

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
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Seaford, DE 19973
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

JANUARY 2021



Pastor's Portion
January 2021

I hardly know what to write for this Newsletter Article.
There is so much different, there is so much that is
uncertain, there is so much that is troubling.

One thing is for sure though:

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and
forever (**Hebrews 13:8 ESV**).

No matter what else goes on all around us; we can count
on Jesus to be the same. His love is the same, His
compassion is the same, His patience is the same, His
care and protection is the same. He will never fail us,
Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us; we can always
count on Him! I would encourage all of us to hold on to
that truth as we enter 2021. As we begin a new calendar
year.

Down through the ages right up to today; this truth that
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever will
sustain us. Try memorizing this verse. Repeat it to
yourself whenever you are doubtful, sad or upset;
whenever things seem uncertain or disturbing let this
verse be like a lifeline to pull you up into the ever-loving
arms of Christ Jesus your Savior.

We wish you a blessed New Year 2021!

Pastor Dave and Michelle

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



Caring Center

Hope for the New Year

In the Bible, the definition of **hope** is the confident expectation of what **God** has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness. **Romans 15:13** *May the **God** of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Jeremiah ¹¹ *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* ¹² *Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.* ¹³ *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Christians facing difficult situations today can take comfort in the scriptures. **Jeremiah 29:11** is not a promise to immediately rescue us from hardship or suffering, but rather a promise that God has a plan and a purpose for our lives. Regardless of our current situation, He can work through it to help us succeed. He gives us a hope that is enduring.

Verses 12 and 13 has our assignment spelled out for us. It tells us to

Call on Him

Pray to Him

Seek Him with all your heart

If you are feeling hopeless and need someone to listen, there are Stephen Ministers available at Christ Lutheran to help you through this difficult time.

You can call Pastor at the church office, or Aileen Watkins at 302-930-7070 or Kathryn Lamberton at 302-841-9622 for more information.

Happy Birthday

01 Judy Bruhn
 09 William Klettke
 14 Kameron Gum
 14 Thomas Laiacona
 18 Patrice Morris
 19 Cal Brundick
 22 Ginny Martens
 23 Cathy Asche
 28 Susan Calhoun
 28 Carol Evans
 29 Kathryn Lamberton



January Anniversaries

January 2021



January 3rd
 January 10th
 January 17th
 January 24th
 January 31st

Leona Tull
 Lynn Kirk-Flury
 Dave Asche

LWML Mission
Highlight

National Grant – Music Outreach, Classes & Resources on the Border Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas - \$98,400

The ministry of YLMHC impacts the lives of 400-500 students with educational programs, classroom space, and equipment. For the past 17 years YLMHC's music ministry has proven successful in reaching out to the unchurched by witnessing to the mercy and grace of Christ. The Adelante Ministries offers music classes and leadership training to youth and adults while it also provides service to the church and community. Through involvement in this music program, many students have come to faith in Christ. This grant will enable YLMHC to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space so they can serve and teach a larger range of students. It will also allow them to adapt existing space for music instruction, purchase recording equipment, create video tutorials for online instruction, fund a music intern position, and purchase musical instruments for students unable to afford their own.

Paid Mission Grants:

- Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala - \$55,000
- Restoring Hope for Detroit Children & Families - \$50,000

Chesapeake District Grant – Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic, Smyrna, DE - \$5,000

Lydia Circle, Peace Lutheran Church, Smyrna, DE in conjunction with Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch, desires to feed the body and soul of humankind worldwide and to provide/ship clothing, medical supplies, toys, and food to Haiti or another country as directed by the national headquarters of Orphan Grain Train. These monies would be used to purchase supplemental food items and help pay the cost of shipping.

Paid Mission Grants – None

November Mite Box Collection – \$291.44

Food Shelf Monthly Report

STATUS OF FOOD SHELF CHECKING ACCOUNT

10/16/2020 thru 11/13/2020

"Christ Lutheran Church/Thrivent Financial
Food Shelf Needy People Fund"

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$2323.61
<u>Income</u>	\$270.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	\$1202.54
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$1391.07

<u>Income Detail</u>	
Contribution 10/28	\$20.00
Contribution 11/13	\$250.00

<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$270.00</u>
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<u>Disbursement Detail</u>	
Assist w/tags f/car	\$100.00
Assist w/ gasoline	\$35.03
Assist w/ gasoline	\$36.51
Assist w/ home maintenance	\$115.00
Assist w/ rent	\$116.00
Assist w/ elect	\$150.00
Assist w/ elect	\$150.00
Assist w/ car purchase	\$500.00

<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$1202.54</u>
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January 3rd - Holy Communion during services

January 4th@ 7 pm - Council Meeting

January 10th - Food Shelf Sunday

January 11th@3 pm - Lay Ministry Meeting

January 17th - Mite Box Sunday

MYTHS ABOUT EVANGELISM (4 OF 5 PART SERIES)

MYTH #4: Most Spiritual conversations involve conflict which ruins everything. Many of us have been part of the “debate” about creationism, Jesus as myth and so forth maybe once or twice in our lives. We may agree that there can be conflict when speaking to the non-Christian, but the truth is that in the vast majority of spiritual conversations there is no conflict. If conflict does occur in the conversation it is not the end of the world. Feel good about yourself that you were involved in the conversation in the first place. You will be surprised as to how often, when asked, the Holy Spirit will guide you in your response to another individual’s views. Trust Him, conflict, when it does occur, does not ruin everything.

Don Miller

January 2021							February ▶
◀ December	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Office Closed	2
3 8:30 am Praise Service w/Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 am Traditional Service w/Holy Communion	4 7 pm Council Meeting	5	6	7	8 Office Closed	9	
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17 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 am Traditional Service Mite Box Sunday	18	19	20	21	22 Office Closed	23	
24 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Sunday School via Zoom 11:00 am Traditional Service	25	26	27	28	29 Office Closed	30	
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