

## **February 7, 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR - Epiphany V** – “The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147:3). Didn’t Jesus atone for the sins of abortion and assisted suicide? Doesn’t the Heavenly Father love those who promote or participate in them just as much as the lives they have taken? For their sake, let us not hesitate to directly apply both the diagnosis of sinfulness and the medicine of forgiveness in our congregations and our conversations.

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – No Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**ELDERS MEETING TODAY** – There will be an Elders Meeting today after service.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING TODAY**– The Youth Group will meet today at 11:30 am.

**MARY MARTHA MEETING** – the Mary Martha will meet this Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. A vote will be taken for Audio/Visual in the Church.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE** – The Youth Group meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> has been changed to Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PRIVATE COMMUNION** – Pastor Hazzard will be in the church to offer private communion each Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. No appointment is necessary. Safety protocols will be followed. Enter through the parking lot door on the South end of the Sanctuary.

**NAMETAGS** - We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. This will help our new pastor and his family learn all our names as well as those of us who are still trying to remember a name we’ve forgotten momentarily, LOL! If you can’t find your nametag or don’t have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact John Freer.

**2020 STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS** are available in your church mailboxes. Please be sure to read the enclosed letter from Pastor Steinke. You need to pick up your 2021 Offering Envelope packets. **Do not use your 2020 envelopes as some numbers have been changed.** If you are a regular visitor and would like offering

envelopes, now would be a good time to request them. If you are unable to come to church and would like your envelopes mailed, please call the church office. Please contact Diane Bickart at 863-984-6340 if you have questions or would like offering envelopes.

**ALTAR GUILD** - The Altar Guild has posted a chart in the Narthex for you to sign up for flowers on the Altar for Sunday Worship. Please post your name and the occasion you are celebrating, (Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, in memory of someone or anything else you are celebrating) next to your name. If you want real flowers, please let me know. We can order them or you can order them from a Florist of your choice. Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

**2021 SIGN-UPS**—We now have the new sign-up sheets for Bulletin sponsors, Greeters and Lectors on the Bulletin Board in the narthex of the church. We also have a new Altar Flower sponsor poster on the same bulletin board. Please stop by to put your name on the dates you wish to sponsor or to serve.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE** - If you are in need of food assistance, please take a look at Feeding Tampa Bay.org. There are several locations throughout Polk County. There is no shame in asking for help! Covid-19 has changed circumstances for many people. Right now, the closest food giveaway to the church is at Lakes Church (formerly Church at the Mall). Their distribution is Monday's from 4-6:30-or whenever they run out of food. Feeding Tampa Bay is always looking for volunteers to pack food or help with distributions.

**YOUTH GROUP BOARD** – is interested in adding new members. If you are interested in helping plan the direction of the youth group, please contact Kris Welch. You will help plan fun events (laser tag, beach trips), fund raisers (carwashes, rummage sales), devotions and lessons, and help set the foundation for the next National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in 2022. Please call or email for more information: 863-398-5937, or email [Kwelch1973@gmail.com](mailto:Kwelch1973@gmail.com).

**TALK RADIO & PODCAST**– Issues, Etc. - has a Bible Study. It's a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study called "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." This on-demand podcast is hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen anytime, anywhere at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Take Up Our Crosses** -Just as Christ endured the cross on the path to Golgotha *"for the joy that was set before Him"* (Hebrews 12:2), so He calls us to take up our crosses and follow Him – willingly, joyfully, and triumphantly. Acceptance of the



cross indicates that we are willing to serve in Christ's name to a hurting world. We are willing to do His work for His glory, willing to minister to His people through His Spirit, even willing to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**Prayer:** Good and gracious Heavenly Father, You are the creator and sustainer of all things. You are the King of glory, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Lord, I am a sinful person who does the things I shouldn't do and not what I should. Grant me the strength to live a life that is pleasing to You. Help me to take up my cross and serve You totally. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday.....	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday.....	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday.....	Mary Martha Meeting @ 9 am ZOOM Bible Study @ Noon Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm Jr. Confirmation @ 5:30 pm Choir Practice @ 6:30 pm
Sunday .....	Bible Study @ 9 am Sunday School @ 9 am Worship Service @ 10 am