

January  
2025



Messenger

Christ Lutheran  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

## A NEW YEAR IN CHRIST!

Should the Christian stand all day long at the grave of all joys which he enjoyed in past years? Through Holy Baptism a great stream of joy has been conducted in his heart, which does not drain away, but streams forward with his life until its waves carry him into the sea of a blessed eternity. Should the Christian be reminded all day long that the flowers of his youth fall more and more? He stands planted by God in the water of his Baptism as a palm tree which becomes greener and greener and whose leaves never wither.

Yes, his Baptism makes death for him like a short winter's nap, out of which an eternal spring—an eternal youth—follows. For Baptism is a bath that washed me not only once when I received it—washed me pure with Christ's blood—but it continuously washes me clean even daily for as long as I hold it in faith.

For just as that same water of the flood drowned the sinners, but Noah with his relatives were brought to salvation and carried to Mount Ararat, so also did the water of my Baptism drown my sins, but my soul was brought to the eternal mountain of divine grace.

And just as once those same waves of the Red Sea, which swallowed up Pharaoh and his army, were a protective wall for Israel, so also has my baptismal water swallowed up all of my damnation and is for me a sure wall before God's wrath and punishment.

Now then, all of you who believe in God's Word, let your watchword for entering the new year be this: "I am baptized!"



## contents

**2.** C. F. W. Walther "Sermon 1845" (cont.)/ Prayers

**3.** Confirmation/Acolyte/Christ Lutheran School

**4.** Christ Lutheran School Auction

**5.** Birthday and Anniversaries

**6.** Calendar

Although the world may laugh at this comfort, the enthusiasts vex its confidence ... nevertheless, abandon any other dearly held pledges and speak only throughout the entire year to come, in all terrors of conscience and necessity through sin and death: "I am baptized! I am baptized! Hallelujah!" And you shall prevail! In every time of need, you will find comfort in your Baptism; on account of it Satan will flee from your faith and confession; and in death you will see heaven opened and will finally come into the joy of your Lord to celebrate a great year of jubilee, a year of praise, with all the angels forever and ever. Amen!

—C. F. W. Walther  
"Sermon for New Year's Day (1845)"

---

## **LET US PRAY**

*"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit"*  
(James 5:16b-18).

### **THE PRIESTHOOD PRAYS**

#### **In need of Healing/Strength: In need of Healing Strength:**

Rev. Tim Jones, (cancer); Muriel Shervey's grandson, Joseph, as he recovers from kidney transplant surgery, Dorothy Warhol (Tanya Stenzel's mother); Mary Jo Buss; David Steltenpohl (John's brother); Jerry Eslinger, Staci Marek, Ray Haupt (Jessica's Dad, cancer), Thorfinn Markham, Jon Venema (Pastor's friend—Hodgkin Lymphoma). Linda Matott.

**Pastors and Missionaries:** Pastor Greg, Pastor Scott Yount (Missionary Ukraine), AALC Presiding Pastor, Rev. Dr. Cary Larson; Seminary President, Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins. Seminarian Alex Lancaster and Christ Lutheran School.

**Prayer for Shut-ins:** Jill Bahr (Osseo); Ed Ray (Cambridge Senior Living, Eau Claire); Muriel Shervey (at home); Leitha Swanson (Our House Memory Care), Jane Schneider (Our House Memory Care), Shirley Rosenow (at home), Mary Kuhnert (Grace Edgewood, Altoona).



## CONFIRMATION MEAL PROVIDERS & ACOLYTE

Wednesday Meal Providers	Sunday Acolyte
January 1 - <b>NO CONFIRMATION</b> January 8 - Nuanes Family January 15 - Boehnen Family January 22 - <b>STILL NEEDED</b> January 29 - Short Family	January 5 - Tristan Widikar January 12 - Ruby Goossens January 19 - Tabby Goossens January 26 - Ruby Goossens

**Confirmation supper @ 4:30 PM**

**Confirmation @ 5:00 PM**

**Worship @ 6:30 PM.**

Please remember to bring your Bibles and Small Catechism books with you.

If you can not acolyte we ask that you find your own replacement.

We also would like to thank all of you who have signed up to help with providing supper for the kids.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**THANK YOU!!**

**Thank you for supporting our Cookie Walk and Bake Sale. Thank you to those that baked goodies!**

**Cookie Walk & Bake Sale**



# CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL



you're invited to the **CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

## **20th Annual Auction Event**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- meat raffles
- live auction
- gun raffles
- silent auction
- many other raffles

---

**THE FLORIAN GARDENS  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

---

**• \$40 per person •**

---

5pm doors open •  
5:30-6:30 dinner buffet & dessert



Carolyn Licht	1	Catherine Van Nurden	22
Carlee Chittendon	2	Larry Seidlitz	22
Leonard Johnson	3	Robert Wing	25
Brad Polzin	4	Lucy Polivany	27
Brian Pitsch	7	Timothy Bergevin	28
Kaitlyn Sommerfeld	7	Timothy Hedrington	28
Carrie Bateman	9	James Goss	29
Flower Ray	16	Linda Goss	29
Jill Bahr	17	Deb Markham	30

## USEFUL Information and Dates

### Willing WORKERS

are in need of help on Friday mornings @ 8:30am! Even if you can only spare an hour, every little bit of help is welcome.

### Financial UPDATE

A financial report is available to our membership upon request. Please contact the office.

### Prayer CHAIN

If you find a need for prayer in your life or in the life of a friend, you are invited to put our Prayer Chain to use. please call Carol Johnson at 715-723-1676. **Prayer Chain participants** please check your E-mail daily to see if there is a message.

### Kitchen NEEDS

The kitchen is in need of a few donations if anyone is able to help out it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for coffee, hot chocolate packets and a few different flavored tea packets.

### Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submissions for the February Newsletter is Monday, January 27th. Please email submissions to secretary4clc@gmail.com. Thank you!

### Contact INFO



#### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

467 E. Colome Street  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
secretary4clc@gmail.com  
715-723-8273

#### CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

715-723-3697  
mmarkham@christlutherschool.org

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00AM</b> Men of Christ Bible Study Chippewa Family Restaurant  <b>8-8:30AM</b> Willing Workers	<b>4</b> <b>8:00AM</b> Men's Club
<b>5</b> <b>9:30AM</b> Worship  <b>10:30AM</b> Fellowship  <b>10:45AM</b> Sunday School All Ages	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:00AM</b> Chapel <b>8:30AM</b> Quilters 9:30AM Joyful Faith  <b>4:30PM</b> Confirmation Supper <b>5:00PM</b> Confirmation Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00AM</b> Men of Christ Bible Study Chippewa Family Restaurant  <b>8-8:30AM</b> Willing Workers	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:30AM</b> Worship  <b>10:30AM</b> Fellowship  <b>10:45AM</b> Sunday School All Ages	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>8:00AM</b> Chapel <b>8:30AM</b> Quilters  <b>4:30PM</b> Confirmation Supper <b>5:00PM</b> Confirmation Class	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:00AM</b> Men of Christ Bible Study Chippewa Family Restaurant  <b>8-8:30AM</b> Willing Workers	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:30AM</b> Worship  <b>10:30AM</b> Annual Meeting	<b>20</b>  <b>Newsletter Submissions Due</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:00AM</b> Chapel <b>8:30AM</b> Quilters  <b>4:30PM</b> Confirmation Supper <b>5:00PM</b> Confirmation Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:00AM</b> Men of Christ Bible Study Chippewa Family Restaurant  <b>8-8:30AM</b> Willing Workers	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30AM</b> Worship  <b>10:30AM</b> Fellowship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>8:00AM</b> Chapel <b>8:30AM</b> Quilters  <b>4:30PM</b> Confirmation Supper <b>5:00PM</b> Confirmation Class	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>6:00AM</b> Men of Christ Bible Study Chippewa Family Restaurant  <b>8-8:30AM</b> Willing Workers	

