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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

**December 20, 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 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; Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; mother of Kraig, Pastor Jackie Bloom, JoDee Saylor, 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, 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:** Gerald "Stork" Nordquist, father of JoDee Saylor, Bryce Hill, Ray Staiger; father to Stacey Krumwiede, Severin Splide; father to John Splide, Ray Humann; father to Mike Humann, Vivian Dahl

**Altar Focus for December: Carrie's Kids and ELCA's Good Gifts** Carrie's . A Christmas tree is 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. 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. 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.

**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, December 20, 2020** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) *Luke 1:26-38 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,.."* During Advent we celebrate, and we wait in anticipation. The words, "Do not be afraid" are a greeting of assurance to us. Instead, what if we take these words as a reminder that as God's people we are to stand boldly for the sake of the entire world? **SOURCE:** *Ron Blezard*

To all of the participants in the **Christmas program** a colossal thank you. What an amazing gift to provide this church during this time in this particular way with individuals and families coming together and taping their scenes either at home or in church. To the musicians, actors, writers, directors, and editor; a fantastic job. Well done!

**Heat for the Church** runs through the end of March. Call the church office (or stop by) 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.

**Thank you** to all who have purchased poinsettias for the sanctuary.

**Dates to Remember**

*December 21 Stitchers Group 9:30 Multipurpose room  
December 24 4:30 Music prelude 5pm Christmas service online only, 10pm Service live*

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JANUARY 24 ANNUAL MEETING**