

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**NEWSLETTER
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Happy New Year-2022! One of the special things about starting a New Year, is that a new year can feel like a restart, or a redo. Many of us get up the fortitude, or courage, to get back on track with diet, or exercise, or some renewed interest for the new year.

God's grace is like a New Year, except it is new every morning. God gives us fresh restarts daily (hourly even). We are new creatures in Christ. One practice I speak of often is remembering our baptism. We can do this every morning when we wash our faces, step into the shower, or watch the rain fall. In our baptism we are created new and the old has gone away because of Christ's work in our lives.

I will be moving the baptismal font to the entry of the church in this season for a couple reasons. On January 9th, we read about Jesus' baptism. And, theologically, we enter Christ's renewal through baptism. As we enter worship, we enter remembering our baptism. (I realize the space is tight and it can be a little strange getting past the font- but once again, it can also be a little strange accepting that Christ has already named us and claimed us through baptism.) Because of the spread-ability of covid, we won't have water in the font, but some disinfectant gel. You are invited to squirt a little in your hands and dot your foreheads, remembering your baptism.

Another new beginning is the celebration of my installation on January 16th. Pastor Norm Arnold (my spouse) is the conference dean for our area and he will be installing me. He will be preaching on one of my favorite stories- Jesus first miracle of turning water to wine! Jesus begins his ministry. It was a fitting lesson for my installation – new beginnings in ministry.

We will close service with one of my current favorite hymns, "The Canticle of the Turning." I believe that this world can and will turn towards a better place the more we follow in the ways of Jesus, loving God and loving people. With this hope and faith, I do believe the world is about to turn. This is what gives me hope for the future.

Blessings to you all dear people of God! And may this New Year be a blessing of hope,
Pastor Denise



1st Boyd Burns
 3rd RJ Cruz
 3rd Lincoln Demyan
 5th Dana Libby
 13th Skylar Clark



15th Melinda Gapen
 19th Amanda Little
 20th Cassie Laprade

Readers for January

2nd - Dana
 9th - Amanda
 16th - Candace
 23rd - Allan
 30th - Deborah

Coffee Hour for January

2nd- Cathy Halverson
 9th- Davison
 16th- Zerby
 23rd
 30th

Greeter for January

2nd- Dana Libby
 9th- Davison
 16th-
 23rd- Jackie Erickson
 30th-

Flowers for January

2nd- Dana Libby
 9th- Caroline Fittro
 16th- Zerby
 23rd- Diana Kamp
 30th-

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Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex to host coffee hour, be a greeter of bring flowers.

Kids Sunday School will start back up January 9th after service

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	Epiphany 6	7	8
11am Council 9 Kids Sunday School Starts	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Community House	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Newsletter deadline	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Annual Meeting after service	31					

**Financial report Jan.: \$2,995.00 February: \$6,235 .00 March: \$7,817 .00 April: \$8,664.00
 May: \$10,738.00 June: \$8,963.00 July: \$12,006 .00 Aug: \$7296.00 Sept: \$7,865.00 Oct.:\$12,595.00
 Nov.:\$5,457.00**

2021 monthly requirement: \$9,428.00/mo to meet our 2021 budget is needed. YTD 2021: \$90,631.00

February Birthdays

5th Ritchie Pederson
 7th Jocelyn Price
 9th Liv Jordan
 14th Mike Tugaw
 17th Candace Kolberg



18th Kaylee Cody
 21st Vic Verhasselt
 24th Deborah Burns
 26th Kris Almstrum

February Anniversary



Readers for February

6th
 13th
 20th
 27th

Coffee Hour for February

6th
 13th
 20th
 27th

Greeter for February

6th
 13th
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 27th

Flowers for February

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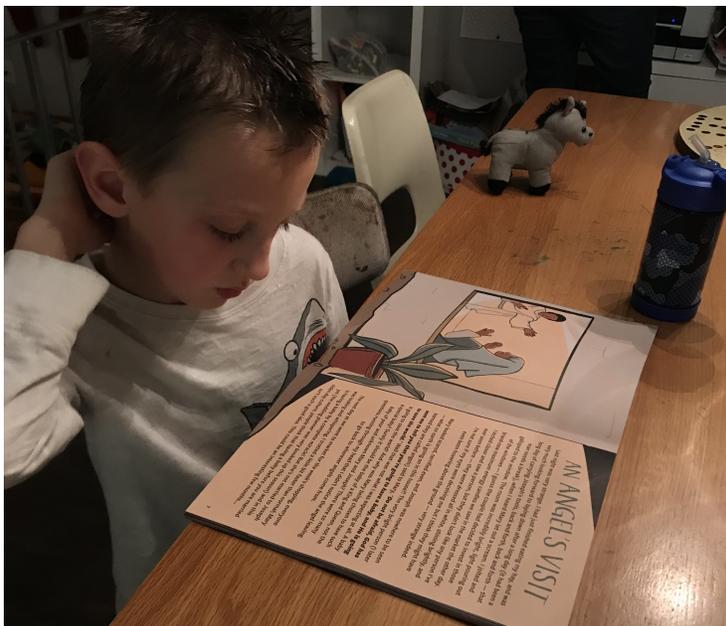
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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 11am Council	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Community House Newsletter deadline	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	March 1st Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner 6pm	March 2nd 7pm Ash Wednesday service at Trinity			

Kids Advent Porch Drop activities



2 Riddles to make you smile

Q. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

A. Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

Q. Where was Solomon's temple located?

A. On the side of his head.

Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Christmas program and dinner picture from Carl Winston





GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Present: Peggy Winston, Jackie Erickson, Terri Reichert, Candace Kolberg, Joel Halverson, Greg Price, Candi Engebo, Seth Burns, Boyd Burns.

Opened with prayer at 11:15 a.m.

Devotions by Joel – Approach problems with a light touch.

Treasurer's report presented – motion to approve by Candace, second by Greg. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Christian Ed – New Sunday School curriculum began today called Simply Loved. Will be easy for anyone to step in to teach. Porch bags delivered with Thankful Jars. Also an Advent program coming called Eli the Donkey which the families will be able to do at home.

Property – Boyd organized a group to learn how to program the furnace. Greg will not be running the O2 machine any longer. Request made that people don't touch the breakers, and Greg will be putting covers over the switches to help things from getting switch off that are meant to stay on. Also, if using the dishwasher and see a low water light just push the reset button. Boyd and Wes are keeping an eye on this.

Joel recently did a walk through of the rental and says it looks great. We have a stellar tenant and she is keeping the place in great shape. He changed out a faucet that was leaking, and cleaned the gutters. Joel recommends we should have the roof looked at by a professional next summer.

With the new furnace, Entek offered an annual service agreement. Joel made a motion that we enter into a yearly maintenance agreement with Entek at the cost of \$420.00. Motion seconded by Greg. Motion passed.

Worship/Music – Seth is in discussion with Pastor Denise regarding music choices.

Family Promise/Outreach – this week is our last hosting commitment of 2021, providing meals to families at the center where they continue to stay. Dana is working to schedule our times for next year.

Old Business

Carpet/Flooring – Committee is discussing options to present.

Porch lights – need some sort of timer to discourage transients from camping in the bushes. Greg will work on this.

Budget Committee meeting this week.

New Business

Advent – Jackie is going to discuss with Pastor Denise regarding meeting on Wednesday evenings. Christmas dinner scheduled for December 19th at 4:00 pm, with a Christmas sing a long in lieu of a play this year.

Christmas eve service will be at 8:00 p.m.

Jackie is going to coordinate with Longview Community for some bags for the homeless. These bags come with a specific list of items that are purchased and placed in the bags. We will put together 20 bags.

Two council members terms are complete – Candace and Allan. Replacements being sought.

New devotion sign up sheet coming for council. It was suggested that next year each member should share their faith journey.

Peggy is continuing the directory She will be at church on November 29th and December 5th to take member's pictures after service. She will contact those folks personally she can't get photos of on those days.

CHURCH CAMP OUT

Since 2022 is nearly upon us, it is time to get on your calendars the annual church camp out. The camp out will occur July 22-24. We have 5 Yurts available and 7 RV sites. Please let Dana know if you would like one by phone at 360.430.7950 or by email at libby_75@msn.com. Dana will return all unclaimed sites back to Skamakowa the first of March. If you want to stay longer than the weekend, please call Skamakowa directly (360-795-8605). Dana and Wes usually arrive the Monday prior and stay through the following Monday. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship. Even if you do not stay, we potluck on the Saturday evening and you can come and spend the day with those in attendance.

FAMILY PROMISE

The 2022 dates are as follows: March 6-12; May 29-June 4; July 17-23; August 21-27; and November 13-19. We share hosting responsibilities with Renewal City and Rose Valley Friends and they have been great support churches to work with. The families are in a static housing situation at the Family Promise Day Center, so when we host we provide dinners for the week, with breakfast on Saturday. Family Promise has been doing a great job of getting families into housing within two to three months of arrival, so who we cook for varies each host week. If you would like to "host" and have not done so before, please let Dana know so that she can add you to the email list within Sign Up Genius.