the *season* of Christmas from Dec. 24 to the feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6. Until the 20th century, these 12 Days of Christmas were the time for celebration and partying. Make them special in your life and family.

Cut the consumerism: Limit your shopping and spending by setting a strict budget or gifting the

people in your life with homemade presents, favors, or ways to spend time together.

Party hardly: For some, Christmas is an excuse to overeat and drink to excess. Moderate your consumption.

Most importantly, pray: Ask God to help you and your family craft a meaningful and joyful Advent and Christmas. Ask God to send you wisdom, resources, and people who can journey through the spiritual season with you.

By carefully stewarding your faith life, Advent and Christmas can be a time for real spiritual growth.

--Rob Blezard

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CHURCH Choir Notes



“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,’” (Luke 2:13-14a; NRSV)

The very first witness to Christ’s birth was a song that the angels sang. And on December 16th & 18th, our choir will be singing the story of Christ’s birth at our annual Christmas Cantata. Singing about the Savior’s birth is an ancient tradition. And this is why we sing Christmas carols and hear Christmas music in stores while we are Christmas shopping.

This year’s Christmas Cantata is “On This Very Night” created by Karla Worley and arranged by Lari

Gross. It is a cantata filled with many styles of music to proclaim the different events that took place during Christ’s birth into the world. It has been a lot of fun for the choir to learn and I think it will surprise you and fill you with the joy of the Christmas season.

After all, Christmas is about the surprise and awe, as well as the joy, of Jesus birth in the world and into our lives for our salvation.

So I hope you will be able to come to the Christmas Cantata at 7 pm on Friday, December 16th and at 3 pm on Sunday, December 18th (Arizona Time) here at CLC.

The cantata is free, but there will be a free will offering taken to help

fund our music program.

Come and join us to celebrate the blessing of the hope and joy of Christ’s birth salvation.

Pastor Jim

(a fellow member of the choir)



Tuesday, December 13, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our women are hosting a Christmas Luncheon & Pokeno Game (similar to Bingo)!

We are inviting all the women of our church to enjoy a delicious lunch, fellowship, friendship and a game of “Pokeno!”



Here is what is needed: (*chicken will be provided*)

Casseroles — Salads — Deserts

The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen area.

For our game of “Pokeno” we are asking everyone to please bring a “White Elephant” gift worth \$10.00.

Hope to see all our ladies there!

A Message from Kenya

*Many of you will remember the visit of the Hakuna Matata Children's Choir.
Here is Pastor Tom Abungu with a message to our church.....*



Dear Pastor Tim and the leadership team at
Community Lutheran Church,

We want to send you greetings from the Hakuna Matata children's choir and our Connect With a Child family

here in Kenya. We hope you are doing great, and God has been good to you. The Hakuna Matata children's choir has not traveled this year because we have a brand new set of youth who joined the choir and are learning and growing! We are very excited to bring this new group of young and talented children.

We will be coming to the United State next spring 2023 and will tour the US until the end of summer to raise awareness for orphans and poverty-stricken families across Kenya.

We would love for you to consider hosting the Hakuna Matata Children's Choir!! Please let us know when it would fit for them to visit your church and community. To meet the children, check out this video:

<https://youtu.be/TALRXfJlfBw>

Also, as a friend of the choir and Connect With A Child, we have a special project we do during Christmas that we wanted to share with you and also make a request for you and your church to join us in the campaign.

During Christmas time in Kenya, most children do not get the opportunity to celebrate Christmas mainly because of the poverty situation. Sometimes Christmas passes by without even noticing because there are no Christmas decorations and lights on the streets in Kenya and the slums like there are in the US or in other western countries.

Hakuna Matata childrens and Connect With a Child plans to hold a Furahia (put a smile) Christmas project which will be an opportunity to provide shoes, clothing, and food for Christmas Day to 1,000 children!

To find out more, watch here:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=munBYL3p_LE&feature=share

We pray that you would consider making this possible for so many children!

Thank you so much for taking time to read this email and I look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving next week.

Regards,

Pastor Tom Abungu

Connect With A Child

www.connectwithachild.org



2022 Festival of Christmas Music

Community Lutheran Church
presents



On This Very Night

Created by Karla Worley Arr. By Lari Goss

Christmas Caroling, Choral & Instrumental Music
Christmas Story Narrative

Performed by the Cantata Choir under the direction of Shawn Bristle



Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM (AZ Time)

Sunday, December 18, 3:00 PM (AZ Time)

Free Admission

Christmas Eve Service

Dec 24th, at 6:00 pm



Christmas Day Service

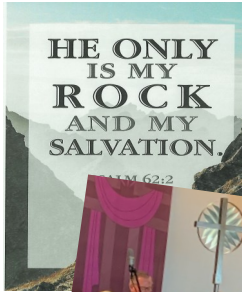
Dec 25th, at 10:00 am

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2022 — A YEAR IN REVIEW



March 2022: Guest Paster Jacque Pagel



Holy Week Cantata, April 2022



Colorado River Conference celebrates Leaders, May 4, 2022



Pastor's 30th Anniversary of ordination as a pastor in the ELCA, June 2022



New Member Reception, Aug 2022



God's Work, Our Hands, September 2022



Chili Fest & Silent Pie Auction, Oct 2022

Pie Auction



Blessing of the Animals, October 2022



Bishops Fall Gathering, October 2022



Trunk
Or
Treat



October 31, 2022



And..... To Still Come in December.....



Christmas Cantata

Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM (AZ Time)
Sunday, December 18, 3:00 PM (AZ Time)

Performed by the Cantata Choir under the direction of Shawn Bristle

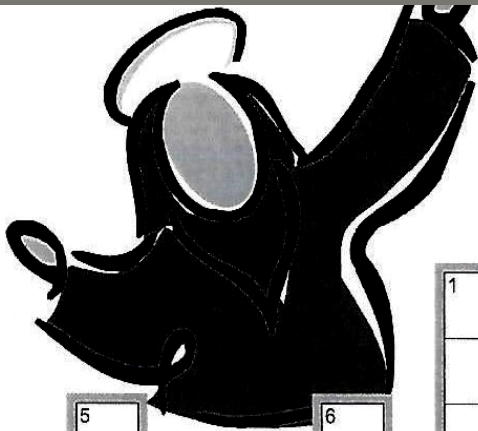


Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24th, at 6:00 pm
Christmas Day Service
Dec 25th, at 10:00 am
New Year's Day Service
Jan 1, at 10:00 am

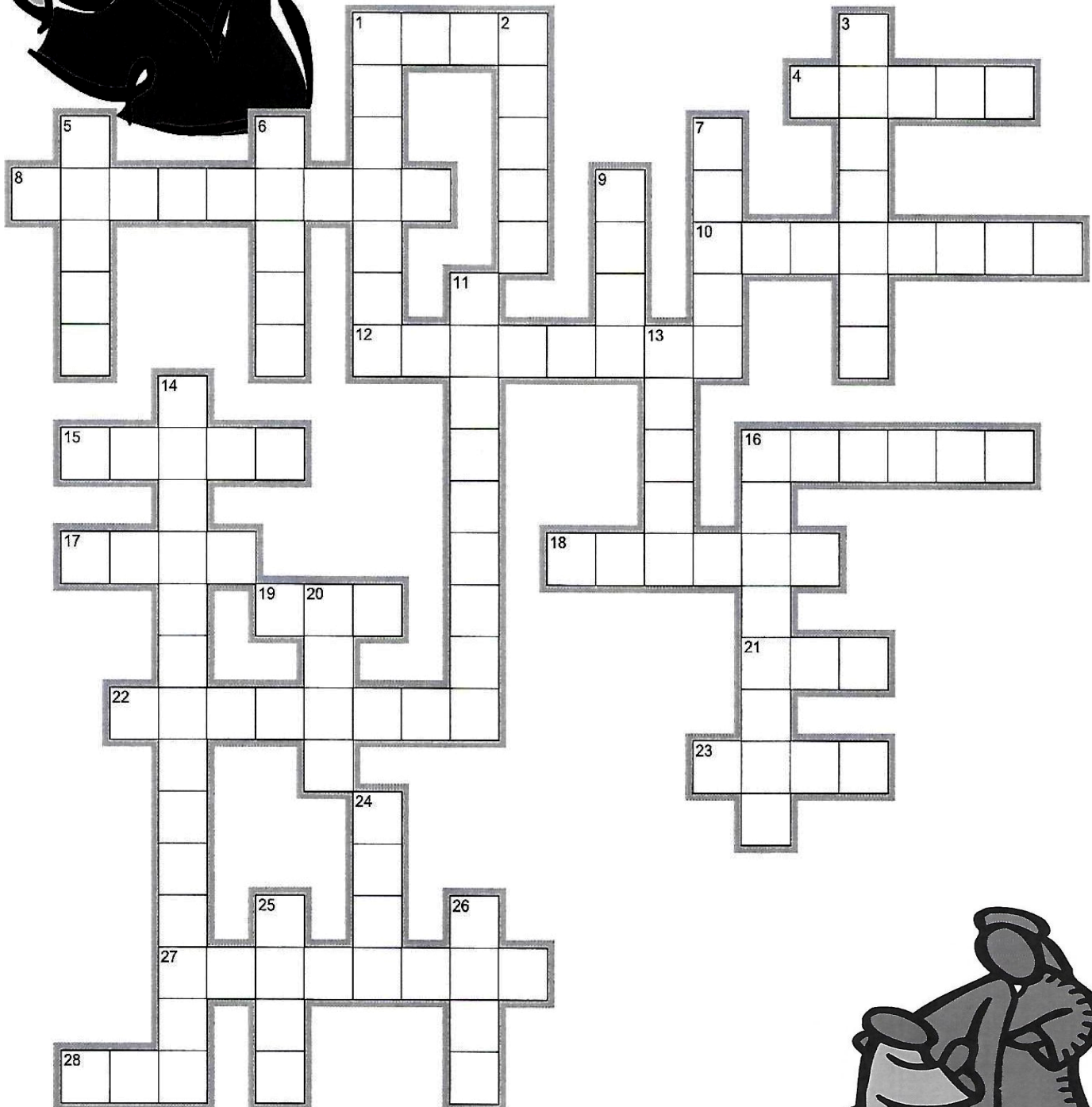


Time for a Break and a Bible Quiz!

(Results are on p.)



Jesus Christ was referred to by many names throughout the Bible. You'll need to know thirty of them to successfully complete this crossword. Scripture references from the New International Version are included to help you.



Across

1. The ___ of life (1 John 1:1)
4. The true ___ (John 1:9)
8. A man of ___ (Isaiah 53:3)
10. "The ___ will come to Zion... (Isaiah 59:20)
12. The good ___ (John 10:11)
15. The Alpha and ___ (Rev. 22:13)
16. ___ and Savior (Acts 5:31)
17. For the ___ himself will come down from heaven (I Thess.
18. Our apostle and high ___ (Heb. 3:1)
19. The ___ and the truth and the life (John 14:6)
21. The Living ___ (Rev. 1:18)
22. The one ___ between God and mankind (I Tim. 2:5)
23. ___ of all things (Heb. 1:2)
27. ___, which means "God with us" (Matt. 1:23)
28. The Son of ___ (Luke 19:10)

Down

1. The faithful ___ (Rev. 1:5)
2. The Root and Offspring of ___ (Rev. 22:16)
3. The ___ of their salvation (Heb. 2:10)
5. The Lion of the tribe ___ (Rev. 5:5)
6. The ___ of life (John 6:35)
7. The light of the ___ (John 8:12)
9. The true ___ (John 15:1)
11. "The ___ will come from Zion..." (Rom. 11:26)
13. They said, "___" (which means "Teacher") (John 1:38)
14. Exact ___ of God's being (Heb. 1:3)
16. The ___ lamb (I Cor. 5:7)
20. The last ___ (I Cor. 15:45)
24. A ___ of salvation (Luke 1:69)
25. The ___ (Rev. 3:14)
26. The King of the ___ (Matt. 2:1-2)

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.

It's not for any personal gain.

It's just for love of fellowman.

It's just to send a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self.

That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not medals won with pride.

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart.

It's that feeling that you've been a part.

Of helping others far and near,

that makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown

Thank you to all our Volunteers!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you for your faithful service in Christ, for being Christ's hands and shining His bright light amongst your brothers and sisters.

We sincerely appreciate all of you who work amongst us as well as behind the scenes and make our "world go round."

A special Thank You to Chad Lelm, who spent endless hours in and around the church, identifying and solving a whole array of issues.

May God bless you all!

**We couldn't have done it
without YOU!**



Birthdays & Anniversaries



December Birthdays

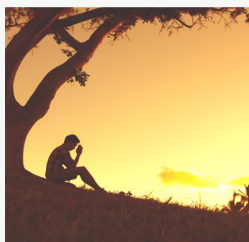
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| 2—Merald Buchholz | 21—Don Weyer |
| 3—Norm Lykken | 23—Brad Hoffmeyer |
| 4—Don Dueker | 25—Ray Christopherson |
| 6—Rene Dunkle | 26—Chris Dueker |
| 6—Elaine Willems | 28—Don Butts |
| 10—Jackson Werchau | 28—Jared White |
| 11—Elizabeth Orth | 30—Kathy Cochran |
| 16—Linda Flatt | |

*We don't have any
December
Wedding Anniversaries!*



Corner

Prayer



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!



December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 2:00 pm Bible study	2	3
4  2 Advent Pledge Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem	5 Office Closed	6 10 am Women's meeting	7 6-8:30 pm Cantata & Church Choir Practice	8 2:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Council Meeting	9	10
11  3 Advent New Member Reception 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service	12 Office Closed	13  11 am—2 pm Women's Christmas Luncheon	14 6-8:30 pm Cantata & Church Choir Practice	15 2:00 pm Bible study 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal	16 7:00 pm Cantata Performance	17
18  4 Advent 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem 3:00 pm Cantata Performance	19 Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm
25 Christmas Day 10:00 am Worship Service 	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31 

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 AM Worship Service (one service only)	2 Office Closed	3 10 am Women's meeting	4 (Pastor back from vacation) 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 2:00 pm Bible study	6	7
8 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service	9 Office Closed	10 10:00 am Women's Bible study	11 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 2:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Council Meeting	13	14 10:00 am Taking down decorations
15 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service	16 Office Closed	17 10 am Women's meeting	18 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30 am WMCM 2:00 pm Bible study	20	21
22 10 AM Worship Service Annual Meeting	23 Office Closed	24 10 am Women's meeting	25 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 2:00 pm Bible study	27	28
29 10 AM Worship Service	30 Office Closed	31 10 am Women's meeting				

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