



# NEWSLETTER

"Sharing the hope of Jesus in a troubled world"

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December 2025

## United in Christ Lutheran Church

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in America

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**Regular Office Hours:** By Appointment

**Weekly Worship:** Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.

### From the Congregation President...

Hopefully, last weekend was the biggest snowstorm of the season and we won't have another when we need to decide to cancel the service. I also hope that we were successful in getting the message to everyone and that nobody drove through the snow only to find that the rest of us weren't there!

Beginning the first Sunday in December, the "Christmas Mailbox" will be in operation. This tradition in our congregation provides a convenient way to exchange Christmas cards with other members. The "mailbox" contains folders for SOME members. PLEASE NOTE that there are folders for those we think will likely be at the church this month to be able to pick up their cards. If you wish to send a card to someone for whom there isn't a folder, please mail the card to them (otherwise we end up needing to package the cards and take them to the post office to mail sometime in January and it is rather expensive to mail those packages...maybe more expensive than mailing each card individually). If you think I forgot to include a folder for someone who would be at church, please let me know and I can add a folder to the box for them.

In the month of December we will be having Pastors Bruce, Gina, and Derek and Pastor Rick will be leading our Christmas Eve service. The Council and Worship & Music Committee talked about services for Christmas this year and decided that we would not schedule a Christmas Day service. Pastor Jason had services for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but given the number of those who attended Christmas Day and that it likely would have been difficult to find a pastor to do that service, we decided to return to just having Christmas Eve worship this year.

- Bob Harm

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## December Calendar

Sunday, December 7	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Sunday, December 14	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Tuesday, December 16	5:00 - Church Council meeting
Wednesday, December 17	11:30 - Lunch Bunch (at BB Jack's)
Sunday, December 21	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Christmas Eve	4:00 - Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sunday, December 28	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following

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## Working For Christ in December

**Altar Guild:** Rona Anderson

**Head Usher:** Norm Harris

### 12/07/2025

Ushers: Chet Gabris and Darryl Horton

Reader: Rona Anderson

Communion: Paul Anderson

### 12/14/2025

Ushers: Dennis Stephenson and Bob Harm

Reader: Dennis Stephenson

Communion: Chet Gabris

### 12/21/2025

Ushers: Rona and Paul Anderson

Reader: Thomas Smith

Communion: Bob Harm

### 12/28/2025

Ushers: Rona and Paul Anderson

Reader: Chandra Diring

Communion: Marie Rasmussen-Hall

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Those serving at this service will sign up to volunteer  
(see signup form in fellowship hall)**

## December Birthdays

12/01 > Charles Peterson

12/12 > Wanda Maass

12/30 > Drew Stephenson

12/05 > Mark Quam

12/14 > Dawn Stephenson

12/31 > Darryl Horton

## Financial Update – As of Tuesday, December 5, 2025

Offerings YTD	=	\$68,054.25 (Not including 11/23/2025 offering)
(Expected/Budgeted Offerings YTD	=	\$80,500.00)
Expenses YTD	=	\$71,037.25

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## Prayer Concerns

**Rev. Yehiel Curry**, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

**Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe**, Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA

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For the **people of United in Christ Lutheran Church**

**John Kincaid** – brother-in-law of Chet Gabris – at St. Mary’s Care Center

**Heather Fjelstad-Bunce** – niece of Dennis Stephenson – has Leukemia

**Joanne Quam** – continued rehabilitation at home

**Geno Lainberger** – at Madison Health & Rehab Center

**Kathy Olsen** – sister-in-law of Dick & Ann Olsen – lung cancer

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## November Church Council Meeting Highlights

Paul noted that we have the funds available to send our 4th quarter contribution to the ELCA Synod and the Food Pantry and the Council approved having Paul send the money. An area of fascia on the east side of the church needed repair and Paul has taken care of this.

## Other Notes

A meeting of representatives of the 5 area ELCA congregations took place at our Church on December 1st to continue the conversation about ways in which we can work collaboratively. We will be seeking input from the congregation before the group meets again in late January.

REMEMBER to save the last Sunday in January after the service for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The Worship & Music Committee has selected hymns through February so Paul will be able to make arrangements for Ivy to record the music for those months’ services.



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