

# THE MESSENGER

January 2020

The newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

## SPECIAL EVENT FOR GRADES 6-12 YOUTH

**YOUTH LOCK-IN**  
**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1204 N. SALES STREET, MERRILL**

**JANUARY 3RD STARTING AT 5 P.M.**  
**ENDS 7 A.M. JANUARY 4TH**

**GAMES, MOVIES,**  
**DEVOTION AND SO**  
**MUCH MORE**

**DINNER AND BREAKFAST**  
**WILL BE PROVIDED**

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**INFORMATION**

Parental permission forms are available at [ChristMerrill.com/lockin](http://ChristMerrill.com/lockin).

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## **Rejoice and Be Glad in Each and Every Day**

***This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)***

These past few weeks we have experienced some intense winter weather. We have had multiple winter storm advisories. We have had days where the temperature didn't reach above zero. We have had multiple inches of snow. It's during these days that we might say, "I can't wait until it gets warmer." But even during the warmer months we still can complain about how hot and humid it can be. We can have intense summer storms that bring inches of rain which causes flooding. The reality is that no matter what the weather may be like we are not always content.

But the above passage tells us to rejoice and be glad in each and every day. But why is that? There are multiple reasons to rejoice and be glad in each and every day. First, it's because it's the day the Lord has made. At creation the Lord created different things on each day. Although the Lord has stopped creating he still takes care of his creation. In his wisdom the Lord does different things on different days. Therefore some days may be cold and others may be warm. Some days may be full of sunshine and other days may have snow or rain. The Lord decides what will happen on each day in order to accomplish his purpose. Even if we don't fully understand why, we have the confidence that this is what the Lord wants.

A second reason to rejoice and be glad in each and every day is because each and every day is another day to experience the Lord's grace and blessings. Every day the Lord brings us different blessings, whether it's the continuation of certain blessings like what we need for our lives or it's new blessings the Lord gives to us. This is why we rejoice and are glad in each and every day because the Lord will take care of us and bless us according to his love.

A third reason to rejoice and be glad in each and every day is if you look at the context of this passage. In the context of this passage it talks about Jesus as the capstone which the builders have rejected. Then it mentions that the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. Why would the rejection of Jesus be a marvelous thing to us? It's because Jesus came to be rejected and put to death in order to take away our sins. That's the ultimate day that the Lord had made: the day of our salvation. Therefore we rejoice and are glad in each and every day because if the Lord hated us and distanced himself from us then each and every day would be a day of sorrow and despair, but instead we constantly live under the Lord's grace and salvation.

So as we continue on in these winter months when the weather may not be the best, rejoice and be glad in the day the Lord has made knowing that in his wisdom he makes every day special, the Lord blesses us each and every day, and we live under his grace and salvation.

- Pastor Neal Behm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 5:00 pm Youth Lock-in begins	4 7:00 am Youth Lock-in ends
5 9:00 Worship (Holy Communion) 10:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Teen Bible Class	6 5:00 Board of Christian Education Meeting	7	8 9:00 Adult Bible Class 3:30 Catechism Class	9 11:30 OWLS	10	11 9:00 Men's Bible Study
12 9:00 Worship 10:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Teen Bible Class	13 6:00 Women's Bible Study	14 6:30 Council Meeting	15 9:00 Adult Bible Class 3:30 Catechism Class	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship (Holy Communion) 10:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Teen Bible Class	20	21	22 9:00 Adult Bible Class 3:30 Catechism Class	23 6:00 Fellowship Committee Meeting	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:30 Annual Voters' Meeting 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Teen Bible Class	27	28	29 9:00 Adult Bible Class 3:30 Catechism Class	30	31	

**ANNUAL MEETING:** will be **January 26**. The following council positions will be up for election: Financial Secretary, Secretary, Board of Church Properties, Evangelism Committee, and Fellowship Committee. All positions are two year terms.

**P-16 TUITION APPLICATIONS DUE:**

P-16 Tuition Assistance applications for assisting students attending WELS preschool, elementary, secondary, and college level schools are due **February 1** for the spring semester. Applications are available in the narthex to the right of the education bulletin board. Please place in the Board of Christian Education mailbox when completed.

**CALLED WORKER TUITION UPDATE:**

Applications are due **February 1** and may be returned to the Board of Christian Education mailbox. The fund is currently below its maintenance goal. Please consider contributing to the fund; envelopes and assistance applications are to the right of the education bulletin board.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** The study will be held on the second Saturday of the month for January through April. (Pastor) Neil Varnum will be leading the group through a study of The Book of the Twelve (The Minor Prophets).

The **January 11** class will be an introduction to the book of **Obadiah** and an overview of its message.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** The topic for **January 13** will be parts of the liturgy.

**GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST SIGN-UP:**

*Growing Together* is an ongoing congregational Bible study intended to provide mutual support to each other to grow through individual, family or small group study. January through May will focus on several New Testament studies. Those interested in receiving a copy of the lesson in their mailbox may sign-up on the narthex sign-up board this month. To get an electronic copy in your email, sign-up at [ChristMerrill.com/email](http://ChristMerrill.com/email) and subscribe to the *Growing Together* Bible study. We can live and carry out our mission -- together!

**HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?**

Please write your current address, phone number(s), and/or email address on the Friendship Register page next to your name. Thanks.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Henry Marheine     | 21 Laura Gottschalk |
| 4 Allie Maschke      | 25 Casandra Kasten  |
| 5 Tom Marheine       | 26 Mike Huth        |
| 5 Caleb Kleinschmidt | 28 Mike Stockowitz  |
| 6 Diane Thoun        | 29 Corey Maschke    |
| 13 Nancy Natzke      | 29 Curt Whitson     |
| 18 Stephanie Lange   | 29 Riley Secora     |
| 18 Adeline Huth      |                     |

*Would you prefer your name to be printed in a different way than above in the future? Put a note in the Messenger mailbox.*

Please submit items for next month’s Messenger by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to [Messenger@ChristMerrill.com](mailto:Messenger@ChristMerrill.com) or place them in the Messenger slot located in the top row of church mailboxes in the narthex.



## GAME NIGHT

Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin, invites everyone to a game night at **5:30 pm** on **January 18**. The evening will begin with a devotion and singing, followed by a taco bar and games to play for all ages including Sheephead, board games, and video games.



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin, is going to be using the materials from the marriage enrichment weekend put on by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) called "Healthy Marriage" to put on a series of three marriage enrichment sessions. Each session will cover different portions of the material. They will take place from **6 to 8 pm** on **January 11, February 1, and February 15**. These sessions are helpful for a marriage no matter how weak or strong it is, and all are encouraged to attend. We encourage members and non-members alike to join us. If you are planning to come, please contact us by phone or text at 920-471-1770, or by emailing [pastorandydegier@gmail.com](mailto:pastorandydegier@gmail.com).

## 2020 Men of His Word Conference

The 11th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held in Oshkosh on **Saturday, February 8**. The theme is "God's 20/20 Vision for your Future".

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (David Scharf, Professor of Theology at Martin Luther College and a contributor for Time of Grace Ministries), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (17 to choose from), or the worship experience with 700 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you. The conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh.

**Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).**

The registration fee until January 19 is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth – these rates increase to \$60 and \$30 respectively after January 19.



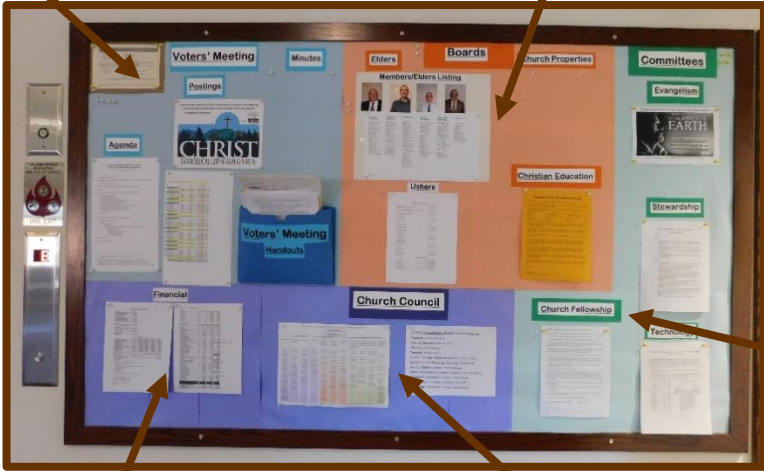
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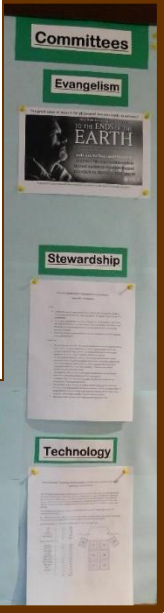
Voters' Meeting Information

Information about **Boards:** Elders, Church Properties, and Christian Education. Includes reports, a list of elder assigned to each church member, and a list of ushers.

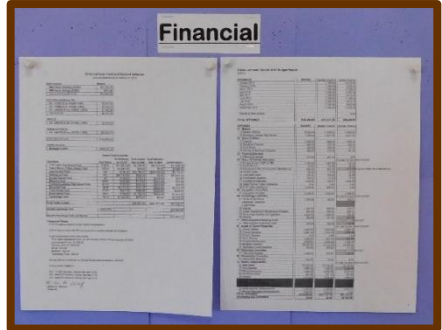


Information about **Committees:** Evangelism, Stewardship, Technology, and Church Fellowship.

Includes reports and info. about upcoming events.



Monthly Treasurer Report



Organizational Chart of Church and Listing of Current Council Members