

## The Messenger

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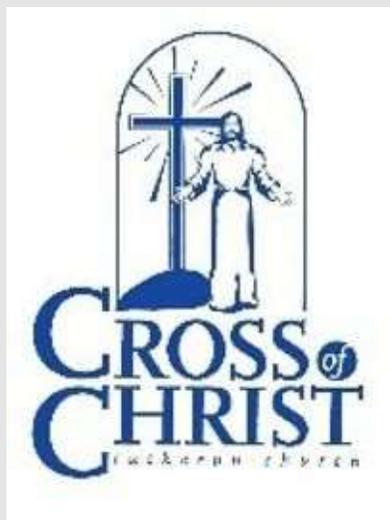
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### Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wed. 4:00 pm: at Flowers\*

Wed. 6:30 pm: at White Cliffs\*

4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 1:30 pm at White Cliffs\*

### Communion

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

### Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday, 4:15 pm, 6:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

### Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

### Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

\*Worship services at White Cliffs and Flowers are currently suspended due to COVID-19

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## Message from the Pastor

### THE OLDEST MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSE

The oldest member of the universe was the first thing God created on the first day—Light.

Even though it's been around so long, researchers are still baffled by light. Is it a wave? A particle? A piece of Energy? They have measured it; 186,000 miles/second of it. But, no matter how they try to slice & dice it, they can't tear it apart. Light has no volume; and no definition.

Still, we have managed to use/tame it somewhat.

- We have figured out how to keep light from spreading out, molding it into a true straight line. The process—called 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation'—has resulted in what we call Laser.
- With that laser, we have used light to measure the distance to the moon (225,000 miles) within a half inch.
- The Luxor hotel in Vegas has 'The World's Brightest Light', a 40 billion candle-power light aimed skyward. You can read a book clearly with it—ten miles above the earth.

However, there's another light which is unknown to much of the world. THE Light of the World, JESUS CHRIST!

Seven centuries before Bethlehem's Biggest Birth announcement, God told the prophet Isaiah that a Messiah would come "**as a light... to bring salvation to the world.**"

Time passed and the world waited. For centuries, the darkness prevailed. And then, God sent THE Light into the world. **And while they** (Mary & Joseph) **were there, the time came for the baby to be born. And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.** Luke 2:6 The Light was turned on.

Alongside Easter, this was history's greatest moment. The Father of Lights gave the world a glimpse of himself. "**I have come as light into the world that everyone who believes in me will not remain in darkness.**" With eyes wide-open, we're able to look directly at the Light and see God.

One of the most symbolic/important events of our lifetime occurred with light involved. It was the destruction of the wall that separated East and West Berlin. Visitors to the Berlin Wall noted that one of the most striking features of this division was the dim lighting on the East side and brightness on the West. Whether this was due to a lack of streetlights, billboards, advertising displays, fewer automobiles or whatever, visitors took this striking contrast as significant – brightness and joy vs. darkness and sadness. On one side darkness; on the other, light.

Sin is outer darkness; Grace is inner light. Wouldn't you like to take the light of Christmas and light up the world? The light has shined into the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Lowly shepherds were brightened. Wise men were enlightened. Kings wanted to remain in the dark. The eyes of faith see bright and clear. I urge you to come in the humility of the wise men, the excitement of the shepherds and the joy of the angels and witness again the coming of THE Light into the world. You're invited to appreciate this Sonrise with us, either in person at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve or online. You don't need to go to Vegas to see this light.



<b>UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES</b>	
<b>SUNDAY/THURSDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<p><b>-Romans Ch. 1-8</b>  <b>-Because of Bethlehem</b>  <b>-Anger</b>  <b>-Burden Bearing</b></p>	<p><b>-The Freedom of a Christian</b>  <b>-The Life of Moses</b>  <b>-Love</b>  <b>-Bible Studies for Maturing Christians</b></p>

**Men's Conference in Phoenix** – *Men of His Word* is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in MN and WI for over a decade. The group is now expanding to AZ under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word – Arizona* will be held on **January 30, 2021 in Phoenix**.

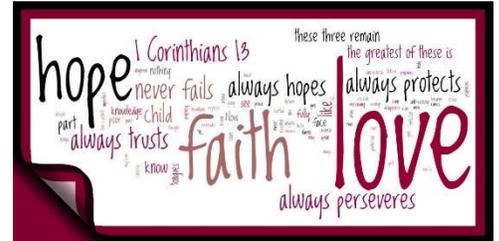
The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually and be inspired by God's Word and fellowship with your fellow Christian brothers.

For additional information, visit [MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/](https://www.menofhisword.org/Phoenix/) and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.



## **Something to Think About ..... Love Never Fails**

*1 Cor. 13:1-7 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. With that in mind, now think about This “Christmas Version” of 1 Cor. 13.*



If I decorate my house perfectly with bows, twinkling lights and shiny balls, but fail to show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking Christmas Cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and setting tableware that would make Martha Stewart proud, but fail to love my neighbors, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, sing carols at a nursing home, and give-till-it-hurts at the Salvation Army buckets, but fail to love the ones I pretend to serve, I'm just another person trying to soothe a guilty conscience.

If I put up the nicest tree, wrap the prettiest presents and decorate with lights that can be seen from space but fail to have one little thing that points to Jesus, I 'm just another celebrator and not a worshipper.

Love patiently puts up with cranky guests. Love is kind, even when tired. Love does not envy your neighbors light display. Love does not brag about how much you spent on others. Love does not arrogantly dress to impress. Love does not tell dirty jokes. Love does not give only to those who give back to them, but rejoices with those who can't. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. Love never fails to wish others a 'Merry Christmas'—and means it.



# Christmas Worship Schedule



Dec 24



7:00 PM Christmas Eve

Worship Service



Dec 25



10:00 AM Christmas Day

Worship Service

## HUMOR

A family in Kingman was very religious, and anytime something good happened to them, they said it was a gift from the Lord. Jimmy, the baby of the family, wanted a television for Christmas, and they got him one. When the TV arrived, his mother told Jimmy that it was a gift from God and that he should pray to give thanks to God.

A few months later a man came to their door, and Jimmy spoke to him.

"Who was at the door, Jimmy?" his mother asked.

"It was *Him*," Jimmy replied. "He wants the third payment on *his* gift."



Father: "Son, why is your January report card marked so low?"

Son: "Well dad, you know how it is. After Christmas, everything is marked down."



Little Johnny got a squirt gun from his grandma for Christmas. When his mom saw it, she said, "Mom, I'm surprised at you! Don't you remember what happened when you gave me a squirt gun at that age? I used to drive you crazy." "I certainly do!" said the grandma with a smile.



# THE LADIES CIRCLE DECEMBER NEWS

Thank you to the ladies who were able to attend the meeting.

November's devotion was "Homemaking", and brought to light many values of the Proverbs 31 Woman, our Devotion Series for 2019-2020, which we will conclude in the November meeting. Homemaking - "She serves the Lord in diligently caring for the well-being of her home, family and beyond."

If you missed the meeting or didn't receive a copy of the devotion in your mailbox, you can pick up a copy at the Ladies Circle table.

## CHURCH COOKBOOKS

With the holidays and cooking right around the corner, we have cookbooks for purchase in the Narthex for \$10. These cookbooks make nice gifts...for Christmas, Birthday or "just because".

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are being ordered and will be available for our congregation to purchase at \$5 per box. They will be displayed in the Narthex shortly after they arrive.

## **DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING**

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**at 9:30 am**

**In the Education Building**

(Regular monthly meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month)

Call leaders will contact you prior to the meetings.

Note: In order to vote on any business item(s), we need at least

8 attendees at any monthly meeting.

We will continue to practice CDC guidelines with regard to COVID 19...wearing of masks and social distancing.

*CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE & GOD BLESS!*



## **DEC USHERS**

**Bill Neal  
Carl Barnes  
Gage Wolfe  
Luke Mangelsdorf**



## **DEC BIRTHDAYS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Brock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Sidwell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brooklyn Vincent  
5<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Burr  
6<sup>th</sup> Melody Coffin  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Gentz  
27<sup>th</sup> David Coffin  
30<sup>th</sup> Linda Peltz



## **DEC ANNIVERSARIES**

20<sup>th</sup> Bill & Annette McCord  
29<sup>th</sup> George & Margaret Henry

# December 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class	<b>2</b> 1:30 pm Bible Basics 4:15 pm Catechism	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm Bible Class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Elders Mtg	<b>8</b> 8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class	<b>9</b> 1:30 pm Bible Basics 4:15 pm Catechism	<b>10</b> 1:30 pm Bible Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Ladies Circle Meeting
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Council Mtg	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm Bible Basics 4:15 pm Catechism	<b>17</b> 1:30 pm Bible Class	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm Bible Basics 4:15 pm Catechism	<b>24</b>  7:00 pm Worship Service	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Worship Service 	<b>26</b>
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