

January 2021

Elder: Curt Anderson

Altar Guild: Dave and Shelly Aldrich

Stewardship: Ashley Bultman



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
					1 <i>Welcome 2021</i>	2 No worship
3 10:30 am Worship* Installation of Officers 11:30 am Voters Mtg Usher Team: Larry Van Wyhe Acolytes: Makiya & Tessa Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	4	5	6 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 6:00 Worship *
10 8:30 am Elders Mtg 9:15 am SS & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Council Mtg Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Acolytes: Karlee, Jessen Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	11	12	13 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	14	15	16 6:00 Worship
17 9:15 am SS & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship* 11:30 am Voter's Meeting Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Acolytes: Justin & Tristen Camera: Katrina Burt A/v: Randy Klaus Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	18	19	20 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	21	22	23 6:00 Worship *
24 9:15 am SS & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Denny Peters Acolytes: Addison & Emrie Camera: Dakota Allen A/V; Daune Aldrich Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	25	26	27 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	28	29	30 6:00 Worship
31 9:15 am SS & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Josh Breugem Acolytes: Ani & Kelan Camera: A/V: Mandie Allen Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman						

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2021

PRESIDENT

Bill Buryanek (2022)*

VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Murren (2021)*

SECRETARY

Deb Kratochvil (2021)*

ELDERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Dave Zierke (2021) A-Burt

Curt Anderson (2021) Buryanek-Hass*

Derek Allen (2022) Hazel-Kooi

JP Breugem (2023) Kool-Peck

Jon Burt (2023) Peters-Tepe

Denny Peters (2022) Thorpe-Z

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Scott Jungers (2021)

Ashley Bultman (2022)*

Sharilyn Buryanek (2022)

TREASURER

Tracy DeBruin (2021)*

TRUSTEES

Brian VanderHamm (2022)*

Brett Anderson (2022)

Austin Benda (2021)

Mike Kruid (2021)

FINANCE BOARD

Mindy Burt (2021)

Tracie McManaman (2021)

Mandi Allen (2022)

Dave Aldrich (2022)

Linda Bockelman (2022)

Holly Breugem (2022) *

BOARD OF ED & YOUTH

Kara Vander Hamm (2022) *

Samantha Anderson (2021)



Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex. Discard your box for 2020 and start using the new 2021 envelopes now.

Pastor Lowe and family wish to thank everyone for their kind Christmas cards and gifts. We are blessed to be together with you all in the Blessed One, Jesus Christ!



Coming up...

End-of-the-year giving statements for 2020 will be available in the narthex in the next couple weeks.

Hymn of the Month

"The Only Son from Heaven"

LSB 402



This hymn is written by Elizabeth Cruciger a former nun, and the first Lutheran woman hymn writer who lived from 1500-35. Her daughter eventually married one of Luther's children and her son took over Melancthon's place in Wittenberg, where she lived. This is a wonderful Epiphany hymn with a beautifully haunting tune composed around the same time.

All the officers have 2 yr. terms under the constitution except Elders, which is a 3 yr. term. No officer can serve more than 3 consecutive terms.

Church council consists of chairmen of all boards and committees, and presidents of all auxiliary organizations. Year listed after the name is the expiration of term.

*Indicates Council member

January at Trinity:

- * There will be a short Voter's meeting on Sunday, January 3 at 11:30 am to approve the 2021 budget.
- * Catechism (5:45 pm) and Bible Study (7:00 pm) start again on Wednesday, January 6.
- * Sunday, January 10 at 8:30 am there is an Elder's meeting.
- * Church Council meets after services on Sunday, January 10.
- * Voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17 after services.

Youth Group

To be determined, based on Covid restrictions.

Reminder:

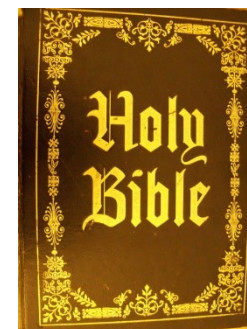
Our **old** address: PO Box 311
Our **new** address: 1103 Central Avenue

We now receive mail at the church in a locked mail box. Please use the church's physical address of 1103 Central Avenue.
Thank you!



**WISDOM COMES FROM GOD, AND
HE IMPARTS UNDERSTANDING
TO US THROUGH HIS WORD.**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him"
(James 1:5).



Covid Procedures



It is our hope to continue in-person worship; To do so, please consider the following:

1. If you're sick, awaiting test results, or a member of your family is sick, please stay home.
2. If your health is especially vulnerable, please consider staying home.
3. Washing hands, distancing, and masks are encouraged.
4. Putting the best construction on other's actions and being responsible decision makers for yourself and family is critical for these days.
5. Please contact pastor if you have questions and concerns, and **ESPECIALLY** if you are sick.
6. If you're worshipping at home or wish to receive private communion (pastor can wear a mask, etc.), please let pastor know.

“Main Street Living” and “This Is the Life” programming information for January, 2021

January 3 airing

This Is the Life – This episode, “A Friend in Deed” explores the Christians duty to forgive those who have done us wrong.

Worship Service - Rev. Richard Merrill of St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, IA delivers the message “A Few More Gifts” based on Ephesians 1:3-14

January 10 airing

This Is the Life – The “God of Love” illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear.

Worship Service – Rev. Jason Letsche of First Lutheran Church in Kingsley, IA delivers the message.

January 17 airing

This Is the Life – Children can be a very effective witness.

This episode, “Adrift”, discusses the effectiveness of children who witness for Christ.

Worship Service – Rev. Henry Witte of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE delivers the message “Glorify God in Your Body” based on 1 Corinthians 6:20.

January 24 airing

This Is the Life – This black and white presentation deals with making opportunities from problems. The program is called “The Hand of God”.

Worship Service – Lutherans for Life Sunday – Special message delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael Salemkink.

January 31 airing

This Is the Life – “The Point of No Return”. This color presentation discusses God’s limitless grace.

Worship Service – Rev. David Zirpel of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA delivers the message “I’ve Never Been This Way Before” based on Deuteronomy 18:15-20.

Additional information is available on the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com.

Going Above and Beyond

We know of or have heard about people who were able to accomplish remarkable goals and accomplishments through sheer determination and effort. They were driven through hardships, sacrifice, and exhaustion toward the end they were striving to achieve. Some people are blessed with a never-quit attitude. This attitude was captured in a movie titled *Rudy* that was made back in 1993. This movie is based on a true story of a young man who loved Notre Dame football and wanted nothing more than to play for the team. He was a walk-on, undersized, too slow and too small. He was so determined to make the team and play in a game that he practiced harder and worked harder than anyone else on the team. At one point in the film, the coach said, “I wish God would put your heart in some of my players’ bodies.” To play for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Rudy went above and beyond.

Most of us are not going to excel on the football field, but, as God’s people, we are called to work diligently in our service to others and to extend God’s kingdom. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Be steadfast... always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:58b). God wants us to *“walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”* (Colossians 1:10). God wants us to be productive people in His kingdom.

As Christians, we are called into ministry. Through faith we become more than just spectators. Just as Jesus ministered to the people of His time, we are to do the same today. *“For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you”* (John 13:15). Our ministries take place in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our churches, and in our places of work. Jesus said, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”* (Matthew 28:19-20). Reaching out to the lost is at the very heart of our ministry. We have in Christ the saving truth of the Gospel that all people need to hear.

With God’s help, we can go above and beyond in our efforts to please God and give Him the glory He deserves. When we commit our lives and resources to His service, we will hear Him say, *“Well done, good and faithful servant!”* (Matthew 25:23).

From Pastor's Desk....

Anno Domini is Latin for "the year of our Lord." Historically, years were marked with the year and the initials A.D. to remind us all whose year it was. The 20th Century's move away from the Christian ordering of days removed A.D. Perhaps it is time for Christians to bring it back.

2020 was certainly full of unexpected events. They weren't really unprecedented. Many people have experienced pandemics, elections, and life circumstances far worse than we did in 2020, but we must acknowledge and give thanks for the previous years of health and stability we have enjoyed, but can we be thankful for 2020? Can we see the Lord's hand of blessing, as well as His hand of teaching and discipline? If we can't, perhaps we should do some more reflecting.

St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: ^{ESV} **Philippians 4:12** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Christ was the difference. Christ made hunger and need bearable. He made plenty and abundance more meaningful because of the times of hunger and need. That is why every year is the Lord's year. Every year He gives the gift of His presence, every year He gives the gift He gives of forgiveness and life, each gift of daily bread is the measure of His love, but so is the struggle, the discipline, and the challenges.

Will 2021 be any better? Maybe? Maybe not? But will it be the Lord's year? Absolutely. I pray you begin the Lord's year with one of my favorite passages that often share with people: ^{ESV} **Psalms 31:15** My times are in your hand. We know whose hands those are: the hands of our Lord once stretched out on Calvary, made glorious in the resurrection, and extending in prayer for us before the Father. We have Jesus. He is with us always. 2021 is HIS year!

January Birthdays

2 Teagan Bass, Bennett Ruhland
4 Addilynn Huls, Shaun Ruhland, Linda Van Wyhe, Ray Van Wyhe
5 Amanda Huls
6 Nic Engleman
8 Brady DeBruin, Brooke DeBruin, Bruce Wakeman
9 Duane Meether, Kara Vander Hamm
11 Jan Daggett, Craig Huls
12 Lynn Thorpe
13 Shelly Schlumbohm
15 Linda Wohlman
16 Jerry Ruhland
17 Ian McManaman
18 Jessica Ver Mulm
19 Robert Ballard
23 Emma Breugem, Brian Vander Hamm
24 Bill Benda, Pam Harvey
25 Kelan Utech
26 Joann Boyer, Marcia Hazel, Kambrie Schelling
27 Jon Burt, Tom Murren, Lauryn Ruhland



January Anniversaries

8 Darvin and Peggy Boyles (59 years)
20 Mike and Linda Bockelman (28 years)



Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. Luke 1:68-79 | Mark 1-2 |
| 2. Psalm 30 | Mark 3 |
| 3. Psalm 31 | Mark 4 |
| 4. Psalm 32 | Mark 5 |
| 5. Psalm 33 | Mark 6 |
| 6. Psalm 34 | Mark 7 |
| 7. Psalm 35 | Mark 8 |
| 8. Psalm 36 | Mark 9 |
| 9. Psalm 37 | Mark 10 |
| 10. Psalm 38 | Mark 11 |
| 11. Psalm 39 | Mark 12 |
| 12. Psalm 40 | Mark 13 |
| 13. Psalm 41 | Mark 14 |
| 14. Psalm 42 | Mark 15-16 |
| 15. Psalm 43 | Genesis 1-3 |
| 16. Psalm 44 | Genesis 4-6 |
| 17. Psalm 45 | Genesis 7-9 |
| 18. Psalm 46 | Genesis 10-12 |
| 19. Psalm 47 | Genesis 13-15 |
| 20. Psalm 48 | Genesis 16-18 |
| 21. Psalm 49 | Genesis 19-21 |
| 22. Psalm 50 | Genesis 22-24 |
| 23. Psalm 51 | Genesis 25-27 |
| 24. Psalm 52 | Genesis 28-30 |
| 25. Psalm 53 | Genesis 31-33 |
| 26. Psalm 54 | Genesis 34-36 |
| 27. Psalm 55 | Genesis 37-39 |
| 28. Psalm 56 | Genesis 40-42 |
| 29. Psalm 57 | Genesis 43-45 |
| 30. Psalm 58 | Genesis 46-48 |
| 31. Luke 1:68-79 | Genesis 49-50 |



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