

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious and loving Father, whose love has superseded justice and who purposed in love to redeem the world, we praise You for revealing the mystery of the cross and the Christ to us, for our salvation depends on our knowing and accepting His death and resurrection for us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.



WE OFFER THANKS to God for daily blessings of spiritual grace and joy in Christ Jesus, and for those who serve us. We thank Him also in celebration of 101 years of Christian life for Evelyn Zeckser and 45 years of marriage for Dale and Carol Peterson. Let us intercede for those suffering trials, with illness or pain, including Larry Falk, Wayne Wille, Willis Herren, Eloise Grunewald, Joe Holenbeck, Jeannelle Fink, Linda Maas, Shelly Ingram, Tom Morehead, David Wertzberger, Monica Hinch, Deb Bruggen, Jan Diepenbrock, Bonnie Williams, Peggy TenEyck and those in nursing homes. We ask God to grant each of us wisdom to know Him and courage to follow Him, as we serve Him in daily life.

WORSHIP SERVANTS: Altar Guild: Roxann Maike, Deanna Moege; Nurse: Janet Wertzberger, Elaine Becker; Acolytes: Megan Piper, Talen Orton; Children’s Message: Orville Altevogt; Ushers: Phillip Theel, Randall Debler, Larry Garrison, Paul Savage, Ryan Theel; Sunday School Teachers: Dennis Theel, Paul Savage, Phillip Theel, Rev. Jim Mayes, Don Frank; Singers: Ken & Cindy Smith; Video: Kameron Moege, Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; Tech Support: Erik Grimm.



DEAR FRIEND, may God bring gladness to your hearts through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who brought us gifts of righteousness, joy and peace.

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday	8:30am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Divine Worship Service on Facebook live and FM 88.3
	10:45am	Church Council
	10:45am	Parish Nurse blood pressure checks
Monday	9:00am	Quilt Tying
	12:00 pm	Pray for Missions
Tuesday	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank’s Plumbing Pastor’s Conference @ St. Luke’s
	7:00pm	School Board
Wednesday	8:10am	Chapel
	6:15pm	Confirmation class
Thursday	9:30am	Heroes of the Faith via Facebook
	1:00-3:00pm	Thrivent Representative
Saturday	6:05 pm	Evening Communion Service
Sunday	9:30am	Communion Service with drive through communion, Facebook live and FM 88.3

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST**DECEMBER 31, 2020, & JANUARY 2-3, 2021**

Attendance: New Year's Eve	25	Online views	226
Saturday evening	34	Communed	22
Sunday Morning	70	Communed	72
		On-line views	350
<i>Receipts needed weekly: \$9,847.00</i>			



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today were placed to the glory of God by Dale and Carol Peterson in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

ANNUAL REPORTS are being compiled for 2020. All chairpersons, secretaries, and treasurers of their respective Boards and Auxiliaries should submit their reports to the church office no later than January 13th.

INQUIRING HEROES OF THE FAITH Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 14th at 9:30am. This Bible study is presented live and on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/lutheran.church.1650>. Anyone interested in receiving an emailed copy of the materials to accompany the class should contact the church office. Thursday-the Magi: Matthew 2.

THE ALTAR FLOWER sign-up sheets for 2021 are now hanging on the pillar in the back of the church. If you plan to put flowers on the altar in memory of someone or thanksgiving for a special occasion, please enter the information on the date you would like to do this.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: following today's Epiphany service we need help removing the Christmas decorations and moving them to storage in the basement. It would be greatly appreciated if you could stay to help complete this task.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet after the service today in Memorial Hall. A Voter's meeting is planned for January 24th following the Sunday morning service.



STONE AND MORTAR: Church exterior repair work is necessary at this time for our church building to remain strong. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 for the repairs and to have the work when possible. Please contribute to this project. Monies may be designated as "**Church Exterior.**" -- St. John Trustees

NOISY SUNDAY MITES FOR MISSIONS- Sunday

January 31st, the fifth Sunday, will be a "Noisy Sunday" for missions. Bring coins to fill the bucket by the office door. It is also 5th Sunday Debt Reduction. Special offerings may be made to reduce our debt.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEK is January 24-31, 2021. The school children will sing during the service at St. John on January 24th and at Trinity Lutheran in McFarland on January 31st. In addition, a special week of lunch menus is being planned.

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVE: Dean Straub will be at the church this month on Thursday, January 14th and 28th from 1:00-3:00pm in Memorial Hall.

CHOICE DOLLARS: By directing Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, the church has received benefits as directed by Sam Moege and Evelyn Zeckser. Thank you for your support.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Jan 10	James Lesline Brexton White <i>Dale & Carol Peterson</i>
Jan 11	Jenny Henderson Isabella Wade
Jan 12	Brandon Stuewe
Jan 13	Evelyn Zeckser Taylor Billings Heather Stuewe
Jan 14	Justice Stuewe
Jan 15	Deanna Moege Ron Schultz