



January/February 2024

Campus Sojourner



Women's Mini Retreat for Visual Faith Ministries - **Behold I am doing a new thing. Isaiah 43:19**

Save the date for an uplifting Women's Mini Retreat led by presenter Carla Kramer on **Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. It will be held in the Community Life Center. Carla will be sharing a number of different prayer resources from Visual Faith Ministry that will help us to focus, deepen, and enrich our times of prayer with God. **The registration fee will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.** Scholarships will be available. A box lunch and book will be provided. Registration can be completed on the website www.campuslutheran.org – go to the front page and click Women's Mini Retreat – the link is provided. **Registration deadline is Monday, January 29.** However, it is recommended to sign up early as we anticipate reaching full capacity. Come join us for this exciting event! Any questions, please contact the Campus Lutheran Church office at 573-442-5942.

Planning Committee members are Carla Kramer, Judy Alexander, Chris Brown, Cindy Kadlec, and Deb Linneman.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

7:45 am Choir Rehearsal
8:30 am First Service
9:45 am Education Hour
11:00 am Second Service
2:00 pm High School Ladies Bible Study

Monday

6:00 pm QuarterLife
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm What Lutherans Believe

Tuesday

8:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Friends in Faith

Wednesday

4:00 pm Monthly Mid-Week Communion Service (2nd Wednesday)
5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:30 pm The Gathering
8:00 pm Shared Ministry Prayer Group - Zoom Meeting

Thursday

7:00 am Early Thursday Morning Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays (In-person & Zoom Meeting)
1:00 pm Sonshine Ladies Bible Study

Friday

Pastor Kent's Day Off
10:00 am American English for You

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



First Row: Maddie Dyer; **Second Row:** Christa Nebel, April, Karen Nowicki, Geneva Janovsky, Keri Dyer, Wes Dyer; **Third Row:** Michael Nebel, Andrew Notch, Sarah Thompson, Roger Janovsky, Ken Lentz, Peter Greimann and Pastor Kent

Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ



Pastor's Corner

New Worship Series Coming for Epiphany & Lent

"Epiphany" means "Manifestation," and is the name of the season of the church year that follows Christmas. The season of Epiphany always begins on January 6, formally ending the twelve days of Christmas. As its name suggests, this season is all about the Savior being made known to the nations of the world.

Our Epiphany worship services this year focus on the Gospel lessons and tie into our mission of making Christ known as we bear witness to Him in our daily lives, and through the ministries of the church.

During the season of Lent our Sunday worship themes will be drawn from a church-wide Bible study called the "Being Challenge." At the heart of following Jesus is the opportunity to be in a real relationship with Him. Jesus speaks a lot about different disciplines, or habits, that guide us into a deeper relationship with God. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (2/14), we're going to start the "Being Challenge" and learn together those keystone habits that help shape our life in Christ. Books and small group study guides will be available through the church office. Stay tuned for more information!

Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Kent Pierce



Weekly Worship Themes

January 7	<i>The Way of Wisdom</i> Matthew 2:1-12
January 14	<i>Come and See</i> John 1:43-51
January 21	<i>Called to Follow</i> Mark 1:14-20
January 28	<i>The Power to Change</i> Mark 1:21-28
February 4	<i>Moving Forward</i> Mark 1:29-31
February 11	<i>Listen to Jesus</i> Mark 9:2-9



Weekly Worship and Study Themes

February 14	<i>Intro: Keystone Habits (Ash Wed.)</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 6-53
February 18	<i>Commit to Community</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 54-93
February 25	<i>Study Scripture</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 94-137
March 3	<i>Prioritize Prayer</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 138-179
March 10	<i>Seek Solitude</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 180-223
March 17	<i>Choose Church</i> <i>Being Challenge</i> book pages 224-269

Baptized



Our fall study of the Baptismal flood lead many of our international students to ask questions and consider being baptized.

One of our Chinese Scholars was very curious. She asked us many good questions and we had a time to take several of our scholars up to the front of the church and show them the Baptismal font and how the process works in our church. Melody, one of our Chinese scholars, was almost ready to say Yes she believes and wants to be baptised but could she see a baptism performed. That doesn't happen very often, but said we could pray about that. She will be heading back to her home country Feb.1, 2024. Having that conversation on December 16 did not leave much time. Does God listen? Well Dec. 19th Emmanuel was born, two weeks early. His family is another one of our international families. Emmanuel's family asked to have him baptized Jan. 7. So, Melody and many of our other International Families got see someone Baptized. After the service, Melody asked if she could be Baptized the following Sunday before her husband left to go back home.



The Mathews family and friends celebrate as Brooklyn is Baptized in the family of Christ on Monday, December 11, 2023.



The Agolory family and friends celebrate as Emmanuel is Baptized in the family of Christ on Sunday, January 7, 2024.



One of our Visiting International Scholars, Melody, was Baptized in the family of Christ on Sunday, January 14, 2024 in the presence of her family and friends.



GRACE Road

Children's Christmas Service

December 10th at 11 am 27 children from 5 countries shared the Joy of the season with those who attended our late service.

Overcoming those who were out for the morning with seasonal bugs other children stepped up and with one practice took on pivotal roles and performed with grace to share the narrative of the Christ Child's birth. Children ages 18 months to high school, acted, sang, read and recited their part in telling everyone the good news that the savior has been born.

Practice



The Service



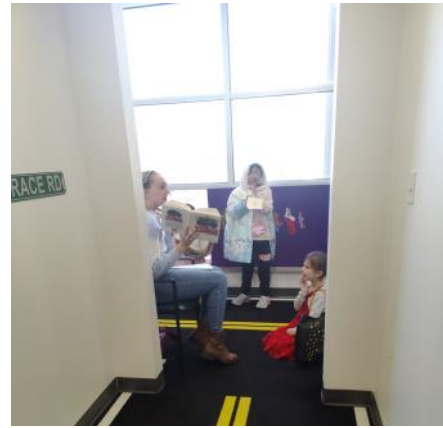
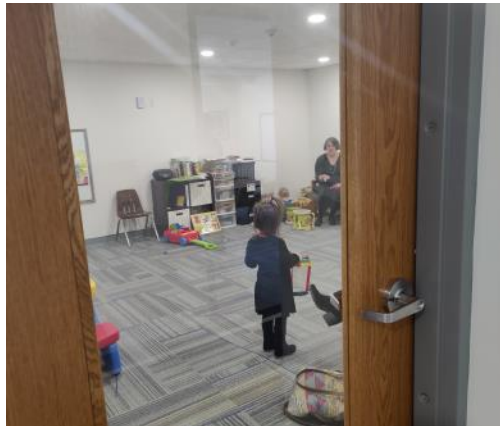
The Road to Bethlehem - Dec. 17th

Grace Road has been different each week during December as we used Sunday mornings to get ready for the Children's program. We had many extra people help us as actors from the Christmas narrative to share the Christmas story as we traveled the Road to Bethlehem Dec. 17th. We did lots of science as we figured out how to follow the path of the Wise for Epiphany.





GRACE Road Continued



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Christmas Stocking Stuffing



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DEC 2023

Grace and peace to you in this Advent Season!

Well, the lights are up, the candles in church are getting lit week by week, and “Prepare, prepare!” are the watchwords of every sermon... it must be Advent! During this time of preparation to celebrate the coming of our Lord at Christmastime, in Advent we also prepare for His second coming—not when Christ will be found in a manger, but coming in the clouds in glory, ushering in the death of death forever and the New Heavens and the New Earth which will have no end. That’s a tough present to fit under the tree, but one that we all have as saints covered in the robe of Christ’s righteousness!

Speaking of tree... ours went up after the Thanksgiving leftovers were put in the fridge. This year Dreama and I tried something new. We got a real tree! And yes, I checked it for squirrels before dragging it in the house! Eleanor even helped decorate the tree—well, the bottom branches anyway. I think she enjoyed the strategic placement of her Minnie Mouse ornaments—all three next to each other, right in the front. She likes to pat them as she walks by!

Lydia is doing well, and giving her mother and I more sleep than we deserve. It’s been a challenging adjustment for us both, but a worthwhile effort. Eleanor has taken on her big-sister duties quite well. She “helps” baby sister by bringing a pacifier to Lydia when she is crying. We just need to work on gently handing it to sister, instead of chucking it in her general direction... Oh well, at least she’s trying to help!

Blessings to you all as we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus! We’ve got a full slate of Advent and Christmas services around here that are keeping Pastor and I busy. Prayers would certainly be appreciated for peace and rest for Dreama and I, but I would also urge you to pray for—and then seek out—those around you who the light of the gospel needs to shine on. The holidays are some of the toughest days of the year for those experiencing loss. Reach out to someone you know—who know, maybe the Holy Spirit will work through your conversation!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, brothers and sisters in Christ!
The Eggermans



Dear Campus Lutheran Church,
11/11/23

Greetings in the name of our risen savior Jesus Christ!

I hope this letter finds you well. First, thank you so much for your kind contributions to my seminary education. I am sure you frequently hear this, but your generosity truly makes it possible. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support and provide you with some updates on my life and journey towards becoming a pastor in Christ's church.


First the most exciting news, my wife Hannah and I welcomed a beautiful baby boy named Samuel this past August, just before the start of the semester! Becoming parents has been an incredible and transformative experience and it has added a whole new layer of love to our lives. We are overjoyed that God has blessed us in this way and we are excited about the new vocation of parenthood.

And for the slightly less exciting news. I'm currently halfway through the semester, and it has been a challenging but fulfilling experience. Your financial support has helped alleviate some of the burdens and stressors associated with my studies and this stage in life, allowing me to focus on my coursework. I am excited to share that I have only one semester left until I complete my studies and enter into the ministry as a pastor in Christ's church. Your support has played a significant role in my journey, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunities it has provided me. Your generosity has been instrumental in my preparation for this sacred calling, and I am eager to put my education and training to good use in serving my community and the people I will minister to.

Your belief in me and your commitment to supporting my family has made a remarkable difference in our lives, and we look forward to the next chapter of our journey with enthusiasm and dedication.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our support network, and we are excited to see where this journey takes us with your prayers and encouragement.

In the name of Christ,



Graham, Hannah & Samuel Jenkins

Graham, Hannah, and Samuel Jenkins

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner



Honoring Our Veterans



SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM - SARAH PELLIS

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Church Decorating





Youth Bake Sale



FRIENDS IN FAITH

The Friends in Faith bible study group had a busy fall enjoying our Tuesday night bible study along with traveling and other activities. We enjoyed a weekend trip to Branson to see Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater and to visit Silver Dollar City during the opening weekend with Christmas lights and shows. We had a movie night to see "Journey to Bethlehem". Our group collected classroom supplies and sent a care package to Elliot Hein in the Peace Corps. So blessed that Ron and Lugine Hein could personally deliver on their vacation to see Elliot! We helped donate food and serve at the college student's Friendsgiving meal. The group also volunteered to be the congregation's communicator with the adopted seminary students Graham Jenkins and Joseph Eggerman and their families. We are enjoying getting to know both Graham and Joseph and are sending cards, notes, care packages, etc. to support them during their time at the seminary.



Meet Me At The Manger







Elders' Prayers:

January 20: Ev & Joy **ADAM**; Alice **AHLERSMEYER**; Judy **ALEXANDER**; Pat **ATWELL**; Darlene **BACHMANN**; Becki **BAIRD**; Jessica **BAIRD**; Carl & Cindy **BARCHET**; Rollie & Tina **BARTELS**; Maxwell, Addison & Ryann **BARTELS**; Danielle & Phil **BECK**; Marilyn **BEISSENHERZ**; Amanda, Matt & Leila **BELL**; Emmy **BERG**; Harold & Jan **BLAND**

February 17: Dennis & Donna **BOGLE**; Jonathan **BOLDT**; Matt **BOLDT**; Mark **BRAKHANE**; Caleb, Katie, Xavier, Vivian, Lorelei & Teague **BROWN**; Kersten **BROWN**; Steve & Chris **BROWN**; Tyler **BROWN**; Sandra & John **BRUMM**; Lisa **BUNDY**; Emeri, Matthew, Saillor & Landon **BURGHER**; Beth **BUSSEAU**; Natalie **CARLSON**; Lee & Joyce **CHORLEY**

Happy Birthday!

January:

- 1 - Geneva Janovsky, Benjamin Duque
- 2 - John Klocke
- 4 - Vicki Smith, Caitlyn Huggins
- 5 - Carol Nacarato, Eva Moentmann
- 6 - Lynn Wheeler, Becki Baird
- 7 - April McAdams, Steve Brown, Howard Dierking
- 8 - Troy McAdams
- 22 - Karen Nowicki, Donna Bogle
- 24 - Hannah Nacarato
- 25 - Emmy Berg
- 27 - Beth Greimann
- 29 - Judy Alexander, Addison Bartels, Richard Ingmire
- 30 - Andrew Notch
- 31 - Corinthia Davison

February:

- 5 - Rollie Bartels
- 6 - Julie Zimmerschied
- 8 - Byron Duque, Alan Telle
- 9 - Tina Bartels
- 11 - Sara Pellis
- 12 - Dale Linneman, Abraham Zachary
- 16 - Harper Giboney
- 18 - Corey Moentmann, Lynn Limback, Lori Group
- 21 - Roberta Lee, Linda Hoffman
- 23 - Joy Adam
- 24 - Peggy Young
- 26 - Shirley Littell



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January:

Ilze Straumanis, Dan Schoenherr, Tom Moe, Howard Dierking, Rose Ward, Rachel Skrabal, Linda Hoffman, PJ DiBiasi, Joy Adam, Lynn Wheeler, Ken Greimann, Ron Hein, Dennis Bogle, Bob Herting, Becki Baird, Barron Roth, Jessica Baird, Stephen Dupre, Benjamin Dupre, Kersten Brown, Ryan Kulesa, Tyler Brown, Elizabeth Grichnik, Kaleb Vaughn, Mile Forney, Annaleigh Lohmann, Camilla McCloud, Emmanuel Agolory

February:

Linda Heermann, Judy Alexander, Jackie Garvey, Matt Boldt, Hannah Nacarato, Eva Moentmann, Zachary Group, Tim Giboney, Landon Giboney

Wedding Anniversaries



January:

Cindy & Duane Craig celebrate 16 years on January 8
Gerry & Kristin Duque celebrate 28 years on January 1

February:

Jenny & Doug Coon celebrate 23 years on February 1



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