

# The Crusader

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



# JANUARY 2022

Pastor's Portion  
January 2022

After two years of living through a difficult Pandemic; Most everyone is hoping that this New Year 2022 will be a better year. What really makes a New Year better? One thing we can be certain of in this changeable environment we live in is that:

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8. also

*"For I, the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6.*

Though things are changing all of the time, all around us; God does not. God is consistently, always there for you and for me. We can count on it! Whatever will go on this year, no matter how difficult, we can be certain that God will be faithful. There is a saying which has always seemed to hold true: **IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, GOD**

**WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT!** When you stop to think about it, God has brought you to and through a lot! I am convinced that in the year 2022, this truth will be no different. God has got you covered— Psalm 91:4 "*He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.*" Have a very blessed and Happy New Year!

Pastor Dave and Michelle



Women's 1 Day Retreat  
Saturday, Jan. 29th @ 1pm

Please join your Sisters in Christ  
as we learn about the  
Abounding Love our  
Father and the Son have toward us.

Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin  
board by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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All Ladies Invited!

Please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each  
month for a time of devotion and  
fellowship.

The 1<sup>st</sup> gathering will be Tuesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>  
@ 2pm.

## **LWML Mission Highlight**

### **NATIONAL GRANT**

#### **Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil's Friends, \$70,000**

As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil's Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant would further fund Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

#### **Paid/Partial Paid Mission Grants:**

- Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children — Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Partial Payment of \$15,000
- Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus — Belize Mission Society, \$100,000 – PAID IN FULL
- Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission, Partial Payment of \$49,000

### **CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT GRANT**

Lutheran Bible Translator, Concordia, MO - \$3,000

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is translating the Word of God in the Mbe language, so they can read and understand it in their heart language. The Bible translation process requires necessary equipment, translators, travels and a very tedious process to ensure accuracy. LBT has already translated the Gospel of Luke in Mbe, but the Mbe people desperately want to read more of God's Word. Without the necessary equipment, such as computers, generators, and fuel, the translation work may stop and the Mbe people may never be able to read more of God's Word. The Mbe people do not have the money to pay for the necessary equipment needed.

**Paid Mission Grants:** No new grants paid.

**November Mite Box Collection** - \$533.16

**December Mite Box Collection** – \$ 85.60





### **Christ Lutheran LWML Highlights:**

- Sisters In Christ: Tuesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm
- Abounding Love 1 Day Retreat: Saturday, Jan. 29th @ 1pm

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### **News from the Hoech Family, our Missionaries in Central Asia:**

I love this time of year, the week after Thanksgiving as Advent begins! It's a great combination of remembering to give thanks in all circumstances and then focusing on the reason we can do this, our Savior Jesus, who died for the forgiveness of our sins, who intercedes for us, who is preparing a place in heaven for us, and who will return for us on Judgment Day!

We spent this month in the United States. Our week of isolation and two more PCR tests proved we didn't have COVID. That allowed us to receive our first Moderna shot and begin visiting supporters in the Midwest. Since then we have shared with over 1100 people through PowerPoint presentations (10), preaching in worship services (8), and personal visits (24) with couples or small groups. Behind those numbers are countless smiles and hugs and an immeasurable amount of encouragement. And we still have two more weeks to go!

Your financial support allows us to not only serve long-term in Kyrgyzstan but also to travel home this year for the vaccines and to reconnect with so many individuals and congregations. Though on this trip we only have time between our two Covid shots for visits in the Midwest, next summer we plan to return to visit supporters on the West Coast in conjunction with celebrating our son's wedding!

However, even while we are here, the work in Kyrgyzstan continues. Our house church members worship, pray and study God's Word without us, just as we planned. Our teachers at the Living Word language center continue to teach 60 young adults English and Chinese while witnessing winsomely to them in the process. Christmas outreach activities are being planned, and we look forward to participating in them when we return.

Christ Lutheran LWML Highlights (continued)

**Thank you for your support! We enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving and Advent with you in the U.S., yet we remember there are still so many Dungan who do not know Jesus is their Savior. Together with you, we will continue to bring this Good News to them!**

**Joyfully in Jesus,  
Rev. Kip and Ivy Hoech ><>**

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**PLEASE NOTE there will be no meeting in December  
Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

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**Beginning January 9, 2022, we will do a Study entitled:**

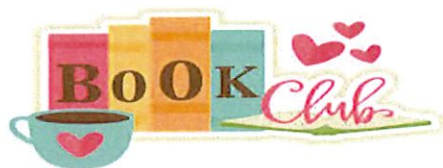
**Back to the Basics—A Study of the Six**

**Chief Parts of Faith from Luther's Small Catechism**

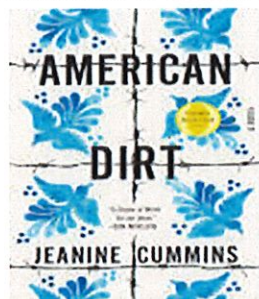
**If you wish you may purchase a copy of the Catechism we will be using for \$16.00. Couples may wish to share a copy.**

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Apostle's Creed
3. The Lord's Prayer
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5. Confession and Absolution
6. The Sacrament of the Altar

**Please consider joining us each week at 9:45 am.**



will meet Monday, January 10th @ 7pm  
in Luther Hall to discuss:



Hope to see you there as we share our thoughts on the  
book selection for the month and build relationships.  
See Michelle Nuss if you have any questions.

### **Future Reads:**

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – The Prayer Box by Kim Michele Richardson

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### **THANK YOU**

We are so **grateful and thankful** for the generous gift that the  
members of Christ Lutheran Church gave Michelle and I at  
Christmas. **Thank you all ever so much!**

**Pastor Dave and Michelle**

# Happy Birthday

# Happy Anniversary

## January Birthdays

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 2022



January 2	Ruth Acedevo
January 9	Carol & Russ Taylor
January 16	Lynn Kirk-Flury
January 23	Dave & Cathy Asche
January 30	





**The Mood of Christmas** by Howard Thurman  
*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among  
people,  
To make music in the heart.*

Now is the time to begin the work of Christmas in the New Year. May each of us play some small part in the work of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with those we meet each day. If a hurting friend or neighbor can sense God's presence and love in you, they can take heart, knowing that God is near and will never leave them. Thank you for being such caring people at Christ Lutheran.

If you know someone who is dealing with a difficult situation please contact us. You can call Pastor at 302-629-9755, Aileen Watkins at 302-930-7070 or Kathryn Lamberton at 302-841-9622 for more information

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#### Breakfast

Saturday, January 8th  
8:00am  
Stargate Diner  
23415 Sussex Hwy  
Seaford, DE 19973

# Upcoming Events



Friends Supporting Friends - Mondays at 11 am

January 2nd and 16th- Holy Communion at both services

January 4, 11, 18, 25th@7 pm—Bible Study via Zoom

January 5,12,19 @ noon and 7 pm—in person Bible Study

January 8th@8 am—Breakfast at Stargate Diner

January 8th@6:30 pm—Bunco

January 9th—Food Shelf Sunday

January 10th@7 pm—Council Meeting, Book Club

January 11th@3 pm—Lay Ministry Meeting

January 13th@7pm-LWML Meeting

January 16th@-Mite Box Sunday

January 20th@10 am—Stephen Ministers Meeting

January 25th@2 pm—Sisters in Christ meeting

January 29th@1 pm—Abounding Love Event

January 30th—Stephen Minister Sunday

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## BUNCO

Will start the second Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm. No food to share. Bring your own pencil. Masks are optional.

### BSSP January News Article

We hope you were able to either attend the BSSP Christmas Program or view it online. The students did an outstanding job! We will begin our Saturday morning classes on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The curriculum we will be using this Spring is from *Dear Christian Friends* and the lessons will be from the New Testament.

### January Lesson Schedule

January 8 – An Angel Visits Mary  
January 15 – The Savior is Born  
January 22 – The Shepherds  
January 29 – The Wise Men

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.  
BSSP Staff and Students

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### **TIPS FOR USING READER'S MIC**

**(Used for sharing at the Praise Service and reading Scripture Lessons at the Traditional Service.)**

(A note from your Recording and Duplicating Team.)

Make sure that the Microphone is turned ON.

The Switch on back should be in the "ON" Position.

The Red Light on the back should be "ON."

Move up close to the MIC and speak directly into it with a loud firm voice.

This Microphone is a "Unidirectional Type."

It responds best to voices spoken directly into it, and not so well to voices that are spoken above or below it or off to the side of it.

Remember that if you are speaking to the Congregation without a microphone, your voice may be adequately heard in the Sanctuary, but it will not be picked up very well on the live-streamed services on Facebook or on the CD and DVD Recordings that are later made of the Worship Services.

### Notes for the Recorders Booth

Make Sure that the Wireless MIC Receivers are turned on.

Make sure that the Channel for the Reader's Mic on the Main Sound Board is turned on. (Channel 11.)

## **FOOD SHELF MONTHLY REPORT**

**10/27/21 thru 11/24/21**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$3563.83
<b><u>Income</u></b>	\$1460.00
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	\$1273.96
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$3757.87

### **Income Detail**

Contribution 11/12	\$400.00
Contribution 11/15	\$500.00
Contribution 11/18	\$560.00
	<b><u>\$1460.00</u></b>

### **Disbursement Detail**

Designated Assist	\$500.00
Assist w/ elect	\$100.00
Assist w/ elect	\$175.61
Designated Assist	\$198.35
Designated Assist	\$200.00
Assist w/ elect	\$100.00

<b><u>Total Expense</u></b>	<b><u>\$1273.96</u></b>
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There was a designated contribution during this period to assist a church member. Some of that contribution has not been used. For details you may contact Henry Tifft.

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**Thank You**

I want to thank everyone for the amazing Christmas gift. You are an awesome congregation.

**Lynn Kirk-Flury**



# January 2022

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