



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church**

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Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday -
Friday, 9:00-4:00.
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Pastor:

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*Network articles are due on
or before the 15th of each
month*

Musings from the Pastor

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Matthew 2:12

“They” in the above scripture verse are the magi who had journey from the east to find the child who was born the new Jewish king. After they found the child and offered their gifts they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod to fill him in on who and where Jesus was for Herod wanted to destroy this threat to his throne. And so they travel home “by another road.”

We have been on “another road” the past 9 months. Warned by scientists and health officials of the risk of gathering together, and out of love and care for one another and our community, we continue to be church totally outside of the building. When will we be able to regather? I don’t know, exactly. The criteria set by council, when Lincoln County is designated “medium risk,” remains in place. Right now the county varies between very high and high.

What God has in store for us in the new year is yet to be revealed. If anyone has a dream about this, let me know! After they left the holy family, the magi didn’t head off in the direction they first expected, but the way God directed them. The road we travel is unfamiliar but we’re on it together and God goes with us. On the way God calls us to worship, prayer, reflection, acts of love, generosity and compassion. On the way Jesus, Immanuel, is our strength, our light.

I have great hope in this congregation, in all of you. We will get through this time, together, and on the way discover the gifts of traveling an unknown path. With God nothing is impossible. Let us pray:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From Evening Prayer, *ELW*)

Happy New Year!

Shalom! Pastor Pat

Financial Report 2020

<u>Month of November 2020</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – November 2020</u>	
INCOME	\$ 20,092.00	INCOME	\$ 253,200.02
Scrip Use	\$	Scrip Use	\$ 1,535.48
TRANSFER		TRANSFERS	
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 15,877.59</u>	EXPENSES	<u>\$ 182,352.15</u>
NET	\$ 4,214.41	NET	\$ 72,483.35

Annual Meeting Update

The annual meeting for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, scheduled for Wed, Jan. 27, 2021, has been postponed due to gathering restrictions. Church Council will decide on a new date at their March meeting. We will continue to operate according to the 2020 budget during this time.

Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever--the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Financial Stewardship at Work

At their December meeting the Church Council approved the disbursement of \$2,000 in benevolence to each of the following:

- East Central Synod Mission Support
- Crossways Camping Ministries
- MAC Home
- St. Vincent de Paul Outreach-Merrill
- Merrill Food For Kids

Worship Update

Our worship service is live on Sunday, 9 a.m. on Facebook and a bit later in the morning on our website. If you would like to participate by recording a reading, the Creed, or the prayers, please contact Pr. Pat. If you don't have any way to record yourself, you can stop briefly at church and we'll use the church laptop.

If you would like a CD/DVD of the worship service, please call the office.

Food Pantry Challenge

During the Month of November and December the Outreach gave the challenge to fill the totes with the items needed.

Thank you to all who brought in the items, we have mostly filled all 3 totes and delivered them to the Food Pantry.



Memorials Received in November and December

In Memory of Gerrit Van Der Geest from:

Roger & Julie Wendorf
 Roger & Cloria Kreager
 Lin & Greg Kautza
 Jeff & Judy Zelisch
 Ron & Dee Van Der Geest
 Ross & Hannah Van Der Geest
 Shirley Engel
 Lindy & LeeAnn Lindquist
 Sandra & David Johnson
 Wipfli
 William & Joanne Wengeler
 Richard & Joan McKenzie
 Garry N. Schmidt
 Marjorie English
 Scott & Sandra Gipple
 Diane Goetsch

Donna Zamzow
 Todd & Joy Annis
 Roger & Rebecca Hinner
 Philip & Helen Bickley
 Chuck & Cindy Medinger
 Jolene Plautz
 Michael & Patricia Knab
 Mary Van Der Geest
 Charlotte Peters
 Brian & Tricia Heller
 Terry & Ann Wasiewski
 Lee Knispel

In Memory of Arlette Gruetzmacher from:

Brett Jones
 David & Judith Gruetzmacher

In Memory of Marion Anderson from:

Marlene Graap
 Shirley Engel
 Lindy & LeeAnn Lindquist
 Jerry & Anne Wick
 Marian Seidlitz
 Emily Edmund
 Russ & Mary Leyk
 Marjorie English
 Shirley Henkelman
 Rich & Elayne Ollmann
 BD Lebal
 Edith Borelli
 Herm & Joann Zunker
 Dave & Carol Finanger
 Carol J. Osness
 Roger Anderson & Barb Fraser

In Memory of Cliff Henkelman from:

Shirley Henkelman for the Christmas Tree



Offering Envelopes

We will be using the same offering envelope numbers as in prior years. When you need more envelopes give the office a call and we can send you some. We also have an automatic giving option. If you are interested, contact the office and we will send you a signup form.

Thank You's for December

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$164.56 to Homme Homes on December 8, 2020.

We appreciate this generous gift for our residents and your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Thank you again for your contribution to Homme Homes.

Sincerely,

Kathy Unverzagt

Foundation Coordinator

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

I am so grateful for the donation of \$411.51 and \$225.00 in our Matching Funds Campaign. Covid-19 continues to change the way we live causing much hardship for our neighbors in need. Our Conference continues to deal with the homeless, those facing evictions, power and water shutoffs and a myriad of other needs. We extend not only financial help but our prayers and friendship to the poor that we serve.

God Bless,

Dick Duginski

Conference President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

The Community Food Pantry of Merrill thanks your Church and its members for their recent donation of \$110.00 and \$136.00. The Food Pantry functions on monetary donations, grants, and food donations. These donations allow us to meet the nutritional needs of those less fortunate in the Merrill Community.

Thank you for your generous gift to the Community Food Pantry of Merrill; it is vital and greatly appreciated!

May God bless you always.

Sincerely,

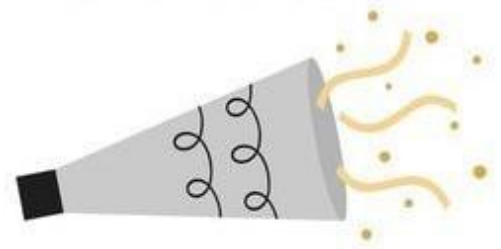
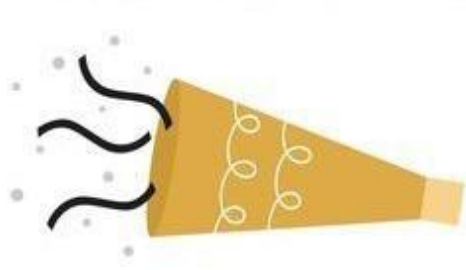
Richard Johnson

The Community Food Pantry of Merrill,

Our Staff and Volunteers and Especially from those we Serve



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Countdown
 Confetti
 Midnight
 Balloons

Celebration
 Fireworks
 January
 Happy



New Year
 Clock
 Cheers
 Goals

Party Poppers
 Noisemaker
 Resolution
 Sparklers



Jan 2021 – Birthday

Angela Bailey	Jan 1
Brian Freund	Jan 1
Ward Gremler	Jan 1
Devin Schuchart	Jan 1
Joan Brandner	Jan 2
Jose Countryman	Jan 2
Dakota Krzanowski	Jan 2
Ellie Stockowitz	Jan 2
Santana Strand	Jan 2
Kristin Van Der Geest	Jan 2
Parker Welch	Jan 2
Karleen Bebel	Jan 3
Kirby Peterson	Jan 3
Phyllis Rahlf	Jan 3
Debbie Schleif	Jan 3
Lillian Strand	Jan 3
William Dinges	Jan 4
Charlotte Peters	Jan 4
Todd Annis	Jan 5
Tom Knospe	Jan 5
Donna Baumgart	Jan 6
Betty Latzig	Jan 8
Abby Frazier	Jan 9
Alexis Kielman	Jan 9
Skyler Schotz	Jan 9
Kerri Wolff	Jan 10
Sebastian Boyd	Jan 11
Logan Knospe	Jan 11
Emmanuel Ollmann	Jan 11
Elias Hebert	Jan 12
Matthew Torkelson	Jan 12
Anakin Brooner	Jan 14

Judy Evans	Jan 14
Shirley Henkelman	Jan 14
Patrick O'Malley	Jan 14
Julie Johnas	Jan 15
Steven Miller	Jan 16
Jeff Benedict	Jan 17
Elvera Detert	Jan 17
Kurt Eggersgluess	Jan 17
Kariann Hanneman	Jan 20
Ross Heller	Jan 20
Kelsey Pintens	Jan 20
Ryan Teske	Jan 20
Marjorie English	Jan 22
Seeley Peterson	Jan 22
Laurie Smith	Jan 22
Latrell Cooper	Jan 23
Marcie Jannusch	Jan 23
Ruth Benson	Jan 24
Natalie Barnett	Jan 25
Russ Mungor	Jan 25
Carson Woellner	Jan 27
Jim Wolff	Jan 28
Mykayla Kuhn	Jan 29
Lois Patton	Jan 29
Dirk Peterson	Jan 29
Judy Elliott	Jan 30
Keagan Schoone	Jan 30

Jan 2021 – Anniversary

Gene and Karleen Bebel	Jan 4
Dave and Roxanne Johnson	Jan 17
Jeff and Robin Halbach	Jan 21
Kelby and Nicole Krause	Jan 25



This list contains all members of Our Saviour's that we have Birthday and Anniversary information.

If the names or dates are incorrect, or if we are missing information about someone's special day, please let Carla in the office know and we will update our records.

Our Saviour`s Lutheran Church

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2 9:00a AA Meeting
3 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	4 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Property & Maintenance 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	5 6:00p Worship & Music	6 Epiphany 12:00p Live on Wednesday 6:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade - Zoom	7 8:30a Mission Sewing	8	9 9:00a AA Meeting
10 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	11 10:15a Esther Circle 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	12 6:00p Finance	13 7:00a Lutheran Men in Mission 12:00p Live on Wednesday 6:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade - Zoom	14 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed	15	16 9:00a AA Meeting
17 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	18 MLK Jr. B-day 6:00p Boy Scouts 599 6:15p Outreach	19 6:00p Council 6:30p First Presbyterian Council	20 12:00p Live on Wednesday 6:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade - Zoom	21 8:30a Mission Sewing	22	23 9:00a AA Meeting
24 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	25 6:00p Boy Scouts 599	26	27 7:00a Lutheran Men in Mission 12:00p Live on Wednesday 6:00p Confirmation 6-8 Grade - Zoom	28 8:30a Mission Sewing	29	30 9:00a AA Meeting
31 9:00a Worship Online 9:00a AA Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship						

Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name _____

Date _____

ON HAND

Qty Total

GROCERIES

Cty Market - 5%	\$25		
Cty Market - 5%	\$50		
Cty Market - 5%	\$100		

RESTAURANTS

2510 - 7%	\$15		
Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Club 64 - 5%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10	<i>Not Available</i>	
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
Friendship House - 10%	\$10		
Hardees - 5%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Studio 808 - 10%	\$5		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

FUEL

Kwik Trip - 9%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$100		

MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$25		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$50	<i>Not Available</i>	
Hallmark - 4%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

SPECIAL ORDER LIST

Qty Total

**Other stores also be available - ask seller for details*

Most popular special orders - many others also

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's - 8%	\$25		
Chipotle - 10%	\$10		
Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		

CLOTHING

Am. Eagle - 9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy - 14%	\$25		
Macy's - 10%	\$25		
TJ Maxx - 7%	\$25		

MISCELLANEOUS

Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25		
Bath N' Body Works- 12%	\$25		
Bed/Bath/Beyond - 7%	\$25		
Best Buy - 4%	\$25/100		
Joanne Fabrics - 6%	\$25		
Home Depot - 4%	\$25/100		
Menard's - 3%	\$25/100		
Michael's - 4%	\$25		
Office Max - 5%	\$25		
Target - 2.5%	\$25		

The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

VIP & Merrill Radio Shack - 3% (No Credit Card Purchase)

Check # _____

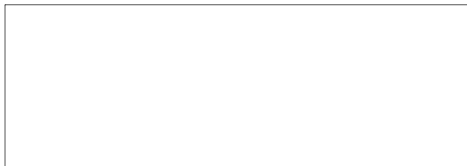
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Cash Amount _____

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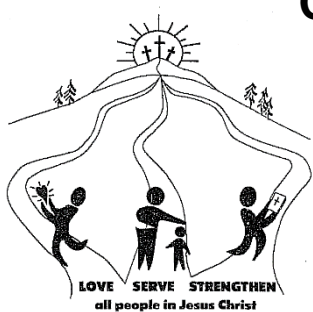
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