

My dearly beloved, Christmas is a season...  
not just a day!

I wish Christmas was every day of the year!  
Why?

Because the birth of this unique child whom we call the Son of God, softens our hearts and we become all of a sudden, more loving, more generous, more compassionate towards our own family members who annoy us, and also towards strangers. We open our pockets more than at other times of the year to help those in need. The story of the birth of baby Jesus captured the hearts of billions in the world. Have you wondered why? Here's a poem about this bewilderment.

Lord, we come to worship the savior you sent us...

And we marvel at the manner of the sending.

In the midst of political upheaval, we hoped for a king.

In the midst of wars and rumors of wars, we hoped for a general.

In the midst of religious tumult and controversy, we hoped for a high priest.

But you send us a baby.

Interesting choice, God.

-Lawrence Lee

God's choice was to come as a vulnerable new born, to shame men's addiction to violent power and might that have always brought so much suffering in the world. When Jesus grew up, he showed wisdom, maturity, compassion

and love for all people, friends and enemies alike. He became the non-violent leader that very few leaders emulate today. Most hearts are hardened by the state of the world and its leaders. I can't think of any leaders who even consider Jesus as their model. Maybe with the exception

of Jimmy Carter in the US, and some great women leaders in Australia. I am sure there might be others that I do not know of. But not many!

Jesus? Or do we create him in our image, by imagining that he will come again as a violent man to punish all our enemies. We always have a choice.

I do want Christmas every day of the year, because it is a time when our hearts are softened by compassion, and we consider yet again following Jesus, the Light and Wisdom of the world.

God's abundant blessings, pastor Liliana

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# Happy Birthday

## January Birthdays

Roxie Larson	1st
Shelly Bristol	8th
Richard Ruppel	8th
Allie Lauck	10th
Joseph Kral	11th
Wyatt Ruppel	19th
Amber Lauck	30th

HAPPY  
Anniversary!

## January Anniversaries

Bill & Nancy Lauck 31st

*Please call the church office if we have missed anyone or if  
there is an error.*



**Sat. January 6th Bible Study 10 am-12pm**

**Sat. January 6 Grief Group 12pm-1:30pm**

**Sun. January 7th Worship Service 10-11 am**

**Sun. January 7th Church Council & EIL Retreat 11:30am –2:00pm**

**Mon January 8th No WELCA Meeting**

**Mon. January 8th Council Meeting 5pm**

**Tues. January 9th Ministerial Alliaice**

**Wed. January 10th = WELCA Bible Study 9:30am=10:30**

**Sat. January 13th No Bible Study 10am-12pm**

**Sat. January 13th Prairie Parish Akron**

**Sun. January 14th Worship Service 10-11 am**

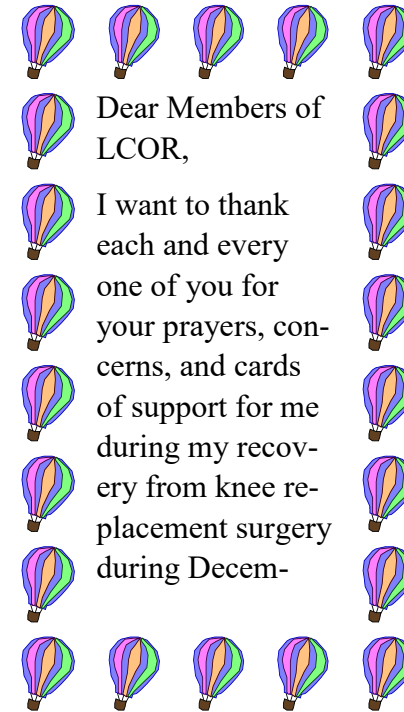
**Mon. January 15th Martin Luther Kind Day**

**Sun. January 21st Worship Service 10am-11am**

**Sat. January 27th EIL 9am-4pm**

**Sun. January 28th Worship Service 10-11 am**

also time to undeck the LCOR halls. If you are available to help, please plan to stay after church service on **January 7th** to help put away our beautiful decorations.



Dear Members of LCOR,  
I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, concerns, and cards of support for me during my recovery from knee replacement surgery during Decem-

*LCOR November 2023 General Fund*

**November 1: \$1,370.92**

**Inflows: \$5,891.00**

**Outflows: (\$15,693.81)**

**Balance November 30: (8,431.89)**

# PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for the following who have been added to our prayer list:

Jamie Gray, Nora Earley, John Strauch, Owen Strister, Gina Sheets, Randi Warbasse, Dayle Neddo, Jessa & Taylor Pickering, Andrei Joanna & Atlas, Nicoleta and Rebecca, Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Callie Sidor, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Ed & Pam Dorn, Luke Lay, Braxton Speicher, Luke Makings, and Zach Griffith.

# ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the LCOR congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 15th**. This is an important part of our church and your presence is requested. We will set the budget for the 2024 calendar year, elect a council to serve our congregation, and will also elect next year's nominating committee.

The meeting will begin following the 10 o'clock worship that day. Plan to stay after worship in the sanctuary for the meeting and join fellow congregation members in the fellowship following the meeting for a potluck.



Thank you to all of you who sent or gave Bruce and I Christmas cards and wishes! They are highly appreciated and they decorate one wall in our home!  
Pastor



**January 1**

Name of Jesus  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8  
Galatians 4:4-7 or-  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 2:15-21

**January 2**

Psalm 148  
Proverbs 1:1-7  
James 3:13-18  
Days around Epiphany

**January 3**

Psalm 110  
Proverbs 1:20-33  
James 4:1-10

**January 4**

Psalm 110  
Proverbs 3:1-12  
James 4:11-17

**January 5**

Psalm 110  
Proverbs 22:1-9  
Luke 6:27-31

**January 6**

Epiphany of Our Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 7**

Psalm 110  
Exodus 1:22—2:10  
Hebrews 11:23-26

**January 8**

Psalm 110  
Exodus 2:11-25  
Hebrews 11:27-28

**January 9**

Psalm 110  
Exodus 3:7-15  
John 8:39-59  
Week around Baptism  
of Our Lord

Acts 9:10-19a

**Friday**

Psalm 29  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
1 Timothy 4:11-16

**Saturday**

Psalm 29  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12  
Luke 5:1-11

**Sunday**

Baptism of Our Lord  
Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**Monday**

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36  
Genesis 17:1-13  
Romans 4:1-12

**Tuesday**

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36  
Exodus 30:22-38  
Acts 22:2-16

**Wednesday**

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36  
Isaiah 41:14-20  
John 1:29-34

Week around Epiphany 2

**Thursday**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Judges 2:6-15  
2 Corinthians 10:1-11

**Friday**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Judges 2:16-23  
Acts 13:16-25

**Saturday**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Samuel 2:21-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Sunday**

Second Sunday after  
Epiphany  
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-  
20]  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Psalm 86

1 Samuel 9:27—10:8  
2 Corinthians 6:14—  
7:1

**Tuesday**

Psalm 86  
1 Samuel 15:10-31  
Acts 5:1-11

**Wednesday**

Psalm 86  
Genesis 16:1-14  
Luke 18:15-17  
Week around Epiphany 3

**Thursday**

Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 19:1-15  
Revelation 18:11-20

**Friday**

Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 20:7-13  
2 Peter 3:1-7

**Saturday**

Psalm 62:5-12  
Jeremiah 20:14-18  
Luke 10:13-16

**Sunday**

Third Sunday after  
Epiphany  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**Monday**

Psalm 46  
Genesis 12:1-9  
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

**Tuesday**

Psalm 46  
Genesis 45:25—46:7  
Acts 5:33-42

**Wednesday**

Psalm 46  
Proverbs 8:1-21  
Mark 3:13-19a  
Week around Epiphany 4

January 2024	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Wanda Rosten</b>	<b>Margie Dorn</b>	<b>Bob Dorn</b>	<b>Karen Liston</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	_____	<b>Stefanie Liston</b>	_____	<b>Stefanie Liston</b>
<b>Usher/ Greeter</b>	<b>Shelly Bristol</b>	<b>Betty Dahl</b>	<b>Carol Foos</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Margie Dorn</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	_____	<b>Wanda Rosten</b>	_____	<b>Barbara Mai</b>
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	_____	<b>David Jorgenson</b>	_____	<b>Eric Walek</b>
<b>Media Center</b>	<b>Bruce Buehner</b>			
<b>Teller</b>	<b>Shelly Bristol</b>	<b>Margie Dorn</b>	<b>Carol Foos</b>	<b>Carrie Brown</b>
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	<b>Kay Carter</b>	<b>Terresa Lauck</b>	<b>Carol Foos</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Potluck</b>
<b>Council Steward</b>	<b>Kay Carter</b>	<b>Kay Carter</b>	<b>Kay Carter</b>	<b>Kay Carter</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Diane Nicklas</b>	<b>Diane Nicklas</b>	<b>Krystal Sneed</b>	<b>Krystal Sneed</b>

### LCOR Congregation Council Members & Officers

*The Congregation Council is the core leadership body of the congregation. They are charged with overseeing and directing the life and mission of our church. We encourage you to talk with them! Please pray for their ministry as they provide leadership to LCOR.*

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**Karen Temple, President 380-9260**  
**Bob Dorn, Vice—President 768-5456**  
**Karen Liston, Secretary 842-4819**  
**Kay Carter (505) 573-9043**

**Pick Mai 512-9672**



Redeemer

1. Call to order at 5:10. Council members present were Pastor Liliana, Karen Temple, Rick Mai, Kay Carter, Marian Robertson, and Karen Liston. Bruce Bruener was also present.
2. Approval of Agenda- Karen L. moved to accept the agenda as presented. Marian seconded; all approved.
3. Approval of Secretary Report- Rick moved to accept the report as presented. Kay seconded; all approved.
4. Approval of the Treasurer Report-
  - a. Kay asked if the donations what were suspended a few months ago had been re-examined and/or restarted. Discussion was held and council agreed to check on this.
  - b. The annual insurance premium has been paid. It was \$8,118.00. All on council agreed that we need to investigate other insurance companies to see if there is a cost that is lower than what we are currently paying. This will be a “to do” for January.
  - c. Karen L. moved to accept the Treasurer Report. Rick seconded; all approved.
5. Committee Reports-
  - a. Building and Grounds – Pastor shared that Rocky said the benches for the outside shared community patch should begin to be built in January. It was stated that there needs to be a meeting in January. Eric will be contacted about this as he is chair of the group.
  - b. WELCA- The possibility of WELCA presenting their finances at the annual meeting for the sake of financial transparency was brought up. Karen T. shared that WELCA uses the same IRS nonprofit tax number, FIEN#501C3, as the church does. Since it uses the same tax number as the church, then the practice of financial transparency is not out of line to be asked for. Pastor said that she visited the WELCA women and learned that in the past, she does not know how many years back, a pastor did go to the WELCA group and asked about the group’s money with the intention of using some of it for church expenses. Pastor Liliana said she made it clear that that is not at all in her mind. Her goal is just to have the money of all groups of the church to be made known to members for financial transparency. Marian asked what WELCA does and council told her about the many donations they make to charities, the support of the LCOR kitchen supplies, the work and food taken care of for funerals at our church, the Valentine treat sent to our students who are in college, and other various charitable acts.
  - c. Men’s Group- There was no activity to report.
6. Old Business-
  - a. Time/Talent Stewardship outcome- The forms are available and need to be turned in by December 17, though anyone can turn one in at any time to volunteer for anything.

many topics, including ELL, preparing for the annual meeting, the Episcopal potluck, what to do with all of the information gathered from our congregation at various events, and the idea that the Episcopal church wants to form an outreach team with people from both churches working together, have a joint team effort.

b. Transition Team – Composition of Team – This will be presented at the annual meeting to find people interested in participating. Currently, five people have expressed interest.

c. Council Candidates – 3 positions to fill- After discussion Rick and Bob shared they will not be continuing on council. Marian said she would do it again.

d. Annual Meeting Suggested Items:

i. New boiler fund

ii. Outdoor project fund update

iii. New council members needed

iv. Collecting change to make change

v. Voting on members for council

vi. Voting on those who want to go to the Synod Assembly in Loveland, April 25-27

e. Installation of new members date- Pastor is looking at January 21 or 28 for the installation. A firm date will be chosen after talking with the new members.

8. Other business-

a. New Preaching Class- This is a six week program that will be at noon beginning on January 16. It is to be an online class. Currently, members who are interested are Bob Dorn, Roxy Larson, and Kay Johnson.

b. Christmas cards- Pastor has ordered Christmas cards that will be sent to congregation members and others who attend LCOR. Pastor will also provide an insert with a message. Karen L. said that the Card Crew would be able to help with getting them addressed and sent out. With that said, if there are any errors or cards that were not sent but should have been, Karen L. said to contact her, Diane N., or Gerry M. about it as they are the current Card Crew. Any and all mistakes are completely inadvertent and the cards are being sent out with love and from a place of best intentions, but mistakes can happen as we are merely human.





# January 2024

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Bible Study 10 am Grief Group 12-1:30
7 Worship Service 10 am Un-decorate the Church EIL Council	8 <u>NO WELCA Meeting</u> <u>NO Council Meeting</u>	9	10	11	12	13 9-11 am Prairie Parish at Peace Lutheran Akron
14 Worship Service 10:00 AM	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19 No DEADLINE	20 Bible Study 10 am-12 pm Grief Group 12-1:30 pm
21 Worship Service 10:00 AM	22	23	24	25	26	27 EIL 9 am Bible Study 10 am
28 ANNUAL MEETING Service Worship Service 10:00 AM	29	30	31			

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