

On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 *No Choir* 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	3 6:00 WELCA Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 *New Member Sunday* 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:15 Worship - In Person and Facebook Live	10	11	12	6:00 Council Meeting	14	15
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Christ Lutheran News

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A Word From the Pastor

January 6th is Epiphany. Epiphany is the day the star rose in the East to lead the magi to the Christ child. The story in the Bible is one of my favorites. I think it's one of my favorites because it speaks to my longing to be drawn into the mystery, my desire for God to send me a guiding light, and my constant search for the wonder of the holy in my own life. It is probably these longings that drew me to be a pastor. In my job, I am immersed in mystery. I get to discern what God is saying through the Scriptures, the things that happen in my day, and the people around me. I walk with others as they discern what God is up to in their lives. I look for Jesus everywhere, and I am on a quest to find him for myself and for the people in my congregation. It's not just pastors that want to find God though. We all harbor longings for the presence of God and a guiding light in the darkness.

The Gospel of the Epiphany story is that God provides a guide to lead the way to Jesus. For the magi, it was a new light in the sky, one they hadn't seen before. It guided the magi to a different place and culture. They had to consult their astrology books. They asked others for help. Looking for wisdom, they investigated the Scriptures. On their journey, they encountered Herod, who was up to no good, and even though they were supposedly wise, they failed to detect his ill intent. However, God gave them a dream as a warning, and they were wise to pay attention to that. The light in the sky, the dreams, the Scriptures, the study of their star books all led them to the cradle of Jesus where they knelt and worshiped and offered their rare and beautiful gifts.

Epiphany is the story of the spiritual life, and we all have a spiritual life! We travel in the dark following the stars that God provides, and to the inner workings of our hearts. God speaks in our dreams, the people around us, and our life experiences. The route is not certain or obvious, but God provides guidance along the way. Our deepest desire is to receive the gift of Jesus and to worship him as we offer our own gifts to the glory of God. Follow the star. Trust that God is leading you. God will bring you to Jesus, and you will be welcome there, you and your amazing gifts that glorify God!

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting for the congregation will be held January 30th after worship. Reports and an agenda will be made available at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

New Member Sunday

We will hold a new member Sunday January 9th. We will have an informational class for those becoming new members before worship at 9:00 and the new members will be installed at our 10:15 service. If you know someone who might be interested in membership, contact Pastor Kalen.

Cookie Walk Success

Thank you to all who brought and bought treats during the cookie walk. We had an amazing array of goodies! The event raised \$344.40 to support our youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer.



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your generous donation of cash to the Sharon Food Pantry. This will certainly help us in purchasing more food for the coming month. Happy Holidays and a bright 2022.

Sincerely,
The Sharon Food Pantry

Thank you to all who participated in the CROP Walk in October or supported walkers with donations. Christ Lutheran raised a total of \$465. The combined total was \$23,846.75. This is the 3rd largest total ever and the largest since 2006. \$5,961.68 of those funds will go directly to local food pantries. The remaining funds support the hunger ministry of Church World Service nationally and around the world.

Thank you so much for letting us use the church for our meetings. Merry Christmas! The card was signed by youth participants and adult leaders of 4H.

Sincerely,
The Sharon 4H Club

Second Sunday Offering



January's Second Sunday Offering benefits Sharon Fire & Rescue which proudly protects the citizens of the Village and Township of Sharon and Boone County Fire Protection District #4, over a 54 sq. mile first due response area. Our department is staffed by well trained and skilled Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) working hard to provide the finest service 24/7 when you need us. Sharon Fire & Rescue is staffed with volunteer members all responding from home or

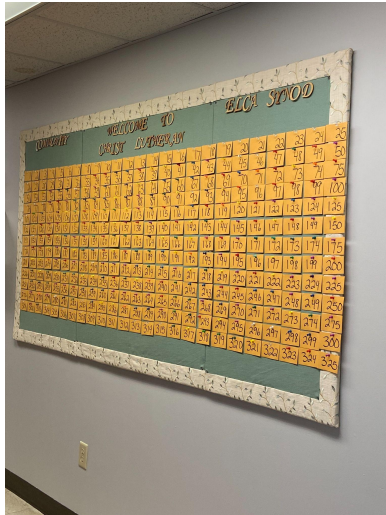
work. We operate as one department providing both Fire & EMS (Emergency Medical Service), most members are cross trained in both fields and all members respond to calls. We provide EMS to the Wisconsin EMT – Basic IV Tech Level and transport to several area medical centers. If anyone is interested in joining the Fire Department or would like more information call: 262-736-4543.

A Message From the Council

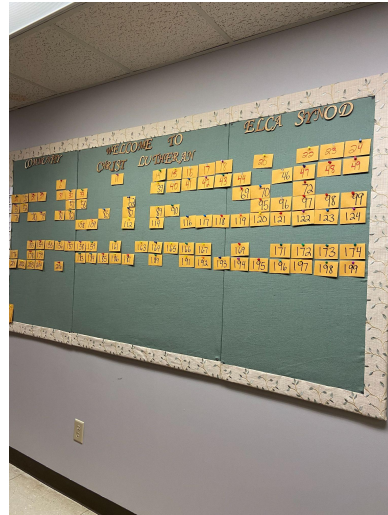
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your continued support and donations for the bell tower project! Look at what we've accomplished so far:

Then:



Now:



Keep up the great work!

Sincerely, *Council*

Wondering how you can help tornado victims?

Lutheran Disaster Response is a reputable ministry of the ELCA. All donations go directly to helping victims. To give, you can visit their website, or if you would like to make a donation through our church, make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and write *LDR U.S. Tornadoes* on your check's memo.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orson Bangert, the family of Tom Fredrick, Jacob Friesema, the family of Holly Hancock, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, Marilyn Lowry, Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, the family of Shirley Ruosch, Janet Schilke, Jimmy Sheppard, Joy Smith, the family of Deb Ulrich, Jacqueline Webster, Doris Wehrwein, the family of Ruth Welge, and Toad Wenzel.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

Thank you for your continued prayers and cards for those who are in care facilities.

Tom Kleiber
NEW address
coming soon!

Jean Kovarik
Golden Years
611 Harmony Dr.
Room 7
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

LET'S celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations this Month!

(If you or someone you know is not listed here, or if our information is incorrect, please let the Church Office know.)

Birthday Celebrations

1/2 Jeff Crump	1/10 Dani Lawler	1/22 Mike Lynch
1/3 Lin Stafford	1/10 Carrie Zimmerman	1/24 Sarah Berryman
1/4 Travis Berryman	1/13 Diane Lowry	1/31 Logan Crump
1/6 Kendra Janes	1/19 James Stafford	1/31 Irene Hammett
1/9 Karen Ross		

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

1/4/2020 Racquelle & Gage Wuttke
1/5/1952 Marilyn & Ray Lowry
1/26/2002 Marlo & Jeff Crump

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

1/11 Mia Dowden	1/13 Kaycee Fredrick	1/29 Joe Maas
	1/20 Robin Ruosch	