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Calendars:

January serving us

Calendar in January

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Monday
January 26, 2026



LUTHERAN CHURCH of PRAYER

The Prayer Line

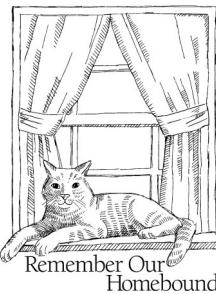
And so, another year begins. If you are like me, you probably gave up on the idea of New Years resolutions long ago. The beginning of a new year always presents itself as an opportunity for self-improvement. However, somewhere by mid-February you can probably bet that the vast majority of resolutions have fizzled out. Giving up on new year's resolutions even before the halfway point is an all too familiar theme in society. I recently came across a publication that was talking about this very phenomenon. It suggested that instead of hard lined resolutions in where we tend to overburden ourselves with unrealistic expectations. We should instead try what are called new year's 'themes.' For instance, instead of the classic resolutions like quitting smoking, giving up sweets which for many are often too burdensome and unrealistic. Rather we should think about these things in terms of 'themes.' New Year's 'themes' rather than 'resolutions' offer a more reasonable approach to making a better us in the new year. So, for example the new year's 'theme' here could be just a focus on being a little healthier. I thought this was rather helpful for me and it made me think this could lend a possible solution to our spiritual lives. Often times people make new years resolutions with regard to their spiritual lives. They might want to pray more or get into the word more in the upcoming year. But even these kinds of resolutions are susceptible to not being followed through even by mid-year's end. So, I think a solution to this would be to follow the advice of this publication. Maybe this year instead of your spiritual resolutions, think about them in terms of 'themes' for the year. For example, instead of a hardline resolution where you decide to be more dedicated in devotional life.

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Cards, calls and prayers are much appreciated by our Military and Homebound members:



Marion Bogle
Marlene Cawelti
Linda Crookes
Diana Danforth
Brian Henderson
Doris Martell



Brenton Campbell
Peter Stewart

LCoP Prayer Chain

When you have any prayer concerns, please let our prayer chain pray for you by contacting: office@lcop.org

Online Calendar!

Did you know that our event calendar is online so you can access it anytime, anywhere, from the internet? Check it out at www.lcop.org, click on resources under the church name. This will also be updated during the month as events change or are added! To update, please email info@lcop.org.

Join Our Email List!

Are you on our email list to have the newsletter and event reminders delivered to your inbox? Subscribe by sending an email to info@lcop.org.



God's blessings to everyone on your special occasion. If you don't see your name, please call the office to make corrections or additions. We want to include everyone!

♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

Tom & Patty King

*** BIRTHDAYS ***

Jery Sturz

Lorraine Campbell

Lew Frye

Grace Kauffman

We honor birthdays and anniversaries on the second Sunday of every month. If you would like to help with refreshments for those who are celebrating, bring your treat to church that morning.

Treasurer

Profit and loss from

July of 2024 to November of 2025

LCOP income	expenses
\$138,890.199	\$159,096.67
WW income	expenses
\$198,797.73	\$203,548.34
Combined income	expenses
\$337,699.72	\$362,645.01

Thank you

Terry Vergon

Treasurer

Properties Board

The Properties Meeting will be held on Monday January 12th, 2026 at 6:30pm and the work day will be on Saturday January 17th at 8am.

December is a busy month for all of us. This last month we did the normal little things that come up plus, power washed the patio area (the kids love their chalk, we gave them a clean slate to work with), chairs, tables. Fixed some loose laminate on a kitchen countertop. All the fire extinguishers were recertified. Cleaned up loose dirt that the rain washed out by the van. Replaced light bulbs on the pillars with lights. Checked the outside security cameras. Cleaned windows in the church, not all but the ones most visible. A couple extra hands and we would have all the windows done. Reroute the roof drain by the kitchen, it was causing flooding and seeping into the kitchen. We still have some lingering problems that need to be addressed that is out of our ability to handle. We have contacted a few contractors and hope they get back to us.

Please pray for our Church and our Pastor, Federal government, our state and especially for our President.

I pray you had a blessed Christmas and a good new year.

Properties Board

Donald Votaw



Wonder Window

As 2025 comes to a close we need to look at all the Blessings God has provided.

God continues to bless us with new students. He continues to bless us with an amazing staff who constantly show the children Gods love daily. We are blessed with a Pastor who does chapel every week with the children and afterschool kids. We are blessed with Tammy who comes faithfully to do songs with the children every week. We are blessed with a church family who always lifts our Pastor, staff, children and families daily in prayer. We are blessed with a school board who are always so willing to be at all of the activities. We are blessed with a church family who constantly helps with fundraisers and donations. For all of this I thank God and our church family for being so faithful.

December was a busy fun month. The kids put on one of the cutest Christmas programs. The kids worked so hard learning the songs. It's always fun to watch the parents and grandparents mouthing the words and doing the hand gestures to "help" their kids. It's always a good program when we don't have any kids crying. We served cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. The children had a special treat when Santa took time out of his busy schedule to come visit the kids.

As always the teachers put on a very fun Christmas party for staff and always include the board and Pastor. This year it was at Mrs Holly's house and for some reason her house was 1 of 6 who had a power outage when we got there. We had enough light to enjoy good food, play games and do an ornament exchange. The power did come back on a little bit before we went home.

Thank you for always providing cookies whenever we ask for them. Please continue to pray for our Staff, kids and their families.

Praying for a Blessed New Year

Jann

Continued from Pastor,

Say to yourself this year my spiritual 'theme' would be to be a little more devotional. This way you do not hold yourself to any unrealistic expectations or goals. Just set broad basic guidelines rather than hard and fast rules. We always have improvement to do somewhere somehow. However, we know that as children of the heavenly Father it is God who works in us to make us new each and every day, despite our shortcomings. So, with that have another blessed New Year in the Lord.

Happy 2026.

SAM

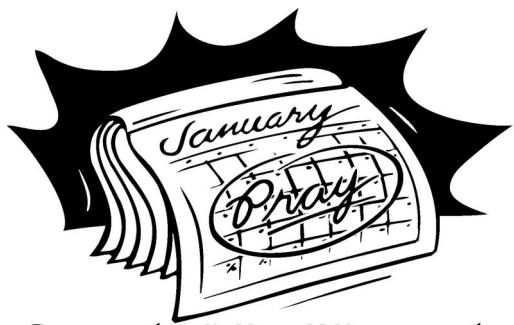
Linda Hartnett and Jann Votaw reported on Trunk or Treat which was a great success had at least 200 children and 20 cars.

Grace Lutheran has their annual luncheon today at 11:00, we had over 20+ from LCOP attend.

Thanksgiving Pie feed on 11/26 after our 7:00 service. Angela Madding announced that there Bread for Bibles was selling dinner rolls for Thanksgiving to be picked up on 11/26, they sold 36 dozen rolls.

Cookie exchange on 12/6 at 1:00 to be held at the Vergons was a big success.

Guild house luncheon held 12/16 at 11:30 24 attended.



Start the New Year with
Prayer

LCoP Missionaries' Info

If you would like to pray for and learn more about them, and perhaps also support them through correspondence and/or finances, here is their infor-

Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz

Wycliffe Bible Translators/Lutheran Bible Translators Instructor position with JAARS, (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service). In Waxhaw, NC.

Contact: j-c.federwitz@gmail.com

Support: www.LBT.org

Nathan & Sarah Federwitz

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Campbell's

support & contact info available at church.

Rev. Dr. Ross & Kris Shaver

Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

You may also mail a check to:

[Payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Shaver - Dominican Republic" on the memo line.]

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Church Golfers!
Come and join us!

Do you like to golf?

We golf every Friday morning!
For more information, please call
or text Roy Eynaud at

661/340-4521

PUZZLE

TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.

"Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=+
A=■	G=●	M=✓	S=■
B=×	H=◀	N=†	SH=■
D=◀◀	I=▲	O=✿	T=♪
	K=	P=□	TH=♥

Proverbs 3:13

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.



An illustration featuring a large black bow at the top, with three smaller circles containing stylized noise-makers (two circles with bows and one with a bow and a bow tie) positioned below it. The background is white.

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!