

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord. Sun. Feb. 2, 2020



"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

- Luke 2: 29-31

Scripture Readings

February 2, 2020

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Ash Wednesday

February 26
4:30 and 6:30pm
Soup Supper at 5:30pm

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From the Desk of Pastor Daryn

I've been blessed, but it didn't always feel like a blessing. Permit me to explain. My Dad, from the first day I laid eyes on him, was a pastor. I also had an uncle that was a pastor in northern Wisconsin. (He sure loved to go ice fishing!) I had another uncle, that was a pastor in England, and, at one point, he was president of the Lutheran Church of England, and I dare not neglect to mention that I had yet another uncle that was a missionary in Nigeria.

That's a lot of clergy! For me it was all very "normal," of course. It was great having "adopted grandparents," people like the Buchanan's in Illinois, when I was a blond-haired toddler, along with my twin brother in tow. These two very generous parishioners sure made us feel special! However, I also remember the difficulties we lived through, such as the extra work it was for my mom to get us to church on time and keep us under control. I also remember the hurt and anger caused by careless and callous remarks made to my father about the length of sermons, and other such "concerns." Anyone who doesn't think that hurtful words don't also impact a pastor's family have another thing coming. Pastors and church-workers sacrifice so much for the people they love so dearly. Most people truly have no idea.

Yet, what a rich childhood it was, and what a plethora of life-and-ministry lessons presented themselves! I saw people at their worst and best, from the highs to the lows, and I went from practicing saying the Lord's Prayer to learning Luther's Evening prayer to planting a tree in the church lawn to getting a behind the scenes look at a new church addition or two being built to peeking at Greek I knew how to multiply or divide... I drank in deeply daily routine of church life that is never very routine at all.

Now, at Christ Lutheran, I consider myself very blessed to be surrounded by other pastors and church workers—including Pastor Andrew—and by Pastor Mark and all those that have preceded. It's profoundly meaningful to be on the same team! It's been priceless, in the past 21 years at Christ Lutheran, truly priceless, to see lived out the words of St. Paul: "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:5–9, ESV)

This is the background and rationale why Pastor Andrew and his family and I and mine are joining in donating new pew & worship ESV Bibles to the family of faith at Christ Lutheran. These Bibles will soon be dedicated, and we are donating them in joyful commemoration of all who have joined in the labor of love that we have shared with them, a noble calling, a divine task: the pastoral ministry. It's good to have the pew Bibles match the version of the Bible that we use most of the time here, too, and it's also important to connect with our history and to remember those who led us in faith, to say the very least, as we are reminded in the book of Hebrews: "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things." (Hebrews 13:15–18, ESV)

Notice that pastors (i.e., under-shepherds) are, above all else, accountable to God. We sure don't take that lightly, for God has given us a solemn charge. As Peter writes, "...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:2–3, ESV) And again as Paul says in the book of Titus, "He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it." (Titus 1:9, ESV)

Like many things in life, to be a pastor would be overwhelming if we contemplated in its entirety all that is required, and no one, no one can do it by their own strength. It is only in the strength of the Lord that we dare to begin each day's tasks. It is only as servants that we lead. Ultimately, then, all praise and thanks to God, who "...gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11–12, ESV) To that, I can only humbly and joyfully respond to God's Word with a hearty amen as I live out my life, a life God has so graciously given!

In The Lord's Service

JAN 30 & FEB 2

FEB 6 & 9

New Year's Eve 6:30pm

Elders

Greg Griepentrog	Mike Wilsmann
Ushers Del and Beth Rustad Hank and Wyatt Viergutz	Wayne and Pauline Thom

Sunday, 8:00am

Elders Randy Temanson	Garry Koehler
Ushers Wendy Foth, Kris Mueller Carol Meister, Lois Boushon	Jeff and Dawn Martens Juli Bartell
Reader Sheryl Johnson	Larry Burt

Sunday, 10:30am

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Elders Jack Strenger	Kim Fredrick
Ushers Sandi Frederickson Ashley Draeger Jace Kelnhofer, Carissa Weis	Becky Huebner-Leu Jacki Fassler
Reader Lisa Duerr	Kim Steen

Bible Studies

Sunday at 9:15am

Monday at 7:30am (Men's Breakfast)

Monday at 3:00pm

Wednesday at 9:30am

Sunday at 6pm (Jr & Sr High)

Welcome!

Visitors: Welcome! We are so glad you have come to worship with us. If you have questions about CLC or Christianity in general, please contact Pastor Daryn or Pastor Andrew at 715-384-3535. They would love to talk with you! Feel free to grab a visitor gift bag from the table in the Narthex.

Our **Communion Policy** can be found on the inside cover of the red folders at the end of the pews and on the website (I'm New). If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran, please talk to a Pastor before taking Communion.

Daily Bible Readings

Week of February 2

Matthew 17:24-18:35

Matthew 19-20

Matthew 21-23

Matthew 24-25

Matthew 26-27

Matthew 28

(Also follow along on our App!)

Offering

Thank you for your support of our mission and ministry!

Week of 1/26

General Fund - \$8700.76
(includes \$704.16 from online giving)
We need an average of \$10,000 a week to meet budget
Building Fund - \$660



Can't come to Church Sunday?

Come Thursday!

(Service at 6:30pm)

Veterans at King Donations

The LWML is collecting donations for the Veterans at King. Below is the list of most needed items. Please drop off in the Narthex or in the office by Feb. 14th.

Clothing donations must be NEW

- Handkerchiefs
- men and women's socks-regular, diabetic and grippers (large thru 5XL)
- men's long johns (small thru 5XL)
- men's underwear
- shoes (slippers, lounge shoes, Velcro tennis shoes)
- white undershirts (crew and V-neck)
- jackets (seasonal)
- jeans (W30 & up, inseam 29 & up)

- Pajamas
- pocket t-shirts
- Shirts
- sweatpants
- sweatshirts (regular and zip-up)
- alcohol free mouthwash
- body lotion
- denture cleaner
- emery boards
- Kleenex
- men's body wash
- women's body wash
- 100-piece or less puzzles

- bags of individually wrapped chocolate candy (w/o nuts) -Check expiration dates.
- cans of regular coffee
- easy paint-by-number kits
- large print playing cards
- puzzle books (large print word search, Sudoku, crossword)
- sensory items (scented hand lotions)
- new and realistic looking interactive/soothing stuffed animals (no teddy bears, cartoon characters, children's type stuff animals)

Youth News

Night Light

All Jr and Sr High youth are welcome to come to Tammy's house (1407 N Shawano Dr, Marshfield) for Bible Study on Sundays (6-7:30pm). We are currently going through the Bible chronologically using "The Story."

STICKS

Youth grades 3-12 are welcome to join STICKS. We will begin practice on February 16 at 8:15am in the STICKS room. We will be in the services on March 22.

Confirmation

Confirmation service will be held Palm Sunday (April 5) at 10:30am.

Camp Luther

Does your child plan to attend Camp Luther this summer? Let us know by April 15 and we will pay half the cost. Just let us know the name of your child and the program and dates they are attending.

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PUPPETS

Practice Times

Sr High and 4th-6th Grade: 6:15 - 7:30pm Jr High: 7:45 - 9pm

<u>Upcoming Performances and Events</u> February 20

PUPPETS-led Service "Nobody"

Sunday School

Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9:15am. Children ages 3 - 8th grade.

February 2

Small Group Choir (8:30am) The Gathering Lesson: News about Jesus Spreads

February 9

Small Group Choir (8:30am)
Bread of Life
Lesson: Jesus Gives the Beatitudes
Choir sings at 10:30am Service

February 16

STICKS (8:15am) SaLT Meeting (8:15am) Lesson: Salt and Light Bring Your Parents Day

What You Need to Know this Week

Superbowl Pizza Pick-up

If you ordered pizzas from the youth, you can pick up your order today by the kitchen. If you didn't order one but want one, there might still be a few extras that can be purchased.

Veterans Donations

The LWML is still collecting donations for the Veterans. Find the wish list inside this bulletin. Please note that all clothing donations must be new. We can't accept used clothing. Also, please check the expiration date on any candy. Donations are due February 14.

PUPPETS-Led Service

The PUPPETS Service "Nobody" will be held on February 20 at 6:30pm. This is an original program written and recorded by the PUPPPETS.

Cabin Fever Brat Sale & Family Fun Day

The SaLT Youth are running a Family Fun Day on February 23 (9-10:30am) in the gym. There will be no Sunday School that day. This is also the day of the Cabin Fever Brat Sale.

Ash Wednesday

Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter) starts on February 26 with Ash Wednesday. Services will be held at 4:30 and 6:30pm with Soup Supper at 5:30pm. There will be no Thursday service that week. For the remainder of Lent, midweek services will be on Thursdays at 4:30 and 6:30pm with soup inbetween. During Lent, midweek services are different than Sundays so you are encouraged to attend both.

Hospital Calls

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, having a surgery, just gave birth, or anything else medical related and would like a pastor to visit, please call the church office (or if it's after the office is closed, the Pastors' cell phones). The hospital system is no longer very good at letting us know when a member is there. Usually at least one of the Pastors visits the hospital everyday and they are also more than happy to come in an emergency or to check in before or after a scheduled surgery.

Upcoming Calendar

(Complete calendar at christmarshfield.org)

Sunday, February 2

Communion

Pizza Pick-up

8:00am Divine Service

8:30am Youth Small Group Choir

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Divine Service (Contemporary)

Monday, February 3

7:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

3:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4

6:00pm Bells of Praise

7:00pm Chorale

Wednesday, February 5

9:30am Bible Study

1:00pm LWML

5:30pm Potter's House Café

6:15pm 4-6 Grade, Sr High PUPPETS

6:30pm Confirmation **7:45pm** Ir High PUPPETS

Thursday, February 6

6:30pm Divine Service

Friday, February 7

Office Closed and Pastors' Day of Rest

Sunday, February 9

8:00am Divine Service

8:30am Youth Small Group Choir

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Divine Service (Contemporary)



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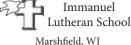
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