



Monthly Newsletter

December 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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Pastor Tim Eighmy



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

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

*9:00 am only during
summer months starting
May 7th Thru Oct 29th

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we are celebrating miracles that happen within other miracles.

The almighty and eternal God created us and all that there is. And this God loves us more than anything. And God knows that love is fragile and essential. It is when we find power in leaning on each other. It is when we find that life worth living all the more in our willingness to die for each other. And this is the kind of love God has for us.

But since God's very nature is immortal and ever-living, God took on the human nature in God's creation just so God can die for us. As Christ Jesus, God lived a mortal life by being born of a woman. Jesus lived in humility for us by being born in a stable and living among the poor. And then he not only died, but suffered the worst kind of death - a torturous humiliating death on the cross – because of the depth of God's love for us.

And this is a love that not even death can stop. It is a life-giving love reborn in Christ's resurrection and reborn into our lives in our baptisms.

And this incarnate love of God permeates through our lives and through our community as the Church. Now God is more intimate with us than ever before. Not even our sufferings and sinfulness can keep God's love out of our lives.

This is the Christmas hope that we live in and this is the hope that the entire world has now because of that simple birth in a manger.

So I am bringing you glad tidings of great joy! God's love is with us. And as the writer Martin Bell once said, "For out of you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord." (from "Noel – The Lone Ranger"; *The Way of the Wolf*; Ballantine Books, 1970)

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Tim



CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

by Dave Brusby

'Tis the season for Thanksgiving and celebration. We give thanks for all the blessings that God has given and we prepare to celebrate his birth.

Your church council is working to close out the year. We're concluding final reports on our various missions, tallying up the end of the budget year and generally putting a bow on it. We are proud of all we have accomplished, but wish we could have completed many other projects.

While the final figures are not yet in, it looks as if the yearly expenses will exceed our giving. The proposed budget for 2024 is currently out of balance. We won't have the final figures until we review the pledges submitted after Dec. 10th. Please give prayerful thought to your pledge to God's work. These pledges help the council plan for the coming year.

Speaking of the council, there will be three seats to fill in the January election. We recently lost Jean Thompson from the council when she and Tom moved away. Our president, Jan Parrott, has decided not to run again. Each is a great loss to the council. Jean provided much needed financial reports and Jan has guided us through the year with skill and efficiency. One returning board is up for re-election.

So, how about it? Are you ready to step up and take a turn helping to guide the church into the future? Is this your time? If you don't think so, pray that God will lift up the right people to continue the work.

Happy Holidays to each of us from the Church Council.

ANNUAL MEETING. Mark your calendars. January 28, 2024 is the date for the Community Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting. There will be one service at 10am. The meeting will follow the service.

ANNUAL REPORT contributions are due to Shirley in the church office by Friday, December 29, 2023. Last year's report included Ministry reports from Helping Hands, Community Time and Talents Given outside the church, Music and Worship, Women's Ministry, Kitchen Activities, and Facilities. If there are others to be included please contribute to the report. (Outreach?). The Ministry reports could state the time and talents shared for 2023, activities, possible challenges, special recognition, etc.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED. At the Annual Meeting we will also be electing council members for the coming year. Candidates are needed. Currently there are three positions open. There are 2 three-year positions and there is the vacancy left by Jean Thompson, who had two years left on her term.

Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve on your Church Council. Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis. A variety of skills and talents can be useful and/or developed as one serves as a council member. If you have questions, speak to Pastor or a current council member.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2024

REPORTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT DUE DECEMBER 29, 2023

COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR

Contact any council member for more information.

Wings: Women In
God's Service



Women's Group

Next Women's bible study is January 9 at 10:30 am



CHURCH CHOIR Notes



The choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6 pm.

They are always looking for people to join. They will be practicing for regular church sessions and for the Christmas Cantata. You are welcome to join both or either one. If interested, let Shawn Bristle know or just show up on Wednesday night. Rumor has it, they have a lot of fun. Come make a joyful noise!!



Decorating the church for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on December 2nd at 9:30 am. Lots of hands make short work. Come bring your Christmas spirit.



Guardians Toy Drive

You may have noticed the box in the narthex for collecting toys for the kids who might not otherwise receive anything from Santa. We've been very generous in the past. Lets do it again this year! This will go thru December 6th.



Outreach Committee

Their mission is to send cards to people who are ill, people who can't come to church for whatever reason and people who have not attended in a long time. So if you know someone in these categories, let Toni Wold or the office know.

Voices of the River

NIGHT at THE GALA CHARITY EVENT

Wednesday, Dec 6 and Thursday, Dec 7th
Doors Open at 6:00 pm * Performance at 7:00 pm
Location: Anderson Field House

Tickets \$20 *Limited*
12 & under \$5 *Seating Available*

For more information contact (928) 201-0881
or visit foundation.mohave.edu

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Christmas Cantata

Christmas Classique:
A Gathering of Carols, Choir & Candlelight
compiled by Joseph M. Martin

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"
Larry Shackley
additional selections TBA

Friday, December 15th, 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 pm



Christmas Cantata



Fitting into my
clothes after
Christmas is going
to be a real holiday
miracle



I wonder what
my dog named
me.



Use promo code
Netflix to get
50% off your
social life!



Never give your
printer hints
you're in a rush.
They smell
fear!



A calming sense of fullness
Permeates my soul
My heart no longer restless
I feel complete and whole

The futility of life
Now suddenly replaced
With a burning sense of purpose
And I have no time to waste

Before I was ever born
You had me in Your Plan
Your loving thoughts about me
Outnumber the grains of sand

So I strive to live with meaning
And refuse to settle for less
I commit to do my part
Knowing You will do the rest

Amanda Dieppa, 1/24/05

Women's Group Pasta & Pie Fundraiser



FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Lots of
Delicious
Pies


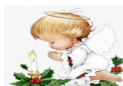
Gift
Baskets



Men At Work In
The Kitchen
Good Job, Pete & Chad


December

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9 & 11 am worship service With communion <i>Choir</i> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4 Office Closed	5 No Women's bible study	6 No choir practice 7:00 pm Voices of the River	7 2 pm bible study 7:00 pm Voices of the River	8	9 9:00 am choir practice
10 9 & 11 am worship service With communion <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Pledge cards due.</i>	11 Office Closed	12	13 6:00 pm choir practice	14 2 pm bible study 4:00 pm Council mtg 6:00 pm choir practice	15 7:00 pm Cantata 	16
17 9 & 11 am worship service with communion <i>3:00 p m Christmas Cantata</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	18 Office Closed	19	20 Baron's 6:00 pm choir practice	21 2 pm bible study	22	23
24 9 & 11 am worship service with communion <i>Choir</i> <i>6:00 pm Christmas Eve Svc</i> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	25 Merry Christmas 	26 Pastor Vacation	27 6:00 pm choir practice Pastor Vacation	28 No bible study Pastor Vacation	29 Pastor Vacation	30 Pastor Vacation
31 10:am worship service with communion(?) <i>New Years Eve</i> Pastor Vacation	1 Office Closed Happy New Year! Pastor Vacation					

January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3 6 pm Choir Practice	4 2 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 9 & 11 am Worship service with communion <i>Choir</i>	8 Office Closed	9 10:30 am Women's bible study	10 6 pm Choir Practice	11 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm council meeting	12	13
14 9 & 11 am Worship service with communion	15 Office Closed	16	17 6 pm Choir Practice	18 2 pm Bible Study 9:30 Worship committee meeting	19	20
21 9 & 11 am Worship service with communion <i>Choir</i>	22 Office Closed	23	24 6 pm Choir Practice	25 2 pm Bible Study	26	27
28 10 am Worship service with communion <i>Annual Meeting</i> <i>Noisy offering</i>	29 Office Closed	30	31 6 pm Choir Practice			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

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



December Anniversaries

No December Anniversaries

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Bible Study:

January 9, 10:30 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Choir Practice

No Choir Practice December 6

Saturday December 9th at 9:00 am

Thursday December 14th at 6 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

No bible study December 28th

Council Meeting

December 14th at 4:00 pm

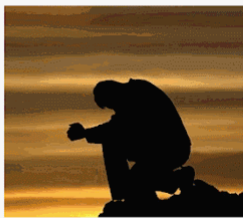
Christmas Church Decorating

December 2nd at 9:30 am

Worship Committee Meeting

January 18th at 9:30 am

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.

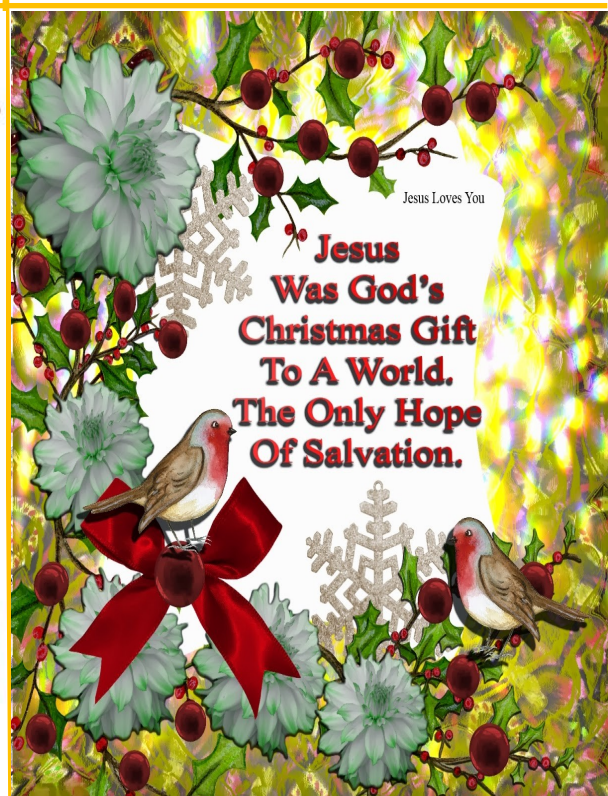


If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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