

# Light of Christ Lutheran Church



## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)**  
**Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am**

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**Services at 11:00 am**

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

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If you or someone you know is in the hospital or going into the hospital or a shut-in, let Pastor Kevin know.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



### ONLINE OFFERING now available!



We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to [www.locw.org](http://www.locw.org) and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!

If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address; kevinbeard@gmail.com



January 12th and 26th at 7 pm. Fellowship Hall - “Stuff they didn’t teach you in Sunday School” Remember that the studies are also live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)

Invite a friend!

### Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

*TRINITY's Facebook Page:*  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)  
*LIGHT OF CHRIST Facebook Page:*  
[www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)



**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, Cell phone numbers, Home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc. You can send your information to Pr. Kevin at kevinbeard@gmail.com or call him at 701-580-7030



**BIBLE BLOCKS!**

**TUESDAYS** after school.  
Ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, snacks at 3 pm, lesson starts at 3:30, finished by 5 pm.  
Bring your friends!  
If there is no school, then there is no Bible Blocks.



**LOC/M CHURCH BREAKFAST on January 8th in the Fellowship Hall, 9 am.**

Everyone is invited to come. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make breakfast!



**Meet for Breakfast**



**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. GROUP** will be meeting Jan 5th and 19th (the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month) in January at 7 pm for Bible Study and prayers. Please consider attending!

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE – TORNADO RELIEF:** Please pray for the many people affected by these storms as they grieve and recover. Donations can be given at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

**PASTOR VACATION - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> thru Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.** Russell Evitt of the Gideon's will be preaching on Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make him feel welcome!

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS** are due by **Jan 16th!**

**LIGHT OF CHRIST ANNUAL MEETING** will be held after worship service on **Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>!**



**Meet for Breakfast**

**LOC/M CHURCH BREAKFAST on JAN. 8th in the Fellowship Hall, 9 am.** Everyone is invited to come. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to make breakfast!

**CHURCH COUNCIL on Jan. 11th at 5:30 pm.** Light supper will be followed by our meeting.



**CONFIRMATION** will be held on Jan. 12th and 26th. Please remember your Sermon Notes, Memorization, and Bible Reading Questions.



JANUARY BIBLE READINGS				
DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Jan 2nd	1Ki 3:4-15	Psa 119:97-104	Eph 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Jan 9th	Isa 43:1-7	Psa 29	Rom 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
Jan 16th	Isa 62:1-5	Psa 128	1Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 23rd	Neh 8:1-10	Psa 19:(1-6) 7-14	1Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30
Jan 30th	Jer 1:4-10 (17-19)	Psa 71:1-6 (7-11)	1Cor 12:31b-13:13	Luke 4:31-44

## BLUE SERVICE GROUP (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

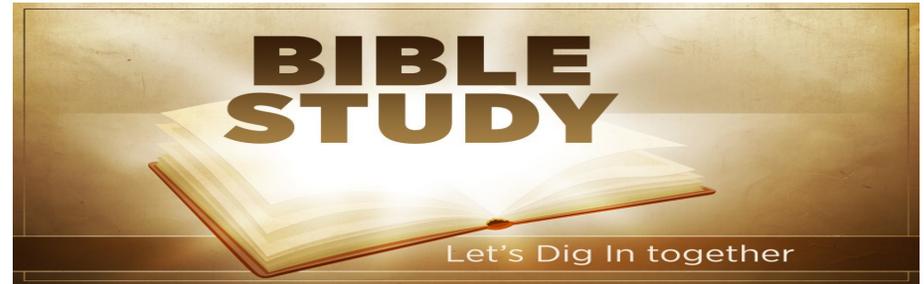
Ted and Peggy Bearce  
 Dick and Coreen Beard  
 Kelsey Ginther  
 Steve and Renee Ginther \*  
 Tommie and Amy and Giordano  
 Scott and Melissa Heller  
 Kenny and Coleen Johnson  
 Gary and Bev Quale  
 Nick and Jessica Quale  
 Stan and Amy Reep

Thank you for serving!



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on **January 2nd** due to school vacations.

**BIBLE STUDY** will be held **Wed, Jan. 12th and 26th** in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please come and invite a friend!



### BIRTHDAYS

Seth Fenster..... Jan 4  
 Kayla Fenster..... Jan 6  
 Wendy Johnson..... Jan 8  
 Bev Quale..... Jan 11  
 Derek Bearce ..... Jan 17  
 Steve Ginther ..... Jan 18  
 Marilyn James..... Jan 24  
 Oliver Haugen ..... Jan 30  
 Jed Rider..... Jan 30

### ANNIVERSARIES

None that we know of...

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let Pr. Kevin know.

## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES



### DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

*When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His Name Jesus. (Matthew 1:24-25)*

Think about how Joseph's life was changed when he woke up. The day before, he had been planning a wedding—to be followed by living with a wife and children, maybe a small home, a carpentry shop, grandchildren—a quiet, ordinary life until the day he died. Not a bad life. A peaceful, blessed life.

But now, Joseph is a man with a mission: take care of God's own incarnate Son. Protect Him and His mother. Guard them from gossip and public shame. Provide for their needs, even when labor starts far away from home. Outwit an evil king. Find a way to support them in faraway Egypt, living as refugees. And then slowly, carefully, quietly, reinsert the family into Galilee again—making no noise, attracting no enemies—and go on raising the Messiah in a forgotten backwater of the Roman Empire. You don't ask much, do You, God?

I doubt Joseph would have complained, if we could ask him. Hard as his new life was, he got one thing of incomparable value out of it—

Jesus, God's Son and his Savior. And that's what we get when God rearranges our lives for us, too. They may be hard; they may involve suffering and losses or frustrations we never imagined. But with it all, we have Jesus. Jesus never leaves us alone, no matter how hard it gets. He walks with us and picks us up when we fall. And He does it with nail-scarred hands—hands that remind us always of how much He loves us, enough to die and rise for us. It is enough.



**THE PRAYER:** Lord, when You rearrange my life, help me to trust in You. Amen.

#### Reflection Questions:

- When has God rearranged your life in a way you didn't expect?
- What was your emotional reaction to the change?
- How has God helped you deal with it ever since?

Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.



## Light of Christ / Mission Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 14, 2021

These minutes are abbreviated and have not yet been approved by council. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Kevin reported that the Mission congregation had approved contributing \$125,000. to be reserved for Light of Christ building upgrades and repairs and \$51,957.45 to the general fund. Mission Lutheran will meet for a final vote on this and the merger with Light of Christ in January .

Pastor said that the Advent Family Gathering had gone well and that he was pleased. Pastor will mail church directories to homebound

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick reported that it has been a good year financially. Rick also presented a proposed budget for 2022. Items in the new budget were discussed. Rick said the daycare is just about finished and should be ready to go by the first part of February. Fire alarm tests and inspections to take place the following week. The elevator has been delayed. Rick brought some drawings of possible kitchen upgrades. A discussion took place on what upgrades would prove most beneficial for our use . No final decisions were reached at this time.

### **New Business:**

Pastor Kevin had the council look over our current membership roster to see if any changes were needed. The possible purchase of pew cushions was discussed. The quote for pew cushions was \$9,500.

Pastor Kevin made and brought a sample of a wooden envelope holder to attach to the back of the pews. He would make 78 holders which would be placed three to a pew. Cost would be \$400.

Pastor reported that there may be an interest among to work on making blankets for a charity.

Kim asked what should be done with an old alter that is still at McCody concrete. Pastor Kevin's recommendation was to leave it at McCody.

Pastor reported that it is required that he take an online class on AALC History in order to be installed as an AALC Pastor. The cost is \$500. (Update: Cost will be \$50)

Light of Christ will need to issue a letter of call to carry out proper procedure with the AALC.

Rick made suggestions on making some changes to the insurance clause in the new Facility Use Agreement. These changes were written up and presented to the council through an email vote for approval. The changes were approved.

Our joint annual meeting will be held on January 30, 2022 for Light of Christ Lutheran Church. Portfolios will be available to the congregations for a chance to study the information before the meeting.

The new council beginning 2022 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. If there is anyone that is interested in running for a spot, please let Shelli P. or Wendy H. on our nominating committee know ASAP.

Our next council meeting will be held January 11th , 2022.



## Bible Trivia & Game page

After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?

- A. Judas
- B. Peter
- C. John
- D. James



## Church Word Search Puzzle

P Y K S U B N T F A K R T P N  
 O R B L K B M A E N M P E W S  
 H T T L Q V F B E H K Z P E C  
 S S T E E P L E Q W E Y E T W  
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BELLS	READINGS
BIBLE	ROBES
BISHOP	SERMON
CHOIR	SINGING
CROSS	STEEPLE
CRUCIFIX	TABERNACLE
GOSPEL	VESTRY
HYMNS	
KNEELING	
MINISTER	
MUSIC	
ORGANIST	
PEWS	
PRAY	
PRIEST	



# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 No Sunday School. Pastor is on vacation. <i>No Communion</i>	3	4 Bible Blocks 3pm	5 Women of L.I.F.E meeting. 7-8 pm.	6	7	8 Church Breakfast 9-11 am.
9 <i>No Communion</i>	10	11 Council Bible Blocks 3pm	12 Confirmation 4pm. Bible Study 7pm.	13	14	15
16 MLC Special Mtg Communion	17	18 Bible Blocks 3pm.	19 Women of L.I.F.E meeting. 7-8pm.	20	21	22
23 Communion	24	25 Bible Blocks 3pm.	26 Confirmation 4pm. Bible Study 7pm.	27	28	29
30 Annual Meeting NO Communion	31					Trivia answer B. Peter

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