

# News of Peace



Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

January 2021

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## Happening This Month

Jan. 1	New Year's Day Circumcision & Name of Jesus
Jan. 3	Worship 9 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Mites Sunday
Jan. 4	Elders Mtg. 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 6	Epiphany
Jan. 10	Bapt. of Our Lord 9:00 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 12	Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Worship 9 a.m. Voters Mtg. after Worship
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 24	Worship 9 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.
Jan. 31	Worship 9 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

## The Rich Meaning of Advent

A message by Pastor Gary Brandt

Although the Season of Advent is over as we now are embracing the joy of the Christmas Season, I would like to share with you some information about the rich meaning of Advent, some practices and traditions, and what the various candles on the Advent Wreath symbolize. Advent begins the fourth Sunday before December 25 and ends with midday prayer on December 24. The Church Year begins with Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming into”). It is a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world. The Savior’s birth is second in importance only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the Time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God’s great and gracious gift of Himself. Please take a few minutes to look up these four Bible passages which speak of our waiting for the coming King:

1. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-2.
2. Micah 5:2.
3. Matthew 1:18-25.
4. Luke 1:26-38, 46-55.

Most of these will be very familiar to you. The color for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King. Violet is also used during Advent as a symbol of our repentance in preparation for our coming. We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angels’ song at Christmas, so during Advent we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation. We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ’s coming in the flesh. It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season.



This wreath has four candles—one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus’ coming. The **first candle**, which is blue or purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especial-

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bolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “**Prophecy Candle**” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The **second candle**, also blue or purple, represents faith. It is called the “**Bethlehem Candle**” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. The **third candle** is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “**Shepherd’s Candle**,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. It is to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final blue or purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This **final candle**, the “**Angel’s Candle**,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.” The **white candle** is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “**Christ Candle**” and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity, because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior. We light all five candles during the Twelve Days of Christmas which last from Christmas Eve, December 24, through January 5. (The Epiphany of our Lord, January 6, marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi). Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. For it is now at Christmas that we worship our God made flesh. I hope you can worship the Lord as often as possible, and are filled with the Lord’s deep love He has for you. In spite of COVID 19, other illnesses, aches and pains, grief from the loss of loved ones, issues impacting us from our parents, siblings, or children, NEVER forget that God is control. He has a plan to remedy the situation you’re in. And He will never leave you or forsake you. Remember Paul’s words of hope and encouragement: “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). May you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Gary Brandt

## Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you.

**Our Elders:** Charlie Gifford (816-565-1636), Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Joe Stauch (573-347-2903) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family. To find out which Elder you are assigned to, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



The **deadline** for the Feb. newsletter is **Mon., Jan. 25 at 9 a.m.** If you have an article you want published, or information you want to get out to the whole congregation, prepare it and send it to church email [plccamdenton@gmail.com](mailto:plccamdenton@gmail.com) or Sheryl Bald at [countrygalsf@gmail.com](mailto:countrygalsf@gmail.com).



**T**hank you for your support of the Pocket Change for Mites in 2020. Dec 1, we collected \$19.30. We received additional funds which totaled \$25.94 for a grand total of \$45.24. The total monies collected for 2020 was \$260.87. Our next Mites collection will be Sun., Jan. 3. If you would like to make a donation, the box is located in the back of the church.

LWML

## JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 2	Mark Riemann
Jan. 4	David Bald
Jan. 4	Penny Hansen
Jan. 13	Dale & Gayle Montague
Jan. 22	Jaccy Heinlein
Jan. 26	Earl Hartenstein
Jan. 30	Jeff Emery



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**Our Mission:** “We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God’s children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world.”

Connect with us:

# News From the Church Office

In looking at the **January calendar for Peace Lutheran Church**, there are only a few things that stand out, that you might need to be reminded of.

- We will have installation of Officers and Directors at our January 3, service.
- Elders Meeting is Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
- On Saturday, January 9 at 9 am, we take down the Christmas decorations. Those of you who can, please plan to come. Many hands makes short work of the task.
- The LWML will not be meeting in January.
- Church Council Meeting is January 12 at 6:30 pm.
- Voters Meeting (because of COVID) January 17 after the Sunday Worship.

The church office is manned (literally) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 am until 12 pm. If you need anything call or stop by the church.

Pastor Anderegg will be in the office on Tuesdays from around 9 am until 4 pm. Since other issues sometimes come up, you might call before you come.

Pastor Brandt is at the office on Mondays from around 10 am until 2 pm. He also makes house, hospital and nursing home calls (when not restricted by COVID) many on Mondays. Since other issues sometimes come up, you might call before you come.

Remember if you have an issue and need pastoral support and advice, both Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt are available by cell phone.

- Church Office (during hours) 573-836-3959
- Mic Carlson (anytime)..... 573-216-7884
- Pastor Anderegg..... 573-528-4597
- Pastor Brandt..... 580-421-8108

Mic Carlson



Gary Brandt, Jane Ann Brandt, Pat & Peggy Callahan, Mary Cordry, Norma Flenker, Bob and Penny Hansen and family (death of Dorothy Jost), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Fran Lashley, Lilyann and Tristan Lewis, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Delores Roach (Shelia Hartenstein's sister), Rodney Schulz, Russell Schulz, Diana Schwab, Jack Slow, Joe Stauch, our visitors,

those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and

*Worshiped*  
him.  
MATTHEW 2:11

**Epiphany**  
**January 6, 2021**

## Lessons in Wise Faith

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

- based on Luther's sermon for  
The Festival of the Epiphany (1522)  
Luther's Works

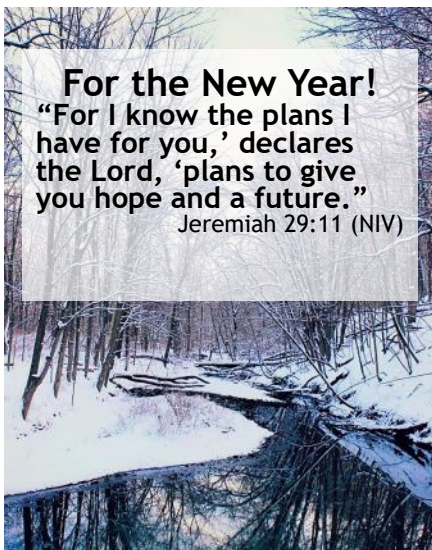
## Comments from Our President

This past year has certainly been a challenge for everyone in many different ways, but I always find myself comforted by my belief in Christianity and that our Lord Jesus Christ will always be looking out for each of us and our congregation.

We have been truly blessed to have two accomplished pastors and a congregation that is committed to the continued growth of our church and the spreading of God's word in our community. The fantastic things that have been accomplished over the last several years has set up an excellent template to follow for many years to come. A big thank you to all for your involvement and dedication, with special thanks to Mic Carlson for his leadership and guidance during those challenging times.

I am honored to become the new congregational president in 2021 and will continue to follow the path of growth currently in place at our church. I look forward to working with everyone to explore different ideas and to expand the influence of our church in our community.

Blessings,  
Jeff Emery



**For the New Year!**  
 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give you hope and a future."  
 Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

## My New Year's Prayer

Another year has passed away  
 With Thee dear Jesus day by day.  
 I thank Thee for Thy blessings giv'n  
 Which guide me safe through life to heav'n.

Lord, I confess my sin to Thee,  
 Deserving not Thy child to be,  
 Forgive my sin and give me grace  
 To live for Thee before Thy face.

Each day Lord Jesus show to me  
 I cannot earn Thy love so free  
 Which is a gift of Thine to man  
 And planned before the world began.

Each day cause me to pray dear Lord;  
 Defend me with Thy Spirit's Sword;  
 Grant me the faith, the strength and hope  
 I need when with my flesh I cope.

Each day cause me my faith to share;  
 With Thee I know I well shall fare.  
 Thy love and patience I will need  
 As I go forth to sow Thy Seed.

Each day cause me respect to show  
 For neighbors high and neighbors low,  
 A humble spirit give to me  
 As I go forth to work for Thee.

And if it is, dear Lord, Thy will  
 To keep me free from ev'ry ill,  
 Teach me true thankfulness to give  
 To Thee as long as I shall live.

Another year begins with Thee!  
 O Savior ever be with me  
 Till when the stor of life is past  
 I'll rest with Thee in heav'n at last.  
*LWML Christian Life*



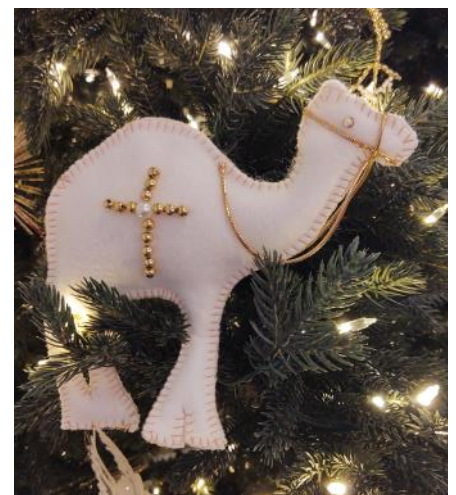
## News

### LWML Christmas Party

Fourteen ladies gathered for the LWML Christmas party on December 11. The menu consisted of soup, salad, and cupcakes from Bake Me Happy Bakery. We played four games with prizes. Game winners were Sara Anderegg, Pastor Brandt, Penny Hansen, and Jaccy Heinlein. The drawing was won by Diane Borgmann. We finished the afternoon with the left right game where Carol Murrell was the winner. Everyone, who attended, had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun.



Party favors were made by Paula Emery.



One of the many Chrismons made by the ladies of Peace.

## From Every One His Witness

Witnessing is about Jesus and delivering people from their hopeless circumstances. How wonderful it is that Jesus comes to broken people like us! But if that is all he does, then we still are without hope. Witnessing is more than coming to people who are enslaved to sin and death; it's about Jesus truly delivering people from their hopeless lives. Without Jesus, our situation is hopeless as it was for the demon possessed man in Mark 5. Like the man, we can do nothing to help ourselves. Our hopelessness is a horrible condition that we are born into condemning us to eternal death. (Eph 2:3) But Eph 2:4-6 tells us that because of His great love and richness in mercy, God came to us when we were hopelessly trapped in sin and death to make us alive in Christ Jesus. **He did not love us from afar, nor did He provide us with instructions for working out our own freedom. No, He came to us in the flesh to bring us back to life and salvation.** He does what no one else can do. He makes the dead come to life. He brings freedom to all people entrapped in inescapable slavery. He provides hope to all who are otherwise hopeless.

Have you ever tried start a conversation about Jesus but found it difficult or uncomfortable to say the right words? Then the Every One His Witness program is designed to help. It shows how to relate to people, how to go about beginning a conversation about Jesus, how to be actively involved in what others have to say and how they say it. Designed by LCMS Pr. Mark Wood at [www.eohw.org](http://www.eohw.org), this instructive and inspiring program gives pointers, insights, and guidelines on how to tell others

guidelines on how to tell others of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Using LASSIE (listen-ask-seek-share-invite-encourage) you will learn three kinds of people that you may encounter - head people, heart people, hands people - and how to interact with



them. Whether it's a friend, fellow worker, people of other faiths or no faith at all, even family members, this program is helpful in bringing others to faith in Christ Jesus.

The newsletter evangelism columns beginning with the Feb 2019 newsletter provides the essentials of the course giving the tools that will help in witnessing for Jesus. The newsletters are posted on the church website at [www.plccamdenton.org](http://www.plccamdenton.org). (And while you're there please visit the Facebook page.) And always remember that everyone is on the evangelism committee.

Russ Schulz, *Evangelism*



## Second Article Apologetics

(New Testament (NT) authors depict events in simple unadorned accounts)

### Reason #9

We have seen that the NT writers were truthful in relating the events from an eyewitness point of view. Now we will see that they wrote in a simple unembellished style to relate those events. Extravagant depictions are good signs that an account is legendary and not true. There are numerous accounts in apocryphal forgeries from the first and second centuries that tell of heads reaching up to Heaven, a walking talking cross coming out of the tomb, the stone being rolled away by itself, two men seen coming down from Heaven and helping Jesus out of the tomb, and a large crowd witnessing all these things - from a false account in a writing called The Gospel of St. Peter. Now that sounds exciting! And embellished! Just the thing for a made up story! The NT contains nothing of the kind. They use bland language and matter-of-fact descriptions in relaying the resurrection account of Jesus. (Mark 16:4-8; Luke 24:2-8; John 20:1-12) And while Matthew's description is more dramatic, it contains nothing like the legendary Gospel of Peter. If the NT writers were making up stories about Jesus, they certainly would've adorned their accounts with exceedingly fantastic and bizarre details of much longer descriptions - especially one

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their accounts with exceedingly fantastic and bizarre details of much longer descriptions - especially one of such great importance as Christ's Resurrection. They might've even said that they witnessed the Resurrection themselves or made themselves the heroes by overpowering the guards, rolling away the stone in front of the tomb and helping Jesus exit. But their Gospels contain none of these. They were concerned with "getting it right," of telling the true history of Jesus in concise, simple language that everyone could understand. They were not out to self-grandiose themselves, but rather they wanted to do what Christ told them to do: to tell all nations. Good evidence that they told the truth!

(From Ten Top Reasons – a chapter from: I Don't Have the Faith to Be an Atheist by Geisler and Turek)

Russ Schulz, *Evangelism*

## A New Year for Thrivent Choice Dollars®

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Peace in mind. You are able to direct the dollars when you want throughout the year. The funds are deposited after the month the funds are directed.

**Any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars should be directed in mid January and no later than March 31, 2021.**

For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

Walt Disney is trying to do a good thing. Disney is giving a free day's admission to the first one million guests who spend a day doing volunteer work. Of course there are those who look upon Disney's gesture with a skeptical eye. For example, Duncan Dickson, an instructor in theme park management, a school of study which I didn't know existed, says the idea is a "smart marketing move." He also says Disney is going to get a ton of free publicity. I can't argue with that since this Daily Devotion is already sharing the story with tens of thousands of people. To top off his critique of the Disney offer, Dickson said, "They'll make their money in other ways." After all, he commented, "You make a lot of money in popcorn and T-shirts and other things." When the writer to the Hebrews wrote his epistle, he knew nothing of popcorn and T-shirts. On the other hand he did know what Christians are supposed to do.

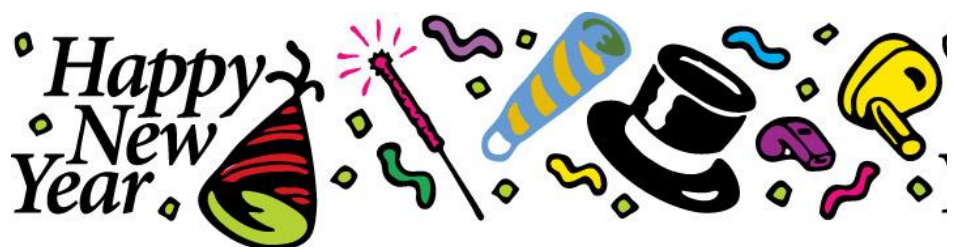


- Christians are supposed to stir each other up so they might reflect the love of the Lord Jesus to others.
- Christians are supposed to stir each other up to the doing of good deeds.
- Christians are supposed to encourage each other, to support each other in fellowship and worship.

Why? Because the world's clock and our individual timepiece is ticking away. The Lord Jesus who gave Himself for our salvation is coming back. He, who suffered, died, and rose so we might be saved has entrusted us to share His story with others. It's a job we're glad to do. After all, we want people to be ready for that unknown day and hour. We want them to be in heaven with us. After all, given a choice between having my family and friends spend a day at Disney or an eternity in paradise... well, that's just not much of a choice. After all, Disney can only advertise itself as being the happiest place on earth...

**Prayer:** Dear Lord let my actions show to others the importance of the Savior's salvation. Before the Day of Judgment comes, may I witness to those around me the love and grace He gives. This I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

(from an October 13, 2009 devotion given by Pr. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus for The Lutheran Hour)



# Members *in ACTION*

Members are preparing for the Christmas season. Thank you to all who gathered together to help decorate the church for Christmas.



David is cleaning up the bigger pieces of wood from a tree that was cut down in November.

Photo by: Carol Murrell



## Planning for a New Year!

It's a new year. It's a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It's a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often, we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless, but it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So, here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions:

- Who are you?
- To whom do I give?
- And how much?

So, who are you? The Table of Duties in the *Luther's Small Catechism* informs us. Are you a hearer of God's Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three estates: church, society, and family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties, and our questions arise in giving to the Church.

So, what is our duty as members of the Church with regard to giving? Again, the Table of Duties, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer – a member of the Church who receives instruction – St. Paul taught: "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the Church, He has the local congregation in mind. For "the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are to give:

- Regularly (1 Cor. 6:1–2);
- Proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12);
- Generously (2 Cor. 8:20);
- Of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30); and
- With a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

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In other words, giving to the Church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: Do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).



It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the Gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

*from the LCMS website*

**Thanks to all** who ordered poinsettias. They provided a beautiful backdrop for our services this Christmas season.



### Membership Transfers

The following members have asked for their transfer:

- Norma Flenker to Christ Lutheran, Platte Woods, MO
- Ron and Ann Mueller to Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Myrtle Beach, SC



## January Worship Schedule

**January 3**      **Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Richard Anderegg  
**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Nicene Creed  
**Hymns:** 366, 368, 376, 370

**January 10**      **The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt  
**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Nicene Creed  
**Hymns:** 397 (1-3), 725, 383, 397 (4-5)

**January 17**      **Second Sunday a. the Epiphany**  
**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Richard Anderegg  
**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed  
**Hymns:** 400 (1-3), 783, 704, 400 (4-5)

**January 24**      **Third Sunday a. the Epiphany**  
**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt  
**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed  
**Hymns:** 801 (1-2), 390, 394, 801 (3-4)

**January 31**      **Fourth Sunday a. the Epiphany**  
**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Richard Anderegg  
**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed  
**Hymns:** 410 (1-3), 842, 685, 410 (4-6)

## Servants of God for January

**Elder:** Jeff Hedberg  
**Altar Guild:** Vicki Stauch

**January 3**  
**Organist:** Pastor Gary Brandt  
**Ushers:** Robert Hansen, Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels, Mark Riemann  
**Counters:** Joe & Vicki Stauch

**January 10**  
**Organist:** Diana Schwab  
**Ushers:** Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein, Jeff Emery, Paula Emery  
**Counters:** Bob & Diane Borgmann

**January 17**  
**Organist:** None  
**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz  
**Counters:** Mic Carlson

### January 24

**Organist:** Diana Schwab  
**Ushers:** Jeff Hedberg, Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz  
**Counters:** Ed & Jacey Heinlein

### January 31

**Organist:** Pastor Gary Brandt  
**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg  
**Counters:** Joe & Vicki Stauch

## December 8 Council Meeting

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer. The following Council members were present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Russell Schulz, Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt. Bob Borgmann, Diane Borgmann, Dawn Hedberg, Susan Kral, Chuck Kral, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell were absent. Incoming Vice President Bob Hansen and Director of Education Sara Anderegg were present. The minutes from the November 10 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** Vicki presented her report. Giving has increased significantly from 2019. The report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Rita presented her report. The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** Mic Carlson presented Bob Mueller's report.

- Our membership consists of 74 baptized with 65 of those confirmed.
- Recent comment from members was that they thought everyone should wear masks at church. The Elders and Pastors discussed it at length. The consensus was that we were not comfortable with requiring masks, but we would strongly encourage them.
- We have two requests for transfer. Norma Flenker to Christ Lutheran, Platte Woods, MO, Ron & Ann Mueller to Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Myrtle Beach, SC. The requests will be processed and sent. The report was accepted and approved.

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann called in no report.

**Member at Large:** Carol Murrell called in no report.

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**Trustees:** Did a great job in setting up the Christmas decorations and working through the lighting. (Mic's comment)

- The two additional handicap signs for parking, requested at the last Council meeting were installed. Thanks Chuck. (Mic comment)
- Rodney Schulz blew the leaves away at the Cemetery. (Russell Schulz)

**Education:** No report.

We asked Sara to share her thoughts as she approached her new assignment. Sara said she had just begun to think about some of the things we might do.

- Wednesday morning women's Bible study, perhaps in homes or at the church.
- Obviously Sunday School is difficult without children, but they would be prepared.
- Perhaps consider sponsoring a Vacation Bible School this coming summer.
- Just beginning to get her thoughts together.

**Evangelism:** Russell reviewed some of the things he had been working on:

- Reviewing Barna.
- Looking at our advertising. Basically 75 percent of what was budgeted is already committed.
- Working with Life Line, will take the first available date they can provide us.
- Discussed beginning the new service to reach new moves in our service area. Our discussion included perhaps not beginning until we saw where COVID was headed.
- Russell's report was approved and accepted.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Cemetery Committee:** No report

**Pastors Reports:** Pastors Anderegg and Brandt reported the following.

- They attended the circuit pastor's conference today. Pastor Anderegg led the Bible study.
- May 11, 2021, Peace will host the Circuit Conference.
- Advent services will be held on December 9, and 16 at 6:00 PM.
- The Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 PM.
- His report was accepted and approved.

**Old Business:** President Mic Carlson reported the following.

- The Planning/Finance Committee is working to complete the presentation materials for a special Voters Meeting. With everything that is going on with COVID, it has not received the priority it should.

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- We continue to seek ways to stream our worship services to homebound through Facebook or other service. If anyone knows of someone who can help with selecting and setting up the needed equipment please let Mic know. We have two suggestions from the Elders that I will be following up with.
- The letter requesting support for donations for Christmas gifts for the Lewis children were put in your mail boxes on December 2. Those that were not picked up though December 7 were mailed out today.

**New Business:** President Mic Carlson reported the following.

- He reviewed the audit that was completed for November. He noted he is auditing activity in our General Fund Account, the Cemetery Account and the LCEF account.
- He has prepared documentation for our new President to help him as he starts his new job in January.
- He commented on what a busy time of the year it was for the Pastors. In addition to the regular Sunday services, they also had to prepare for Thanksgiving Eve, three Advent Services, and Christmas Eve service. He noted that totals up to five additional services to prepare for including preparing a sermon for each of those services. Thanks to our Pastors. Mic's reports were accepted and approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Brandt closed with a Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mic Carlson for Susan Kral, *Secretary*





# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Circumcision & Name of Jesus 	<b>2</b> Mark Riemann
<b>3</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	<b>4</b> Elders Meeting 9:30 am David Bald Penny Hansen	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Take down Christmas decorations 9 am
<b>10</b> Worship: Baptism of Our Lord 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	<b>11</b> No LWML Mtg.	<b>12</b> Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Dale & Gayle Montague	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 9 am Voters Meeting after worship	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline 9 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Jaccy Heinlein	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Earl Hartenstein	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Jeff Emery
<b>31</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am						





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### Worship Schedules

Sunday Worship\* 9:00 am  
 Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

### Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

### Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday\* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday\* 9:00 am

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

### Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

\**Holy Communion*

### The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am  
 Charlie Gifford—*Chairman*; Jeff Hedberg, Joe Stauch

**Council—2nd Tuesday** 6:30 pm  
 Jeff Emery—*President*; Bob Hansen—*Vice President*  
 Susan Kral—*Secretary*; Vicki Stauch—*Financial Secretary*  
 Rita Riemann—*Treasurer*

- **Stewardship** As announced  
 Dawn Hedberg—*Chairman*

- **Evangelism** As announced  
 Russell Schulz—*Chairman*

- **Education**  
 Sara Anderegg

- **Trustees** As announced  
 Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Mark Riemann, Pat Callahan

**LWML—2nd Monday of each month** 9:30 am  
 Sheryl Bald—*President*

- Altar Guild** As announced  
 Diane Borgmann

- Bible Studies** As announced  
 • *Elected Offices*