

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### *From the Pastor's Desk...*

#### 2023: TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

With a New Year upon us we should take a little time to consider some goals (or resolutions) for our lives. Which things would benefit not just our physical well-being but, more importantly, our spiritual welfare? It should be obvious that we benefit from the blessings that come to us through God's Word and sacraments. For "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

When our Lord was tempted in the wilderness, He trusted His Heavenly Father for help and looked to the Word of God to strengthen Him through every temptation and struggle. Just before His crucifixion, our Lord commended His life to His Heavenly Father saying: "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour." <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." (Jn. 12:27-28) For it was His Father's will that

Jesus should suffer and die to save us from everlasting damnation. In His perfect work of salvation Jesus most definitely glorified the Father's name!

So consider the ways we can glorify the name of God in this new year, always seeking to do what God says is right. For example: taking time to help others; bringing generous offerings before the Lord from the first-fruits of what He has given us; striving to be patient and forgiving with others; regular, weekly attendance in our Father's house, receiving His gospel treasures, praying to Him, and singing His praises, even when it means laying aside other activities, such as sports, yard work, sleeping in, and so forth.

May our heartfelt prayer to our heavenly Father truly be, "Glorify Thy name." And may our lives truly show it!

In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*

### *From the Vicar's Desk...*

The Lord's richest blessing on you this new year! We continue our study of the various parts of our liturgy by looking at the Kyrie. The full phrase, "Kyrie Eleison," is taken from Greek meaning "O Lord, have mercy." The reason we keep titles such as this in the original, or close to the original, language (Latin, Greek, and sometimes even Hebrew) is to remind ourselves that we have a connection to the entire Church of God, throughout the ages. The Church, at the time of the Apostles, spoke mostly Greek and Hebrew, and then for over a thousand years the Church, at large, spoke in Latin. While it is wonderful that Martin Luther brought the Bible and the language of the Church into the vernacular, that is, the language of the people, as we now have it in English today; it is still beneficial to remember and cherish the ancient languages.

If you look at the Scripture reference that the Lutheran Service Book gives for the Kyrie, you will find that it is quoted from Mark 10:47. Here we read about Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, crying out to Jesus: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" God's mercy is defined as early as Exodus 34:6-7: "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." People call upon God's grace and mercy through-

out all of Scripture. While this prayer certainly has a penitential and repentant aspect to it, it is also a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us in our necessities and troubles, as seen in Psalm 6:2: "Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing..." We should keep these aspects in mind every time we pray the Kyrie.

The way the Kyrie is used varies depending on the Divine Service setting or Daily Office. In Settings One and Two, the Kyrie is used as a response to petitions. In Settings Three and Four, the Kyrie is presented to be sung simply in a three-fold manner, although Setting Four does notate that "the Kyrie may be sung once or several times in response to various petitions." The Daily Offices have the Kyrie before the prayers, while the Divine Service has it toward the beginning of service. The three-fold prayer reminds us of the Holy Trinity and the response-style prayer helps connect our thoughts to what God's mercy entails. In this new year, I entreat you to take a brief moment in times of trial or tribulation and pray "O Lord, have mercy!" Use this simple prayer as a reminder of the grace and mercy found in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus and also a reminder of God's provision and promise to give us our daily bread.

In Christ's service, *Vicar Schober*

# AROUND PELLA

## “2022 STATISTICS”

### MARRIED

#### 50 YEARS OR LONGER



	<u>Wedding Date</u>	<u>Years married</u>
Harvey and Carol Schmitz	April 7, 1956	66 years
Kenneth and Ruth Pluim	Aug. 25, 1956	66 years
Donald and Beverly Schultz	April 18, 1959	63 years
Eugene and Elaine Wook	Oct. 10, 1959	63 years
Terry and Marnie Zamzow	Aug. 11, 1962	60 years
Daryle and Nancy Buss	Feb. 13, 1964	58 years
Fred and Sandra Mclver	May 1, 1965	57 years
John and Marilyn Meyer	June 26, 1965	57 years
Dennis and Bernice Schultz	Oct. 2, 1965	57 years
George and Rosemary Baumann	June 25, 1966	56 years
Albert and Kathleen Preston	July 27, 1968	54 years
Larry and Charmaine Holz	June 7, 1969	53 years
Kenneth and Valerie Loehrke	Aug. 2, 1969	53 years
Kenneth and Monica Baumhardt	Aug. 22, 1970	52 years
Terry and Shirley Canniff	Nov. 28, 1970	52 years
John and Sharon Stephens	June 13, 1970	52 years
Cal and Marion Landaal	July 17, 1971	51 years
Jimmie and Jan Quade	February 4, 1972	50 years
Arlyn and Karol Harmsen	November 11, 1972	50 years
Milford and Pat Hopp	December 9, 1972	50 years

#### Golden Anniversaries in 2023:

Harlan and Sandra Flier	March 3, 1973
Darwin and Susan Berndt	March 24, 1973
Paul and Diana Beder	July 21, 1973
Lee and Jeanne Wagner	August 25, 1973

### 2023 Church Council and Board Members

President: Sam Mattheis Vice President: Arlyn Landheer

Secretary: Pat Reifsnider Treasurer: Sandy Armga

Financial Sec.: Deb Kuenzi Head Trustee: Craig Verheyen

Elders: Warren Schmitz, Kevin Hahn, Ben Kuenzi,

Darwin Wetzel, George Baumann

Board of Preschool: Terry Canniff, Maggie Drewa, Jason Westphal

Board of Education: Tomi Knuth, Lisa Hahn, Sarah Aellig

Board of Youth: Heather Buhalog, Megan Quiring, Nicky Montanez

Installation of Officers and Board Members will be during services on Sunday, January 1, 2022.

### FUNERALS

Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral
David Williams	2-15-2022	2-18-2022
Edna Beske	3-18-2022	3-24-2022
Cleburn Talley	3-22-2022	3-25-2022
Kenneth Long	4-12-2022	4-16-2022
Edwin Swan	4-22-2022	4-26-2022
Amber Zills	6-10-2022	6-13-2022

### DECEASED MEMBERS

(FUNERAL NOT HELD AT PELLA)

Randall Peters	2-6-2022
Edna Heilmeyer	4-7-2022
Brian Daane	5-30-2022
Larry Hamilton	5-28-2022
Roger Randrup	6-18-2022

### BAPTISMS

Micah Kate Mattheis	Born 10-30-21	Baptized 1-16-22
Molly Dymond Hull	Born 1-8-13	Baptized 3-6-22
Finley Charles Bengsch	Born 4-7-22	Baptized 6-12-22
Albert Louis Kreis	Born 9-11-22	Baptized 10-30-22
Payton Jo Peterson	Born 8-13-22	Baptized 12-11-22

### CONFIRMATION

5-1-2022

Maximiliano “Max” Montanez

Ezekiel “Zeke” Montanez

### MARRIAGES

Christal Zills and Andrew Hopfensperger 6-5-2022

Victoria Knuth and Alex Leshner 9-3-2022

Heather Buhalog and Aaron Hull 10-15-2022

### Select Mission for January: Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County

Check the basket in the Narthex or stop by the church office for a baby bottle to fill with loose coins or dollars during the month of January!

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## “FOUR SCORE CLUB”

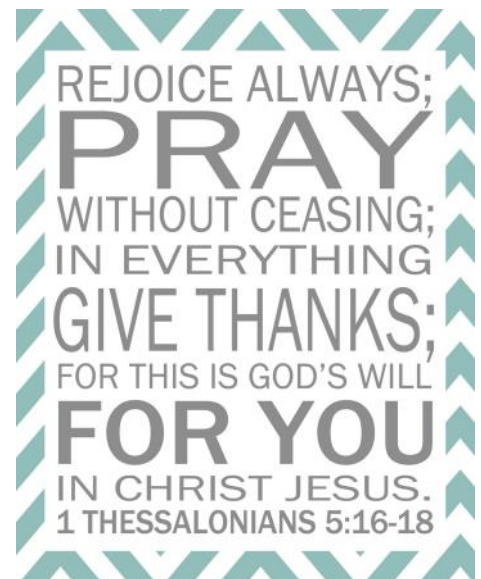
Evelyn Walsh	June 12, 1922	100	Carolyn Kaul	Aug. 20, 1934	88	Fred McIver	Oct. 21, 1938	84
Irma Voeltner	Nov. 16, 1923	99	Kathleen Swan	Aug. 29, 1934	88	Dorothy Dykstra	Nov. 17, 1938	84
Betty Zurbuchen	Mar. 29, 1924	98	Harvey Schmitz	Nov. 4, 1934	88	Sharon Anderson	Nov. 28, 1938	84
Shirley Peters	Dec. 24, 1925	97	Grace Hermann	Nov. 20, 1934	88	Gladys Witkowski	Feb. 27, 1939	83
Alice Rahn	Dec. 31, 1925	97	Donald Schultz	Aug. 25, 1935	87	Eugene Woock	May 28, 1939	83
Lathorial Wedman	July 17, 1926	96	Leroy VandeSlunt	Oct. 24, 1935	87	Florence Hanna	Sept. 16, 1939	83
Phyllis Beske	Aug. 10, 1926	96	Don Cerjance	April 9, 1936	86	Gary Luchini	July 6, 1940	82
Marilyn Raddatz	Jan. 21, 1931	91	Edwin Wiese	Aug. 25, 1936	86	Sandy McIver	July 2, 1940	82
Marion Birkholz	Aug. 1, 1931	91	Marjorie Gibson	Dec. 13, 1936	86	Elaine Woock	January 29, 1941	81
Robert Benson	July 3, 1932	90	Carol Schmitz	Jan. 31, 1937	85	Terry Zamzow	April 1, 1941	81
Phyllis Williams	Aug. 18, 1932	90	Ruth Pluim	Mar. 5, 1937	85	Marnie Zamzow	October 15, 1941	81
Franklin Christian	Jan. 28, 1933	89	Beverly Schultz	Apr. 30, 1937	85	Alice Hennig	June 4, 1942	80
Carol Edmunds	April 26, 1933	89	Donna Talley	July 19, 1937	85	Donna Johnson	Sept. 27, 1942	80
Phyllis VanHierden	July 19, 1933	89	Carol Roska	Nov. 10, 1937	85	Dennis Parsons	Oct. 18, 1942	80
Charlotte Hagen	Sept. 21, 1933	89	Gerald Gnatkowski	Feb. 24, 1938	84			
Joyce Cerjance	Oct. 8, 1933	89	Marjorie Peachey	April 17, 1938	84			
Gloria Bella	Jan. 31, 1934	88	Loretta Gedamke	May 25, 1938	84			
Donna Mertz	Mar. 31, 1934	88	Kenneth Pluim	May 31, 1938	84			

### Joining during 2023 will be:

George Baumann	May 23, 1943
Donna Klosterman	Aug. 19, 1943
Linda Zuhlke	Oct. 30, 1943

## January Birthdays

3 Carston Ordonez	16 Lisa Hahn	27 Rebecca Vanderbush
4 Braelyn Bruesch	19 Jacob Yunto	28 Franklin Christian
7 Doug Zuhlke	20 John Meyer	28 Michael Nolan
7 Eisleigh Madigan	20 Jacob Trauernicht	29 Roger Reifsnider
8 David Henning	21 Marilyn Raddatz	29 Mark Schmidt
8 Molly Hull	22 Jeffrey Derksen	29 Elaine Woock
8 Carrie Ordonez	23 Katherine Lang	30 Steve Fischer
10 Claire Vanderbush	24 Susan VandeSlunt	30 Ben Kuenzi
13 Sarah Aellig	25 Jan Quade	30 Danielle Rasmussen
13 Barbara Henning	25 Michael Vanderbush	30 Presley Shadley
13 Nicky Montanez	26 Chad Harmsen	31 Gloria Bella
14 Kay Pearson	26 Marion Landaal	31 Laurel Donovan
15 Michael VandeSlunt	26 Bruce Meier	31 Diane Fischer
15 Mary Wetzel	27 Teresa Schmidt	31 Carol Schmitz



## Newsletter Prayer List

### Long-Term Prayer List:

Karla Schmidt, Hannah (granddaughter of Ann Keyser)

### Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)  
Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

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### **Bible Verse of the Month**

Arise, shine, for your  
light has come,  
and the glory of  
the LORD has risen  
upon you.

*Isaiah 60:1*

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# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Installation of Church Officers &amp; Boards</b> <b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (No SS)            10:30 AM Divine Service            11:00 AM Radio Broadcast            6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Board</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth            7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p> <p>Epiphany            Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><b>Epiphany (Observed)</b> <b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service            9:15 AM Education Hour            10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            11:00 AM Radio Broadcast            6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth            7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study            2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            9:15 AM Education Hour            10:30 AM Divine Service            11:00 AM Radio Broadcast            6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth            7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed            NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><b>LIFE Sunday</b> <b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service            9:15 AM Education Hour            10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            11:00 AM Radio Broadcast            6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p>6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth            7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study            NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            9:15 AM Education Hour            10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion            11:00 AM Radio Broadcast            6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>	<p>I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luther's Morning Prayer</p>			

# January 2023 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
Sunday January 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Kevin Hahn	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Val Loehrke	W. Schmitz
Wednesday January 4	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday January 8	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Hopfensperger	Ben Kuenzi	B. & D. Kuenzi M. & P. Hopp	Val Loehrke	W. Schmitz
Wednesday January 11	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday January 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. Vande Zande	Dan Holz
Wednesday January 18	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday January 22	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Hopfensperger	Kevin Hahn	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	W. Schmitz
Wednesday January 25	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Kevin Hahn			
Sunday January 29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Ben Kuenzi	W. Schmitz

Soul Accounting: Milford & Pat Hopp

Altar Circle Committee: Tomi Knuth

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10*