

The Watchman



February

2024

"For you are dust, and to dust you will return" Genesis 3:19

Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS

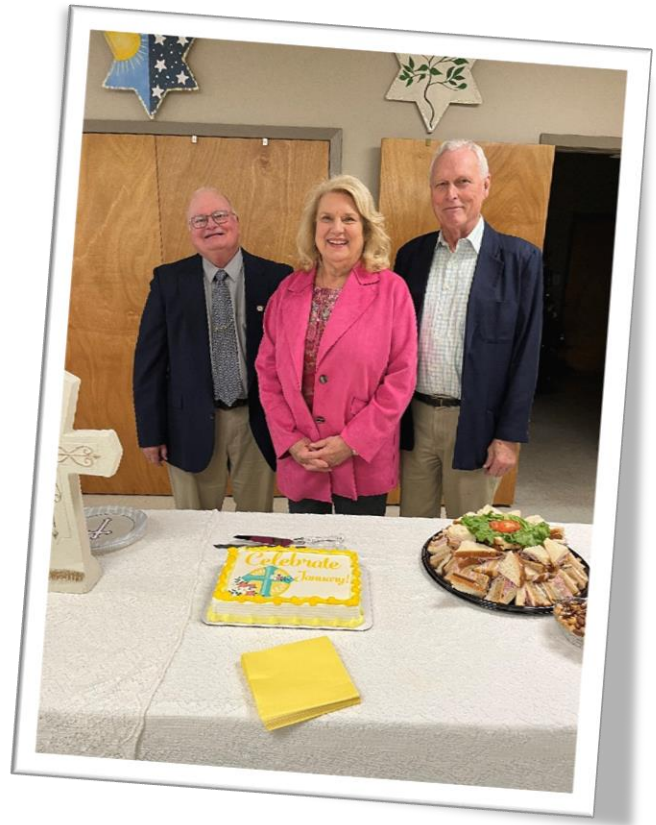
Hello to a year that is flying by. Maybe it is just perception but my summers lasted forever when I was a kid. Now it's winter and it's gonna be spring in a month or so. Well, enough reminiscing, it just makes me feel older.

We are on the path forward and I will have Crystal send your pastoral survey to you electronically. I would like to have them returned no later than our February voter's meeting. We will continue to have all of our normal Lenten soup suppers and midweek services. I thank all of you for your dedication to our Lord and church.

Your Thankful Servants,
Jay and Kevin

**Birthdays &
Anniversaries: L-R:**

Jay Torries, Cathy Groff, &
Gary Groff



- 4 Jay Torries & Roger Cox (Anna K.)
- 11 Bobby Trehern & Shawn Robbins (Aletha S.)
- 18 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Jay T.)
- 25 Roger Cox & Jay Torries (Hanna D.)



HAPPY
Anniversary!

- 14 Andrew & Haley Reeves
- 26 Sheila & Artimus ("Fella") Williams

- 1 Sylvia Feazell
- 13 Kathy Griffin
- 14 Lin Jacobson, III
- 15 Lisa Hoskinson
- 18 Marilyn Trehern
- 22 Robert Maggard
- 23 Karen Dunston
- 25 Brandon Erwin
- 25 Waylon Hamilton



- 4 Aletha Schollian
- 11 Debbie Schulte
- 18 Marilyn Trehern
- 25 Cathy Grof



Cathy Groff

Sunday Readings

	Feb. 4	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	Is. 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11	1 Cor. 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
	Feb. 11	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12 <i>or</i> Ex. 34:29-35	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Cor. 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
ASH WEDNESDAY	Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
LENT	Feb. 18	First S. in Lent	Gen. 22:1-18	Psalm 25:1-10	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
	Feb. 25	Second S. in Lent	Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Rom. 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38

OTHER NEWS

- **PRAYER CHAIN:** Coming soon!
- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is CLC1888@outlook.com
- **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** We will celebrate February's birthdays and anniversaries on February 4 after the service. Please join us for fellowship and cake.
- **ATTENDANCE REGISTERS:** Please complete the attendance register in the pew.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.
- **MARDI GRAS COOKOUT:** The Mardi Gras cook out will be Saturday February 10.

Mary Martha News

Mary Martha has prepared bags for those times when someone comes to the church and asks for food. Each bag contains a bottle of water, a can of soup, a bag of dried fruit, peanut butter crackers, a granola bar, and a Portals of Prayer. While we don't give money, we do have a listing of those places in town that give away food. For now, these bags are on the counter in the kitchen so everyone knows that they are available.



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 1/15/2024

Call to order: Kevin Rademacher

Open with prayer: Dave Griffin

Reading of December Minutes was waived—hard copies were available

President: Kevin Rademacher:

- District Secretary informed us to operate under our 2022 Constitution and bylaws but requested we update them after we install a new pastor. He provided templates for both large and smaller congregations to use to update our constitution and bylaws.

- Thank you, Mark Schulte, for assisting with the office computer system.
- Council agreed to clean the pastor's office, make repairs, replace the carpet, and repaint if needed.

Vice President: Roger Cox:

- Nothing new: Signup sheet for flowers is in the back of the Sanctuary. \$50 purchases altar flowers that are used for two weeks
- Do we want to continue using the black attendance books in the pews? The council agreed to continue using the attendance sheets. We need to remind people to complete the attendance sheets during announcements.

Elders: Jay Torries:

- Christ Lutheran is continuing services during vacancy; Jay is arranging the visiting minister schedule.
- Will organize a call committee meeting in the next few weeks
- Jay is finalizing the prayer chain and will provide instructions soon
- New members: Olivia Joy Dunlap and Richard Prior (Kyndel Torries' fiancé) were recently baptized.
- Home visit communions will be conducted by elders.

Financial Secretary: Carl Erichsen:

- December total \$13,265.50 + \$1400 self-insurance
- 2023 total \$120,834.50 + \$11350 self-insurance
- Lin will contact Pastor Waffel for PayPal information to access that account for statements and transactions
- January so far \$3018

Treasurer: Lin Jacobson:

- CD \$27k matures in Oct 2024
- Checking account balance is \$6603, bills have been paid
- Self-insurance fund balance \$30,825.53 (including \$10,000 recently deposited)
- There is approximately \$37k in the endowment fund

Safety: Shawn Robbins:

- Shawn has contacted the American Heart Assn of MS and is waiting for a call back regarding the AED.

Trustees: Dave Griffin:

- Landscaping estimate is \$1200. Dave will start making purchases soon and will organize a work day.
- Need to check why the breaker keeps tripping in the Fellowship Hall—Dave and Carl are keeping an eye on it.
- Freezer has been ordered; cost \$1206. Will be delivered around 1/23.

Lindsay Tetreau

- Lindsay reported she has had many calls requesting a food bank. Looking for suggestions to refer the needy. Do we want to start a little free food pantry on the corner? Maybe other churches would like to contribute? Lindsay and John will investigate.

Evangelism: John Tetreau:

- Researching ways to reach out to the poor and needy, such as the little food pantry suggestion
- Continuing the Facebook entries
- Souper Bowl Sunday: Bring an easy open can of soup for a food pantry donation

Mary Martha: Donna Krebs:

- MM will start stocking a go-bag with a bottle of water, peanut butter and crackers, granola bars and a Portals of Prayer to give to needy individuals who come seeking a donation.

Youth - vacant

Education: Donna Krebs:

- Sunday School- the children are learning the Apostles Creed and are studying prophets of the Old Testament
- Adult Bible study meets Wednesday 12:00. Bring your lunch and join us!

Social Ministry: Kathleen Cox

- Sent out 5 birthday cards this month to retirees

Stewardship: Cathy Groff & Rita Shepherd:

- The flower signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Altar guild and nursery both are seeking volunteers
- Nativity Walk recap

Old Business:

- Alarm system—need a backup person(s) for the alarm system call service

New Business:

- February 17th Bridal shower for Kyndel Torries in Memorial Hall. Council approved
- Tanya Hamilton requested using our Fellowship Hall as a backup location for the Singing River Art Association Spring Art Show Friday, April 26-May 11th. Tanya would open and lock the building each day. Council approved
- February 10 Pascagoula Mardi Gras Parade and cookout. Rademachers will obtain a Thrivent grant to purchase food.
- No Men's Prayer Breakfast in February

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher

Visiting Pastor's Service Schedule

2/4/24 - Pastor Cooper
2/11/24 - Pastor Cooper
2/14/24 – Lay Service - Ash Wednesday
2/18/24 - Pastor Gilliland
2/25/24 - Pastor Weir

Soup Supper Schedule

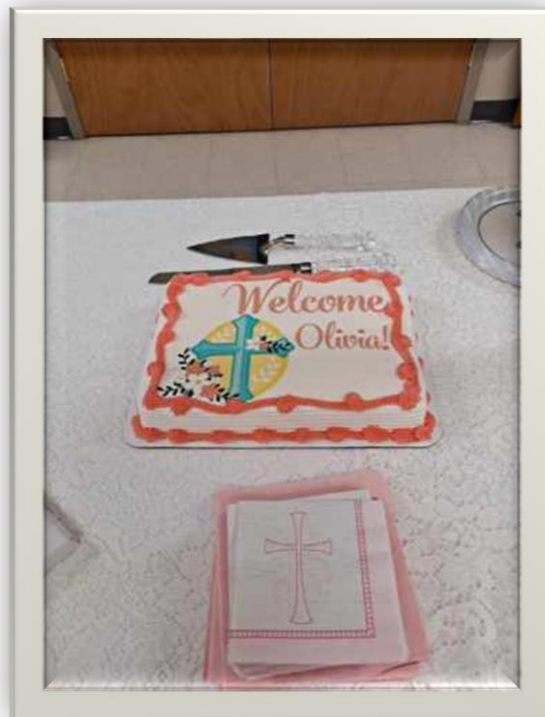
2/21/2024 - Elders
2/28/2024 - Council



Congratulations to Kyndel & Richard. Kyndel's Bridal Shower is February 17th and their wedding will be March 2nd.






Christ Lutheran welcomed Olivia Dunlap into our church family with her christening on January 7, 2024. Congratulations Jordan & Hanna.



FEBRUARY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Birthday & Anniversary Celebration 11:00						Mardi Gras Cook-out 
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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