



Monthly Newsletter

January 2023



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

"A New Year in Christ"



Every new year begins with the celebration of the Christmas season. The Christmas shopping season ends on Christmas Day, but the actual Christmas festival begins on Christmas Day and is twelve days long. In Great Britain and Canada, December 26th is Boxing Day. On our church calendar, January 1st is the eighth day of the Christmas season. In the Jewish tradition, boys were named and circumcised on the eighth day of birth; therefore January 1st is celebrated as the Name of Jesus Sunday. In Mexico, the evening of January 5th is celebrated as Twelfthnight. So the celebration of the birth and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives is how we begin the new calendar year of 2023.

While I am gone on Christmas vacation, Pastor Marta Poling Schmitt will be leading our one service at 10 am on

Sunday, January 1st. Of course, that Sunday is New Year's Day and the Name of Jesus Sunday.

The Day of Epiphany is on Friday, January 6th, marking the end of the Christmas season with the arrival of the Wise Men. And on Sunday, January 8th, we will be celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord during our two worship services at 9 am and 11 am.

The beginning of the new year is when we renew our ministry as a congregation. And our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the fourth Sunday in January (on January 22) with only one service at 10 am that Sunday and the congregational meeting following the service. This is always an important meeting where we vote to approve the budget for the year and elect new council members to serve in leadership of our ministry.

There are five Sundays in January and, as usual, on the last Sunday of the month (January 29th) we will have only one service at 10 am and a special theme for our fellowship following the service.

So have a Happy New Year! And I look forward to what ministries Christ's Spirit is leading us into in 2023.

In the hope of the living Christ,

Pastor Tim



With All Good Wishes, may Merry Christmas be a bright promise of a Happy New Year!

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Notes from your Church Council



At our December meeting we discussed the newly formed Water committee and the need for additional members. Dave Brusby has volunteered to serve on this committee but we are still looking for an additional church member. Please prayerfully consider whether this is a committee you can help with. Then, we discussed the upcoming annual meeting and the election of new Church Council members. There will be two positions to be filled. Joann Hoffmeyer and Don Dueker are leaving the council. So, please consider this very important job. Council members will be calling on members to fill these two positions.

Brad Hoffmeyer, Ron Parrot and Lynda Crawford have agreed to serve as audit committee.

ALL committee leaders please remember that year end reports are due in the church office as soon as possible to

allow for inclusion in the Annual report. The hope is these will be in the office by January 6th. Thanking you in advance for providing these reports by that date.

And last but not least, we still have need of sound board operators for Sunday services. It is not difficult; training by Dave Brusby or me will be provided and we are happy to show you what needs to be done. It is not as difficult as you might think.

Blessings.

Joann Hoffmeyer



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

New Year's Resolutions to Steward your Life

Have any resolutions for 2023? (It's not too late to make them!) New Year's resolutions are a great way to boost the stewardship of your life. After all, resolutions are just goals for enriching our lives.

Here are some areas to consider:

Spirituality: Grow in faith by engaging spiritual practices. Resolve to pray and read scripture daily, attend worship, give generously, cultivate spiritual relationships, serve church and community.

Health: Gain vitality by resolving to lose weight, eat healthfully, exercise regularly, learn about health and nutrition and get checkups at your doctor and dentist.

Intellect: Keep your mind active by resolving to read books, check out educational programs and podcasts, take a class to learn a new language or skill.

Relationships: Resolve to make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Work on family relationships to strengthen bonds and bring people closer to you and

other family members.

Leisure: Include resolutions to help you enjoy life! Vacations, hobbies, activities, getaways, day trips.

Financial: Get your financial house in order. Resolve to make and keep a budget, reduce debt, increase income, save more and become more learned in money matters.

We are stewards of the life that God has given us. For 2023, pray for God's guidance and make a few resolutions that address your priority issues. And pray for God's help in keeping them. Blessings for 2023!

--Rob Blezard

**New Year's
Resolutions**

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Christmas Word Search Puzzle

Solution on page 5



Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go across, down and in three diagonals.

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| Archelaus | Gifts | Judaea | Star |
| Babe | God With Us | King of the Jews | Swaddling Clothes |
| Bethlehem | Gold | Land of Judah | Treasures |
| Christ the Lord | Governor | Manger | Virgin |
| City of David | Herod | Mary | Wise Men |
| Dream | Holy Ghost | Nazarene | With Child |
| Egypt | Israel | Princes of Judah | Worship |
| Emmanuel | Jeremy the Prophet | Rachel | |
| Firstborn | Jerusalem | Rama | |
| Frankincense | Jesus | Saviour | |



CHURCH Choir Notes



“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.” (Psalm 149:1; NRSV)

Emboldened by the success of our Christmas Cantatas, the choir is now beginning its rehearsals for our Easter Cantata. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, January 4th, and we will meet every Wednesday at 6 pm. The Easter Cantatas will be on Palm Sunday, April 2nd and on Good Friday, April 7th.

Our choir is one of Community Lutheran’s resources to do evangelism to our community and we have singers who are not active with our congregation who always sing with us for the cantatas. Not only that, it is

a lot of fun.

Some of us have studied music and read music. Some of us don’t know how to read music and do our best to listen and learn. And all of us laugh as we strive to learn together how to proclaim the gospel message through our music.

If you like to sing and like to fellowship, then this is a great opportunity for you to join us. We always enjoy and welcome newcomers to the choir.

So please join us as we begin our journey together to learn a new cantata and we hope you will also join us in singing choir anthems on Sunday mornings to enrich our weekly worship.

I should be a great year in God’s grace.

Pastor Jim (a fellow member of the choir)

Some pictures of the beautiful decorations.....



WELCA

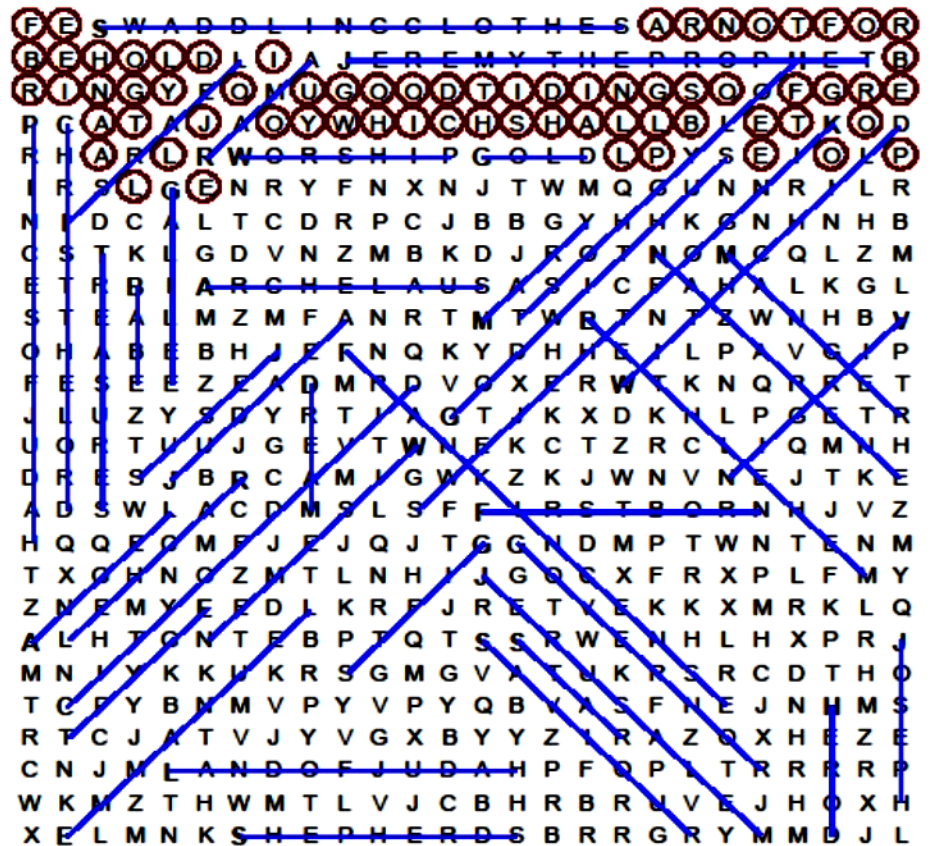
The women of our church enjoyed a beautiful and fun-filled Christmas Dinner & Pokeno Game. Here are some pictures.....



And then there was the decorating.....



Christmas Word Search Puzzle Solution from Page 3



Hidden Text:

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10, KJV

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

- 3—Jeannine Pence
- 4—Kate Larson
- 6—Dennis Gallagher
- 8—Deven Dunkle
- 9—Alyvia Redmann
- 12—Tori Lelm
- 15—Lois Kelley
- 17—Delma Turgeon
- 20—Bea Padilla
- 24—Dolly Orth
- 29—John Miller



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

Mark your Calendars!

WELCA:

Women's Bible Study:

Starting in February, the women's Bible study has been moved to the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 am.

Women's meetings:

Tuesdays, at 10:30 am, starting January 17th.

January 14th:

10:00 am — we are taking down the decorations;

January 22nd:

One service only at 10:00 am, followed by our *Annual Meeting*

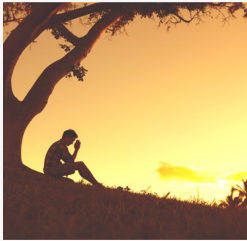
February 11th:

Anything Chocolate Event

February 22nd:

Ash Wednesday; Lent begins

Prayer Corner



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.



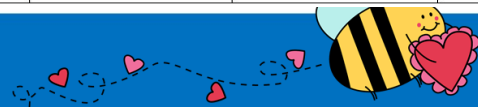
If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 AM Worship Service (one service only)	2 Office Closed	3	4 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 <i>(Pastor back from vacation)</i> 2:00 pm Bible study	6 	7
8 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service	9 Office Closed	10 10:30 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 <i>Choir Anthem</i>	16 Office Closed	17 10:30 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 <i>Followed by Annual Meeting</i>	23 Office Closed	24 10:30 am Women's meeting	25 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 2:00 pm Bible study	27	28
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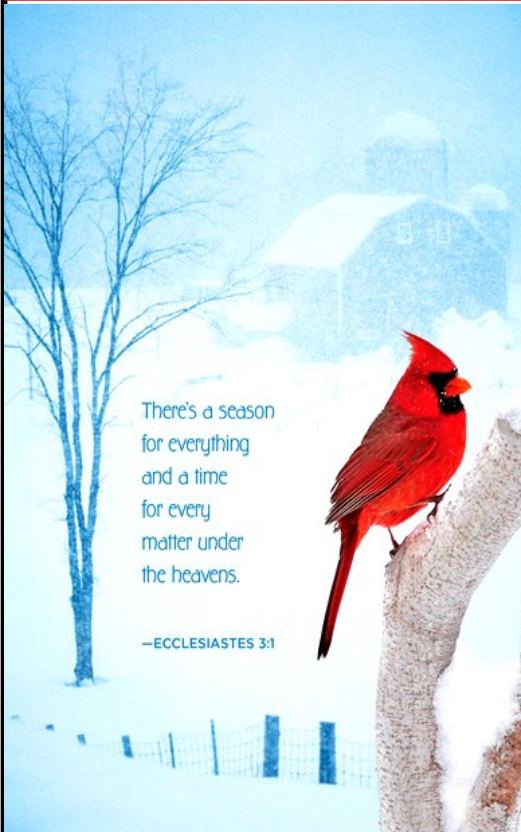
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26 10 AM Worship Service	27 Office Closed	28				

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There's a season
for everything
and a time
for every
matter under
the heavens.

—ECCLESIASTES 3:1

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