

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2025

John 3:16



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From the Pastor...

Groundhog Day comes at the beginning of February on the second to be exact. We all know the folklore of the tradition- if the groundhog sees its shadow it predicts six more weeks of winter. February 2 is midway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The Germans arriving in the 1700's brought the tradition of Candlemas Day where the clergy would bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of Winter. If the sun came out on February 2, it meant six more weeks of winter. The Germans wrote:

For if the sun shines on Candlemas Day,

So far will the snow swirl in May.

For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day,

So far will the sun shine before May.

Of course, we all listen for Punxsutawney Phil's prognostication as the "Weather Prophet Extraordinary". It's fun to watch a groundhog attain so much attention. So often he misses the forecast with a wrong prediction.

In this Season of Epiphany in the Church we continue to see Jesus being shown to the world. Jesus came of Jewish heritage to save His people from their sin. As the presentation of the baby King Jesus to the Magi shows, Jesus also came to save the Gentiles too. The Father wants all people to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Savior. Unlike the groundhog who retreats so often to his den, with Jesus the tomb is empty, once and for all time. Our debt is paid, our sin is forgiven; we have the hope and promise of eternal life in heaven with God. The forecast is salvation for all who believe in Jesus as their Savior. As Jesus is shown to you as your Savior, have no doubt, have no fear; Jesus comes to dispel the darkness of the world. May His light shine in your heart this day and forevermore.

Pastor David Andermann

Sisters In Christ



Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study

We will be continuing our Women's Bible Study on **Saturday, February 8**, weather permitting, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This Bible study is from the book ***"Be Still & Know" – A Study of Rest and Refuge***, by Christian author, Deb Burma. Please read Pages 115–137, Session 5: "Storms of Scurry", before the Bible Study on February 8. Please contemplate the "R&R" highlighted questions throughout the pages as you read through Session 5. At the Bible Study, we will read and discuss Luke 10:38-42, and discuss the Discussion Questions throughout the pages of Session 5, as well as the in the Viewer Guide for Session 5 on pages 136 & 137. All Bible verses will be printed out for you, so you won't need to bring your Bible. We hope to see you there!

This series consists of eight sessions. Therefore, we will complete this study in May or June, depending if we have bad weather for any of the winter dates. We will meet the second Saturday morning of each month unless otherwise notified.

Mite Box Sunday Please continue to contribute to Mites and the Lutheran Women Missionary League's mission projects around the world by placing your Mission Donations/ Mites in the large Mite box, or the offering plate, putting your donation in one of the "Mites" envelopes on the table in the narthex by behind the offering plate or place a check in the offering plate with "Mission Donation/Mites" in the memo line. Thank you!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

20 Thelma Turek
28 Bert Bendickson
28 Lori Bandera



Announcements

Sympathy to the family of Chad Hinkelman (former member) who died this month. Services were held in Tennessee.

Congratulations to Caleb & Jacci Jenks on the birth of their daughter Mallory Ann on Friday, January 17.

Congratulations on the birth of Arthur Wayne Seggebruch on January 27. Parents are Spencer & Paige. Grandparents are Brent and Susan.

Can You Help? We are in need of people to volunteer to signup to help with Sunday fellowship time after church. Please check the clipboard on the wall by the church office.

Alive will meet at Mom's in Dixon on Tuesday, February 18th at 12:15 pm for lunch. A sign-up sheet is located on the wall next to the office. (we cancelled for bad weather in January)

Christ's Crafts will meet on Saturday, February 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite craft to show others and work on. Enjoy fellowship of other crafters.

Hope Life Center Change for Life is here! Support our church as we partner with Hope Life Center to build a culture of life in our community. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your spare change, cash, or checks. Each time you put your change in a bottle, say a prayer for abortion to be erased from our community. Your support and prayers makes a big CHANGE in the lives of the women and unborn children who receive services and support through Hope Life Center.

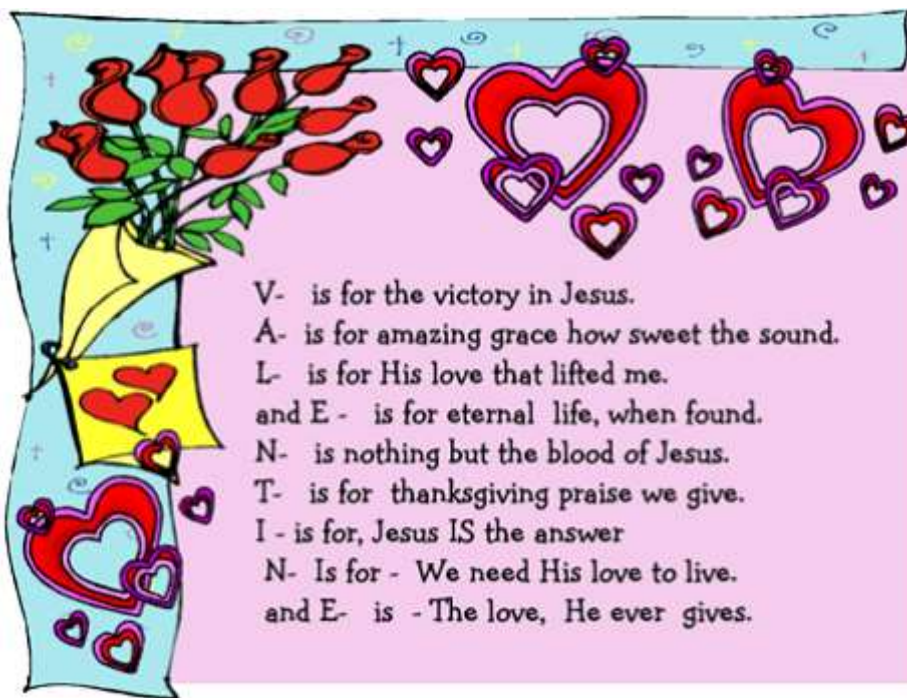
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| <p>SERVING OUR LORD IN FEBRUARY Elder: Patrick Quinn Altar: Quinn family</p> |
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Start the new year by joining us in learning about God's Word each week.

Our schedule is:

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| Feb 2 | Fall Lesson #11 |
| Feb 9 | Fall Lesson #12 |
| Feb 16 | Fall Lesson #13 |
| Feb 23 | Mission Sunday |



Prayer List

Joan Kessel at Heritage Square, Dixon.

Patrick Hatfield (great-nephew of Jerry & Barb) paralyzed from a motorcycle accident. Comfort Dog Ministry, Hope Life Center, Lutheran schools; Missionaries

Our nation, its leaders, those serving in the Military

Families involved in disasters & shootings. Ukraine & Gaza families.

****Please notify the church office if you have a prayer request or update.**



CLS Thrift Store

Hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donations are needed and being accepted during those times. All proceeds go to support Christ Lutheran School.

We are again collecting gently used or new shoes of all kinds and sizes for Soles for Jesus! See the collection box in the Fellowship Hall and the poster on the bulletin board. It costs \$4 to ship one pair of shoes to Africa plus they also send Bibles as well, so if you'd like to donate funds towards shipping or Bibles or have any questions, please see Jerry or Barb. Go to SOLESFORJESUS.ORG or facebook to learn more about this worthwhile ministry. Since 2010 the organization has sent 892,000 pairs of shoes to Africa. Thank you for your generosity!



**Soles
For
Jesus**

YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the youth group by purchasing a calendar, Christmas cards or note pads. We truly appreciate your support!

Next youth meeting is February 23 at 6:30 pm.

Welcome new Youth Leader, Jen Sheaffer!



Joy Holden traveled to California for the Rose Bowl Parade again this year. She really got into the decorating of the Lutheran Hour Float! Joy even climbed up on the scaffolding to decorate. Video of the parade is available on facebook.

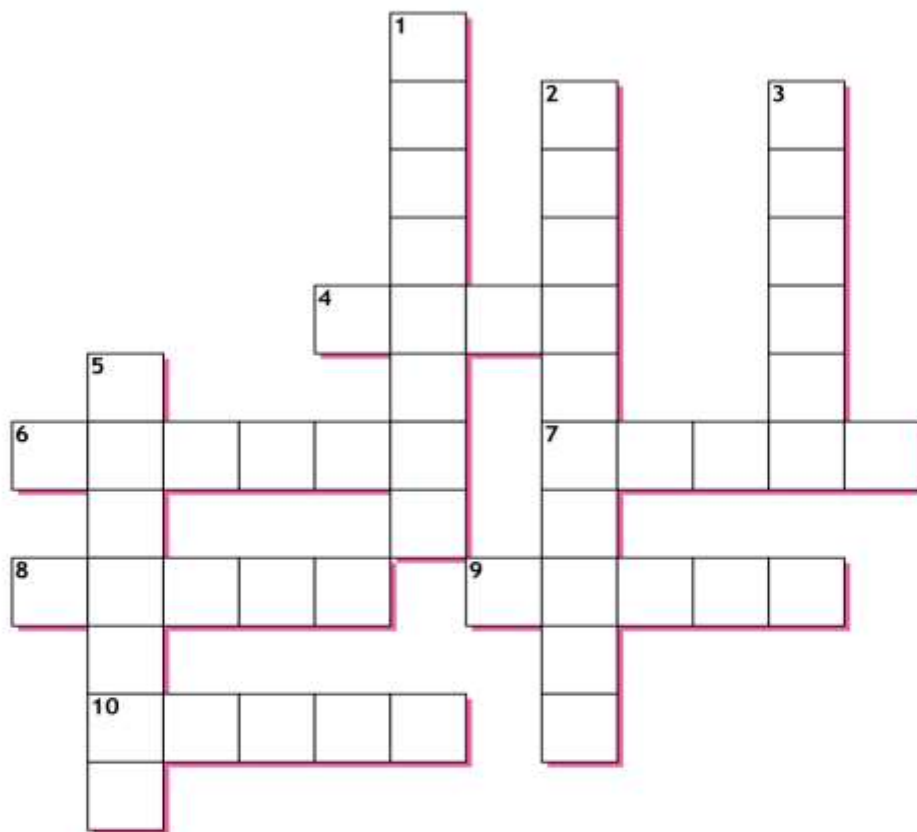


FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

There are more people getting food from the Dixon Food Pantry, and the pantry needs our help in stocking their shelves! The first Sunday of each month has been designated by the Church Council to be food pantry Sunday.

Valentine's Day

Crossword Puzzles



Across

4. it makes the world go around
6. two individuals of the same sort considered together.
7. The organ is the main power to your body
8. move rhythmically to music, typically following a set sequence of steps
9. sweets for the sweets
10. Quivers and bow

Down

1. make an offer of marriage to someone
2. a person with whom someone is having a romantic relationship
3. The main meal of the day, taken either around midday or in the evening.
5. a book or movie dealing with love in a sentimental or idealized way.

"The Lutheran Hour"

Listen to the program that airs every Sunday on the following radio stations:

Chicago WGN 720 AM at 6:00 a.m.
Freeport WFPS 92.1 FM at 8:00 a.m.
Rochelle WRHL 1060 AM at 7:30 a.m.



Online any time at www.lutheranhour.org

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February 2 *"Do the Things That Make for Unity"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (John 4:9)

February 9 *"We Have an Advocate"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6)

February 16 *"The Bread of Our Lives"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35)

February 23 *"Need to Know"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29)