



Monthly Newsletter

January 2024

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

*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



“Living in Hope for the New Year”

Welcome to the year 2024! I still remember how the novel 1984 was a futuristic vision and how the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey” seemed to talk about a possible future so far away. But a new year is here, and with it is the hope of a new future with new opportunities and gifts because of God’s grace.

January 6 th marks the end of the Christmas season with the Day of the Epiphany of Our Lord. But since the 6th is on a Saturday, we will celebrate the Day of Epiphany on Sunday, January 7th . On that day, we take on final look at the Christ-child who was born for our salvation through the eyes of the Wise Men.

We will finally take down our Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 13th at 10 am.

On Saturday, January 27th , the Colorado River Conference of the Grand Canyon Synod will have a Spring Gathering at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church by the Lake in Las Vegas beginning at 11 am until 1:30 pm PST. This year, the Grand Canyon Synod is electing a bishop by using the ecclesiastical ballot. On the first ballot, several names are offered to be voted on. Each conference is asked to come up with names of potential candidates for bishop on the first ballot from our own conference area. Bishop Deborah Hutterer says that she is willing to serve a

second term if elected to do so, but the ecclesiastical ballot guarantees that this is not a “shoe-in”. If you would like to see how this process is done and learn more how the larger church works, please contact Pastor Tim about attending this event.

Community Lutheran’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be on the last Sunday in January, January 28th . There will be only one service at 10 am that morning and the meeting will follow the service. This is a time for us to elect new church council members, to adopt a budget for the year, and to consider our congregation’s ministries as we move forward.

And Toni Wold is starting a new ministry for members to keep in contact with the sick and homebound in our congregation. If you would like to be a part of that ministry, please let her know. Sometime in the month of January yet to be determined, I will lead a training session for the participants in that ministry.

Also this year, you will be hearing more about Holy Spirit Episcopal Church’s priest possibly retiring this year and asking Community Lutheran to help them with their ministry. We are still at the beginning stages of figuring out how this will work.

I am reminded of a story of an American Lutheran pastor who was in Tanzania for three months to learn about the Lutheran Church there. He was hosted by a local Lu-

Lutheran pastor. One day, he went with the pastor to visit members who lived in the country about 50 miles away on dirt roads. When they got about half way to their destination and torrential rain poured down on them and the dirt road turned to mud and the car got stuck. While they sat stranded on that road in the middle of nowhere waiting for hours before anyone was able to come on that road, the local pastor just sat there grinning. When asked why he was grinning so much, the local pastor said, "I'm just wondering what God is going to do this time."

That's the hopeful attitude that we need as a people of God. God is always at work by opening up new possibilities to us.

So continue to pray for this congregation and be open to the new ways that God might be calling you in your life.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim



COUNCIL CORNER

By Dave Brusby

Who ya gonna call?

Do you ever wonder just who is on the Church Board? Who do you contact if you have a question or suggestion? Well, I'm about to clear up that mystery. The following is a list of our current board members and their positions.

Jan Parrott—Council President—(928) 716-2480

Linda Crawford—Board Secretary—(909) 376-3065

Lou Padilla—Interim Treasurer—(951) 531-7124

Chad Lelm—Facilities—(701) 799-6263

David Brusby—Member at large—(928) 715-0915

Lou was kind enough to assume the duties of treasurer after Jean Thompson moved away.

Now, don't get too comfortable with this list. You can post it on the refrigerator, but I wouldn't write it with permanent marker because in January we will be having an election to select new board members. We will have three openings. Our president, Jan, has decided not to run again. There is a vacancy on the board after Jean moved and David's term is up. How about it? Are you ready to step up and offer your skills to help lead this congregation into the future? There is still time to submit your name to be on the ballot. Please give this serious and prayerful consideration.



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is the last Sunday of the month, January 28th following the 10:00 am service. All the reports should be in the office by now. Please plan on attending. There will be an election of three board members plus going over all the reports submitted, including next years budget.



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.



CHURCH CHOIR Notes

Choir rehearsals resume on January 10th. They will start practicing for the Easter Cantata at that time. 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 Easter 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!!



2024: Your year for abundant living

Many Christians think of “stewardship” only in financial terms, but money is only one of the gifts God entrusts us with – and it’s usually the one we value less than our gifts of time, relationships, faith and health.

Make 2024 your year for holistic stewardship - and abundant living – by taking steps to care better for ALL the gifts God entrusts to us, including our finances. Here are tips.

Health: Get a physical and ask your doctor to help you to form a strategy for better living. For most of us, the plan would include eating better, exercising more and practicing wellness.

Relationships: We not only share love and joy with family and friends, but also turn to and rely on them in times of trouble. Care for your relationships with honest and frequent communication, get-togethers and sharing. Renew and repair relationships that need it.

Time: Are you just mindlessly counting the hours and days? Take charge of your time by planning events and activities that enrich your life. Plan for health and relationships.

Faith: No matter where you are on your discipleship journey, all of us can draw closer to God and open ourselves more fully to the Holy Spirit. For 2024, commit to regular worship, prayer, Scripture reading, devotions, service and other faith practices.

Money: Get your finances in order. Consider the 10-10-80 plan, budgeting your income to save 10 percent, give away 10 percent, and living on 80 percent.

God has given us so much. Stewarding the most important aspects of our lives can bring us into the life of abundance that Jesus promises us in John 10:10.

--Rob Blezard

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Wings: Women In
God's Service



Women's Group

Next Women's bible study is January 9th at 10:30 am.
The next event will be the Chocolate Fest on February 10th. Mark your calendars!

Christmas Cantata

As usual, the Cantata was beautifully done. There were 104 people attending the Friday night event and 146 at the Sunday afternoon presentation. We also received \$844 in donations.



Undecorating the church after Christmas

Help is needed to undecorate the church on January 13th at 10:00 am. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Anything Chocolate Fundraiser



February 10th

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Baked Potato Lunch Served



Mental Note: actual notes work better!

Life is just a series of obstacles preventing you from taking a nap.



NEVER LOSE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

Shoutout to anyone today that went without a nap. Putting in an all-dayer is tough!

Welcome January

January is a time of quiet and new beginnings - is the perfect time to reflect on how you want to live your life.

January is the perfect time to refocus on your priorities and set goals.





Luther's Seal

A Children's Sermon
to Accompany the Distribution
of the MZJ Magnet

500 years ago a man named Martin Luther helped us to remember that we are saved by grace through faith, not because of anything we have done. To help us remember this, Martin Luther used a special seal that looks like this. (Hand out the Luther's Seal magnet.) Each part of Luther's Seal teaches us something about our faith.

The black cross in the middle reminds us of the death Jesus suffered when he was crucified for our sins on Good Friday.

The red heart is a symbol of the love God has for us. We believe in our hearts that Jesus died for us.

The white rose helps us to recall that our faith brings us pure and heavenly joy and peace.

The sky blue background reminds us to look up with hope to the life with Christ that is yet to come.

The gold ring signifies the glorious treasure in heaven that awaits us, a treasure that, like the circle, will never end.

Martin Luther used this seal on all the papers that he published to help people know that the words he was sharing with them were a reflection of the good news of Christ's undeserved goodness to them in saving them from sin, death and the devil.

Now Luther's Seal does the same thing for us. Wherever we see it, we can remember that we are saved because of Christ and we will always have a home with him in his kingdom.

Put this magnet on your refrigerator at home (or other metal surface) and whenever you see it, rejoice that God loves you and cares for you, that he sent Jesus to the cross for you, and that your place in God's family is sealed for all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4 2 pm Bible Study	5	6 10:00 am Budget meeting
7 9 & 11 am Worship service with communion <i>Epiphany of our Lord</i>	8 Office Closed	9 10:30 am Women's bible study	10 6 pm Choir Practice	11 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm council meeting	12	13 10 am Removing Christmas decorations
14 9 & 11 am Worship service with communion	15 Office Closed	16	17 6 pm Choir Practice	18 9:30 am Worship committee meeting 2 pm Bible Study	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			

February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	2	3
4 9 & 11 am Worship Service with communion <i>Choir</i> <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	5 Office closed	6 10:30 am Women's bible study	7 6:00 pm Choir practice	8 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 4:00 pm council meeting	9	10 Anything Chocolate fundraiser 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
11 9 & 11 am Worship Service with communion	12 Office closed	13	14 6:00 pm Choir practice <i>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	16	17
18 9 & 11 am Worship Service with communion <i>Choir</i> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	19 Office closed <i>President's Day</i>	20	21 5:30 pm soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten service 7:00 pm Choir practice	22 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	23	24
25 10 am Worship Service with communion <i>Noisy offering</i> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	26 Office closed	27	28 5:30 pm soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten service 7:00 pm Choir practice	29 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study		

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
20—Bea Padilla
21—Kenneth Redmann
22—Annetta Knodel
22—Lee Nau
24—Dolly Orth
25—Savannah Cordero
29—John Miller



January Anniversaries

No January anniversaries

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Bible Study:

January 9th, 10:30 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Choir Practice resuming January 10th.

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Council Meeting

Budget meeting January 6th, 10:00 am

January 11th at 4:00 pm

Women's Group

On February 10th the women are planning the Anything Chocolate fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm.

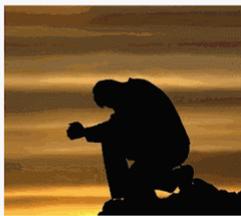
Christmas Church UnDecorating

January 13th, 10 am

Worship Committee

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.

In Our Thoughts & 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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