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ADVENT BEGAN: — Advent began on November 28th this year. Our Mid-Week Services have begun, and will continue on December 8th and 15th at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. The theme this year is *Christmas Expectations*. Please join us for these services as you are able.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

So, sometimes even pastors hit the wall – and this week I seem to have writer's block. Hence, I'm just going to share some Luther with you.... Blessed Advent!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zechariah 9:9

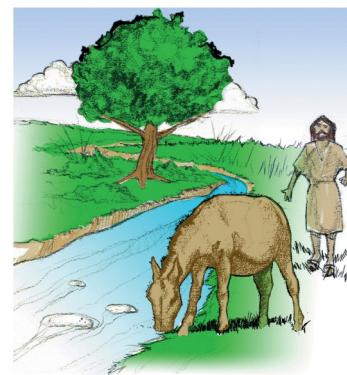
Yes, of a truth, He will be a king, but a poor and wretched king who has in no way the appearance of a king if He is judged and esteemed by outward might and splendor, in which worldly kings and princes like to array themselves.

He leaves to other kings such things as pomp, castles, palaces, gold, wealth; and He lets them eat and drink, dress and build finer than other folks; but the craft which Christ the poor beggar-king knows, they do not know. He helps not against *one* sin only, but again *all* my sin;

and not against *my* sin only, but against *the whole world's* sin. He comes to take away not sickness only, but death; and not *my* death only, but *the whole world's* death. This, says the Prophet, tell the daughter of Zion, so that she is not offended by His simple advent; but shut your eyes and open your ears, and perceive not how He rides there so beggarly, but listen to what is said and preached about this poor king. His wretchedness and poverty are manifest, for He comes riding on a donkey like a beggar having neither saddle nor spurs. But that He will take from us sin, strangle death, endow us with eternal holiness, eternal bliss, and eternal life, this cannot be seen. Therefore, you must hear and believe...

Luther, *Sermon for the First Sunday in Advent*, 1533.

In Day by Day We Magnify Thee, Fortress Press, Philadelphia, 1982. Page 1.



*See, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey ...*

Zechariah 9:9

FROM CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendar now for the CLS Christmas Concert Series. All are welcome and the performances will be live-streamed (not recorded) for those who wish to attend but can't attend listen in person.

Sunday, – December 12 from 2:30-3:30 pm – All School concert featuring the Cherub Choir (K-2), Kids of the Kingdom Choir (3-5), Concert Choir, Cougar Ukes (5th & 8th), Buckets Concordia (6th & 8th), and Joyful Noise Recorders (3rd & 4th).

Monday – December 13th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm – All Orchestras

Tuesday – December 14th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Cadet Band, Concert Band and the Jazz Katz

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF NANCY GREGG

to the staff in the role of Admissions Director. Nancy has already been serving at Concordia as the Spanish teacher and is as such, affectionately known as Señora Gregg. Nancy comes to us with a passion for Lutheran schools. She is the daughter of an LCMS pastor and attended a small Lutheran School in rural Minnesota during her elementary years. She has a background in sales and marketing and has already been applying her expertise through participation on the communications committee. When asked why she was interested in the role of Admissions Director she told us, "When my children were a bit younger my husband and I prayed for this school. Well, not specifically, but we prayed to have the opportunity to send our children to a Lutheran school. Eventually God moved us to Peoria, and Concordia has been an answer to our prayers. I pray that through my efforts, with the Lord's help and the Holy Spirit's words, Concordia can be an answered prayer for other families too!"

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC:

2nd Corinthians: So, how do you reconcile with folks after some tense disagreements? How do you work a collection for charity? And how do you convince folks to take a closer look at some wolves that are dressed like sheep? These questions, among others, are addressed as we read Paul's final letter to the Church at Corinth. Join us as we explore this letter, **Wednesdays, 6:30 am. We are meeting at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

THE BETA SIGMA PSI NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

offers scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarships for incoming freshmen in Fall 2022 are available at: any accredited 4-year College or University in the United States; Indiana University; Iowa State University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; University of Illinois; University of Missouri, University of Nebraska. These opportunities can be found here: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Ardeane has put a selection of Christmas cards on the "card table" in the Parish Hall. They are marked as to price and payment can be put in the envelopes with her name on them and placed in her mail box.



POINSETTIAS – Linda has ordered the Poinsettias for Christmas Eve. This year they will cost \$8.50. Envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex for your orders.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Kristi Wickwire
2. Carole Hoffman
Bruce Tagge
3. Mackenzie Riebel-Greenberg
7. Leanne Sturtevant
Jerry Horst
10. Reagan Barr
Gavin Maske
11. Andrew Tagge
16. Joan Ross
17. Laurel Ruskusky
Jayla Szold
18. Paul Kroenke
20. David Riddle
Logan Gavic
Milo Kovash
23. Carolyn Pauli
24. Debbie Hoffman
26. Lou Ann Cooper
29. Lydia Adcock
30. Marcia Riddle



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Jim & Lorrie Kaspar
31 Paul & Jordan Horst

COUNTERS

Anna Keehner & Teresa Brusick

ALTAR FLOWERS

December 5
Sally Taylor

December 12
Tom & Vicky Brosowske

December 19
Eileen Benne

December 26
Linda Khattar



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 5th – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Psalm 66:1-12; Malachi 3:1-7b
Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20

December 12th – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Psalm 85; Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 18-35

December 19th – 4th Sunday in Advent

Psalm 80:1-7; Micah 5:2-5a;
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-56

December 26th – 1st Sunday after Christmas St. Stephen, Martyr

Psalm 111; Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

Sign-Up Genius for December:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-december>

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December 5

Paul Kroenke

December 12

Tom Brosowske

December 19

Gary Beenders

December 26

Phil King



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SIMPLE SYMBOLS

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.



What you need:

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue "letters" together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.



Advent: *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel....."*

Thursday, December 2 – 1st Thursday of Advent
Spoken Divine Worship, 6:00pm

Sunday, December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Abbreviated Divine Worship, 8:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
Decorating of the Church: 12:30pm to ?

Wednesday, December 8 - 2nd Wednesday of Advent
"Christmas Expectations – A New Covenant"
Mid-day Prayer, 11:15 a.m.
Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9 – 2nd Thursday of Advent
Spoken Divine Worship, 6:00pm

Sunday, December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Matins, 9:00 am
Abbreviated Divine Worship, 8:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
Voters' Meeting, 10:30 a.m. (in-person or via Zoom)

Wednesday, December 15 - 3rd Wednesday of Advent
"Christmas Expectations – Love"
Mid-day Prayer, 11:15 a.m. CLS Kids of the Kingdom Choir
Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 16 – 3rd Thursday of Advent
Spoken Divine Worship, 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent
Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 am
Abbreviated Divine Worship, 8:00 am & 11:45 am



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

It has been our practice to have our young people, or a family, to help with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. If you would like to help, there are 3 Sundays left. Just check in the office and we'll get you what you need to help. The Sundays remaining are Peace, Joy, and Love. See Sign-Up on bulletin board.

✠ *Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule* ✠

Christmas: “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace.....”

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Abbreviated Spoken Communion Services at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Family Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Chorale Divine Service, 9:00 am

Sunday, December 26 – 1st Sunday after Christmas/ St. Stephan, Martyr

Matins, 9:00 am

Abbreviated Divine Worship, 11:45 am only

Friday, December 31 – New Year’s, Name of Jesus, Eve

Spoken Divine Worship, 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 2 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

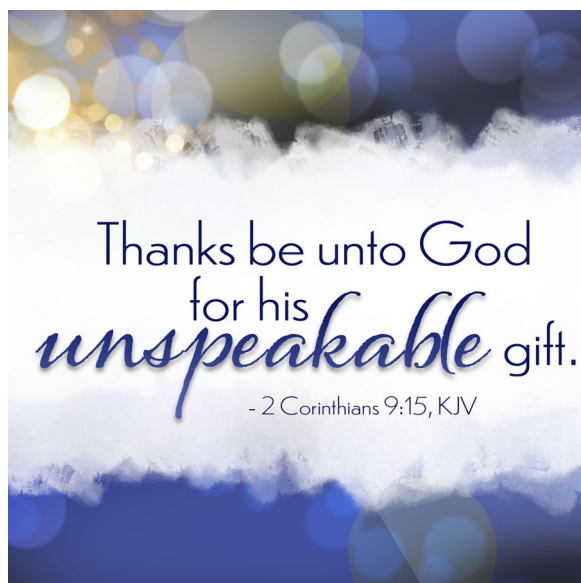
Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Abbreviated Divine Worship, 11:45 am only

Thursday, January 6: The Epiphany of our Lord

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:15 am. & 6:00 pm

May God richly bless our keeping of the season by making us to grow ever more sure in the knowledge of our Savior, and ever more open to sharing His works of grace!



✠ Prayer List ✠

✠ Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time "who all are we praying for?" Here's a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**



✠ Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
 ✠ Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin
 ✠ Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
 ✠ Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
 ✠ Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
 ✠ Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
 ✠ Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
 ✠ Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
 ✠ Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our "TIM" partners
 ✠ Gary Smith – brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
 ✠ Lloyd Burdett – step-father to Rick Laredo
 ✠ Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo's father
 ✠ Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
 ✠ Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John's, Pekin
 ✠ Rick Laredo – member
 ✠ Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
 ✠ Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
 ✠ Christiane Ramahi – member
 ✠ Jerry Jungck – member
 ✠ Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
 ✠ Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
 ✠ Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller
 ✠ Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
 ✠ Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
 ✠ Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
 ✠ Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
 ✠ Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
 ✠ Dale Warren –
 ✠ Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
 ✠ Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family

✠ Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
 ✠ Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
 ✠ Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
 ✠ Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
 ✠ Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
 ✠ Gabby Smit – friend to LaVelle Borders
 ✠ Josh Crosiar – member
 ✠ Anne Maske – member
 ✠ Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
 ✠ Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
 ✠ Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
 ✠ Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
 ✠ Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
 ✠ Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
 ✠ Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
 ✠ Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
 ✠ Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
 ✠ Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
 ✠ Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
 ✠ Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
 ✠ Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
 ✠ Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
 ✠ Pam Barr – member
 ✠ Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
 ✠ Adrianna – grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
 ✠ Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
 ✠ Sally Taylor – member
 ✠ Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter)
 ✠ Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
 ✠ Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members
 ✠ Penny Voss – member
 ✠ Dale Brinkmann – member
 ✠ Richard Coltrin – member
 ✠ Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
 ✠ Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
 ✠ Gary Ruckle – member
 ✠ Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
 ✠ Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson
 ✠ Laurel Alexander – friend to Long Family
 ✠ Richard Voss – husband to Penny
 ✠ Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler

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✠ Prayer List (continued) ✠

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| ✠ Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family | ✠ Amanda Carpenter - member |
| ✠ Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor | ✠ Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman |
| ✠ Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon | ✠ Jacqueline Pendarvis – member |
| ✠ Lois Lohrmann – aunt to Phil King | ✠ Joella Michel – member |
| ✠ Shirley King – mother to Phil King | ✠ Teresa Kerrick – |
| ✠ Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar | ✠ Mary Dowds – occasional visitor |
| ✠ Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar's sister | ✠ Robert Kissner – member |
| ✠ Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner | ✠ LaVelle Borders – member |
| ✠ Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph's aunt | ✠ Pr. Drews – member of our local circuit |
| ✠ Ron Millard – friend of the congregation | ✠ Joann Bettinghouse – mother to Abbie Matson |
| ✠ Delcie Lane – member | ✠ Dave Heien – member |
| ✠ Mark Manthey – member | ✠ PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey |
| ✠ Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann's sister | ✠ Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty |
| ✠ Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick | ✠ Sarah & Wendy – friends to Carrie Kroenke |
| ✠ Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us | ✠ Keith Crook – member |
| ✠ Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph | ✠ Tina Maxwell – member |
| ✠ Luann and Shelby Cooper – members | ✠ Patty Caughy – member |
| ✠ Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall | ✠ Brenda Gusewelle – sister to Mary Ann Auer |
| ✠ Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia | ✠ Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughy |
| ✠ Mark Dickman – co-worker, Chris Brusick | ✠ Maria Vicitoria Corrales – extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel) |
| ✠ Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar | ✠ Ada Becker – mother of our custodian, Michelle |
| ✠ Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo | ✠ Linda Hobratschk – sister to Judy Honig |
| ✠ Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke | ✠ Scott Grinslade – member |
| ✠ Pat Goetz - member | ✠ Pr. Mark Matthews – brother in law to Tom Brosowske |
| ✠ Harriet Nora – member | ✠ Jessica Horman - member |
| ✠ Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver | ✠ Scott Wilson – custodian Michelle's boy friend |
| ✠ Marjorie Ruskusky – grandmother to Scott | ✠ Ron Achterberg – member |
| ✠ Joan Ross – member | ✠ Lisa Garrison – sister to Jim Kaspar |
| ✠ Daryl Claudin – member | ✠ Eileen Benne – member |
| ✠ Barb Craig – member | ✠ Randy Rutledge – son-in-law for Gordon Hoffman |
| ✠ Joy Wessler – daughter-in-law to Carol Wessler | ✠ Kinea Howell – Deb Wilson great-granddaughter |
| ✠ Natalie Felice – friend to Nick Brusick | ✠ Katie Peyton - member |
| ✠ Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston | ✠ James Whitelow – nephew to Deb Wilson |
| ✠ Carol Loughridge – member | |
| ✠ Anne & Miguel Bolwerk – daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien | |
| ✠ Cheris Hofmann - member | |
| ✠ Harriet Caughy – member | |
| ✠ Penelope Lampton – infant daughter of Nate & LaDana | |
| ✠ Bill Barr – member | |
| ✠ Carole Hoffman – member | |


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
October 31	105	85	\$5,771.00
November 7	111	87	\$17,761.00
November 14	104	49	\$3,433.25
November 21	113	84	\$5,032.00
Thanksgiving Eve	14	10	—
November 28	73	23	\$4,170.00
Total			\$36,167.25

In His Service

PASTOR:

Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY

Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL

Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman.....Gerald Horst
Vice Chairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders
& Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Jessica Horman
Vice Pres: Marcia Riddle
Secretary: Dawn Henderson
Treasurer:

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson
Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Currently on Hold

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Brooke Anders & Michele Joseph

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Jim Kaspar, Carrie Kroenke
& Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst,
& Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius,
Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank,
Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman,
Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar
Nick Brusick, Timothy Anders

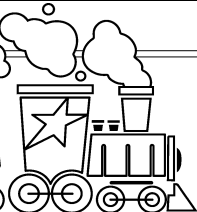
BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Paul Kroenke

FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst

PUZZLE



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A I N G F I P H S C I B E J H A

What's in a name?

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby.
Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the
arrows. Circle every other letter, and then
place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

"S_e w_ll _ _ve b ir _
to _ s_n, and _ _u a_e to
gi_e _i_ the _ _me J _ _us,
b _c_u _ _ he _ill s _ _e his
_ _op_e f_o _ t _ir s_n _."

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

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Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

In Matthew's genealogy, which
woman is *not* mentioned as
Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)



COVID-19 ERA —Phase 5I- While Illinois is officially “Open,” we want to take things at a cautious pace here at Mt. Calvary. So here’s where we are for now --

Worship Schedule – We’ll hold steady with our current offerings until the Delta variant dies down.

Thursdays – 6:00 pm. This will be a spoken communion service, two readings, one hymn (sung a cappella). Attendance will be capped at 30.

Sundays – 8:00, 9:00, 11:45 am. Single use bulletins will be available for all services. 8:00 and 11:45 am services will still be “abbreviated,” but with hymns and extra readings. Both will offer communion every week. The 8:00 will be capped at 20 people attending. The 11:45 will expand to a 30 person maximum in attendance. The 9:00 service will be basically the same – except that there won’t be a limit to attendance (technically, we’re capped at 60% of the sanctuary’s capacity for seating, but that’s 153.... So, apart from Christmas or a sudden revival, that’s not an issue for us right now). Generally, communion will be offered on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays for the 9:00 am service, and Matins on the other Sundays.

Masking and Physical Distancing –Per Gov. Pritzker’s executive order, we will ask all people entering the building to wear masks. You can still visit unmasked outside. You may remove the mask to receive the elements of Holy Communion or to eat and drink during fellowship or Bible Study. We know there is debate on the issue, but as this doesn’t involve matters of faith, we are called to give respect where it is due

Food – Given the number of people choosing to be “in-person” for the Adult Class, we’re not ready to order donuts or make a big pot of coffee. However, there have been generous members of the class who have been brewing coffee in smaller quantities, and even bringing donuts to share. Since eating together is such an important aspect of our common life, we encourage this to continue until we are

ready to return to our previous routine.

Other Issues:

1. *Regular Office hours* - will continue – feel free to call or visit.
2. *Worship Videos* – We will continue to offer a video of the main service from Sunday morning on our You Tube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY14dddMygJRCjTXdM3r1Q>
3. *Sign-ups* - We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to pre-register attendance. While this is not so crucial for the 9:00 am service on Sunday, your use of this tool allows us to be better stewards as we print bulletins and set up for communion. Here’s the link for December:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-december>
4. *Bible Studies* – We will continue to be “Brushing Up on the Catechism!” in the Sunday morning Bible Study. You may attend by Zoom or in person – 10:30 am. The men are now reading 1 Corinthians. We will be at Gebby’s Family Restaurant, 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights. There will be no Zoom – attendance is in person only. Rumors indicate the Wednesday evening Bible Study might return in September.
5. *Challenge* - As we come back together, we still need to be connected to one other in ways deeper than just a wave and a smile. One of the things St. Paul commends to us as the “body of Christ” is to share each other’s joys and burdens. Turns out, you can do that by phone, even with someone you don’t “know” all that well. So, I urge you all to join me (if you can) in “calling around the congregation” to check in on each other, get to know each other and encourage each other. And if there’s someone you’re “missing” as you come back to in-person worship, track that person down. Lost your directory? Judy will send you a new one.
6. *Stewardship during COVID-19* - While God has blessed us with a “cushion” financially during

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these odd days, the ministries of Mt. Calvary still need your support – whether it's Judy taking care of the office, Pastor Long trying to provide study and worship opportunities, the Pantry continuing to reach out to our area, or Mr. Tagge providing music. The Treasurer's Report for October 2021 showed year to date expenses of \$312,668.20, and offerings of \$313,554.72 which includes \$60,000.00 transferred from the endowment and \$1,193.00 from Thrivent. Please, prayerfully continue to send in your contributions.

General Wisdom: – Some quick reminders for those of you attending the “larger” worship service on Sundays (and things for everyone to consider).

1. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, please stay home and get well.
2. If you are in a “high risk” category and don't feel safe, then also continue to take proper care – but make sure you are in touch with us so we can properly minister to you.
3. Right now Illinois requires masking indoors, vaccinated or not.
4. In the sanctuary we will continue to leave empty pews to “space” folks , however, in a given pew, you are free to sit as close to or far away from others as you are comfortable with. Signs indicate which pews should be left empty.
5. Single use bulletins will be available as you enter the nave. Please leave them in the recycling container when you depart (unless you are taking yours home).
6. Communion will still be brought to you in the pew.
7. The offering plate will be at the entrance of the nave for you to leave offerings as you are so moved.
8. You may socialize in the building, masked, and keeping safe distances; otherwise, please do your visiting outside (weather permitting).
9. If you have not indicated your preference for

individual or common cup at communion, please go back to Sign Up Genius and do so (it allows us to prepare ahead of time). Remember, we are continuing to offer an abbreviated communion service for those who feel more comfortable in a smaller setting and with shorter time indoors. And we will continue to make a service available on You Tube for those who prefer to worship remotely.



DECEMBER SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

The December Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for **next Sunday, December 12th during the Bible Study Hour (10:30 am)**. The main item on the agenda will be the 2022 budget. We will also need to select someone to serve as delegate to the CID Convention (July 17-19) this summer. We will need a quorum of 25 people (either in person or on Zoom) to be able to approve the budget. Please plan to attend.



CID Convention — JULY 17-19, 2022

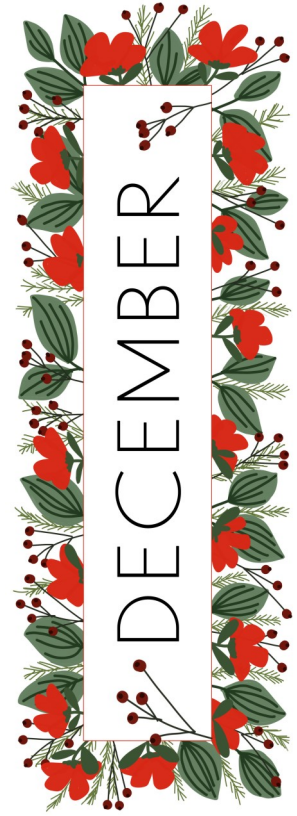
There are a number of positions in the District that will be filled at the Convention this summer. That list is on the bulletin board and copies are available in the office on on-line at CID-LCMS. These nominations can be made by any member of a congregation within the Central Illinois District.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Kathryn Hoffman, wife of David Hoffman (former member), who was called to her eternal rest on November 23, 2021. No arrangements have been made as of yet.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace in the Christ Child who gives us eternal life with Him.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 12:30 p Decorate Church 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	6 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia	7 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	8 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer 6:30 p Evening Prayer	9 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia	11
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Semi-Annual Voters' Mtg. 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 2:00 p All School Concert at Concordia	13 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia 6:00 p All Orchestras Concert	14 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia 6:00 p All Band Concert	15 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer 6:30 p Evening Prayer	16 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 8:30 a Pastor Teaches at Concordia	18
19 4th Sunday of Advent 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	20	21 St. Thomas, Apostle 4:30 p Board of Elders	22 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	23 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service 5:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service 6:30 p Pre-Service Music 7:00 p Christmas Eve Divine Service	25 Christmas Day 9:00 a Choral Divine Service
26 1st Sunday after Christmas <i>St. Stephen, Martyr</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	28 The Holy Innocents	29 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	30	31 Eve of Circumcision and the Name of Jesus 6:30 pm Spoken Divine Service <i>New Year's Eve</i>	

