



**Newsletter
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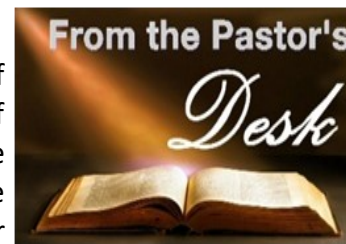
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Led to the Light of Christ

December and January are typically the darkest months of the year because of the lack of sunlight. For many, these days are dark, not because of the lack of sunlight but because of the lack of Son-light. There are many people who live their lives apart from the light of Christ. Are you someone who is missing the Son-light? Are missing out on hearing Christ's Word and the refreshment of your soul in the Lord's Supper?



On January 6th, we will be entering the Epiphany season. Epiphany means, **“to shine through or manifestation or appearance.”** To learn more about Epiphany, Concordia Publishing House has a nice, short video that explains the season. You can find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPAFQakL-JE>. The Epiphany season is about Jesus who is manifested or revealed to the world. Throughout the season, Jesus is revealed as God's Son who has come for you! For the Magi, Jesus is revealed as they were led by a star to Bethlehem.

At His baptism, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God and again on Transfiguration Sunday as His glory is revealed to the disciples.

We do not have a star that leads us to Jesus but we have the Church which shines as a beacon, pointing all to the true Son-light - the Light of the World, Christ the Savior! It is in Church that Christ shines His light upon us through the proclamation of His Word, through the reception of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. It is the light of Christ which breaks the darkness of the problems of life! It brings joy in these tough days because Christ has taken on all our problems and overcome them all through His life, death and resurrection victory!

No matter what the dark days of winter or life brings, we can always rejoice because we can always bask in the Son-light!

*In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.*

-- As with Gladness Men of Old – LSB 397:2

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! I hope all of you have a blessed Christmas and New Year! We will be starting Preschool up again on January 4th.

Since the first week back will be short we will review things we have been working on. Then the 3 year olds will continue to practice recognizing the numbers 0-10. While the 4 & 5 year olds will continue with a number a week and go through 20. This month we will learn the letters d,p,b, and r.

We will be doing a winter theme. This will include snow & ice, snowflakes, what to wear, and polar animals. We will end the month and go into February with a Fairytale theme.

We will gear up again with Jesus time. We had used that time to practice for our Christmas program. We will continue now with Chapel and a new Bible story each week.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the preschoolers again. We will have a fun month learning about all the things of winter.

Mrs. Walters



Grief Support Group to Begin January 9

A series of weekly grief support meetings are planned beginning Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Tecumseh Library.

These meetings will use materials from griefshare.org. There will be no cost to attendees as memorials for Dave Holthus and St. John's Lutheran Church are sponsors of the program.

Although all situations are different, this is an opportunity for those experiencing grief to meet with others who share their journey and to offer fellowship and support to any who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

If you are interested in this group, please come on January 9. For more information, contact Patti Holthus at 402-335-0163 or volunteer facilitator Karen Wolken at 402-335-0392.



Christmas Cantata



“King of Love”

Words cannot express my gratitude to everyone who helped make our Christmas Cantata a wonderful success! Special thanks to our wonderful accompanist, choir, readers and those who worked behind the scenes baking cookies, running the sound, creating and printing programs, doing the live feed, and serving and cleaning up during the reception. Everything came together beautifully! God's blessings to all of you and Merry Christmas!

Kevin McKinney



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District Synod & Mission Central News

2022 Marches for Life

There are several opportunities to publicly confess the God-given value of all human life during Marches for Life around the United States in 2022. Mark your calendars and register to participate for free in the following marches:

- Jan. 8, 2022 — Chicago
- Jan. 21, 2022 — Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 22, 2022 — San Francisco
- Jan. 25, 2022 — Topeka, Kan.
- Jan. 29, 2022 — Lincoln, Neb.

March 19, 2022 — St. Louis

Registration is required, and LCMS Life Ministry will be communicating with registrants to provide location details and important pandemic-related information. [Register via the LCMS Office of National Mission's new volunteer portal.](#)

To learn more or to order LCMS Life Ministry apparel and gear, visit lcms.org/life-ministry/march-for-life or email lifeministry@lcms.org.

The **Nebraska Walk for Life** will be taking place on Saturday, January 29. Fellow Lutherans for Life are welcome to attend a brief worship service at the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church at 724 South 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. The service will start at 8:45 a.m. and then the group will walk 3 or 4 blocks to the State Capitol building where they will hear from various speakers (10 a.m.). The group will then walk through downtown Lincoln to the UNL Student Union (14th and R) where they will hear from Ashley Bratcher, star of the movie "*Unplanned*." Please join the group as they walk for life. Donations of size 3-6 diapers and/or boxes of wipes are welcome in support of Forward (a ministry assisting families of Lincoln with these consumables).

People can register to join the [Nebraska Walk for Life here](#).

MISSION CENTRAL

Plan now to take a group from your congregation out to visit [Mission Central](#) 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa to hear from these missionaries. [What in the world is Mission Central? Click here to read about this not normal place.](#)

Missionary visits:

January 8, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. James Sharp and family](#), Uruguay

January 19, 2022, 1:00, [Missionary nurse Tirzah Krey](#), Latin America and Caribbean Region

February 26, 2022, 1:00, [Jamielynn Tinkey Flores](#) and Vicar Rafael Flores, Latin America and Caribbean Region

March 29, 2022, 1:00, [Cindy Wrucke](#), Czech Republic

June 18, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Steve Oliver and family](#), Taiwan

July 9, 2022, 1:00, [Barbara Rebentisch](#), Taiwan

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ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & GREETERS

Birthday Celebrations

- 3 **Harlea Thies**
- 6 Barb Jenkins
- 9 Kim Bartels
- 10 Tyler Bartels
- 11 Marcel Kohlmeyer
- 12 **Merlyn Saathoff**
- 13 Dixie Gottula, Glenna Klein
- 15 **Terryn Saathoff**
- 17 Jackson Haughton
- 19 **Elaine Harms**
- 20 Sharon Mandary
- 28 Lyla Theisen
- 30 Steve Klein, **Sarah Dean**
- 31 Kirk Bartels,
Richie Lowther

Anniversary Celebrations

- 8 **Brad & Rachel Goracke (28 yrs)**
- 12 **Duane & Rosie Sugden (58 yrs)**
- 18 Duane & Janene Bartels (53 yrs)
- 21 Randy & Kerri Miller (16 yrs)

*Immanuel Members in **Bold***

Greeters

- Jan 2 John & Amy Borrenpohl
Jim Williams
- Jan 9 Les & Linda Branting
Sharon Williams
- Jan 16 Ken & Deb Brinkman
Larry & Donna Rathe
- Jan 23 Larry & LuAnn Carmine
Jeff & Sarah Dean
- Jan 30 Jennifer Brinkman
Merlyn Saathoff

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 Janet Lueders
- 2 Sharon Lintz
- 3 Leo Theisen
- 8 Dwayne Bartels
- 12 David Bane
- 13 Lillianna Redmond
- 14 Steve Nolte
- 19 Kevin McKinney
- 21 Marcel Kohlmeyer
- 22 Madalyn Kohlmeyer
- 23 Jonathan Schmid,
Linda Eis
- 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

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Elder of the Month

David Borzenpohl
(402) 429-5463

Trustee of the Month

Del Lirman
(402) 269-8004

Immanuel

Flower Committee

Patti Harms & Rosie Sugden

Elder of the Month

Jon Rathz
(402) 866-2142

Acolytes

Jan 2 Reese McDonald &
Cadenz McDonald

Jan 9 Wesley Schmid &
Sophia Schmid

Jan 16 Andrew Kohlmeier &
Jackson Haughton

Jan 23 Logan Barras &
Blayzen Kress

Jan 30 Gabrielle Kohlmeier &
Madalyn Kohlmeier

Acolytes

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

January 2022

(C) = Services with Holy Communion

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