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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
 LUTHERAN CHURCH
Making Jesus Known



January 2025

What's Ahead

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
 8 & 10 a.m. starting
 In-person and
 Facebook Live

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

Worship & Music

January 2

Visitation Ministry

January 6

Quilt Ministry

First & Third
 Tuesday of the
 Month

Outreach

January, 8

Social Action

January 13

Youth and Education

January 13

Concert

January 14

Council Meeting

January 14

Choir

Wednesdays
 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

Worship Services

Available on the net
 at
www.commofchrist.org

**The Church
 Office will be
 closed on
 January 1 & 20**

Pastor's Letter, January 2025—The Meeting of Heaven and Earth

One of the things I love best about the church's weird way of keeping time is that Christmas lasts for twelve whole days (hence the song with the maids a-milking and drummers drumming), which means that Christmas overflows past a single day, spills over beyond the bounds of December, and into a new year. Church nerds like me get excited about that because, in all honesty, the news of Christmas can't be contained in a single day or exhausted by a single Christmas Eve sermon—even a long one.

That's because Christmas isn't just about the birth of a child (although it is that), but about the very meeting of heaven and earth. It is about the edge of God's realm breaking into the world that we can see and taste and hear, through the human life of that child from the manger. And we need the additional time to unpack and reflect on what it means that no less than *God* has come to us in Jesus, rather than losing that amazing news in the details of angels, shepherds, and the rest of the figures in your nativity set. (Luke's Gospel reminds us, after all, that even Mary held on to all that happened and needed some time to contemplate what it all meant, "pondering it in her heart." So, we will need to take some time to sit with the news of the Incarnation, too—this news that God has taken on human flesh and blood and shared our fragility and life as one of us. If Mary needed some time to reflect, maybe we can sit with the angels' news about a Savior born for us for more than a day, too.

That's why this Christmastide, our focus in this year of **Life on the Edge** is about *the meeting of heaven and earth*. Let's take the time in these weeks after December 25 to sit with the news of Jesus' birth and the meaning of God's coming to be "with us." Let's keep singing the faith through the richness of ancient carols and new songs about the Christmas story. Let's reconsider the meaning of everything in light of the news that heaven is not some distant place where God sits far away, aloof and unaware, but that in Jesus, heaven has come to earth. God's space and our space touch in the face of Jesus. And in a sense, then, everywhere we go as followers of Jesus is right at that meeting point, right at the edge of heaven and earth. Maybe everywhere we go is holy ground after all, since God was willing to enter into this physical world, this reality of ours, and to share this life with its joys and sorrows, brokenness and beauty, and to embrace it all in the humanity of Jesus.

I don't know about you, but it seems to me like it will take more than a day or a week to let that message sink down into my soul and shape me. Maybe it will take a lifetime, even though I've heard the story before. Join us this new year as our Life on the Edge journey takes us not just to the manger, but to the whole Mystery of God-with-us. And let this be a time where we can pause, ponder with Mary, and see our lives in a whole new light at the meeting place of heaven and earth.

Christ's Peace to you, both this Christmastide and throughout the new year,
 Pastor Steve



GROWING IN GOD'S WORD



Advent Adult Sunday School Series: "Jesus—The Wonder Years"

What would it have been like to raise the child Jesus? Have you ever wondered what Jesus' childhood was like, or why there are so few stories from that part of his life? And with the handful of stories we do have from the Bible, what do they mean and why do they matter for our lives? This January, we'll be starting a new series in our Sunday morning Adult Class, looking at important episodes from the early life of Jesus across the gospels, in what we do—and don't—know. Join us for these conversations from 9:15-9:45 a.m. (between services) on Sunday mornings:

- Jan. 5—"What's In A Name?"—An Overview of Names and Titles for Jesus with Vicar Natalie

What's In a Name? Exploring the Names of Jesus: Jesus' name was given by God and had significant meaning to the people who heard it. Jesus is also known by other names throughout the biblical text that related to his redemptive work among the people and on the cross, along with his divine identity. We will explore through scripture the names of Jesus that he called himself and also those declared by other people.

- Jan. 12—The Visitation of the Magi and Epiphany
- Jan. 19—Jesus the Refugee and the Flight into Egypt
- Jan. 26—The Presentation in the Temple, Part 1
- Feb. 2—The Presentation, Part 2 (Simeon and Anna)
- Feb. 9—No Class—Congregational Breakfast in the fellowship hall
- Feb. 16—the Child Jesus in the Temple

Join us for any or all of these studies on Sunday mornings here at Community of Christ this January and February!

Thursday Bible Study Series Resumes January 2: "Things Seen and Unseen"

This December we began a new series in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, co-led between Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie, exploring angels and other spiritual beings in the Bible, what we do (and don't!) know about them, and what difference their existence makes in our lives. Have you ever been curious about what angels look like, or where some people get the idea of "guardian" angels from? Don't know your "cherubim" from your "seraphim"? Wonder why the first words out of the angels' mouths in the Bible are so often, "Do not be afraid!?" Well, as we begin a new calendar year, we'll resume with the second half of our series on angels, picking up again on Jan. 2 and running through January 16 as we explore **Things Seen and Unseen:** An Introduction to Angels in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room. If you need handouts from past sessions, see Pastor Steve or Vicar Natalie, and you can always check out our video summaries for each session on the church's Facebook page! We'd love to have you around the table as we explore *things seen and unseen!*





Worship Volunteer Schedule January 2025



Week	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
Acolyte/Crucifer 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Josef Perkins	Laurie Mauro	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte/Crucifer 10:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed
Bulletin 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Irene Rang	Volunteer Needed
Bulletin 10:00	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kevin Swagler
Camera 10:00	Neil Raymond	Sarah Rockwell	Kevin Swagler	Rick Yokum
Communion Prep/Clean 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Josef Perkins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Communion Prep/Clean 10:00	Neil Raymond	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 8:00 East	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 8:00 West	R & L Metcalf	Irene Rang	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 10:00 East	Chris Rilling	Dean Nofzinger	Marsha Cochran	Rob Kohntopp
Greeter 10:00 West	Natalie Rilling	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Jill Kohntopp
Lector 8:00	Josef Perkins	Ron Atkins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lector 10:00	Greg Aubell	Volunteer Needed	Marsha Cochran	Natalie Downs
Worship Asst 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Natalie Downs	Laurie Mauro	Volunteer Needed
Worship Asst 10:00	Dean Nofzinger	Volunteer Needed	Don Schroeder	Kara Yokum

****Volunteer list as of 12/16/2024**

*****Should you need to cancel your scheduled date, please get in touch with another volunteer to fill your position and time slot. Also, cancel in Sign-Up Genius so the person covering you can sign up.**

Lectors: The readings are available for preview on our website at www.commofchrist.org under "Worship and Bulletins" and then the appropriate bulletin date.

Bulletin Assistants: Arrive 15 minutes before service to pass out bulletins. Count the number of people in attendance (including worship volunteers and all in the nursery if applicable) and mark this number on the chart inside the kiosk.

Door Greeters: Arrive 15 minutes before service to greet members and visitors at the doors of both entrances of the church.

The Verger: is a caretaker role who keeps their eyes and ears open to lend a hand for any need that arises with congregants or worship providers during the service.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mauro at (419) 877-5366. Thank you all for your time and attention to helping make our Worship Services run smoothly!

Prayers



Blessings & Prayers

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE



Prayers

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL, SHUT IN, RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED, MILITARY, OR IN NEED OF PRAYER:

MATINA BENTON, DEBBIE CARMAN, SHIRLEY COFER, JANET DELLINGER, VIRGINIA DILLON, SUSIE DONNAL, JIM & SUE ENK, FLO HANNUM, RON HETHERWICK, LUKE HOLTZ, ART INGMIRE, TOM JENNINGS, TRISTAN KIMMEY, CHRISTAL & CHAD PRITCHARD, DICK RISON, IRIS ROCKWELL, PETER SCHULTZ, PHYLLIS STURGEON, LOIS WISE
MILITARY: JAY RASMUSSEN, NOAH PITZEN, AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM, JAKE COPE



Prayer Request

Prayers of the Church

For us to keep our prayer requests current and fresh in worship---we update our prayer list every two weeks. The names you provide will be included in the congregation's prayers for two weeks. If you want to renew your prayer request, please use the form available in the gathering area or contact the church office. Thank you. Continue to pray for one another!



Children's Sermon

Kids of all ages please join Pastor Steve for a Children's Sermon at both the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services. This is the Pastor's time to share the good news of Jesus with our younger friends! He'll even have a sticker waiting just for YOU!!!!



We remember the families of Tordis Brosten, mother to Carl Brosten, and Charles Ewing a former member of Community of Christ, in prayer. May our Lord grant them peace and comfort in their hearts in the days ahead.



Prayer Shawls

If you are interested in making a prayer shawl or know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please reach out to Irene at 269-832-7714.



CoC Ministry Dates to Remember



Next Meeting Date

January 2 @ 10:00 a.m.



VISITATION MINISTRY

Next Meeting Date

January 6 @ 10:30 a.m.



Outreach

Next Meeting Date

January 8 @ 7:00 p.m.



**SOCIAL ACTION
MINISTRY**

Next Meeting Date

January 13 @ 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 13 @ 6:30 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 14 @ 6:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 14 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

February 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

Crazy Faith Talk Podcast Explores “A Theology of Giving”

Our weekly podcast, “*Crazy Faith Talk*,” offers conversation and insights looking at a variety of topics, subjects, and ideas from faith and church life to pop culture and everything in between. *Crazy Faith Talk* releases new episodes every Tuesday at noon, and you can listen for free, either by finding the link on our Facebook page, finding it at www.blogtalkradio.com/crazyfaithtalk (where you can also subscribe for free to get notifications of new episodes) or even asking your Smart Speaker (like Amazon Echo) to play the podcast “Crazy Faith Talk.” **Crazy Faith Talk is also now on Spotify**, too! If you like to listen to music or podcasts using the Spotify app, you can find Crazy Faith Talk there, too! Think of it like being invited around the table to listen in to pastors talking through their own faith, questions, and struggles and being able to take the conversation with you listen and reflect on wherever you go—in the car, from your smart-speaker, or on your phone or tablet.

Over Christmas and into the new year, our new mini-series is called “A Theology of Giving and Receiving,” and we’ll look at what it means to say that God is fundamentally a *Giver*, as well as how to be aware of the many gifts given to each of us all our lives long that we may well be taking for granted. In our second part, we’ll explore what it means for our faith to see ourselves as *receivers*—as people dependent on God’s goodness, as recipients of grace, and on how we honor the gifts of others and make space for them to offer their gifts as well. Check it out with weekly posts on our church Facebook page or Twitter/X (@BeingGraced), or on your smart speaker!



Announcements



Social Action Ministry Meets January 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Our re-energized and reorganized Social Action Ministry is meeting on January 13 as we plan out events, causes, and ministries for the year, and we would LOVE your voice and presence around the table! After Christmas time collections for Salem Lutheran area youth and the Luther Home of Mercy, we're ready to look forward to new directions and important new ministries getting started in Northwestern Ohio that we can partner with, as well as long-standing agencies that we can support in new ways. We are exploring a partnership with a new foster-care support ministry called Isaiah 117 House that is getting started in the Toledo area, and we are also looking at new ways to connect with Genacross in their work with both at-risk youth and low-income seniors in the area, too. We would love your input, your presence, and your passion to help us serve and love neighbors through the Social Action Ministry! Come to our January meeting to see if this might be a place where you can share your gifts and channel your energy!

Concert Committee Prepares for 2025 Events

After a great initial concert in November with our organ recital, the Concert Committee is gearing up for a new year and a new slate of special music events here at Community of Christ! The Organ Recital featured four musicians at our organ and piano with a variety of styles, pieces, and presentations, and we were able to raise more than \$3,000.00 from that event, which will be split between our building loan fund and Hurricane Relief through Lutheran Disaster Response. We are looking forward to a concert in March from the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra Chamber Ensemble, and then other great events and ideas for further on into the year. We would love your input, your ideas, and your presence around the table—if this is something you would like to be a part of, join us in the church office on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. (the hour before council). Help us to plan and offer great celebrations of music for our congregation and community!

Monthly Singing Visit to Blue Creek Nursing Home—January 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Every month, volunteers from Community of Christ gather at Blue Creek Nursing Home (11239 Waterville Street here in Whitehouse) on the *second Tuesday* at 10:00 a.m. to share a brief (30 min) time of singing, prayer, and fellowship. We can use singers every month, whenever you are able, but we would love to have your help and voice coming up this January when it can be so easy for folks to feel down after the hoopla and festivity of Christmas has passed for another year. Join us on January 14th to help brighten the day of residents at Blue Creek! If you want to join us, you can just meet us at Blue Creek on January 14 at 10:00 a.m., or if you have questions, see Cinda Pontsler, Cheryl Fischer, or Pastor Steve!



SAVE THE DATE—Youth Minute-to-Win-It Game and Movie Night Feb. 2

After a great time in December at our Anthony Wayne Area Community Youth Christmas Scavenger Hunt, we're planning another fun event coming up this February: a Minute to Win It and Movie Night, to be held at Hope United Methodist Church in Whitehouse, open to youth in grades 5-12. We'll have games in their gym, food, prizes, and fun, and we'd love you to join us, starting at 3:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details in the February newsletter but save the date for now!



Announcements



The **2025 Altar Flower** sponsored weekends are now available. Tags and envelopes can be found in the hallway to the left as you enter the front doors. After selecting your weekend, please **rehang** the tag on the bulletin board. Payment envelopes for sponsored weekends must be submitted by the Sunday prior in order to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated— thank you!



HELP FILL THE NEED
Donate blood!  American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Community of Christ Lutheran Church

Community Center
 6517 Finzel
 Whitehouse, OH 43571

Friday, January 10, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org Sponsor Code: COMMUNITYCHRIST Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



Scan to schedule an appointment.



For just starting out, we've been able to donate 27 to Let's Build in April, 7 quilts went to NC after the hurricane in September and we'll have 20 going to Let's Build again, totaling 54 quilts lovingly made and blessedly donated this year. Thank you to everyone who assisted with prayers and donations, our worker bees: ironing, cutting, sewing, labeling, and praying for the recipients! God is good and working in all of us!

If anyone would like to join us in 2025, we will meet on the first and third Tuesdays in the fellowship hall from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or later if needed. No experience necessary!

Thank you again,

Rose Ackerman and Joan Bierley, co-chairs
 LWR Quilt Ministry





Announcements



Altar Flower dedications for 2025 will soon be available on the bulletin board in the church hallway. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please sign up today! Simply fill out a date tag and envelope, include your check or cash along with the tag, and place it in the offering plate.

If you wish to reserve a date but don't have payment with you at the moment, **please leave the tag on the board** so we can keep a record of your reservation. Please do not take the tag with you in this case.

If you prefer to make a donation to the Flower Fund instead, you can use the envelope marked "donations only." We are grateful for your continued support and blessings! Thank you!

****We Welcome Volunteers of All Ages!****

There are many ways to serve at Community of Christ, including as a Door Greeter, Lector, Bulletin Distributor, Acolyte, Worship Assistant, Camera Operator for live streaming, or helping with Communion Set-up and Clean-up.

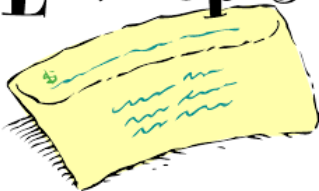
To volunteer, simply visit [www.commofchrist.org](http://www.commofchrist.org), click on *Volunteer for Worship*, select the ministry area you'd like to serve, then choose the date(s) you are available. After selecting your time slot, click on the "Sign Up" box, scroll to the bottom, and click "Submit and Sign Up." You will receive a confirmation email and a reminder shortly before your assigned date.

****Important:**** If you need to cancel, please arrange for another volunteer to cover your position, and update your cancellation in Sign-Up Genius so that others can see the availability.

Training is available at any time! Contact Laurie Mauro at (419) 877-5366. We look forward to serving with you!

****Stay tuned** for the upcoming date and additional details about a Volunteer workshop similar to the one we offered last year. There will be only one session, but we can send the guidance document to anyone interested.

Offering Envelopes



Check # 12345

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Name: Michelle Gebhart

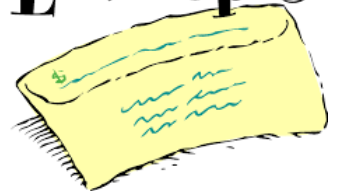
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Building Loan Offering Amount \$ 50.00

Total \$ 100.00

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Jesus

Offering Envelopes



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2025 offering envelopes are now available on the table in the hallway! These envelopes cover weekly offerings as well as special services like Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent, and more. If you have any questions about how to complete your weekly offering, please feel free to reach out to the church office. For those who prefer to give electronically, we offer the Simply Giving option, which allows for automatic withdrawals from your account. For more details, please contact Michelle at secretary@commofchrist.org. Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work at Community of Christ and beyond!



Announcements



Conversation and more.....

It starts in February—a chance to meet here at church with friends, old and new, and:

Visit

Enjoy drinks and something to nibble on
Play games and cards (euchre anyone?)

Use teamwork on jigsaw puzzles

Help with Visitation Ministry projects

Walk the halls for safe, warm exercise

Share ideas for future activities

Bring a neighbor; bring a friend. More folks mean more fun!

Mark your calendars for February 11th (1-3) and Feb. 21st (1-3).

Check with the office if you have questions.



Thank you

WISHING YOU A VERY
Merry Christmas

AND A WONDERFUL
Holiday Season



*Just a note to thank you for caroling at Lakes of Monstee. I'm enjoyed the music even though he was tired. The residents did too, and a couple of them asked if you would come back soon. So you have a return engagement! Thanks again for an enjoyable evening.
Love to all,
Don & Karen Jennings*



Announcements



Prairie Meadow Update – Wintering the Prairie Meadow – There’s Life in those stems!

You may have noticed that the Prairie Meadow has been left high and un-mowed for the winter. Our high and brown look is by design. There are numerous advantages to leaving perennials such as the native plants of the prairie meadow high in the winter. It provides seeds for birds, provides shelter to hibernating insects, and insulates the crowns of the plants from snow and cold. It also provides some winter interest to the plot as frosty and snowy stems can be very showy. So, if you have not yet cut back your garden, consider keeping it high or cutting it to only 12-18 inches now with cutting to the ground in April or so after the hibernating insects have left.

We collected seeds from one-third of the stems and cleaned and sowed them throughout the plot in early December. The one-third rule allows for remaining seeds to be used by birds and some self-sowing. The plot will undergo expansion to half an acre starting in the spring, with herbicide application to the grass and resultant weeds in the new area over nearly a 2-year period so that the expanded plot can be seeded in early 2027. This will allow the prairie meadow to be large enough for meditation paths and to be closer to the church building.



Community of Christ Book Club

BOOK CLUB



Coming Up in 2025!

January 21 - *The Women* by Kristen Hannah

February 18 - *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

March 18 - *Demon of Unrest* by Eric Larson

April 15 - *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Reid Jenkins

May 20 - *Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny

June 17 - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelley Van Pelt

Questions??? Call or Text: Kathryn Whitacre 567-395-9444





Organ Concert



Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy our organ concert! A special thank you to our performers, Kate Philabaum, Pam Stover, Jacob Henry, and Eric Dickey!





Teen Fun!



Teens and adults had a fantastic time at the Anthony Wayne area Youth Group Christmas Scavenger Hunt —thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!



12/20/2024

Spreading Christmas Cheer!

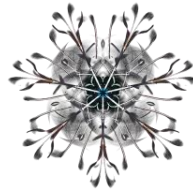


What a great evening for our caroling outing! Thanks to all our singers who spread Christmas cheer to friends and neighbors in our area!




STEWARDSHIP

A Disciple's Way of Life



Exciting news from our church! We are offering you more options to support our church's financial needs. Council and Finance Committee (as well as the Synod) have recommended the use of a new online safe and secure tool to be able to give online electronically. The program is through Tithe.ly company used by many other churches and organizations. It has several options to be able to give as noted below:

- Your donations are recorded for your giving records, and confidential to the financial secretary.
- When you donate, you designate the fund you would like your monies to go toward e.g., building loan, general, thank-you, or other.
- There are four methods to give:

1. On the church website - @ <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2746426>
2. Online (through tithe.ly website, search for Community of Christ)
3. By text: simply text the word **give** to get started.
Community Of Christ Lutheran Church: (833) 985-2568
4. Download the app and give. 



Notes:

- The app and the web link allow you to input credit/debit card information. The text method will charge through your existing cell phone bill.
- There is a fee for this service for the convenience that it offers:
 - You can choose to cover this fee in addition to your donation, OR if you don't, the fee is deducted from the donation to the church.
 - This fee is a percentage typical of this type of service.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE REMEMBER ---we also offer an **electronic offering, (Simply Giving)** that will withdraw your offering automatically from your bank account. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH!

Community of Christ: In Focus Video Series

Stewardship Committee invites you to check out a new series of short videos, released monthly, which highlight different areas of our ministry life here at Community of Christ. We're calling it Community of Christ: In Focus, and each one gives a bit of a deeper dive into the many facets of our congregational life. Our first video, highlighting worship and music, is already available to watch through our website (look under the Worship Bulletin and Recordings section of the "News and Events" tab), on our Facebook page, or YouTube. Future videos will help shine a spotlight on the different kinds of things our gifts of time, talent, and treasure go to support so that you can have a better sense of the MANY things God is up to around here at Community of Christ. Check them out, share them with a friend, and learn more about how our resources, shared for Christ's service in this place, are being used for God's work in the world!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

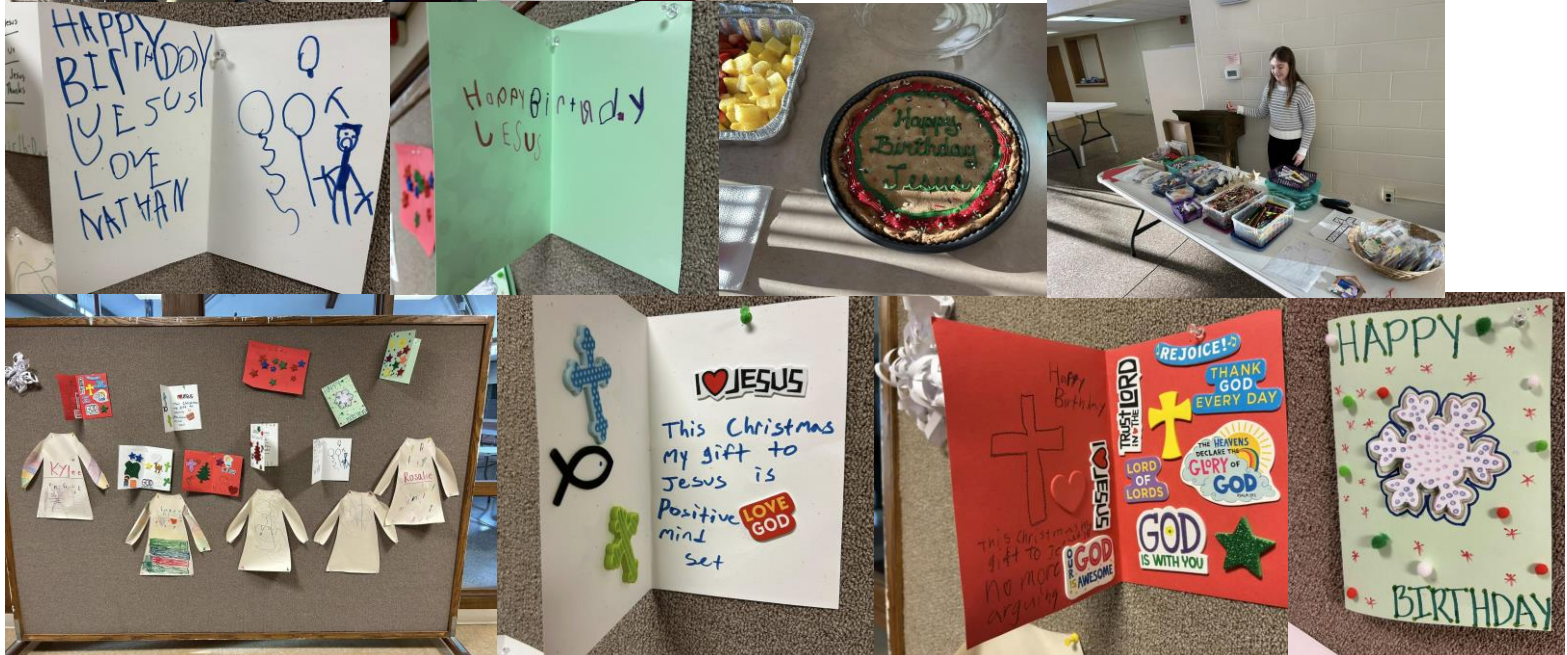


Kirk Reid	01/01	Becky King	01/10	Brian Ray	01/22
Spencer Reid	01/01	Greg Aubell	01/11	Nicholas Kronmann	01/22
Kari Swagler	01/04	Sarah Hoy	01/13	Dale Grimes	01/23
Amanda Worthington	01/05	Dawn Rhoades	01/14	Andrea Donley	01/24
Jeffrey Bright II	01/05	Luke Yokum	01/15	Phillip Whaley	01/24
Kathy Heckler	01/07	Nicholas Kronmann	01/15	Dave Nowak	01/25
Susan Rasmusson	01/07	Annette Merritt	01/16	Kerri Johnson	01/25
Claudia Jones	01/08	Bev Howard	01/20	Christopher Deacon	01/26
Marilyn Pratt	01/08	Richard Hannum	01/20	Michael Marteney	01/27
Tom Schreiber	01/08	Nancy Myerholtz	01/21	Betty McSurley	01/31
Evan Ackerman	01/09	Patricia Roth	01/21		



Happy Birthday Jesus!

Our kids had a birthday party for Jesus during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, December 22. They made these awesome birthday cards for Jesus as part of the activities—thanks to all who helped make this a great time!



Community of Christ Lutheran Church



Community of Christ Friends and Family



Please be aware that text, email phishing, and Facebook scams are circulating again. If you receive a message claiming to be from Pastor Steve or any of the staff, especially asking, "Can you do me a favor?"—it's a scam. After receiving a response, the scammer often asks for money or gift cards.

****Do not respond**** to these messages and be sure to report or block the number or email address. Remember, Pastor Steve or any church staff will never solicit requests for money or gifts via text, email, or Facebook. Please contact the church office directly if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!



Happy New Year!
The church office
will be closed
Wednesday, January 1



Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday)



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