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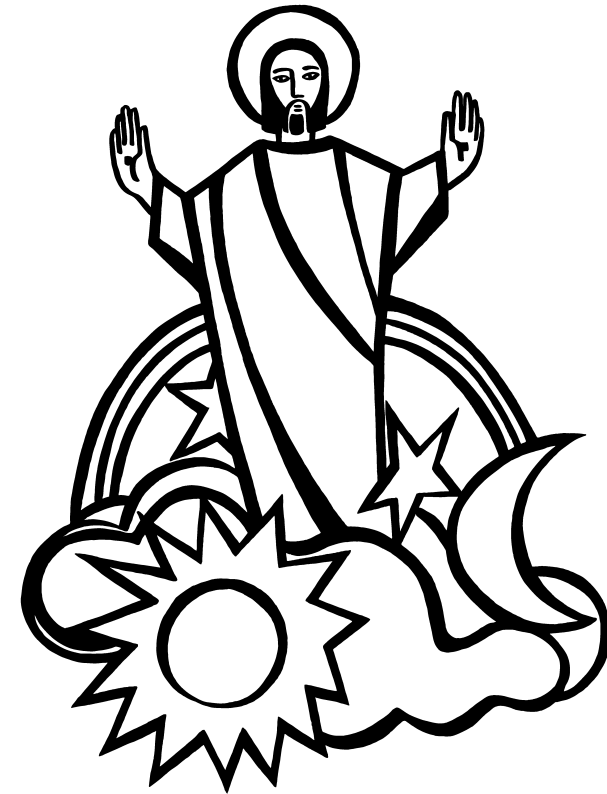
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# Lutheran Church of the Cross



*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**November 29, 2020**

**1004 E. Highland Acres Road  
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**Faith and Care:** Sue Erickson, Myrtice Behan

**Altar Guild:** Cherie Krueger, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle, Pam Hanson

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please contact Connie in the church office 223.1001, if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit. *(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.)*

**For those struggling with health issues:** Maxine and Bryce Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Earl and Marlene Larson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, son in law and daughter of Hattie Martinson; Quinton and Arlene Wolff, parents of Wayne Wolff; Nick Irwin, cousin to Patty Hanson; Bonnie Spies, Robin Johnson's sister; Lois Dolan, Kevan Sorenson, Kristina Neuharth, Lori Dvorak, Mary Weinberg, mother of Terry Grenz; Gerald "Stork" Nordquist, father of JoDee Sayler, grandfather of Jon Ternes, Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; mother of Kraig, Pastor Jackie Bloom, JoDee Sayler, Bernice Walton, Nancy Dockter, Dennis Dohrmann; brother to Art, Ken Will, Dale Heaton; Gary Heaton's uncle, Deb Carpenter, Kim Schultz, Christian Helfridge; grandson of Wood's friend, Jean Schafer; daughter of Bernice Walton, LaVonne Hultin, Roger Pommerer, Megan & her baby; a granddaughter of Patty Hanson's friend, Tekla Bekkedal, Lakin; Art Dohrmann's niece, LorRaine Riveland, Linda Kramer, Gary Hultin, Robin Willoughby, Jeff & Barb Thomas, Ray Staiger, Stuart Hanson, Lois Hanson, John Behan, Kathryn Wilson; granddaughter of Wilson's, Kay Miller.

**For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of:** Severin Splide; father to John Splide, Ray Humann; father to Mike Humann, Vivian Dahl, Faye Krumwiede, Jim Kramer

**For ELCA Missionaries:** Willie and Anne Langdji

**Altar Focus for December: Carrie's Kids and ELCA's Good Gifts** Carrie's Kids will again be the Altar Focus for the month of December. There's a new twist to the process this year. A Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex with jean ornaments listing sizes of K –6th grade boys jeans needed as usual. Other items such as socks, underwear, etc. would be greatly appreciated too. Jerry and Patty Hanson will set the tree up after Thanksgiving. However because of the pandemic some of you may not feel comfortable going out shopping but want to participate. Send a check with Carries Kids written on the memo. LCC in turn will then write one check to them. Or if you prefer you may also write the check to them and we will pass it along.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross's Worship Service!** If you are visiting with us today via livestreaming or in person, we welcome you.

**Stewardship Reflection for Sunday, November 29, 2020** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent) *"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."* – Mark 13:37  
Advent calls us to pay attention and to look for signs of Christ in the world. As we enter a new season of the church year, we continue to give thanks and show gratitude. Pay attention. Look around. Opportunities to be a blessing to others abound! ~ **SOURCE**, *Ron Blezard*

**Heat for the Church** runs through the end of March. Call the church office if you would like to participate. The secretary will record the dates and if it is in recognition of a special event or person. Checks may be mailed in with Heat for the Church on the memo line. \$10 November and March, \$25 December through February. You may also stop in to fill in the calendar if so desired.

**Christmas flowers for the Sanctuary** have been ordered. Call the church office if you'd like to purchase a plant or two to beautify the altar area for Christmas. Checks may be mailed with "poinsettias" on the memo line. The slips are also out in the narthex. Drop them in the secretary's bin next to her door.

**Dates to Remember**

November 29 *First Sunday in Advent*

November 30 *12.7/14/21 Stitchers Group 9:30 Multipurpose room*

December 2 *Women's Bible Study 9:00am, Advent Holden Services*

December 6 *Second Sunday in Advent*

December 13 *Third Sunday in Advent*

December 20 *Fourth Sunday in Advent, Virtual Christmas program*

December 24 *online Christmas service only*

December 27 *Service of Carols*

**ALTAR FOCUS CONTINUED:** Another possibility is to purchase a gift certificate from a local store for said items. Please turn that into the office rather than placing it under the tree.

The tree of Good Gifts will be set up in the narthex as it has in the past. The ornaments purchased goes towards the purchase of goats, chickens, roosters, pigs, honeybees, water filter, latrines, etc. to those in need who otherwise don't have the ability to purchase the above mentioned items.