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# The *Good News*

**JANUARY 2021**

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## **NEWSLETTER DEVOTION**

Have You Opened Your Christmas Presents Yet?

No, I don't mean the sweaters, underwear, socks or latest electronic gizmo. The 2nd lesson from last Sunday reminds us to use the other gifts that we received at Christmas:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

These gifts didn't come wrapped in the typical way, but they DO have a gift tag on them: From GOD, To YOU. Put them on! Make a choice to put on a life of faith and love, and it will become your normal way of life. Let go of the drama, of the hurt, of the sin, of the grief - and accept the gift of life and true peace that Jesus came to our world to bring us. Don't leave the best gifts under the tree! Begin the new year with these gifts and you'll find the peace that God intends for you to have, no matter what your circumstances. That all sounds easy, but is it really? The key, I think, comes from vs. 16 of the Colossians text above: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." Study, meditation, prayer, openness and sharing - these are all ways to discover what these gifts really are about and how they work in our lives.

So, take this time to rediscover the greatest gift God ever gave to his Children: Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Pastor Christian



## PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH



**\*We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: for the unemployed, first responders, doctors and nurses; we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.**

**We pray for the sick, hospitalized, injured and those undergoing and recovery from surgery:**

**We pray for Jerry Bruhnke who was hospitalized right after Christmas, and we also keep Eddie in our prayers.**

\* We continue to pray for: David, Dotty Denny, Martha Reese, Leo Franz, Jose, Coralee Jaskleski, Kathy Emery, Lu Seyfer, Carl Weinsteger, Randy Spangler, Gabi Katt, Vivian Wright, Karen Fischer, Joyce Tirbak, Linda Weinsteger, Gertraud "Trudy" Lau

**We pray for those facing long term illnesses:**

Bill Rappuhn, Bill Ohmann, Scarlett Adams, Laurie Arie, Audrey Fink, Dan Maerten, Linda Roth, Heather Marler, Monica Landers, Troy Wolfe, Peter Pranschke, Parker Kindred, Annie Olsen, Summy Kruithof.

**We pray for God's protection for all military personnel throughout the world:**

Bryan Gramenz, Timothy Raddatz, Ricardo Perez, Malcolm Gish, Anthony Dorazio, Phillip Rappe, Roger Koopman, Andrew Casey, Dylan Kinsella, Antonio Phillips (great grandson of Jerry Bruhnke), Scott Bloom.

***We pray for these and all our brothers and sisters in Christ!***

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the following people for helping "un-decorate" the church from Christmas and putting away the Nativity Scene: Mark, Takako, Minako, Les, Mike, Nelda, Jerry, Lorine, Matthew, Ruth, Wendy, Marcy, Stephanie, Sherry, Janell, Chuck, and encouragement from Pastor Windsor. A special thanks to Lyle Takeuchi from Flora-Dec for donating a new baby Jesus and manger, to Janell for picking it up and to Chuck for securing the manger to the wooden structure. Lunch was augmented by delicious brownies from Wendy. We finished quickly, by 10:30. A job well done; thanks to all.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



Sofia Brege  
Glenna Shaw  
Charlotte Gusler  
Carl Weinsteger  
Shirley Laser

## ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY



Jerry and Valerie Heath

We will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9 am and 10:30 am. We will be offering Zoom live at the 9 am service. We need to keep a balance between the services as we have limited capacity at each service to follow the guidelines for Hawaii.

**We are asking everyone to let us know which service you plan to attend.**

***This helps us as we prepare the worship space and also helps the Worship Care Committee prepare for communion. We truly appreciate your cooperation!***

**You will be sent a link by email. Please see the Administrative Assistant if you have not received the link.**

**Click on the link; select a time; click on button "Submit and sign up"; Enter your name; Quantity (number of persons); Click on button "Sign up now"**

**If you need assistance, please phone the office 946-4223 or send an email:  
[office@ourredeemrlutheran.us](mailto:office@ourredeemrlutheran.us)**

We are so pleased to see more people returning to "in-person" worship. Thank you for helping us follow the guidelines set for us.

### READINGS FOR JANUARY 2021

JAN 3	1 Kings 3: 4-5	Psalm 119: 97-104	Eph. 1: 3-14
JAN 10	Gen. 1: 1-5	Psalm 29	Rom. 6: 1-11
JAN 17	1 Sam. 3: 11-20	Psalm 139: 1-10	1 Cor. 6: 12-20
JAN 24	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Psalm 62	I Cor. 7: 29-31
JAN 31	Deut. 18: 15-20	Psalm 111	1 Cor. 8: 3-9

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Nov. 2021. Planning is already underway and one of the proposed items will be a "memory" booklet including submissions from congregation members. If you have any stories/anecdotes/memories about ORLC, you are asked to write about these in 100 words (or less).

Submissions should be sent/given to the church office and marked: attention Anniversary Committee. You are also encouraged to submit any photos related to church activities from the years 1996-2020.

Every week our Sunday morning worship service is recorded, including special weekday services, such as Advent services and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We have both video with audio, or just audio recordings. Included with the recordings is a copy of the worship bulletin so that you may follow along and join in with the singing of hymns or the liturgy. However, every once in a while, we do experience technical difficulties and one or both of the recordings may not be available. All recordings have this format for a name: "YYMMDD-000", such as "210103-000". So, if you missed any of our holiday services you may listen to them at your leisure.

This is the link for the audio only and worship bulletins: [Recorded Services - Google Drive](#)

If you want to view the video recording, click on the link above and click the folder "Videos", or this is the link for the video recordings: [Videos - Google Drive](#)



**Eddie has done it again!** In spite of the coronavirus and the cancellation of the December marathon, Eddie ran 1988 miles this year. This is equivalent to running from Los Angeles to Minneapolis, Minnesota with some 30 miles extra to run around the city and see some of the sites. Congratulations Eddie. We are so proud of you.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE JANUARY 2021**

Worship Care: Marcy Reginelli and Tom Windsor

**January 3, 2021**

**2nd Sunday after Christmas**

**9:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

Assistants	Phillip Rappe	Max Hardoby
Lectors	Andrew Casey, Phillip Rappe	Marcy Reginelli, Max Hardoby
Ushers	Matthew Schlechte	Marcy Reginelli

**January 10, 2021**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**9:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

Assistants	Henry Kuhn II	Tony Dorazio
Lectors	Nellie Miller, Henry Kuhn II	Iliana Dorazio, Tony Dorazio
Ushers	Lester Pelletier	Marcy Reginelli

**January 17, 2021**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

Assistants	Phillip Rappe	Joe Krakowiak
Lectors	Bryan Gramenz, Phillip Rappe	BonnieJo Alle, Joe Krakowiak
Ushers	Matthew Schlechte	Lester Pelletier

**January 24, 2021**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**4:00 PM**

**7:00 PM**

Assistants	Henry Kuhn II	Joe Krakowiak
Lectors	Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II	Marcy Reginelli, Joe Krakowiak
Ushers	Lester Pelletier	Anne Krakowiak

**January 31, 2021**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**Max Hardoby**

**Joe Krakowiak**

Assistants	Max Hardoby	Joe Krakowiak
Lectors	Bryan Gramenz, Max Hardoby	Iliana Dorazio, Joe Krakowiak
Ushers	Matthew Schlechte	Anne Krakowiak

# January

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3 9:00 am: Divine Worship 1030 am: Divine Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 am: Divine Worship 1030 am: Divine Worship	11	12 11:00 am: Renovation Committee	13 10:00 am: Bible Study	14 10:00 am: Board of Property Management	15	16
17 9:00 am: Divine Worship 1030 am: Divine Worship 12:00 pm: Board of Directors	18	19	20 10:00 am: Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00 am: Divine Worship 1030 am: Divine Worship	25	26	27 10:00 am: Bible Study	28	29	30
31 9:00 am: Divine Worship 1030 am: Divine Worship						



## *Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

**Pastor** **The Rev. Christian J. Rasmussen**  
**Pastor to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** **The Rev. William Pierce**

**Administrative Assistant:** Jerry Groth  
**Director of Music:** Karl Bachman  
**Trumpet:** Roger Koopman

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

<b>President:</b>	Stuart Peace
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Stephanie Spangler
<b>Secretary:</b>	Bonnie Jo Alle
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<b>Board of Community Life Director:</b>	Stephen Okumura
<b>Board of Finance Management Director:</b>	Richard Lachmann
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