

THE MESSENGER

December Messenger 2021

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.’” Luke 2:13-14

Dear friends, we are here at the Advent season again. It seems like we just celebrated Memorial Day. How the year has gone by so quickly.

I am so truly blessed to have the privilege of shepherding such a loving family as the family Of Christ Lutheran Church.

We may be a small church like so many but we are all truly blessed. Yes, we have had a few members leave us to go home to be with God, but we have so much more energy and love that God is still working in us. We have helped people this year in so many ways. A World War II gentleman living at the VA nursing home in St. Augustine had no blankets and was cold. Our quilters told me to take him a quilt for which he was most grateful. We gathered pajama's for needy children. I almost could not grasp 1500 children in foster care and needing things like pajamas. We are going to be gathering clothes and toys for children and mothers in the abuse center again this year. Last year was such a success, and it brought so much joy to all of us just to be able to help.

We have been able to purchase equipment thanks to Pat Ganster, Phyllis Lytle and all of the counsel who worked so hard to make sure that we were putting money away in our bank accounts so that we did not have to dip into our savings. Our church counsel has worked so hard for our church and I am most proud of all that they have accomplished. Sandy and the hospitality crew helped put on the Soup Supper, Ice Cream Social and our Pot Luck dinner which were all great successes. We will be having our Advent dinner on Sunday Nov. 28th and I know that it will be a success as well. We are so fortunate and God has seen our church through the good times as well as the bad. My prayer this Christmas is that we may all look deep into our hearts and souls and realize all of the wonderful ways in which God has enriched our lives. Yes, we all have aches and pains and some of us are at home and not able to attend, but there are so many people praying for each of us that I can't help but think that there is no way that any of us could feel alone and uncared. God cares no matter what. He knows the very number of hairs on your head.

Let us go along with the Magi on their quest for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and rejoice in the birth of our Savior who has come to save us all from sin and Satan. Merry Christmas and God's Peace and Grace to each and every one of you and your families.

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor John
God's Peace and Grace to All

Dear Members and Friends of CLC,

Well, we are entering a new phase of the history of Christ Lutheran Church. At the annual meeting this year, it was decided to try and sell our building. THIS IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH. WE WILL ALWAYS WORSHIP TOGETHER BUT JUST IN A SMALLER FACILITY. We are working out the details with a realtor and will keep the congregation posted as we progress.

On to a way for us to give to others at this time of year. I would like to suggest that on Sunday, December 12, 2021 we have a food drive for Church on the Rock. The cold days ahead will be harder on the homeless and any food we can donate will be very appreciated. In addition, gloves, warm hats, and ladies and men socks are always needed.
Pat Ganster

Now on to other activities we are having:

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| Sunday - Dec. 12th: | Cantata
Christmas donations for Church on
the Rock |
| Friday - December 17th - 11:30 a.m. | Secret Sister Luncheon |
| Friday - December 24th - 4:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service
Holy Communion |

Family Life Christmas

We had a wonderful response to the Christmas gifts for the family at Family Life Center. Thank you all!

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Dear Members and Friends:...

In order to ensure the safety of all, Christ Lutheran Church is taking careful precautions to keep the building clean and safe and sanitized.

In an emergency, please contact Pastor John at:
386-503-9933.

Be safe and well. God Bless each and every one of you.

Pastor John and Church Council

Quilters:

The quilters have been busy working on their quilts. They are now back working here at the church. In preparing for our group meetings, we are in need additional fabric. Also, you may, of course, donate money so we can purchase supplies. Thanks for all your help. All are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed, just a desire to help.

Prayer Concerns

Al Spitz, Paul Julch and Judy Julch, Larry Phillips and George Bertish.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Marjorie Matthews, Rosemarie Robinson, George Bertish.

Flowers In Honor Of or In Memory Of

If members wish to place flowers In Memory Of, or In Honor Of a loved one, the member may purchase and place a rose in a vase on the altar. Please let the office know, via e-mail if possible, at least one week in advance that you are doing this so it can be entered in the bulletin. If you do not have e-mail you may call the church office (437-4113).

December

2 Marjorie Flanagan
9 Herta Roeoffs
10 Ruth Rehme
Grace Lorenz
16 Clarice Gildred
24 Erika Roach
25 Richard Irwin
26 Lyn Strawser

**During December we will
be praying for all those
celebrating the birth of
Christ and traveling to be
with family.**



VOLUNTEERS for December, 2021

2021	5th	12th	19st	24th	26th
Altar Care	Helen Johnson		Helen Johnson		
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Tracy Halcomb	Joan Irwin	
Lector					Don Roach
Ushers	Pete Ganster Bill Streett	Pete & Carmen Seidel	Mike & Harriet Hinson	Don & Erika Roach	Pete Ganster
Sound Board	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	Pete Seidel	Pete Seidel	Pete Ganster
Computer	Linda Dyer	Sue Spinelli	Phyllis Lytle	Pat Ganster	Sue Spinelli