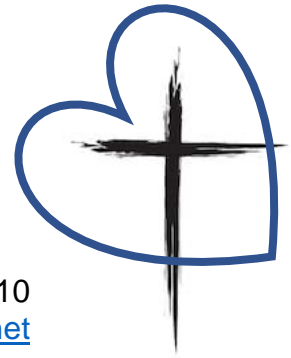


Cross Currents:

Ministry Updates for Cross of Christ December 2023

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Christmas Celebration

Children Lead Worship

Dec. 17 @ 10:00am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 24 @ 5:00pm
(No service that morning)



Christmas Is . . . the Great Gift Exchange

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

Most of us are/have been part of a Christmas gift exchange. These are popular, but not always appreciated. (We have all given/received a clunker or two.) This Christmas Gift Exchange is different because it involves Jesus. He makes this one amazing.

Jesus is all about swapping things with/for us. He suffered hell so we might enjoy heaven. He took on our sin and gives us His righteousness. May you grasp the wonder of all that Jesus gives you. Who was blessed more? Was It Jesus getting gold, frankincense and myrrh or the wisemen? Join us at the manger this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Heimsoth

*The wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God**
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*

Christmas Living!

There is greater joy in giving than receiving gifts. God who loves us has given us such hearts. Here are ways to multiply your joy as you bring joy to others.

Take an ornament off the tree to purchase a gift for a local child. We have adopted two families through Active Faith Ministries to purchase gifts for. Instructions are provided by the tree.



Come Caroling with us Dec. 15 @ 6:00pm. Wear your favorite Christmas attire, bring a favorite song and join us for some fun, laughter, & singing to our church family that aren't always able to join us. If you're good, we might give you some hot chocolate.

Midweek Advent Worship

Midweek services will be offered on Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at 11:00am. We will coordinate for those who might like to go out for lunch after each service.



Christmas Poinsettias

Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. You can give these beautiful flowers in honor/memory of someone. The order form is attached with this email. The cost of the Poinsettias this year is \$25. Orders must be placed by December 17th.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 3 (after worship)

We will act on the budget proposal for 2024, amendments to the constitutional by-laws, and elections of officers/Board chairs. Pastor Heimsoth will also present a report on where we stand in ministry – the opportunities and challenges before us.



Bring a Friend Sunday: Great Success!

Thanks to all who brought friends to worship, November 19. It was a great opportunity to celebrate. God truly wants to bless all your relationships! Let Him! Thanks also to Bobbie Weidendorf who made goodie bags, Diane Klamik for decorating the heart and Lynda Witcher for coordinating the social hour!

Check out: www.cofcsl.org

Check out our website. It is designed to tell those outside our church/preschool who we are and invite them to come find out more, but we also want it to be helpful to you. Our goal is to tell the story of ministry—who we are and what we are doing! We have also made it possible for people to financially support the ministry by giving online—either from the website or by scanning the QR code above.



Preschool News

They listen. Asking the children if they knew about Moses, one of the students proceeded to tell the whole story of Moses' birth, being hidden in the bulrushes and being adopted by the princess.

How blessed we are that the children are hearing and learning about the wonder of

God's love for them. On December 17th we will be privileged to have them sing to us in worship. Continue to pray for this ministry that it would have an impact for many generations!

Bible Study for December—Jesus Introduced to the World. A study of Luke chapter 1.

We meet at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday to ask why so few people recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he came. Join us Sunday at 9:00am. Perhaps our study can help people see him today!



Advent by Candlelight December 10 @ 3:00pm

It will be a beautiful afternoon for fellowship and to help women focus on the beauty of Advent & the power of Christmas. There still is room, but call the church office quickly to reserve a space.

Read the Bible—2023

YOU DID IT (almost)! For those of you who have taken on the challenge to read through the Bible in a year, we only have one month left. May God bless you as we hit some of the minor prophets and Revelation! Let us know how God has blessed your reading. (Schedule is attached.)



Mite Box Sunday: *Bring your (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) LWML mites with you, December 3! Every penny you give goes to support missions in the US and abroad! Last month we collected \$110! Thanks!!!*

December Birthdays

1 Jessica Wood
2 Michael Bugar
 Joshua Petsch
3 James Morrison Jr.
4 Robert Martin
5 Rose Eldridge
 Deirdre Gerke
7 JoAnn Nims
8 Judy Cates
10 Austin Lanam
 Kenneth Miller

13 Joann Stolz
 Nancy Heimsoth
16 Arlene Krause
19 Jillian Hudson
28 Patricia Hicks
 Matthew Wood

December Anniversaries

5 Steven & Stephanie Petsch
27 Karl & Jennifer Kern
27 Bob & Roberta Weidendorf