



NEWSLETTER

"Sharing the hope of Jesus in a troubled world"

January 2026

United in Christ Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Regular Office Hours: By Appointment
Weekly Worship: Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.

From the Congregation President...

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held the last Sunday of January after the service, please save the date and plan on attending. The Council will be meeting early in January to prepare a budget proposal for 2026, but it may well need to be adjusted later if we find a new pastor. We will also be working on preparing the schedules for volunteers for this year. As announced at church, we are trying to keep the process simple this year. If those of you who serve in roles such as ushering, reading, etc. want to continue doing the same thing as last year, you don't need to do anything, we'll just continue to schedule you as before. If anyone wishes to discontinue helping with something you have been doing or wish to be added to the list of ushers, readers, or so forth, please let me know soon so we can adjust the schedules.

If someone from the Nominating Committee approaches you to ask if you'd be willing to serve on the Church Council, please don't run and hide! We have pretty cordial and informal meetings, but get the needed work done. We have been meeting on Tuesday evenings and have been starting at 5:00 (the time may need adjusting if necessary to work with the schedules of those on the Council).

In the month of January we will be having Pastors Gina and Mikayla and Pastor Rick will be helping us out again leading the service on the second Sunday. Pastor Derek asked to have the month of January off and Pastor Bruce and Pastor Bob didn't have dates available. We look forward to seeing them again in the future.

- Bob Harm

January Calendar

Sunday, January 4	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Tuesday, January 6	5:00 - Church Council meeting
Sunday, January 11	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Sunday, January 18	8:30 - Worship - fellowship following
Wednesday, January 21	11:30 - Lunch Bunch (at BB Jack's)
Sunday, January 25	8:30 - Worship - Annual Meeting of the Congregation following

Working For Christ in January

Altar Guild: Donna Gilles

Head Usher: Bob Harm

01/04/2026

Ushers: Karen and Ron Millard

Reader: Julie Molnar

Communion: Paul Anderson

01/11/2026

Ushers: Julie and Dale Molnar

Reader: Bob Harm

Communion: Chet Gabris

01/18/2026

Ushers: Norm Harris and Mark Harris

Reader: Rona Anderson

Communion: Bob Harm

01/25/2026

Ushers: Henry Lipke and Marie Rasmussen-Hall

Reader: Thomas Smith

Communion: Marie Rasmussen-Hall

January Birthdays

01/04 > Chet Gabris

01/19 > Paul Anderson

01/26 > Glenda Nelson

01/13 > Sara Neuens

01/23 > Marie Rasmussen-Hall

Financial Update - As of December 31, 2025

Offerings YTD	=	\$74,437.25
(Expected/Budgeted Offerings YTD)	=	\$90,000.00)
Expenses YTD	=	\$73,367.29

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

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

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

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

December Church Council Meeting Highlights

Paul reported that most bills for the year have been paid and he has sent the payments for the 4th quarter benevolence. He was also able to put \$5,000 back into savings that had been moved to checking earlier to cover expenses. "Income" for the year has been less than planned, but expenses have also been lower for the year than projected with spending being only a little more than money that has come in (and, when the December figures are in, it is quite possible we will not be in a deficit position for the year as a whole). Paul has been working on a budget proposal for the Council to review for the next year. We will really need to make some guesses as to expenses for next year based on what we believe we can plan to spend for a pastor and the more predictable expenses for things such as utilities. If we are able to find a new pastor, it is likely that the budget would need to be adjusted based on salary and benefits for that individual.

NOTE: After Paul had all the numbers in, we did receive a little more in offerings than our expenditures for the year (by a little over \$1,000).



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