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LUTHERAN CHURCH
Making Jesus Known



January 2026

Called by Christ—January (The Season of Epiphany) 2026

When I stop and think about it, it amazes me the lengths God will go to in order to get through to us.

There are already thousands of stars visible in the night sky, those dazzling points of light in the heavens that “declare the glory of God,” as the Psalmist puts it. To look out at the night sky and see even the tiny fraction of stars that are visible to our naked eyes should point us to God. And as if that weren’t enough, God puts a light in the sky that gets the attention of some eastern sky-watching astrologers (whom we call the Magi, or the Wise Men), using a means that they would understand and recognize, in order to bring them to meet the Christ-child, and to be forever changed by the encounter.

There had been plenty of prophets and visionaries raised up by God to speak a message to the people before, too. In the first century, the words of prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, and Amos had not only been spoken before, but were written down with copies being read in synagogues all over Galilee and Judea. And as if that weren’t enough, God raises up John the Baptizer to call attention to Jesus of Nazareth... **and** sends the Holy Spirit to alight on Jesus like a dove... **and** speaks from heaven, “This is my Son!” all to get the listening and watching crowds to know that God was communicating in a whole new way.

For that matter, plenty of other rabbis had come and gathered plenty of their own students before to learn their own nuanced interpretations of the Torah. And yet along the shore comes Jesus, who doesn’t hold auditions or tryouts to winnow the candidates down to the best of the best, but seeks a bunch of unschooled fishermen and calls them to follow him, just as they are, meeting them where they are.

Just look at the lengths God will go to in order to get through to us.

In these days, as we celebrate the season of Epiphany (the “revealing” or “manifestation” of Jesus to the world), God is at it again: reaching through time and space, through ancient story and song, by the same Spirit that descended on Jesus, to call us and draw us to Christ. We don’t just read the old words as a record of what God *used* to do—we discover that God is still drawing us, pulling us, leading us by the hand, to bring us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to follow in his way. And for all the times in our lives where we have turned away, gotten distracted, looked at our phones instead, or put our trust in something else, God has not given up on us. God continues to go to great lengths to get through to us.

Join us on Sundays where Christ comes among us in water and Word, in bread and in wine. Join us around the Bible study table where God keeps speaking through ancient scriptures. Join us in visits to the homebound, meals for those recovering from sickness or surgery, conversation around good food, and all sorts of other ways. Together we’ll be surprised all over again at what means God uses to reach us, and to call us closer to Christ. Let’s find out what’s next.

Christ’s Peace,
Pastor Steve

Happy New Year!

Worship Hours
Sunday,
8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Bible Study
9:15 a.m.

Pastor’s Bible
Study

Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

Visitation Ministry
January 5,
10:30 a.m.

Outreach
January 6,
7:00 p.m.

Social Action
January 7,
10:00 a.m.

Worship & Music
January 8,
10:00 a.m.

Community Youth
January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Lay Internship
January 11,
11:15 a.m.

Christian Ed.
January 12,
6:30 p.m.

Concert Committee
January 13,
6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting
January 13,
7:00 p.m.

Stewardship
January 15,
6:00 p.m.

Worship Services
Available at
www.commfchrist.org

Church Office
Closed on
January 1 & 19



Crazy Faith Talk Podcast Explores Christmas Pop Culture

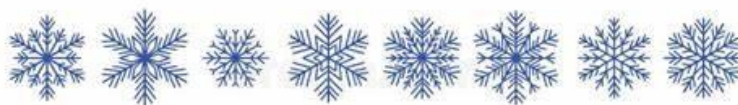
Our weekly podcast, “*Crazy Faith Talk*,” offers conversation and insights looking at a variety of topics, subjects, and ideas from faith and church life to pop culture and everything in between. *Crazy Faith Talk* releases new episodes every Tuesday at noon, and you can listen for free, either by finding the link on our Facebook page or even asking your Smart Speaker (like Amazon Echo) to play the podcast “Crazy Faith Talk.” **Crazy Faith Talk is now on Spotify!** If you like to listen to music or podcasts using the Spotify app, you can find Crazy Faith Talk there! *Crazy Faith Talk* features our own Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie, as well as Sarah Aasheim, an ELCA pastor serving in eastern Pennsylvania, and Methodist colleague Erica Wellner, who is serving in central Pennsylvania. Think of it like being invited around the table to listen in to pastors talking through their own faith, questions, and struggles, and being able to take the conversation with you, listen, and reflect on wherever you go—in the car, from your smart-speaker, or on your phone or tablet.

Our latest series, after Christmas, is taking a quick look at the “junk food” and the “hidden gems” of Christmas pop culture. Over the course of the Christmas season, we are inundated with LOTS of stories, songs, traditions, movies, and more. Some of it is great, and some of it feels like empty calories. In this series, we’ll explore some parts of Christmas-season pop culture that, like junk food, are ok as occasional indulgences as long as you don’t confuse them with the main course. And we’ll also look at some pop culture Christmas phenomena that are surprisingly substantive and point us back to the real meaning of Christmas and the celebration of Christ’s birth. There’s something for everyone, so listen in and check out this series with our weekly posts on our church Facebook page or Twitter/X (@BeingGraced), by searching for “Crazy Faith Talk” on Spotify, or on your smart speaker!

GROWING IN GOD’S WORD

Worship Whys—Sunday Adult Forum starting January 4

Our weekly Sunday Adult Forum resumes this January with a new series exploring our patterns of worship as Lutheran Christians and with our own particular traditions here at Community of Christ. Have you ever wondered why we do certain things in worship, or wondered where they come from? How about the differences in traditions between different Christian denominations, or the ways our practices here are different from other Lutheran congregations in other places? And how have Christian worship patterns changed over time? All of these questions are a part of our new series, “Worship Whys,” beginning on January 4, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services in the Bible study/Council room. Everyone is welcome, and we invite you to bring your thoughts, questions, and curiosities!



GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Thursday Bible Study Resumes January 8 With A New Series

Every year on Christmas Eve here at Community of Christ, as we light our candles, we hear the opening passage of John's Gospel and its well-known opening: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..."* This opening section of John's Gospel is unique—it feels less like a biography (which the rest of the Gospel feels like) and more like a poem or a hymn. It zooms out from the particular details of first-century Palestine to the creation of the entire universe, before bringing us right back to the nitty-gritty of life under the Roman Empire and the dusty roads of Judea. Within the Scriptures, this section, often called the *Prologue* of John's Gospel, is one of a kind. And yet, we rarely take the time for a deep dive to delve into the theology, imagery, and biblical connections that are all waiting to be explored there, especially in the rush of the days around Christmas.

So... let's try something different. Once the loaded schedules and overstuffed Christmas celebrations have come and gone for another year, and once the lights and the tree are down (at least at the church), you are invited to a four-part study on Thursdays, beginning on January 8, on the Prologue of John's Gospel. What do these powerful, familiar, mysterious words mean? What do they say about Jesus, and why does it matter? What difference do they make in our lives? And what Good News have we maybe been missing out on by only reading through them at a surface level? Join us around the Bible study table for this study in the new year, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on January 8th, 2026!

Christmas Play

Our children and youth shared the joy of Christmas beautifully this year through their Christmas play! Thank you to everyone who participated, practiced, and supported them. Your presence helped bring the story of Christ's birth to life in a meaningful and joy-filled way.



Youth Growing in God's Word & Friendship

Epiphany Activity Bags for Children and Families—this January!

This past Advent, kids and families in the congregation were all invited to take home an Advent activity bag with crafts, ideas, and faith-themed activities to count down the weeks of Advent as we looked ahead to Christmas. From the paper snowflake to learn about hoping for something you can't see yet to the tea light nativity, we hope you enjoyed getting to do these weekly activities as a family throughout the month of December. Well, this January, we invite you to get a new kit with activities for the upcoming season of Epiphany, as we hear both about the Magi following the Star to see the Christ-child and other stories of people who were called to follow Jesus as his disciples. This is a great time of year for family faith practices like the Chalk House Blessing and a yearly "star word," as well as a few surprises we'll share more about in the weeks to come. We'll be sharing weekly videos online, too, to learn more about each week's activity, and you're invited to try them together as a family! Get your Epiphany bag in the gathering space this January!

Youth Group - January Schedule

The joint Community of Christ and Providence youth group continues to thrive! All youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join us Sunday nights from 7:00–8:30 p.m. for fun, faith, and friends. For updates and reminders via text, please text "PARENT" or "YOUTH" to (567) 522-0525

January Gatherings

Jan. 4 — Providence
Jan. 11 — Community of Christ
Jan. 18 — Providence
Jan. 25 — Community of Christ

February Gatherings

Feb. 1 — Providence
Feb. 8 — Community of Christ
Feb. 15 — Providence
Feb. 22 — Community of Christ



Youth Bowling Night

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to our Bowling Night on Sunday, January 18, from 7:30–10:00 p.m. at Incredibowl (5255 Heatherdowns Blvd). Enjoy an evening of bowling, food, and fun as you compete for the top score! Cost is \$15 per person, due with RSVP. Please RSVP using the QR code by January 11.





Worship Volunteer Schedule

January 2026



Week	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
Acolyte/Crucifer 8:00	Josef Perkins	Teresa Loga	Laurie Mauro	Teresa Loga
Acolyte/Crucifer 10:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed
Bulletin 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Rick Metcalf	Volunteer Needed
Bulletin 10:00	Hip Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Kevin Swagler
Camera 10:00	Neil Raymond	Sarah Rockwell	Kevin Swagler	Rick Yokum
Communion Prep/Clean 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Josef Perkins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Communion Prep/Clean 10:00	Neil Raymond	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 8:00 East	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 8:00 West	R & L Metcalf	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter 10:00 East	Chris Rilling	Dean Nofzinger	Volunteer Needed	Rob Kohntopp
Greeter 10:00 West	Natalie Rilling	Volunteer Needed	Kari Swagler	Jill Kohntopp
Lector 8:00	Josef Perkins	Cheryl Fischer	Teresa Loga	Volunteer Needed
Lector 10:00	Greg Aubell	Cheryl Fischer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Worship Asst 8:00	Josef Perkins	Volunteer Needed	Laurie Mauro	Teresa Loga
Worship Asst 10:00	Dean Nofzinger	Volunteer Needed	Don Schroeder	Kara Yokum
Verger 8:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Verger 10:00	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

****Volunteer list as of 12/14/2025. If you need to cancel your scheduled date, please arrange for another volunteer to take your place and fill your time slot. Remember to cancel your slot on Sign-Up Genius so the person covering for you can sign up.**

Lectors: The readings are available for preview on our website at www.commofchrist.org under "Worship and Bulletins" and then the appropriate bulletin date.

Bulletin Assistants: Arrive 15 minutes before service to pass out bulletins. Count the number of people in attendance (including worship volunteers and all in the nursery if applicable) and mark this number on the chart inside the kiosk.

Door Greeters: Arrive 15 minutes before service to greet members and visitors at the doors of both entrances of the church.

The Verger: is a caretaker role who keeps their eyes and ears open to lend a hand for any need that arises with congregants or worship providers during the service.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mauro at (419) 877-5366. Thank you all for your time and attention to helping make our Worship Services run smoothly!



Blessings, Prayers & More Prayers

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL, SHUT IN, RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED, MILITARY, OR IN NEED OF PRAYER:

GREG AUBELL, MARTINA BENTON, JEFF BUCHER, SHIRLEY COFER, VIRGINIA DILLON, TOM DRUSCHEL, JIM & SUE ENK, GREG GANELLI, LARRY GEER, SALLY GOETZ, PAULA GRUHLER, CINDY HARTBARGER, RON HETHERWICK, LUKE HOLTZ, ART INGMIRE, TOM JENNINGS, MATT JURRUS, TRISTAN KIMMEY, PAUL LADD, CAROL MASON, MILES MCGINNIS, BARB MERSING, DOROTHY PETRELL, ALBERT PRESTON, CHRISTAL & CHAD PRITCHARD, STACI, DICK RISON, JIM SCHWARTZ, PHYLLIS STURGEON, TOM THORNE
MILITARY: JAY RASMUSSEN, NOAH PITZEN, AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM, JAKE COPE, LANDON CHRISTY

Prayer Requests



Prayers of the Church

To keep our prayer requests current and fresh in worship, we update our prayer list every two weeks. The names you provide will be included in the congregation's prayers for two weeks. If you want to renew your prayer request, please use the form available in the gathering area or contact the church office. Thank you. Continue to pray for one another!



Children's Sermon

Kids of all ages, please join Pastor Steve for a Children's Sermon at the 9:00 a.m. service. This is the Pastor's time to share the good news of Jesus with our younger friends! He'll even have a sticker waiting just for YOU!!!!

Prayer Shawls

If you are interested in making a prayer shawl or know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Irene Rang at 269-832-7714



A note from the pastor

Pastoral Note: In addition to when people are hospitalized or homebound, sometimes folks would just like a visit from the pastor for no special reason at all other than to catch up or share what's on their heart. If you would ever want Pastor Steve to set up a visit with you, whether at your home or at the church, during the daytime or on an evening, please just let us know at the church office, and we can get that scheduled! Feel free to call the church office at 419-877-0607 or email Pastor Steve directly at pscbond@gmail.com. He'll be glad to arrange a time to visit!



IN LOVING Memory

We hold the family of Matthew Scott Davis in our prayers, asking our Lord to surround them with peace and comfort in the days ahead.



CoC Ministry Dates to Remember



Next Meeting Date

January 5 @ 10:30 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 6 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 7 @ 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 8 @ 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 8 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 11 @ 11:15 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 12 @ 6:30 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 13 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 13 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

January 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

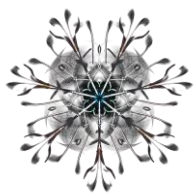
Church Office Closed

- ❖ Thursday, January 1
- ❖ Monday, January 19

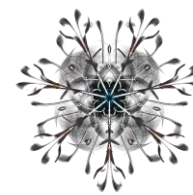
Save the Date: Feb. 22 for Vicar Natalie's Farewell

It's hard to believe that Vicar Natalie's time with us is coming soon to its end—the past year and a half have gone by so quickly! As we announced back at the annual meeting at the beginning of December, we are already planning a special celebration and farewell event for Vicar Natalie on her last Sunday with us, which will be Feb. 22, 2026. You'll see more details in the February newsletter, but here are a few things to know and mark on your calendar now: First of all, we'll have a single service that morning, just for one Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. We're doing that for a couple of reasons: first of all, Vicar Natalie herself has written some special music she is dedicating to the congregation to be premiered that morning. The choir is working on learning it and sharing it with us in worship, and we want to have the whole congregation together to share those moments. We're also going to be hosting a breakfast after the service, when the stress and focus of conducting the choir's special music can be over, and we can just celebrate Vicar Natalie's time with us and her gifts for ministry as we wish her Godspeed. We'll share more in the coming weeks about how you can contribute to the breakfast and how we can share our farewell messages and good wishes with her for that last weekend in February. But for now, save the date to help us mark this important milestone!





Announcements



"Peace Be Still" - Women's Retreat

Calling all ladies!! On February 21st, Community of Christ Lutheran will be hosting a women's retreat called "Peace Be Still: Rest, Release, Renew." Take some time to pause and enjoy a restful time of bible study, worship, spiritual practices, and fellowship. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for check-in. Breakfast and coffee/tea bar will be available before the start of the retreat. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m. Lunch will be included in the retreat price. The cost of attendance is \$50.00. Please feel free to invite other women in your life to attend. Reserve your spot by signing up at the kiosk, by scanning the QR code, or by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RNs14uginT?origin=lprLink>

A portion of the retreat funds collected will be given to Salem Lutheran Church to support their food ministry. We will also be collecting for The Period Project, a drive to collect feminine hygiene products to support the needs at Salem Lutheran. We ask that each guest consider bringing at least one item to donate in support of this ministry.

Worship Leader Workshop Coming February 28

Every year, we hold a workshop to invite those who are interested in exploring the different worship volunteer roles we have here at Community of Christ, from those "up front" like Worship Assistants and Readers to "behind the scenes" roles like operating the livestream camera or setting up communion. This is a chance to explore what each of these roles is like, to learn more about what each person does, and to see whether you might be led to try one or more of them. This is also a great chance for those who have been serving for a while to get a refresher, to be brought up to speed on any new changes or tweaks to our practice, and to bring questions you might have. This year, our Worship Leader Workshop will be on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 10:00 a.m., and we'll be done before noon. Save the date and plan to join us if you are interested at all in learning more about worship roles here at Community of Christ!

A Big THANK YOU!

This December, many people went above and beyond to help make our worship and ministry life richer and fuller—and we want to thank you! From those who helped prepare, set up, and live-stream additional worship services throughout Advent and on Christmas Eve, to those who helped with preparing food for special occasions and for our visitation ministries, to those who helped with our Children's Christmas Play, to those who organized outings to sing carols or collecting presents for our neighbors at Salem and others at Luther Home of Mercy, to our office manager Michelle, Children Youth and Family Ministry Facilitator Bryce, Vicar Natalie, Choir Director Lisa, and our music director Eric, we are so thankful for all the additional time, energy, and talent you shared with our congregation! Thank you all SO MUCH for making this a blessed Christmas season together!



Announcements



Altar Flower dedications for 2026 are now available on the bulletin board in the church hallway. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please sign up today! Simply fill out a date tag and envelope, include your check or cash along with the tag, and place it in the offering plate.

If you wish to reserve a date but don't have payment with you at the moment, **please leave the tag on the board** so we can keep a record of your reservation. Please do not take the tag with you in this case.

If you prefer to make a donation to the Flower Fund instead, you can use the envelope marked "donations only." We are grateful for your continued support and blessings! Thank you!



****We Welcome Volunteers of All Ages!****

There are many ways to serve at Community of Christ, including as a Door Greeter, Lector, Bulletin Distributor, Acolyte, Worship Assistant, Camera Operator for live streaming, or helping with Communion Set-up and Clean-up.

To volunteer, simply visit www.commofchrist.org, click on *Volunteer for Worship*, select the ministry area you'd like to serve, then choose the date(s) you are available. After selecting your time slot, click on the "Sign Up" box, scroll to the bottom, and click "Submit and Sign Up."

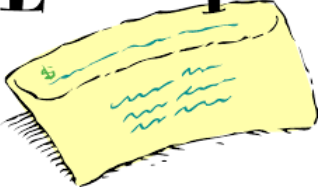
"You will receive a confirmation email and a reminder shortly before your assigned date."

****Important:**** If you need to cancel, please arrange for another volunteer to cover your position, and update your cancellation in Sign-Up Genius so that others can see the availability.

Training is available at any time! Contact Laurie Mauro at (419) 877-5366. We look forward to serving with you!

****Stay tuned** for the upcoming date and additional details about a Volunteer workshop similar to the one we offered last year. There will be only one session, but we can send the guidance document to anyone interested.

Offering Envelopes



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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Name: Michelle Gebhart

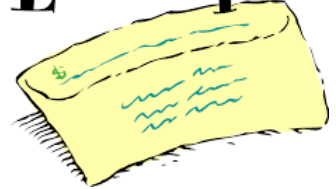
General Offering Amount \$ 50.00

Building Loan Offering Amount \$ 50.00

Total \$ 100.00

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Jesus

Offering Envelopes



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our 2026 offering envelopes are here! These envelopes cover weekly offerings, as well as special services such as Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent, and more. If you have any questions about how to complete your weekly offering, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.

****Please remember****—we also offer an electronic giving option through Simply Giving, which allows your offering to be automatically withdrawn from your account. Please contact Michelle for more information. secretary@commofchrist.org

Thank you for your generous support of the Lord's work at Community of Christ and throughout the Church!



Announcements



**Sunday, January 18, 2026
3:00**

STEPHEN B'S COFFEE SHOP



*enjoy a cup of your favorite java
a variety of desserts
music by Eric Dickey & Sarah Magoun
assorted entertaining anecdotes and tales
the public is welcome*



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A freewill offering will benefit
the Ministries of Salem Lutheran Church
Community of Christ Lutheran Church

Storytelling Event and Coffeehouse—January 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Concert Committee is excited to invite you (and friends, family, and neighbors!) to a unique first-of-its-kind event here at Community of Christ this January 18. That afternoon at 3:00 p.m., we'll be holding a Storytelling Event and Coffeehouse, here in the fellowship hall, with a variety of storytellers, from both inside the congregation (including our own Vicar Natalie) and special guests from other places in Northwestern Ohio, each with a story to tell! In between presenters, we'll have special music, courtesy of our own Eric Dickey and Sarah Magoun, and we'll feature a variety of special desserts and coffee (and other beverages) for an afternoon of entertainment and enjoyment. We hope you'll join us for this Storytelling and Coffeehouse event at Community of Christ!



Bell Choir:

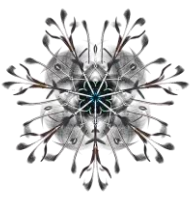
We will return on Thursday,
January 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Church Choir in January and February

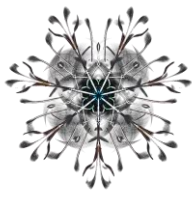
You are invited to join us to sing in our next round of choir anthems! This past spring, Vicar Natalie composed a liturgy for Lent for one of her classes, which included a sending hymn dedicated to Community of Christ. Vicar Natalie will help to lead the choir in the months of January and February. In January, we will sing an anthem on Sunday, January 25th, and music on Vicar Natalie's last day with us on [Sunday, February 22nd \(worship will be one service that Sunday at 9 a.m.\)](#). Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know your availability to sing!

Schedule:

Wednesday, January 7th - rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 14th- rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 21st - rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Sunday, January 25th- Sing at 10 a.m. worship (rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.)
 Wednesday, January 28th- rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 4th- rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 11th- rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 18th- rehearsal at 7 p.m.
 Sunday, February 22nd- Sing at 10 a.m. worship (rehearsal at 9 a.m.)



Loving Our Neighbors and Fellowship



Thanks to the hearty souls and stout voices who came out to sing Christmas carols with our friends at Blue Creek for our monthly singing!





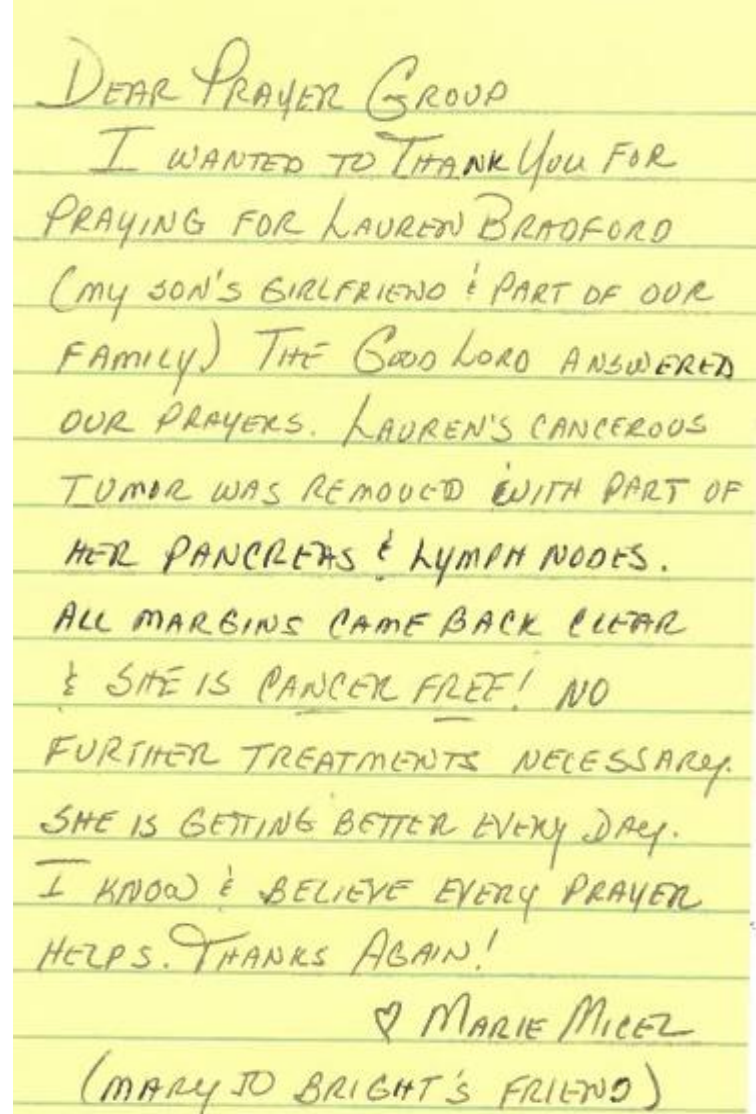
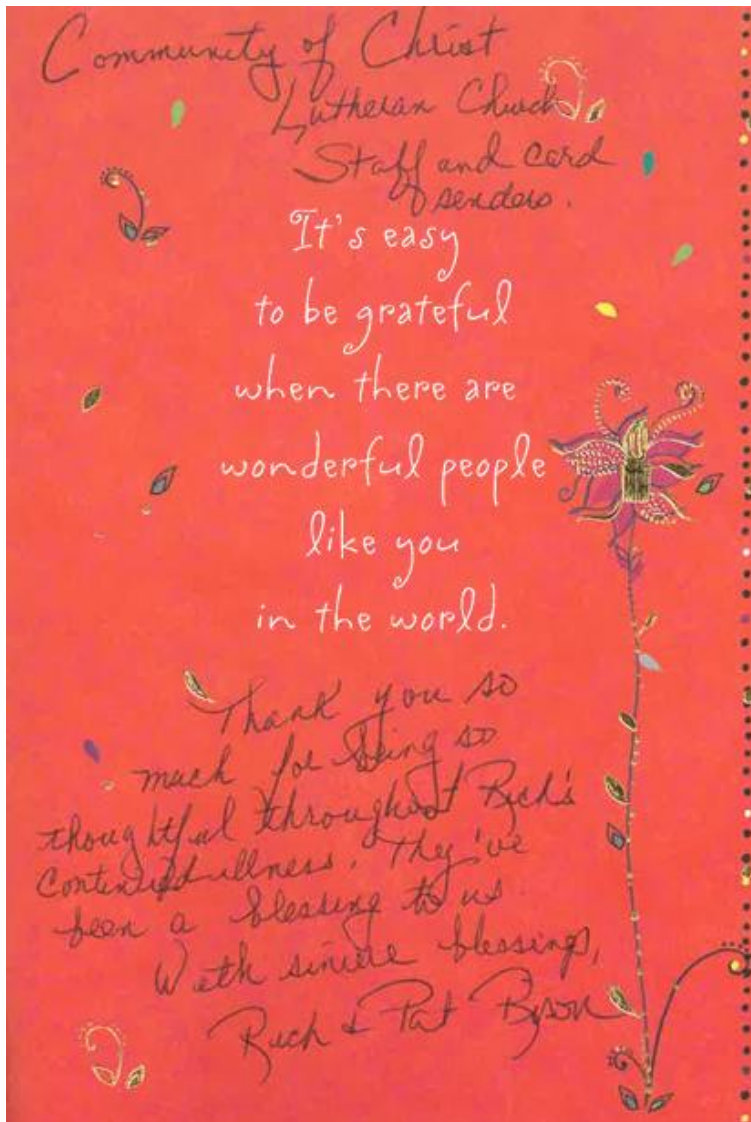
Loving Our Neighbors



Thanks to all who joined us out caroling and to those who helped arrange our visits to Kingston in Perrysburg, Lakes of Monclova, and StoryPoint, as well as our own Hetherwick's! And BIG thanks to our surprise guest piano player, Michael, who gave us a special rendition of Silent Night!



Thank you and Academy Brass





STEWARDSHIP

A Disciple's Way of Life



Exciting news from our church! We are offering you more options to support our church's financial needs. Council and Finance Committee (as well as the Synod) have recommended the use of a new online safe and secure tool to be able to give online electronically. The program is through Tithe.ly company used by many other churches and organizations. It has several options to be able to give as noted below:

- Your donations are recorded for your giving records, and confidential to the financial secretary.
- When you donate, you designate the fund you would like your monies to go toward e.g., building loan, general, thank-you, or other.

-There are four methods to give:

1. On the church website - @ <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2746426>
2. Online (through the tithe.ly website, search for Community of Christ)
3. By text: simply text the word **give** to get started.
Community Of Christ Lutheran Church: (833) 985-2568
4. Download the app and give.

2025 Building Loan Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Nov	\$14,343	\$12,563	\$1,780
YTD	\$164,058	\$142,957	\$21,102
2025 General Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Nov	\$31,796	\$35,191	(\$3,395)
YTD	\$390,209	\$401,553	(\$11,345)



Notes:

- The app and the web link allow you to input credit/debit card information. The text method will charge through your existing cell phone bill.
- There is a fee for this service for the convenience that it offers:
 - You can choose to cover this fee in addition to your donation, OR if you don't, the fee is deducted from the donation to the church.
 - This fee is a percentage typical of this type of service.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE REMEMBER ---we also offer an **electronic offering**, (**Simply Giving**) that will withdraw your offering automatically from your bank account. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH!

Stewardship Committee Introduces "Community of Christ: In Focus" Video Series

The Stewardship Committee invites you to explore our new series of short videos, released monthly, that highlight various aspects of our ministry life here at Community of Christ. We're calling it *Community of Christ: In Focus*. Each video provides a deeper look into the many facets of our congregational life. You can watch the videos on our website by clicking on the "Community of Christ: In Focus" tab on the homepage or find them on our Facebook page and YouTube. Future videos will spotlight how our gifts of time, talent, and treasure support the work we do, giving you a clearer understanding of the many ways God is active in our community. We encourage you to check them out, share them with a friend, and discover how our shared resources are used for God's work in the world!

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Elizabeth Fowler	01/01	Dawn Rhoades	01/14
Kirk Reid	01/01	Luke Yokum	01/15
Spencer Reid	01/01	Nicholas Kronmann	01/15
Kari Swagler	01/04	Annette Merritt	01/16
Amanda Worthington	01/05	James Dorton	01/16
Jeffrey Bright II	01/05	Bev Howard	01/20
Kathy Heckler	01/07	Richard Hannum	01/20
Susan Rasmusson	01/07	Patricia Roth	01/21
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Marilyn Pratt	01/08	Nicholas Kronmann	01/22
Sophia Cedargren	01/08	Dale Grimes	01/23
Tom Schreiber	01/08	Julie Paulsen	01/23
Evan Ackerman	01/09	Andrea Donley	01/24
Becky King	01/10	Phillip Whaley	01/24
Greg Aubell	01/11	Dave Nowak	01/25
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