



**Newsletter
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Happy New Year

*May the Lord bless you
and keep you. May His favor
shine upon you. May you be
filled with His peace!*

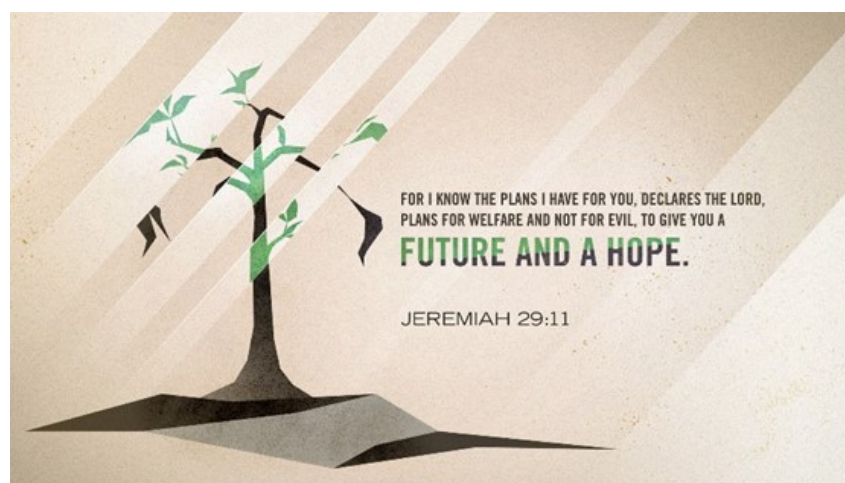


[Hope For The Broken Hearted.com](http://HopeForTheBrokenHearted.com)

Hope For The New Year

Whew! We made it! We made it to the beginning of another year! I don't know anyone who is sorry to see 2020 leave. There is a lot that has happened and took place over this past year. Most of it centered around the COVID-19 virus. That virus and the political fall-out has made us all change the way we live. Many places require masks to be worn, businesses have been shut-down (some never to reopen), riots in the streets as gangs had taken over sections of cities and the call to defund the police. Then there is the isolation from loved ones who are in care facilities and the isolation that we have all felt from one another. Some have lost jobs and businesses while there are others who have lost loved ones.

How appropriate it is that Christmas comes at the end of the year. When we have just lived through a year like 2020, when daylight is at its least and when the world seems to be darkest, there is a Light that cuts through the darkness to give us hope. That is what Christmas is all about. Christ came as a baby to give you hope! Hope that there are better days yet to come. The Lord speaking through the prophet Jeremiah (29:11) says, ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*** This



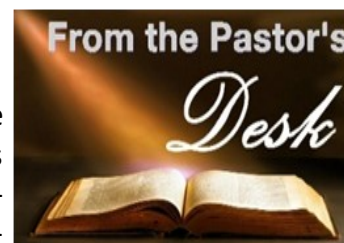
verse is very comforting as we enter a new year, hoping and praying that it will be a better year than the last. But the future and hope that the Lord speaks of, is the hope of eternal life! The hope of the resurrection to come! The hope that this little baby, born and placed in a manger came to pay the price for your sins and the sins of the whole world so that all those who believe in Him many be saved! It is our hope in Christ that helps us as we tackle the problems that we face in this world. As St. Paul says in Romans 5:2-5, ***"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and***

we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." While this world will have its struggles we look forward to the best day yet to come when Christ returns. We get a glimpse of that day in Revelation 21 (:3-5), ***"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"*** No more Covid-19, no more isolation, no more riots, no more sickness and no more death! When Christ returns, we along with all those who believe in Christ, will be raised from the dead to the new life and the new creation that God has prepared for us!

This is the hope and the future that Jeremiah is talking about and it is this hope and future that we look forward to! This is our hope for the new year because we know that in Christ, the best is yet to come!

Sola Deo Gloria!

Pastor Kohlmeyer



ST. JOHN AND IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

Hey, Parents...

Parents, please make sure the Church office knows when your graduate is going off to college. We would like to have their address and email so we can keep them in touch with what is going on in Church.

Preschool News

Hello everyone! Our first day back to Preschool is January 5th. Since it is not a full week we will be reviewing many things we have learned so far. Our new numbers this month are 11, 12, and 13. Our new letters are s, j, and d. We will be learning many other new things to start out the new year.

One of our themes is All about Winter/Ice and Snow. We will be making snow dough, learning fun facts about snow, the life cycle of a snowflake and looking at real pictures of snowflakes with magnifying glasses. Our other theme is Animals in Winter/Hibernation. We are going to explore what animals hibernate, migrate, or adapt in the winter and what they do to survive. We will also do a How do animals stay warm in the winter? science experiment.

For Jesus time this month our Bible stories are: Zacchaeus, Jesus Feeds the 5,000, Jesus Calms the Sea, and Moses & the 10 Plagues. We will also tie Jesus time into our themes. We will be exploring how no two snowflakes are alike just like us. Thinking about how awesome it is God made it that way.

From the Preschool Room

Concordia University, Nebraska News

A blessed and merry Christmas from Concordia University, Nebraska!

Do you know a high school senior still exploring their college options? If so, they should look at Concordia. Whether they want to prepare for [full-time ministry in the LCMS](#) or be equipped for a career in [business](#), [medicine](#) or [\[cune.edu/ag\]agriculture](#), hone their [talent as a musician](#) or [compete as a student-athlete](#), they can do all that and more at this Christ-centered, Lutheran university where 100% of faculty and staff are Christian. With 98% of graduates employed or in graduate school within 6 months, an out of pocket cost that is competitive with public universities, and students who report that their faith in Christ grew during their time on campus, Concordia is Nebraska's university with value(s). Encourage them to learn more and apply during their Christmas and New Year break at www.cune.edu/apply.

The 114 members of [Congregations for Concordia University, Nebraska](#) (CCUNE), a university auxiliary, are providing more than \$200,000 in scholarships during the 2020-21 academic year to more than 185 students in all fields of study. These automatic \$1,100 annual scholarships are made possible by each congregation's yearly dues for CCUNE. LCMS congregations that want to learn more about joining CCUNE are invited to contact Kurth Brashear at 402-643-7487 or Holly Matzke at 402-643-7468.

A university of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, **Concordia University, Nebraska** offers degrees in more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, is recognized as a Top 40 and Best Value university in the Midwest by US News & World Report, and is the leading provider of church workers in the LCMS. Learn more at www.cune.edu

Immanuel's Christmas Eve Service



ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & GREETERS

Birthday Celebrations

- 3 Harlea Thies
- 6 Barb Jenkins
- 9 Kim Bartels
- 10 Tyler Bartels,
Gordon Robison
- 11 Marcel Kohlmeyer
- 12 **Merlyn Staathoff**
- 13 Dixie Gottula
- 15 Glenna Klein
- 17 Jackson Haughton
- 18 Isaac Beethe
- 19 **Elaine Harms**
- 20 Sharon Mandery
- 30 Steve Klein, **Sarah Dean**
- 31 Kirk Bartels,
Richie Lowther

Anniversary Celebrations

- 8 Brad & Rachel Goracke (27 yrs)
- 12 Duane & Rosie Sugden (57 yrs)
- 15 Jeff & Sarah Dean (16 yrs)
- 18 Dwayne & Jeanne Bartels (52 yrs)
- 21 Randy & Kerri Miller (15 years)

*Immanuel Members in **Bold***

Greeters

- Jan 3 Ron & Joyce Rathe
Sharon Williams
- Jan 10 Fred & Petey Pooch
Larry & Donna Rathe
- Jan 17 Steve Nolte
Jeff & Sarah Dean
- Jan 24 Eric Moran Family
Meryln Staathhoff
- Jan 31 Sarah Robison
Duane & Rosie Sugden

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 Janet Lueders
- 2 Sharon Lintz
- 3 Leo Thiesen
- 8 Dwayne Bartels
- 12 David Bane
- 13 Lilianna Redmond
- 14 Steve Nolte
- 19 Kevin McKinney
- 21 Marcel Kohlmeyer
- 22 Madalyn Kohlmeyer
- 23 Jonathan Schmid, **Linda Eis**
- 24 Carolyn Beethe
- 27 Presley Juilfs, Amber Lowther
- 28 Tyler Bartels, Aiden Ramsey
- 29 Dixie Gottula
- 30 Kim Bartels



MONTHLY SERVANTS OF GOD

St. John's

Altar Guild
Fréd & Pétz Pooch

Elder of the Month
David Borrénpohl
(402) 429-5463

Trustee of the Month

Fréd Pooch
(402) 335-7044

Immanuel

Flower Committee

Rachel Goraek & Donna Rath

Elder of the Month

Acolytes

No Acolytes for the month

Acolytes



Pastor office hours: Please call for appointment
Secretary office hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

January 2021

(C) = Services with Holy Communion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office: 335-3816 Parsonage: 335-9117					1	2
3 Second Sunday after Christmas (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	4 Pastor's Family Day	5 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	6 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Midweek / Confirmation (St. John's) 4:30 pm Bible Study (Immanuel) 7:00 pm Joint Elder Meeting (Immanuel) 8:00pm	7 Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm	8	9
10 The Baptism of Our Lord Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School 9:30 am Voter's Meeting [Immanuel] Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Contemporary Service [St. John's] 10:30 am Special Voter's Meeting (St. John's) 11:30 pm	11 Pastor's Family Day	12 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3 Circuit Meeting (Humboldt) 9:30 am	13 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Midweek / Confirmation (St. John's) 4:30 pm Bible Study (Immanuel) 7:00 pm Joint Council Meeting (Immanuel) 8:00 pm	14	15	16
17 Second Sunday after Epiphany (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	18 Pastor's Family Day	19 Newsletter Deadline Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3 Priscilla's (St. John's) 5:00 pm	20 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Midweek / Confirmation (St. John's) 4:30 pm Bible Study (Immanuel) 7:00 pm	21 Stewardship Meeting 6:00 pm (St. John's) Council Meeting (St. John's) 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Third Sunday after Epiphany Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Women of Immanuel [Immanuel] 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am Voter's Meeting [St. John's] 11:30 am	25 Pastor's Family Day	26 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	27 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Midweek / Confirmation (St. John's) 4:30 pm Bible Study (Immanuel) 7:00 pm	28	29	30
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