

“Out with the old, in with the new!”

Are you yearning for the New Year and desiring to leave 2020 in the past? Many would say this has been the worst year ever! We’re so done 2020. Bring on the New Year, 2021! We want to forget the past and start fresh. Back to how things used to be.

However, despite how terrible you may think 2020 was, I want to remind you, that 2020 was a year in which God was again merciful to you, he continually poured out His steadfast love upon you, he daily fulfilled his never-failing promises to you to take care of you, provide for you, and for all of these things, 2020 was truthfully a great year!

And yet, “In with the new!” A new year and another year to live in God’s grace and to study God’s Word. A new year to be together in God’s Holy House around His Word and Sacraments. A new year to joyfully serve God and one another.

As we look forward to 2021, I want to encourage all members to study our new church year teaching on the Holy Christian Church. Our congregation theme is “On this Rock I will build my church” (Mt. 18:16). We will be exploring the teaching on the Holy Christian Church from *Luther’s Small Catechism, 2017 Explanation* on the Third Article Part 2. The devotional study resources will be available soon and will be emailed to the congregation.

The Lord bless us and keep us in this New Year of God’s grace.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Huehn



LCMS Stewardship Newsletter

January 2021

It’s a new year. It’s a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It’s a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often, we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless, but it doesn’t have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So, here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions:

- Who are you?
- To whom do I give?
- And how much?

So, who are you? The Table of Duties in the *Luther’s Small Catechism* informs us. Are you a hearer of God’s Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three

estates: church, society, and family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties, and our questions arise in giving to the Church.

So, what is our duty as members of the Church with regard to giving? Again, the Table of Duties, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer – a member of the Church who receives instruction – St. Paul taught: “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the Church, He has the local congregation in mind. For “the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are to give:

- Regularly (1 Cor. 6:1-2);
- Proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12);
- Generously (2 Cor. 8:20);
- Of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30); and
- With a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

In other words, giving to the Church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, biweekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: Do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the Gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

JANUARY 2021 PULPIT PROGRAM

- JANUARY 2/3 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS/ H.C. (All chanted)**
LITURGY: Divine Service 1
READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 2:13-23
- JANUARY 6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD/ H.C., 7:00pm**
LITURGY: Divine Service 3
READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
- JANUARY 9/10 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD/ H.C. (All chanted)**
LITURGY: Divine Service 3
READINGS: Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-32; Matthew 3:13-17
- JANUARY 16/17 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ H.C. (All chanted)**
LITURGY: Divine Service 1
READINGS: Exodus 33:12-23; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 2:1-11
- JANUARY 23/24 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD/H.C. (All chanted)**
LITURGY: Divine Service 3
READINGS: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- JANUARY 30/31 SEPTUAGESIMA/H.C. (All chanted)**
LITURGY: Divine Service 1
READINGS: Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5; Matthew 2:-1-16

CHANTED SERVICES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN... Why do we have chanted services at Christ Lutheran Church? "Chant is the Musical speech of the Church in worship. In our 21st century context, chanting still has benefit and blessing as it lifts our worship above ordinary conversation and the speech of everyday life." (*Manual on the Pastor's Chant* by M. Alfred Bichsel, Concordia Publishing House)

All services will be chanted on the first, third, and fifth weekends of every month and on every Feast day (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Reformation, etc.), and at most midweek Advent and Lenten services.

NEWS & NOTES

AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP
PORTALS OF PRAYER...January to March
2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

COMING IN JANUARY
Officers Retreat/Workshop: Saturday, January 9th, at 9:00am at church.
Installation of all Church Officers and Auxiliary Officers. January 10th, both services.
Annual Reports for 2020 are due in the church office by January 11th.

ALL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

The **Officers' Workshop** is on **Saturday, January 9th** from **9:00am-12:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All Board members and staff should plan to attend.
Please, rsvp to Denise Jones at beargranny2@aol.com.

NEWS & NOTES

The **flower chart for 2021** is available to sign up on in the hallway by the kitchen.
What a wonderful way to remember a special event or person and beautify the church.

THANK YOU!!

The Board of Adult Ministry and the Mission and Evangelism Board would like to thank the congregation once again for the positive support we received in the College Finals Survival Kits. We were able to distribute 35 kits total. We were able to distribute 15 to Wittenberg Lutheran Center to hand out to the students attending there and St. Paul's, Lexington. The rest were either mailed or delivered to the front porch by board members for members of our congregation. The kits had many of the same items that we have put in before. Also, we were able to include a handwritten note of encouragement from a church member.

New Bible Studies Coming in January...

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR HUEHN ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL

What? Are you curious about a lesser known book of the Bible? Do you want to learn more about the book of Daniel than the well-known Daniel in the Lion's den? Join us for a Bible study on all twelve chapters of the O.T. book of Daniel.

When? 9:25-10:25am from January 17th-March 28th

Where? In the Christian Fellowship Area

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR FITZNER ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

What? Join us as we continue studying the book of Revelation

When? 9:25-10:25am from January 3rd-March 28th

Where? Parish Hall & on Zoom

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES ~ SAVE THE DATE...

WHAT? The CID ILL LLL Convention

WHERE? St John's, Effingham IL

WHEN? March 6th, 2021

WHO? Rev. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker

Please plan to attend. Look for more specific times and details to come.

MEMORIALS have been received this past month in memory of
Darryl Redding (Patty Downey's Brother), Fern Baade (Clyve Baade's Mother),
Richard Timm (Wayne Timm's Father)

MM Mike Wehrenberg

Luella Ehling

MM Neal Clausen

MM Henry Falb

MM Owen Boettcher





The Youth of the Church

January 2021

GOD SQUAD

Confirmation Classes will resume on Wednesdays beginning January 6th from 6:00-7:00pm. Starting January 13th, classes will meet from 6:30-8:00pm.

We are hoping to be able to meet again for fellowship and activities soon!

JUNIOR HIGH YAIC

Confirmation Classes will resume on Wednesdays beginning January 6th from 6:00-7:00pm. Starting January 13th, classes will meet from 6:30-8:00pm. The classes are livestreamed on zoom for those choosing to participate from home.

Confirmation Review will be on **Sunday, January 10th** and **Sunday, January 31st** during the Sunday School hour. January 10th will be on Baptism. January 31st will cover the Office of the Keys and Confession. All 7th & 8th graders need to plan to attend unless other arrangements are made with the Pastors.

HIGH SCHOOL YAIC

Youth group will start up again on Wednesday, January 13th. We will meet in the Christian Fellowship Area following the 6:30pm Service for fellowship, games and a devotion.

We are hoping to be able to meet again for servant events and activities soon!



Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

*We will meet in late Spring to begin planning for this youth event.

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY 2021

ELDERS:

Jan. 3 Jonathan Kothe
Jan. 10 Alan Sobery
Jan. 17 Alan Williams
Jan. 24 Jonathan Kothe
Jan. 31 Kevin Kothe

10:45 a.m.

Sam Scheltens
Roger Jones
Henry Scheltens
Brandon Lacey
Roger Jones

SAT ELDERS:

Jan. 2 Gary Christensen
Jan. 9 Kevin Kothe
Jan. 16 Alan Sobery
Jan. 23 Gary Christensen
Jan. 30 Alan Williams

SAT USHERS:

SAT / SUN ORGANISTS:

Patty Downey
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Patty Downey
Patty Downey

USHERS:

Jan. 3	Joshua Kothe Daniel Timm	Phil Allyn Ron Krueger
Jan. 10	Gary Gruber Wayne Timm	Paul Couillard Jeff Smith
Jan. 17	Stuart Nerby Chris Turner	Ron Krueger Nyle Wiechmann
Jan. 24	Nathaniel Sobery Daniel Timm	Phil Allyn Jeff Smith
Jan. 31	Gary Gruber Jeanie Wager	Paul Couillard Nyle Wiechmann

ACOLYTES:

Jan. 3	Ethan Cunningham Hannah Cunningham	Ethan Blankenship Jonathan Blankenship
Jan. 10	Braden Mehn Rylee Mehn	Tristan Fifer Arlan Lacey
Jan. 17	Samantha Lakamp Madeline Newberry	Isaac Baker Rebecca Trimpe
Jan. 24	Parker Russell Rachel Russell	Briar Croegaert Abby Huehn
Jan. 31	Dylan Cavinder Max Dameron	Allie Cunningham Tyler Cunningham

MONEY COUNTERS:

Mary Rustemeyer
Vanette Schwartz
Gary Baumhardt
Don Holzhauer
Gary Gruber
Ron Krueger
Karen Schoepke
Jeanie Wager
Linda Bode
Lisa Scheltens

NURSERY: Suspended for January

KITCHEN DUTY: Suspended for January

FLOWERS:

Jan. 3
Jan. 10
Jan. 17
Jan. 24
Jan. 31

GREETERS: Suspended for January

EPIPHANY SERVICE, JANUARY 6th @ 7:00PM

Elder: Alan Williams

Ushers:

KITCHEN MAINTENANCE: Miriam Circle

ALTAR CARE: Suspended for January

FILL CANDLE OIL: Phil Bocock



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Priscilla Matthews
- 3 – Zander Flores
Tom Nord
- 4 – Paul Patzer
- 5 – Emma Couillard
Katrina Fifer
Donna Maaks
Daniel Timm
- 6 – Elliott Duckworth
- 8 – Kennedi
Wellenreiter
- 9 – Sandra Braasch
- 11 – Gabrielle Oakley
Mary Ellen Schmidt
- 12 – James Cherry
Ralph Huckstadt
Braydon Laesch
Kim Oakley
- 13 – Andrew
Cunningham
Frank Quistgaard
Ezekiel Schwier
- 14 – Jeanne Holzhauer
Sara Piller
- 15 – Grace Nord
- 16 – Anna Gerrietts
Isaac Gerrietts
Timothy Schwier
- 17 – Tori Back
- 18 – David Cameron
Dale Karrick
Marvin Laesch

- 19 – Kara Frasier
Sandi McKean
John Pogge
- 21 – Marlene Baer
- 22 – Wendy Boccock
Gerine Phipps
Sharon Quiram
Sarah Runyan
- 24 – Madelaine
Quistgaard
- 25 – Gerald McKean
- 26 – Karen Harsha
- 27 – Jonathan
Blankenship
Luke Fitzner
Russell McKinney
- 28 - Sara Baker
Lisa Cunningham
- 29 – Amber Conder
Avery Schwier
- 30 – Linda Gabbrants
Gracelyn
Wellenreiter
- 31 – Ellie Imig
Gale Imig

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9 – Paul & Ellen
Patzner
- 27 – Elaine & Norm
Hester
- 30 – Judy & Roger
Augspurger
- 31 – Lois & Russell
McKinney

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BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Bruce Aho
Marlene Baer
Rachel Belsaas
Tamara Belsaas
Louise Cameron
Ruth Hansen
Gale Imig
Kristin Kendrick
Kaelyn Knoche
Connie Laesch
Marcia Laesch
Lynn Nichelson
Bill Rustemeyer
- 2 – Charles Cagley
- 3 – Clyde Baade
Tom Nord
- 5 – Chloe Hambleton
- 6 – Phyllis Reeves
- 7 – Mark Newberry
- 8 – Cadence
Hambleton
- 10 - Clayton Wellenreiter
- 11 – Jan Swafford
- 13 – Debbie Katchmar
Zachary Stolz
- 14 - Claire Newberry
Jacob Newberry-
Lush
Justin Vest
- 15 – Frank Gunter
- 16 – Roberta Proc
- 17 - Alyssa Cunningham
- 18 – Jeanne Holzhauer
- 23 – Cory Laesch

- 24 – Amy Manning
Emilee Martin
Samuel Scheltens
Karla Timm
- 27 – Ralph Huckstadt
Nathaniel Sobery
- 28 – Joan Aho
Linda Baer
Karen Nafziger
- 29 – Amber Conder
- 30 – Robert Oakley
- 31 – Emma Couillard
Brian Imig

God's
Richest
Blessings on
your special
day!!



January 2021

Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Office Closed	2 5:30pm Worship/HC
3 Worship/HC 8am (Live-streamed) & 10:45am SS/Bible Class, 9:25 am	4	5	6 6:00pm Divine Service ~ 9 or less 6:00pm Catechesis 7:00pm Epiphany Service	7	8	9 Officers Workshop 9-12 Workshop 5:30pm Worship/HC
10 Worship/HC 8am (Live-streamed) & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am 9:30am Confirmation Review & Pastors' Q & A	11 <u>2020 Annual Reports Due</u>	12 Circuit Pastors' Conference 5:30pm Handbells	13 5:30pm Divine Service ~ 9 or less 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC	14 5pm Planning Committee 7pm PH: Mary Martha Circle	15	16 5:30pm Worship/HC
17 Worship/HC 8am (Live-streamed) & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am 1pm PH: LWR Quilters	18	19 5:30pm Handbells 7PM VOTERS MEETING	20 Newsletter Items Due 5:30pm Divine Service ~ 9 or less 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC	21 9am PH: LWR Quilters	22	23 5:30pm Worship/HC
24 Worship/HC 8am (Live-streamed) & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne	25 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne	26 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 5:30pm Handbells	27 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 5:30pm Divine Service ~ 9 or less 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC	28 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne	29 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne	30 5:30pm Worship/HC
31 Worship/HC 8am (Live-streamed) & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am 9:30am Confirmation Review						



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Christ Lutheran Church exists to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.

To this end, and with the help of God, we will do this through

preaching, teaching, and reaching.

Preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments.

Teaching all things Jesus has commanded in His Word through instructional opportunities.

Reaching out and serving others.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Saturdays – Worship - 5:30 p.m.

Sundays – Worship - 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes – 9:25 a.m.