

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

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Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Presiding: Pastor Joseph Schattauer Paillé

8:45am Worship Service Leaders: Greeters: Jamie & Gayla Jensen
Ushers: Daren Anderson, Randy Johnson, Jim Johnston, Bob Kullberg
Reader: Jim Johnston **AV Team:** Jennifer Rodgers, Nate Straka, Bill Little

Coffee Fellowship: *OPEN*, Laurel Kuplic

10:45am Worship Service Leaders: Ushers: Chuck Sletten, Jim Stoops, Claire McCoy
Reader: Elizabeth Perry **Communion Server:** Jenna Trenbeath
AV Team: Eric Nygren, Dan Walker, Margie Hartmann

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY: 9:45am: Two for Coffee Fellowship

POINSETTIA PICKUP

Thank you to everyone who ordered poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary. It's time to take your pretty poinsettias home!

SNAKE DISCOVERY IS COMING TO CCLC!

Please join us for a special F3 where we'll learn about, and get to meet, local snakes and reptiles from the experts at Snake Discovery. **Friday, January 17th – pizza at 5:30pm** (new start time) and the program begins at 6:00pm. Friends are welcome! Please include them in your RSVP by Mon. Jan 13th.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY

- **VEAP: Tuesday, January 21st from 2:15-5:15 PM**
Contact Pastor Joseph to be added to list
Youth ages 16+ are able to volunteer independently. Children ages 9-15 are welcome to volunteer, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Feed My Starving Children, January 25th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM.**
At Cross View Lutheran Church. Please sign up from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. Link to register is in the Newsletter. Age minimum has typically been 5 years old.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025

The 2025 flower chart is now available in the narthex. Flowers are \$50.00. Our hope is to have everyone sign up so we have flowers every week! You can take the flowers home after the 2nd service. Thank you.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH, HEALING AND WELLBEING:

- Ian Ruhberg-Hendrickson
- Veronica Kristiansen, granddaughter of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Jenna Larson, grand-daughter of Lois Larson
- Curt Peterson
- Clayton Enebo
- Jake, son of Margie Hartmann
- Mark Greenlee, son of Rich & Carm Greenlee
- Nora, daughter of Dan & Kristin Walker
- Ryan Van Riper
- Joleen Hover
- Paul Gran, uncle of Kristin Walker
- James Nunley, friend of Marsha Gullickson
- Ron Moore, father of Jamie Manzi-Moore
- Dave Teslow
- Steve Scott, friend of Pat & Ron Nelson, and Mary Hafstead
- Madonna Davis
- Micha, grandson of Margie Hartmann
- Elaine Thurston
- Shane B, friend of George and Marsha Gullickson
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson Gullickson

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Bill & Laura Little, David Maas, Don & Mary MacElroy, Dale & Julie Magee, Jamie Manzi-Moore and their families.

COMING UP AT CCLC

- Fri. Jan 17th, 5:30pm - F3 featuring "Snake Discovery" (new start time)
- Tues. Jan 21st, 2:15pm - VEAP volunteer opportunity
- Sat. Jan 25th, 2:30pm - Feed My Starving Children volunteer opportunity
- Sun. Jan 26th, 9:45am – Annual Meeting
- Wed. Jan 29th, 7:30pm – Youth Game Night

Please contact the office for more information about any of these events!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Spring Parish Adult Retreat will be on March 8th, 2025 at Lebanon Hills Regional Park. For more information or to RSVP, check out the newsletter or website for a link.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH LIVES WITH THE LOVE OF GOD



TAPESTRY IS OUR FOUR CORE SERVICE PARTNER FOR JANUARY

All noisy offering this month will be given to them. Tapestry is a bilingual and multicultural Community that works to not only build bridges, but to cross them, too. Tapestry says "We are working together to reach out and weave together the diversity of people living in our communities into what it means to be a community of faith. We engage in deep listening to build compassion and trust. We intentionally enter into conversations with people different from ourselves. We are transformed through our relationships and through the work of the Holy Spirit."

This Week At Community of the Cross

Today is January 12th 2025 - Baptism of Our Lord

	8:45 am	Traditional Worship
	9:45 am	Adult Forum: Luke's Gospel /MR / Fellowship / FH / Sunday School
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship w / Holy Communion
Tues 14th	8:45 am	Faithfully Fit Forever
	9:00 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship / MR
	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study / MR
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting / MR
Wed 15th	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri 17th	5:30 pm	F3- Snake Discovery (earlier start time)
	6:30 pm	Friday Night Women's Book Club

Sunday January 19th 2025 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

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	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship

GS=Gathering Space MR=Meeting room FH=Fellowship Hall 3-9=Classrooms MO=Main Offices
NX=Narthex NY=Nursery SA=Sanctuary YR=Youth Room

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