

Our Fellowship News

Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ...
(and) we have fellowship with one another. John 1:3, 7

Christ Lutheran Church, Chetek, WI



January Calendar

4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship
5	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
6	9:15 a.m.	Women's Study
7	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Church
8	10:00 a.m.	Ancient Civilizations
10	9:00 a.m.	Christ Lutheran Women
11	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship
12	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
13	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Winkel @Cameron
	9:15 a.m.	Women's Study
14	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:15 p.m.	Board of Elders
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Church
15	10:00 a.m.	Ancient Civilizations
18	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship
19	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
20	9:15 a.m.	Women's Study
21	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Church
22	10:00 a.m.	Ancient Civilizations
25	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Potluck/Luncheon
26	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
27	9:15 a.m.	Women's Study
28	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study
29	10:00 a.m.	Ancient Civilizations

January Birthdays



- 2 - Lyle Amundson
- 9 - Monica Jerabek
- 11 - Jan Jerabek
- 16 - Sandi Gunderson
- 19 - Reagan LeMoine
- 21 - Doug Haugestuen
- 21 - Audrey Brenholt
- 22 - Hannah Jerabek
- 22 - Matthew Jerabek
- 23 - Tina Schultz
- 24 - Emmett Gonzales
- 26 - Bob LeMoine



Celebrating the Birth of our Lord



4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **5**Let your reasonableness^d be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6**do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Nativity



Our Lord Jesus often provided vivid illustrations to teach His disciples. The historic Christian church has continued to make a distinction many modern protestants have failed to see. Sadly, there is overlap with Islam regarding the second commandment in these churches. There is no commandment against painting a picture! The commandment is against making images to worship.

As confessional Lutherans we encourage our youngest members to paint a picture of their love for God. We want them to use their hands in art, voices in music, and life in dedication. All these are gifts from God we offer back to Him for the ultimate gift of eternal life! It was a blessing to watch our youngest members act out the Christmas story. It is a beautiful story that will be shared and proclaimed for eternity.

Thomas Aquinas on Immigration

The debate over immigration continues to rage. Does God's Word give us insight into the problem? Is this a problem Christians of the past have tackled? One author notes, "It is almost automatically assumed that the Church's position is one of unconditional charity toward those who enter the nation, legally or illegally." According to a late medieval doctor of theology, this assumption is wrong.

From the pen of Thomas Aquinas: (Summa Theologica written 1265-1274)

"Man's relations with foreigners are twofold: peaceful, and hostile: and in directing both kinds of relation the Law contained suitable precepts. For the Jews were offered three opportunities of peaceful relations with foreigners. First, when foreigners passed through their land as travelers. Secondly, when they came to dwell in their land as newcomers. And in both these respects the Law made kind provision in its precepts: for it is written (Exodus 22:21): 'Thou shalt not molest a stranger [advenam]'; and again (Exodus 22:9): 'Thou shalt not molest a stranger [peregrino].' Thirdly, when any foreigners wished to be admitted entirely to their fellowship and mode of worship. With regard to these a certain order was observed. For they were not at once admitted to citizenship: just as it was law with some nations that no one was deemed a citizen except after two or three generations, as the Philosopher says (Polit. iii, 1). **The reason for this was that if foreigners were allowed to meddle with the affairs of a nation as soon as they settled down in its midst, many dangers might occur, since the foreigners not yet having the common good firmly at heart might attempt something hurtful to the people."**