



The Watchman



January 2024

Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year at Christ Lutheran Church, I am excited that we as a congregation are continuing with services, events, and traditions, even while looking for a new pastor. So far, I feel that we are becoming a closer-knit church family. So, if you have not been to church lately, please come and help make us a stronger family.

While January begins a new calendar year, in the Church, it starts out in the middle of the Christmas season and ends in the middle of the Epiphany season. These are the second and third seasons of the Church Year. From Concordia Publishing House, I found the following about Epiphany and its season on a poster about the Christian Church Year for 2023:

Epiphany begins with the evening prayer on January 5

and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras). It is one of the oldest seasons in the Church Year, second only to the Easter season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the feast of Epiphany the *Theophany* ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi came to worship Jesus, they show that now everyone has access to God. Now all people, Jew, Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of our Lord (Jan. 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi. During the season, there are two important feasts of Christ marking the beginning and the end. On the first Sunday after Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of

our Lord. The last Sunday of Epiphany is the Feast of Transfiguration, a uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian calendar. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpsed their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to his disciple, then and now, that He is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.

Blessings,

Kevin Rademacher,
Congregation President

Jay Torries, Head Elder



- 7 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Crystal R.)
- 14 Roger Cox & Jay Torries (John T.)
- 21 Shawn Robbins & Bobby Trehern (Kevin R.)
- 28 Dave Griffin & Kevin Rademacher (Lindsay T.)



- 1 Artimus Williams
- 15 Alyssa Purdy
- 16 Louis Bontly
- 17 Nick Purdy
- 18 Kellum Reeves
- 25 Mark Schulte

HAPPY Anniversary!

- 22 Jay & Janet Torries
- 24 Gary & Cathy Groff



Rita Shepherd



- 7 Cathy Groff
- 14 Donna/Anna Krebs
- 21 Susan Rademacher
- 28 Crystal Robbins



December Birthdays:

Left to Right: Lionel Dale, Tammy Carnley,
Shawn Robbins, & Pastor Weir

Mary Martha News



Mary Martha will meet on Sunday, January 14, 2024 in order to coordinate with the Elders' Meeting and Council meeting on January 15th. This is the same Sunday when the 2024 Council members will be inducted and ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend. Our primary order of business will be to look forward into 2024. We look forward to a busy and productive 2024 and extend our wishes for everyone for a healthy and happy New Year!

OTHER NEWS

- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is CLC1888@outlook.com
- **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** We will celebrate January's birthdays and anniversaries on January 7 after the service. Please join us for fellowship and cake.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.
- **ATTENDANCE REGISTERS:** Please complete the attendance register in the pew.

January Scripture Readings

EPIPHANY	Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 24	Eph. 3:1-12 <i>or</i> Col. 1:23-27	Matt. 2:1-12
	Jan 7	First S. a. the Epiphany	1 Kings 8:6-13	Psalm 50:1-15	Rom. 12:1-5	Luke 2:41-52
	<i>or</i>	The Baptism of Our Lord	Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 42:1-7	Psalm 85	1 Cor. 1:26-31	Matt. 3:13-17
	Jan. 14	Second S. a. the Epiphany	Ex. 33:12-23 <i>or</i> Amos 9:11-15	Psalm 67 <i>or</i> Psalm 111	Rom. 12:6-16 <i>or</i> Eph. 5:22-33	John 2:1-11
	Jan. 21	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ex. 34:29-35 <i>or</i> Ex. 3:1-14	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
PRE-LENT	Jan 28	Septuagesima	Ex. 17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	1 Cor. 9:24-10:5	Matt. 20:1-16



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 12.18.2023

Church Council Meeting: 12/18/2023 7 attendees

Kevin Rademacher participated via remote call in. Vice President, Roger Cox, called the meeting to order and Donna Krebs opened with prayer. Copies of the November minutes were distributed. Motion made, seconded, and carried to waive reading.

Pastor's Report: Position vacant

President - Kevin Rademacher

No report

Vice President - Roger Cox

No report; however, volunteers to serve as Ushers are still needed. There is an Usher and Flower sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Elders - Jay Torries

The Elders will develop a questionnaire to be completed by members of the congregation to facilitate the Call Process. Pastor's Johnson's Administrative Assistant, Daisy, may have resources for us to use.

The sound system in the nursery has been repaired and the microphones used during the service have been replaced.

The Prayer Chain is being developed.

Financial Secretary - Carl Erichsen

November collections: \$8,121.00 general fund; \$900 for self-insurance;

December to date: \$5628.00 -general fund; \$1400 for self-insurance

Year to Date: \$114,197.00; \$11,350 - Self Insurance

Treasurer - Lin Jacobson

No report.

Trustees - Dave Griffin

The old freezer had stopped working as it was not feasible to repair. It has been sold for \$200 and the purchaser moved the appliance. Motion was made and seconded to put a \$1500 cap on replacement cost.

Church Secretary: Lindsay Tetreau - No report

Safety Committee: Shawn Robbins - No report

Evangelism - John Tetreau - No report

Mary Martha - Donna Krebs

The gift cards generated by the 'pulled pork sandwich plates' fund raiser were presented to Moss Point Mayor, Billy Knight, for distribution. The January meeting of Mary Martha will be on the second Sunday, January 14, 2023, in order to coordinate with the Elder meeting.

Youth - position vacant

Education - Donna Krebs - no report

Social Ministry - Kathleen Cox

Kathleen continues to send out birthday, sympathy and get-well cards as needed.

Stewardship - Rita Shepherd & Cathy Groff

Rita reported that approximately 65 guests attended the Nativity Walk and the event was well received.

Endowment Fund - Members: VP, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, At-large Council member (D. Krebs) & Pastor.

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Induction of the Council members for 2024 will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2023.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned upon motion and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Krebs for Susan Rademacher, Secretary

Visiting Pastor's Service Schedule

1/7/24 – Pastor Waffel

1/14/24 – Pastor Cooper

1/21/24 – Pastor Gilliland

1/28/24 – Pastor Weier

Weekly Evangelism Challenge Verses



Week of January 1, 2024 - Proverbs 11:30-31

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.

If the righteous is repaid on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!"

Week of January 8, 2024 - Mark 1:16-18

"Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Week of January 15, 2024 - Acts 17:29-34

"Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Week of January 22, 2024 - 2 Corinthians 5:10-17

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Week of January 29, 2024 - Acts 18:5-11

"When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "***Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.***" And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Bible Study 12:00			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Birthday Celebration 11:00			Bible Study 12:00			Men of Christ Breakfast 8:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Officer Installation Elders 11:00 Mary Martha 11:00	Council 6:00		Bible Study 12:00			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00			Bible Study 12:00			
28	29	30	31			
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