

## Y2024 Summary of Bulletins

Mo	Day	Special	Message	Speaker
Jan	6-7		One Went Alone...	Pastor John Horner-Ibler
Jan	13-14		God Knows Where You Live	Pastor Jim Ahlquist
Jan	20-21	Leland Fisher Eggert	Fishing Might Not Mean What You Think	Pastor Muriel Otto
Jan	27-28		Shelf Space Favors Crunchy	Pastor John Horner-Ibler
Feb	3			
Feb	4			
Feb	10-11			
Feb	14	Ash Wednesday, Noon		
Feb	14	Ash Wednesday, Evening		
Feb	17-18			
Feb	21	Lent Wednesday		
Feb	24-25			
Feb	28	Lent Wednesday		
Mar	2-3			
Mar	6	Lent Wednesday		
Mar	9-10			
Mar	13	Lent Wednesday		
Mar	16-17			
Mar	20	Lent Wednesday		
Mar	23-24	Palm Sunday		
Mar	28	Maundy Thursday		
Mar	29	Good Friday		
Mar	30	Easter Vigil		
Mar	31	Easter		
Apr	6-7			
Apr	13-14			
Apr	20-21			
Apr	27-28			
May	4-5			
May	11-12			
May	18-19			
May	25-26			
Jun	1-2			
Jun	8-9			
Jun	15-16			
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Jun	29-30			
Jun	6-7			
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Dec	14-15			
Dec	21-22			



**UNITY**  
Lutheran Church

**The Epiphany of Jesus  
Baptism of Jesus**

**January 6-7, 2024**

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

**5:00 pm COL**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**8:30 am COL**

**9:30 am CTK**

**10:30 am COL**

**Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday**

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**We're glad you're here today!**

**UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.**

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- **Children.** Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- **Sunday School.** All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)
- **At UNITY, the Communion Table is:**
  - Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
  - Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
  - Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
  - We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
  - Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
  - If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: [unitybrookfield.org](http://unitybrookfield.org) for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# The Epiphany of Our Lord Baptism of Our Lord January 6-7, 2024

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## Prelude

“We Three Kings”

arr. Lorie Line

(Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

“The Three Kings”

Gordon Young

(9:30)

## Words of Welcome

## Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Many: And also with you.**

## Call to Worship

One: After the holidays, not much is happening these days.

**Many: What are you talking about? Stuff. Big stuff is happening every day!**

One: Like what? I mean Friday was January 5th.

**Many: The 12th Day of Christmas!**

One: Saturday was January 6th.

**Many: (loud) The Epiphany of our Lord! (quiet) Think visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus!**

One: Sunday was January 7.

**Many: The Baptism of our Lord!**

One: Wow. You’re right. That’s actually a lot happening.

**Many: It’s a lot to look back on, celebrate, and understand for ourselves.**

One: We can do that. Twelve days of Christmas mean...

**Many: A dozen chances to celebrate new life, Emmanuel, Incarnation. Love!**

One: Epiphany means...

**Many: Literally, a revelation. The realization that Jesus changes everything!**

One: The Baptism of our Lord.

**Many: Water washes and restores. Even Jesus needed to be welcomed. A shared experience. A forward-sending!**

One: What a weekend, hey? And I thought nothing was happening!

**Many: With Jesus, something big is always happening! That’s why we celebrate and sing!**

## Opening Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

(Online)

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

ELW 303 vs. 1-4

(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)

## Children’s Message

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. God of unexpected discoveries and resolve,

Many: **On this special weekend, enliven us to check our spiritual lethargy and melancholy at the door. Life can be hard and we all get stuck at times. You get this and never judge it. Help us do the same for ourselves and for each other.**

**Restore in us the hope and persistence that befits your people. If we need encouragement, embolden us to ask for it. If we seek a goal, remind us to ask for directions. If we feel lost, teach us that in you so much can be found. O God, our God, give us spirits of new life and the fire to live it. In your Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

## First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

*The writer of today's gospel, Matthew, undoubtedly knew this poetry from Isaiah and builds his Epiphany story around it. In Jewish tradition, literal fulfillment of prophecy was presumed possible, but figurative applications also could be equally or more valid. For us as readers, the literal appearance of words like gold and frankincense foreshadow the Magi but are less important than the explosive good news of the first line, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!"*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

## Video Anthem

*“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”* Molly Pufall-Brown & Janet Day (All Services)

## Gospel Acclamation

*“Thy Word”*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)*

## Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*Herod’s hateful jealousy and eventual callousness toward life itself overshadow this story, Yet, there are life-giving clues everywhere within it. The Magi seek a king not their own, they persist against all odds in finding him, and in witness to the essence of the Nativity, they experience overwhelming joy when they find him. In a world of so much hurt, the Magi still travel alongside all of us, bringing the best of treasures: healing and hope.*

One: The Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter

**Many: Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

**Many: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message *“One Went Alone...”*

John Horner-Ibler

## Hymn of the Day

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW 304 (Online)  
“As with Gladness Men of Old” ELW 302 vs. 1-3 (5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)

## The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(Congregation response to “Lord, in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”)*

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen.**

## Announcements and Offering

### Offertory Response *(as gifts are brought forward)*

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” ELW 301 vs. 3  
*Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star,  
went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations  
to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.*

## Prayer of Thanks

One: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Many: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us... ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord’s Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



## **Communion Meditation**

*“As With Gladness”*

arr. Lorie Line

(All Services)

## **Post Communion Blessing**

**Spoken Response: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**One:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Many: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

## **Sending Hymn**

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”*

ELW 314

(All Services)

## **Dismissal**

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

*“March of the Kings”*

arr. Lorie Line (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*“For Unto Us with Joy to the World”*

arr. Keith Christopher (9:30)

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## UNITY Highlights

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**POINSETTIAS!** Many thanks to all who ordered poinsettias to adorn both sanctuaries and buildings. Please feel free to take your poinsettias after any service.

**January 7, 9:30 @ COL - Bible Study this week with Pastor Muriel, Fellowship Hall.** Starting with next week's Gospel lessons in church, we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through next November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.

**Time to pack away Christmas decorations!**

If you are able to help take down Christmas decorations at the COL Campus, come **after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 7.**

If you are able to help take down Christmas decorations at the CTK Campus, come on **Monday morning, January 8 at 9am.**

**Call Team assembled and ready for action. Please keep them in your prayers!**

UNITY's council gives great thanks to the 17 faithful and generous members who offered to serve on the call team for the search for next pastors. From that pool they picked a group of 8 "at large" members to be joined by reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell.** If you know any of them you know they are committed and big-hearted people from a huge variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We are blessed to have them! The same can be said of the 9 who were ultimately not chosen, all of whom have offered to help and support in any way they can. Please keep the team in your prayers as they begin meeting on our behalf, and we give thanks to God for all the good people in our midst!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share over the holidays, or anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Upcoming (and one immediate) Need/s.** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and

cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) **Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.**

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.**

- Fill the rink! IMMEDIATE NEED. We could use someone who could add water to the CTK ice rink. We have been waiting for adequate cold to to this but would also like to beat the first snowfall. **Does anyone have time in the next 48-72 hours to do this?** Biggest part is connecting 2-3 hoses to reach the rink, turning on the water and then checking back every 2 hours to make sure it's filling smoothly. Total time to get about 2 inches of water is 6-8 hours so it's basically a job that can be done in one day.

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### Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: [michelle@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:michelle@unitybrookfield.org)

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#### **January 1-14: Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry.**

Sunday school kids will collect birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and birthday ware to create birthday gift bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry.

**Monday, Jan. 15, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM - Servanthood Blitz** - Do you have off from school on Martin Luther King Day? Grades kindergarten and older Sunday school students can join us at the COL campus for a national day of service and help us serve our Unity partners! We will make Birthday bags for the Waukesha Food Pantry, decorate cookies, make snacks, prepare craft packages for travel to the kids in El Salvador and clean nursery toys. Wear your favorite sports jersey or colors. Pizza lunch will be provided! Adults, we could use your help too! Parents, watch for the email Sign-up Genius so we can plan for pizzas! Thank you! What a blessing to be a blessing!

#### **Mark your Calendars:**

**First Communion Classes** - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older)** - May 18 & 19, 2024

**Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students)** - June 23 - 28, 2024

**VBS** - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.)

**ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students)** - July 9 - 12, 2024

**Confirmation Weekend** - September 14-15, 2024

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## Property Needs

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

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**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

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## Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

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**All-Music Tuesdays will resume rehearsals on Tuesday January 9, 2024.** It will run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- **JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm
  - **CELEBRATION CHOIR** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • 6:30pm to 7:15pm
  - **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to early intermediate ringers • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
  - **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
  - **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late intermediate to advanced ringers • 6:15pm to 7:15pm
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## Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler;  
e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org  
Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

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**THIS SUNDAY, January 7:** Tubing at Sunburst, weather permitting. Leave from COL at 3 pm, tube, stop at the Horner-Ibler house for hot chocolate and cookies, back to COL by 7 pm. Cost is \$25. Adults, if you can drive, talk to John H-I.

**Kickin' It With Jesus.** We finished Session 1 with a 5-2 record!

**Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024.** Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

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## Adult Programs

Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) c: 262-787-8820

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**Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is Jan. 10.** Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Ed events at COL!**

- **January 7, 9:30 @ COL - Bible Study with Pastor Muriel, Fellowship Hall.** Next week we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.
- **January 14th, 9:30 @ COL - Photo Editing Tips with Brad Wilkins.** Brad returns to teach us more about photography! This time around, he'll be showing us how to organize our photo libraries, edit amazing pictures, and backup our precious creations!
- **January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

**Apply Now for Adult Faith Trip to Orcas Island, April 22-27, 2024. Deadline Jan 16.**

Several people have asked Pastor Muriel to lead a trip to her hometown. After initial info, there is definitely enough interest! She will bring a group in April for a week to focus on faith while exploring the island. We will walk through a mini version of UNITY's Confirmation program through class time and hands-on activities in the woods, beaches, ferry boats, and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest, before ending the week with a reaffirmation of baptism. We'll stay in two Airbnb's overlooking Puget Sound and prep meals together. Cost will be your plane ticket plus \$600 for lodging, food, and transportation. You'll probably meet some of Muriel's people too. Oh, and the Tulip Festival will be in full bloom! The trip will be capped at 16 people for space. For more info, talk to Muriel. If you are ready to sign up, application is on the church website signups page. Paperwork and deposits due January 16, with a pre-trip meeting in March.

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

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## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: [muriel@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:muriel@unitybrookfield.org)  
Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: [jackieswan10@icloud.com](mailto:jackieswan10@icloud.com)

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**Book Drive Update:** On behalf of Barb and the Consigny family, we would like to thank the Unity Congregation for their generous book/donations for the Ned Consigny Book Drive. On December 20, Mary Chetney was able to deliver over 1000 books to Children's Hospital! Children's is always looking for books and Mary is happy to deliver more books if you have them. She volunteers in the NICU and delivers donations weekly. (262) 227-9634.

**Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL** - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! **Items will be picked and sent out several times during the season.** These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at [janeboorse43@gmail.com](mailto:janeboorse43@gmail.com) or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriel's office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

- Beads • Cording • Stickers
- Coloring Books for Kids & Adults
- Colored Pencils • Colored Markers
- Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors
- Glue Sticks (non-liquid)
- Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes
- Construction & Patterned Paper

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

*Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County*

*This weekend's communion breads were baked by Kelsey Morrison*

**Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

**Cross of Life Campus**

Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Barb Nuland, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

**Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

**Christ the King Campus**

Ronald "Waz" Wesoloski, father of Lisa Korban

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of:

Florence Bredemus, born December 28th to parents Jane and Al, sisters Ruthie and Betty

## UNITY Prayer Place

*Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.*

### **January 6-7**

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark  
Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran  
Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix  
Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### **December 30-31**

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen  
Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding  
Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

### **December 16-17**

Richard Eggert (triple bypass), grandfather of Nathan Eggert  
Jeanie & Frank Gillitzer (health issues), parents of Jodi Gillitzer  
Cheryl Pieczonka (multiple health issues), cousin of Michelle Wilkins  
Baynard Anderson (pneumonia), father of Laurie Furness  
Marlowe (praise & thanksgiving for restored health after hospitalization for RSV on their way home from vacation), granddaughter of Sally & Eric Thomas  
Dawn (back in US & recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana & David Koenen

### **December 9-10**

Charlotte Bergman (health concerns), daughter of Ann-Marie Bergman  
Leslie Meganck (cancer recovery), sister of Heidi Blatnik  
Donna Funk (health concerns), daughter of Pearl Haack  
Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark  
Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran  
Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix  
Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:

Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli  
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz  
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans  
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers  
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson  
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank Riederer

Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz  
Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty Schneider  
Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas  
Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester  
Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family



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**Online Ministers for January 6-7, 2024**

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Worship Assistant: Diana Koenen  
 Reader: Pete Meiklejohn  
 Musicians: Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown, Lynn Key  
 Technical: Caitlin Dominski

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**COL 5:00 p.m. Ministers for Saturday, January 6, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Cheryl Caraulia  
 Greeters: Kay Koepsel-Benning, Lori Collins  
 Acolyte:  
 Ushers: Nicki & Mark Shady  
 Worship Assistant: Marilyn Ranney  
 Reader: Melissa Grabowski  
 Communion Assistants: Melissa & Kevin Grabowski  
 ABC: Kay Koepsel-Benning  
 Musician: Lynn Key  
 Sound: Jeff Key  
 Visual Projection: Kayla Grabowski  
 Song Leader: Marv Wunder  
 Sunday School Leaders: Adrienne Krueger  
 Nursery: Anna O'Rourke

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**COL 8:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Tami Miller  
Greeters: Jeanne Bonk, Patrick Conway  
Acolyte: Addison Kahle, Lucas Conway, Blake Duerr  
Ushers: Tim Herman, Art Keup  
Worship Assistant: Mark Miller  
Reader: Kiley Keup  
Communion Assistants: Jeanne & Greg Bonk, Darcy & Jan Constable  
ABC: Jann Meissner  
Musician: Lynn Key  
Sound: Paul Karrels  
Visual Projection: Josef Keup  
Song Leader: Natalie Schneider  
Sunday School Leaders: Lisa Kahle, Julie Miesfeld, Becky Conway  
Nursery: Gail Anklam  
Coffee: Tracy Karrels

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**CTK 9:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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Greeters: Marge & Jerry Kipp  
Acolyte: Annalise Nordstrom, Joshua Graesser  
Ushers: Harlan Mueller, David Koenen  
Worship Assistant: Steve Johnson  
Reader: Linda Johnson  
Communion Assistants: Patty Zais, Jim Leifer  
ABC: Patty Zais  
Musician: Janet Day  
Visual Projection: Mary Huss  
Song Leader: Corynn Nordstrom  
Sunday School Leaders: Emily McFadden, John Allar  
Nursery: Robin Nordstrom  
Coffee: Barb Borkenhagen

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**COL 10:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Patricia Pelzel  
Greeters: Adrik Nellis, Caroline Roland  
Acolyte: Aubrey McDonald, Anden Nellis  
Ushers: Tiffany & Scott Reay  
Worship Assistant: Steve Brewer  
Reader: Tiffany Reay  
Communion Assistants: Debbie Horne, Caroline Roland  
ABC: Jeff Pelzel  
Musician: Lynn Key  
Sound: Trent Reay  
Visual Projection: Clyde Reay  
Song Leader: Jeff Stark  
Sunday School Leaders: Davida Kroepfl, Kelly Shoff  
Nursery: Gail Anklam



# UNITY

Lutheran Church

## **Second Weekend after Epiphany**

**January 13-14, 2024**

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

**5:00 pm COL**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**8:30 am COL**

**9:30 am CTK**

**10:30 am COL**

**Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday**

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**We're glad you're here today!**

**UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.**

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- **Children.** Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- **Sunday School.** All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)
- **At UNITY, the Communion Table is:**
  - Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
  - Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
  - Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
  - We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
  - Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
  - If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: [unitybrookfield.org](http://unitybrookfield.org) for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

## Second Weekend after Epiphany January 13-14, 2024

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### Prelude

“ <i>The Three Kings</i> ”	Gordon Young	(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)
“ <i>We Three Kings</i> ”	arr. Lorie Line	(9:30)
“ <i>Prelude on a Luther Hymn</i> ”	Gordon Young	(Online)

### Words of Welcome

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Many: And also with you.**

### Call to Worship (*based on today's reading from 1 Samuel 3*)

One: Marco...

**Many: Polo!**

One: Hide and...

**Many: Seek!**

One: Peek-a...

**Many: Boo!**

One: All games we play with each other;

**Many: following each other's voices to find what is lost.**

One: God is playful too. God delights in our company and laughs with us when life is just so ridiculous.

**Many: But God doesn't play games with our souls.**

One: God doesn't toy with our emotions or take any joy in our misfortunes. When we seek,

**Many: God never hides. And when we call,**

One: God always answers. So when God calls *us*, may we always be ready to hear that holy voice and respond,

**Many: Here I am!**

### Opening Hymn

“ <i>Dearest Jesus, At Your Word</i> ”	ELW 520	(Online)
“ <i>Listen, God is Calling</i> ”	ELW 513	(5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)

### Children's Message

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. O Lord,

**Many:** you have searched us and you know us. You know when we sit down and when we rise. You search out our paths and you know our ways. Even before a word is on our tongues you know it completely. Examine us and know our hearts, O God. Test us and see what is twisted, warped, shut tight, broken, or dark, and expose it to your light.

*(silence for reflection)*

One: Friends, receive the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Many:** O God, we come to the end, and you are still with us. Afraid to speak of our sinfulness, you hear our stumbling words. Before we even shape them in our mind, you embrace us with open arms. Sinful, we are forgiven. Broken, we are healed. Trapped, we are freed. Lost, we are found. Dead, we are reborn to abundant and eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

### **First Lesson** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*Most of the Bible shows us how God speaks to us. The Psalms, though, show us how to speak to God. Brutally honest and totally real, their words remind us that we can bring our whole selves to this. We can bare our souls in safety to a God who knows us completely and loves us anyway.*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

### **Scripture Announcement**

*“Thy Word”*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)*

### **Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*The book of 1st Samuel tells the history of Israel and its rulers. It starts with the story of Samuel, the prophet who leads Israel before anointing Saul and then David as the first kings of the small nation. In today's reading, Samuel is still a boy under the mentorship of a priest named Eli who teaches Samuel how to hear and answer God's call.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "God Knows Where You Live" Jim Ahlquist

### Hymn of the Day

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"* ELW 798 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 (All Services)

### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen.**

### Announcements and Offering

#### Offertory Response *(as gifts are brought forward)*

*"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"* ELW 301 vs. 3

*Sages from the east afar, when they saw this wondrous star,  
went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations  
to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.*

### Prayer of Thanks

One: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Many: **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion Meditation

*"One Bread, One Body"*

arr. Carter (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*"Take My Life And Let It Be"*

arr. Lorie Line (9:30)

## Post Communion Blessing

**Spoken Response: Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

One: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Many: Amen.**

## Benediction

### Sending Hymn

*"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"*

ELW 676 (5:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30)

*"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

ELW 583 (Online)

## Dismissal

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*"March of the Kings"*

arr. Lorie Line (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*"For Unto Us with Joy to the World"*

arr. Keith Christopher (9:30)

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

arr. Jack W. Jones (Online)



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## UNITY Highlights

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### **Call Team assembled and ready for action. Please keep them in your prayers!**

UNITY's council gives great thanks to the 17 faithful and generous members who offered to serve on the call team for the search for next pastors. From that pool they picked a group of 8 "at large" members to be joined by reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell**. If you know any of them you know they are committed and big-hearted people from a huge variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We are blessed to have them! The same can be said of the 9 who were ultimately not chosen, all of whom have offered to help and support in any way they can. Please keep the team in your prayers as they begin meeting on our behalf, and we give thanks to God for all the good people in our midst!

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Upcoming Need/s.** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) **Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.**

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.**

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school, new, or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock ([dandcbock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandcbock@sbcglobal.net)), or any pastor for more information and details.

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## Education

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### **January 1-14: Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry.**

Sunday school kids will collect birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and birthday ware to create birthday gift bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry.

**Monday, Jan. 15, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM - Servanthood Blitz** - Do you have off from school on Martin Luther King Day? Grades kindergarten and older Sunday school students can join us at the COL campus for a national day of service and help us serve our Unity partners! We will make Birthday bags for the Waukesha Food Pantry, decorate cookies, make snacks, prepare craft packages for travel to the kids in El Salvador and clean nursery toys. Wear your favorite sports jersey or colors. Pizza lunch will be provided! Adults, we could use your help too! Parents, watch for the email Sign-up Genius so we can plan for pizzas! Thank you! What a blessing to be a blessing!

### **Mark your Calendars:**

**Confirmation Lock-In** - Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. to midnight

**Grades 2-3 Lock-In** - Friday, March 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9

**Grades 4-6 Lock-In** - Friday, March 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16

**First Communion Classes** - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older)** - May 18 & 19, 2024

**Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students)** - June 23 - 28, 2024

**VBS** - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.)

**ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students)** - July 9 - 12, 2024

**Confirmation Weekend** - September 14-15, 2024

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## Property Needs

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: [davidkoenen@wi.rr.com](mailto:davidkoenen@wi.rr.com)

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**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

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## Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

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**All-Music Tuesdays will resume rehearsals on Tuesday January 16** It will run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- **JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to early intermediate ringers • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late intermediate to advanced ringers • 6:15pm to 7:15pm

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### Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler;

e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org

Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283:, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

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**THIS SUNDAY, January 14 - Pre-finals relaxation night with Melanie Rooney and Ryan Johnson.** Melanie will lead us in about a half hour of yoga-based relaxation movement and exercise. Ryan will lead some activities to get ours minds off finals and then lead the closing devotion.

### Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Sunday, January 21 6:00 p.m. at COL** - Was originally a servant project but that is on hold. So let's play *Crazy Uncle!* Who doesn't love a game of Crazy Uncle? Not sure what it is? Come and find out!
- **Sunday, January 28 - Escape Room.** Start at 6:00 and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost to be determined by is typically about \$15/person.

**Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live!** Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. **Registration and payment is due by January 28.** Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

**Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024.** Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

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## Adult Programs

Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) c: 262-787-8820

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**This Sunday, January 14th, 9:30 @ COL in the Fellowship Hall - Photo Editing Tips with Brad Wilkins.** Brad returns to teach us more about photography! This time around, he'll be showing us how to organize our photo libraries, edit amazing pictures, and backup our precious creations!

**This Sunday, January 14th, 10:30 at CTK - Bible Study with Pastor Muriel, Library.** Next week we will be plunging headfirst into the Gospel of Mark, our assigned Gospel for the year. We will hear it read most weeks starting next week and through November! Come learn about this action-only tale where everything points to the cross, and what sets this Gospel apart from the rest.

**UNITY Moms Group, Tuesday, January 16, 5:30-7pm at Cross of Life campus.** A time for moms of all ages and stages to share stories, pray together, and deepen their faith. We start by serving dinner, kids eat together with childcare and then join choir practice or play in the nursery while adults gather upstairs in the art room for dinner and a devotion. Most kids are 3rd grade and under but anyone is welcome! Leaders are Kelsey Morrison, Kelsey Kromm, Natalie Kamenick, and Pastor Muriel.

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Ed events at COL!**

**January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

**Apply Now for Adult Faith Trip to Orcas Island, April 22-27, 2024. Deadline Jan 16.** Several people have asked Pastor Muriel to lead a trip to her hometown. After initial info, there is definitely enough interest! She will bring a group in April for a week to focus on faith while exploring the island. We will walk through a mini version of UNITY's Confirmation program through class time and hands-on activities in the woods, beaches, ferry boats, and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest, before ending the week with a reaffirmation of baptism. We'll stay in two Airbnb's overlooking Puget Sound and prep meals together. Cost will be your plane ticket plus \$600 for lodging, food, and transportation. You'll probably meet some of Muriel's people too. Oh, and the Tulip Festival will be in full bloom! The trip will be capped at 16 people for space. For more info, talk to Muriel. If you are ready to sign up, application is on the church website signups page. Paperwork and deposits due January 16, with a pre-trip meeting in March.

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

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## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: [muriel@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:muriel@unitybrookfield.org)  
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### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriel's office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

Beads • Elastic Cording • Stickers  
Coloring Books for Kids & Adults  
Colored Pencils • Colored Markers  
Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors  
Glue Sticks (non-liquid)  
Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes  
Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15** - This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or [ranneymarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:ranneymarilyn@gmail.com).

**Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL** - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! **Items will be collected throughout January, and sent to Hephatha in February.** These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at [janeboorse43@gmail.com](mailto:janeboorse43@gmail.com) or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

*Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County*

*The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God*

*This weekend's communion breads were baked by Barb Borkenhagen*

**Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

**Cross of Life Campus**

Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Vollan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

**Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

**Cross of Life Campus**

Barb Nuland

LaVerne Schaffner, grandmother of Mark Valdovinos

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the birth of:

Abigail Elizabeth Halbach, born January 8th to parents Carrie and Patrick, brother Ben, grandparents Sheila and Roger Schrieber

## UNITY Prayer Place

*Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.*

### **January 13-14**

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key

Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen

Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith

Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

Baynard Anderson (hospice care), father of Laurie Furness

### **January 6-7**

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark

Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran

Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix

Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### **December 30-31**

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen

Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding

Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:

Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli  
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz  
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans  
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers  
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson  
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank  
Riederer

Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz  
Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty  
Schneider  
Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas  
Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester  
Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family

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**Online** **Ministers for January 13-14, 2024**

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Worship Assistant: Diana Koenen  
Reader: Greg Buck  
Musicians: Janet Day, Molly Pufall-Brown, Lynn Key  
Technical: Caitlin Dominski

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**COL 5:00 p.m.** **Ministers for Saturday, January 13, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Marv Wunder  
Greeters: Kay Koepsel-Benning, Karen Beres  
Acolyte: Sebastian Dandridge  
Ushers: Jessica Schrieber, Don Bock  
Worship Assistant: Melanie Rooney  
Reader: Kim Klug  
Communion Assistants: Kay Koepsel-Benning, Kim Klug  
ABC: Kim Klug  
Musician: Janet Day  
Sound: Jax Lettenberger  
Visual Projection: Brady Lettenberger  
Song Leader: Marv Wunder  
Sunday School Leaders: Phil Roemaat  
Nursery: Michael Kroepfl

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**COL 8:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Fonda Kapitan  
Greeters: Jenny Hauser, Kevin Kromm  
Acolyte: Lily Bell  
Ushers: Matt Kamenick, Nelson Brownell  
Worship Assistant: Leslie O'Connell  
Reader: David Kapitan  
Communion Assistants: Jenny Hauser, Debbie Riederer, Jann & Dave Meissner  
ABC: Matt Kamenick  
Musician: Janet Day  
Sound: Eric Gravenkamp  
Visual Projection: Mike Aprahamian  
Song Leader: Bill Hubert  
Sunday School Leaders: Kelsey Kromm, Julie Miesfeld, Becky Conway  
Nursery: Gail Anklam  
Coffee:

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**CTK 9:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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Greeters: Lisa & Steve Walz  
Acolyte: Annalise Nordstrom  
Ushers: Marge Kipp, Harlan Mueller  
Worship Assistant: Paul Langer  
Reader: Mike Collins  
Communion Assistants: Jenny Collins, Diana VanSlyke  
ABC: Diana VanSlyke  
Musician: Lynn Key  
Visual Projection: Mary Huss  
Song Leader: Corynn Nordstrom  
Sunday School Leaders: Korrin Gumienny, Tyler Nordstrom  
Nursery: Robin Nordstrom  
Coffee: Marge Kipp

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**COL 10:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Greg Hoesly  
Greeters: Dawn Conlin, Anna Sitterly  
Acolyte: Keira Kroepfl, Dexter Welch  
Ushers: Carole Syse, Tara Sanicola  
Worship Assistant: Melanie Varin  
Reader: Carole Syse  
Communion Assistants: Dawn Conlin, Jen Nowak  
ABC: Jen Nowak  
Musician: Janet Day  
Sound: Adrik Nellis  
Visual Projection: Steve Brewer  
Song Leader: Jeff Stark  
Sunday School Leaders: Jamie Toussaint, Jean Qualmann-Anderson  
Nursery: Gail Anklam



**UNITY**  
Lutheran Church

**Third Weekend after the Epiphany**

**January 20-21, 2024**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**5:00 pm COL**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**8:30 am COL**

**9:30 am CTK**

**10:30 am COL**

**Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday**

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**We're glad you're here today!**

**UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.**

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- **Children.** Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- **Sunday School.** All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)
- **At UNITY, the Communion Table is:**
  - Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
  - Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
  - Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
  - We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
  - Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
  - If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: [unitybrookfield.org](http://unitybrookfield.org) for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Third Weekend after the Epiphany

## January 20-21, 2024

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### Prelude

“Arise”

Praise Band

(Online, 9:30)

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Gordon Young

(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

### Words of Welcome

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Many: And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

One: What is it you expect of me, O God?

**Many: My child, perhaps you’d be more honest if you described what you expect of Me.**

One: Well, down deep, I want to be loved, and I want to have things be pretty easy, I want to be comfortable, and I don’t want to die.

**Many: Thanks for being honest. That’s where most of my disciples start.**

One: Start?

**Many: We all need a starting place. Yours isn’t bad. It’s just not where you are capable of ending up.**

One: What is it I am capable of Lord?

**Many: Ah, you are capable of smaller things than you think!**

One: Smaller? Don’t you want me to do BIG things?

**Many: “Big” things end up being about you. Small things end up being about others... listening, encouraging, comforting, serving... it is these small, humble things of which you are capable!**

One: For, in doing the smallest of things, my world expands past me to You?

**Many: Yes, and what you *expect* from life dims compared to all you are capable of *offering* to others. Now there’s a reason to sing!**

### Opening Hymn

“Here I Am to Worship”

Praise Band

(Online, 9:30)

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

ELW 304

(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

### Children’s Message

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. Thank you for the gift, O God...

**Many: ... of worshipping together. All our voices and lives, joined by your Spirit. Maybe it can feed us in ways we didn't see coming. Maybe it can make us aware of someone else's heart. Maybe it can mean even more to us tomorrow than it does today. Maybe.**

**Thank you, God... not that we find certainty in faith, but that we find it in You, the one who transforms our Maybes into your Way. We pray in the name of the one who calls us to the Way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Washing of Holy Baptism Presentation of the Child**

*This weekend at the 5:00 service, we welcome Leland Fisher Eggert. Leland is presented by his parents Nathan and Jennifer, and his sponsors, Alaina Hackbarth and Benjamin Torsrud. At the 8:30 service we welcome Nelson Alan Wirth. Nelson is presented by his parents, Cory and Molly, and his sponsors, Madeline & Tyler Hovey.*

Pastor: Who presents Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan to receive the blessings of Holy Baptism?

Parents & Sponsors: We do.

### **Role of the Parents and Sponsors**

One: In Christian love you have presented Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for him and help him in every way God gives you opportunity, that Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan may bear witness to the faith we hold, and that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in Communion with the people of God, he may lead a life of goodness and service until the day of Jesus Christ. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, please answer, "I do."

### **Prayer**

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, has set us free from the final power of sin and death, and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of cleansing and of birth into the family of God. As Jesus' followers, we do as he taught us, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit so that Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as your own sons and daughters, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

## \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Baptism

### Baptismal Prayer

**Pastor:** Lord God, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy washing. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and respect for the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**All:** **Amen.**

### The Mark of Christ

Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

**One:** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### Greeting of the Child by the Congregation

**Pastor:** Through Baptism, God has made this brother of ours a member of the ministry of reconciliation we all share in Christ Jesus. May we proclaim the greatness and love of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**People:** **Leland Fisher / Nelson Alan, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Peace be with you.

**Parents & Sponsors:** Peace be with you.

### Anthem

*"I Am the Light"* Ralph Johnson (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

Fellowship Choir; Molly Pufall-Brown, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

*"Give Me Jesus"* arr. Bill Ingram (9:30)

Hosanna Bells; Stacey Nordmeyer, Director

*"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"* arr. Cathy Moglebust (Online)

Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Director: Stacey Nordmeyer

### Gospel Acclamation

*"Thy Word"*

## Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

*This year our readings will focus on the Gospel of Mark. This week's reading is the first in a three-week series that walks us through the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, an introduction to Jesus and his ministry. Today Jesus picks up where John the Baptist left off, and starts calling specific people to join him in the work.*

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

Many: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands, and followed him.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message "Fishing Might Not Mean What You Think"

Muriel Otto

## Hymn of the Day/Baptismal Hymns

"Your Name"	Praise Band	(Online, 9:30)
"Gather Us In"	ELW 532	(5:00, 10:30)
"Borning Cry"	ELW 732	(8:30)

## The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(Congregation response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")*

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen.**

## Announcements and Offering

### Offertory Response *(as gifts are brought forward)*

*"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"*

ELW 301 vs. 3

## Prayer of Thanks

One: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Many: **in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Communion Meditation**

*"Gentle, Like Jesus"*

Roger Copeland (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## **Post Communion Blessing**

**Spoken Response: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

One: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Many: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

*"For All That You Have Done"*

Praise Band (Online, 9:30)

*"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"*

ELW 313 (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

## **Dismissal**

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

*"For All That You Have Done (reprise)"*

Praise Band (Online, 9:30)

*"Blessed Assurance"*

arr. Lorie Line (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

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## UNITY Highlights

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**2023 Finances in Review.** UNITY finished 2023 on a strong giving note and will end the year with a surplus of around \$30,000 when all the final accounting is complete. Giving to our operating budget was up 2.2% compared to 2022. Because we also finished with a surplus in 2022, it means we broke an established trend of a surplus one year followed by a deficit the next. It also means member giving has returned to giving levels not seen since UNITY'S first year in 2017. Recognizing the intervening impact of COVID and the passing of many long-time members, the past two years reflect strong support by both existing and newer members of the congregation. These are all healthy trends in the life of UNITY and gives us a strong starting point for the year to come. Thank you many times over to everyone who prays, volunteers, and financially supports the ministries of our congregation. All of it is both a gift and a recognition of the discipleship we share.

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock ([dandcbock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandcbock@sbcglobal.net)), or any pastor for more information and details.

**Lent As Shared Faith Exploration.** Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too.* Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because “health” has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we’re planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent. **Could you play a small role in that focus for Lent?** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs up for them... a plan similar to what we’ve done in the past. What we need is YOU to read them and hopefully write one too. Why would you write one of these? Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring? It’s true. They’re short (about 250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a bible passage. We will post the weekly themes within the overall theme. You could choose to write on one day of a particular week based on what interests you. This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Watch for more to come and please be one of the 49 authors (40 days of Lent, six Sundays of Lent, and the 3 days we know as ...Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday) of these important ways to grow together in faith... that is, *Bloom!*

**Upcoming Need/s for Lent. Help!** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It’s a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that’s fine too) **Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.**

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.**

**Call Team will be "commissioned" January 27/28. Please keep them in your prayers!**

The call team has begun their work, learning about how the process works to search and call next pastors, and preparing to compile UNITY's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a detailed document that conveys who we are as a church to potential candidates, with everything from church financial history, area demographics, staffing structure, priorities and mission. The group is made up of 8 "at large" members plus reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. They are committed and big-hearted people from a wide variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We will do a little "commissioning" service for them at all worship services January 27 and 28, with a laying on of hands, a charge to the work, and a reminder of the support of this church and presence of our God with them as they do it. They appreciate all the prayers already being lifted on their behalf. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and those yet to come! Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl (Council rep), Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper (Youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell.**

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library now available at the COL campus!** Check out the vestibule upstairs by the fireplace for our new Puzzle Library. Full instructions on how to use it are posted. It's a great family activity to share anytime!

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

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### **Education**

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: [michelle@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:michelle@unitybrookfield.org)

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**Thank you** to all that brought in birthday supplies for the Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry. And thank you to all that participated in and helped with the Servanthood Blitz held last Monday at the COL Campus! Students participated in a national day of service and made 114 birthday bags, 9 fleece blankets, decorated 221 cookies, prepared 100 craft kits for the kids in El Salvador and 1000's of toys are clean in the nursery. The energy in the building was amazing! What a blessing to be a blessing!

## Mark your Calendars:

**Confirmation Lock-In** - Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. to midnight

**Grades 2-3 Lock-In** - Friday, March 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 9

**Grades 4-6 Lock-In** - Friday, March 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16

**K - Grade 1 Sleep Under** - Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**First Communion Classes** - Thursdays, May 9 and May 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**First Communion weekend (3rd grade and older)** - May 18 & 19, 2024

**Confirmation Bible Camp (for Year 1 Confirmation students)** - June 23 - 28, 2024

**VBS** - June 17- 20, 2024 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. (with aftercare available until 5:00 p.m.)

**ECRT (for Year 2 Confirmation students)** - July 9 - 12, 2024

**Confirmation Weekend** - September 14-15, 2024

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### Property Needs

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

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**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We all know it's going to snow more and at both campuses we could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing... somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time...with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

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### Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

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**All-Music Tuesdays** run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- **JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm
- **CELEBRATION CHOIR** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • 6:30pm to 7:15pm
- **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to early intermediate ringers • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late intermediate to advanced ringers • 6:15pm to 7:15pm

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## Sr. High

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**THIS SUNDAY, January 21 - 6:00 p.m. at COL - Crazy Uncle.** It's January and time for one of our great January traditions. Let's play *Crazy Uncle!* Friends welcome...tip them off to the importance of wearing something dark!

### Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Sunday, January 28 - Escape Room.** Start at 6:00 and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost to be determined but is typically about \$15/person.

**Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live!** Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. **Registration and payment is due by January 28.** Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

**Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024.** Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**High School Events...** continue every week and is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved in the program. Thank you to all who have and there's always room for more!

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## Adult Programs

Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) c: 262-787-8820

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**This Sunday, January 21 & 28, 9:30 at COL - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** Start off the New Year right! We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones." Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

**Sew Comfy** is not meeting in January, but will resume their normal schedule on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM in the COL Art Room in February. Sew Comfy continues to make pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery. Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows; and, in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. In 2023, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows! If you'd like to share a pillow with someone who will have surgery, there are baskets at both campuses. Thanks to everyone who supports Sew Comfy!

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## Servant Ministries

Contact Muriel Otto, e: [muriel@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:muriel@unitybrookfield.org)  
Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: [jackieswan10@icloud.com](mailto:jackieswan10@icloud.com)

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### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriel's office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

Beads • Elastic Cording • Stickers  
Coloring Books for Kids & Adults  
Colored Pencils • Colored Markers  
Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors  
Glue Sticks (non-liquid)  
Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes  
Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15** - This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or [ranneymarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:ranneymarilyn@gmail.com).

**Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL** - The Mitten Tree is alive in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin is now located in the narthex vestibule at COL. Two locations, same great way to help the kids at our partner church Hephatha and their neighborhood kids stay warm this winter! **Items will be collected throughout January, and sent to Hephatha in February.** These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at [janeboorse43@gmail.com](mailto:janeboorse43@gmail.com) or 262-781-1373. Thank you for warming heads, hands and hearts this winter!

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

*Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County*

*The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God*

*Thank you to Leslie O'Connell for arranging the altar flowers this weekend*

*This weekend's communion breads were baked by Cathy Buck*

**Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

**Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Völlan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

**Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

**Cross of Life Campus**

Guy Anklam, husband of Gail Anklam  
Al Brown, father of Lloyd Brown

**Christ the King Campus**

Baynard Anderson, father of Laurie Furness

We give a prayer of thanksgiving for the baptism of:

Leland Fisher Eggert  
Nelson Alan Wirth

## UNITY Prayer Place

*Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.*

### **January 20-21**

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney  
Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan  
Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan  
Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson  
Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking  
Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

### **January 13-14**

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key  
Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen  
Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith  
Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

### **January 6-7**

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark  
Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran  
Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix  
Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

### **December 30-31**

Katherine Schultz (multiple health concerns), friend of Barb Borkenhagen  
Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epding  
Holly Timm (recent surgery), mother of Matt Kamenick

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:

Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli  
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz  
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans  
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers  
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson  
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank  
Riederer

Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz  
Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty  
Schneider  
Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas  
Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester  
Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family



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**Online** **Ministers for January 20-21, 2024**

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Worship Assistant: Leslie O'Connell  
 Reader: Jeff Key  
 Musicians: Praise Band  
 Technical: Caitlin Dominski

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**COL 5:00 p.m.** **Ministers for Saturday, January 20, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Lynn Key  
 Greeters: Kim Urchell, Adam Fogltanz  
 Acolyte: Betty Bredemus, Maxwell Fogltanz  
 Ushers: Cheryl Caraulia, Jack Guenther  
 Worship Assistant: Jeff Key  
 Reader: Kim Klug  
 Communion Assistants: Kim Urchell, Nicki Shady  
 ABC: Kim Urchell  
 Musician: Greg O'Connell  
 Sound: Connor Lalor  
 Visual Projection: Tim Culhane  
 Song Leader: Molly Pufall-Brown  
 Sunday School Leaders: Jane & Al Bredemus  
 Nursery: Rachel Manganaro

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**COL 8:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Steve Taipala  
Greeters: Suzanne Taipala  
Acolyte: Lexie Bell, Lily Bell, Lucas Conway  
Ushers: Diane & Dick Dressler  
Worship Assistant: Sally Thomas  
Reader: Nancy Kostanski  
Communion Assistants: Kristi McConville, Leslie O'Connell, Sandi John, Dan Bell  
ABC: Dan Bell  
Musician: Greg O'Connell  
Sound: Rudy Schneider  
Visual Projection: Denny Thompson  
Song Leader: Molly Pufall-Brown  
Sunday School Leaders: Katie McInnis, Lisa Kahle, Becky Conway  
Nursery: Gail Anklam  
Coffee: Eric Thomas

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**CTK 9:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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Greeters: Dawn Suharski, Barb Patterson  
Acolyte: Emma Jansson, Joshua Graesser  
Ushers: Kenny Kostanski, Ken Kostanski  
Worship Assistant: Holly Zorzin  
Reader: Jolene Eping  
Communion Assistants: Jenny & Mike Collins  
ABC: Diana VanSlyke  
Musician: Praise Band  
Visual Projection: Aaron Prohuska  
Song Leader: Praise Band  
Sunday School Leaders: Anna Jansson, Raven Eping  
Nursery: Robin Nordstrom  
Coffee: Ann-Marie Bergman

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**COL 10:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Greg Hoesly  
Greeters: Lauren Cervero, Dustin Vrab  
Acolyte: Greta Brown, Max Herington  
Ushers: Julie Hoesly, Chris Lehmann  
Worship Assistant: Steve Brewer  
Reader: Julie Hoesly  
Communion Assistants: Joe Herington, Jeff Stark  
ABC:  
Musician: Greg O'Connell  
Sound: Colin Rupe  
Visual Projection: Adrik Nellis  
Song Leader: Molly Pufall-Brown  
Sunday School Leaders: Jennifer Loverine, Kelly Shoff  
Nursery: Gail Anklam



**UNITY**  
Lutheran Church

**Fourth Weekend after the Epiphany**

**January 27-28, 2024**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

**5:00 pm COL**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**8:30 am COL**

**9:30 am CTK**

**10:30 am COL**

**Online Worship anytime after 5:00 pm each Saturday**

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# WELCOME TO UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**We're glad you're here today!**

**UNITY is a two campus congregation having formed from two ELCA congregations, Cross of Life (COL) and Christ the King (CTK), which is how we now identify each location.**

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- **Children.** Kids are always welcome in worship! They are the best observers of ritual and listeners to the words of faith we speak week in and week out. Worship is about an hour. Kid's worship bags are available in the back to keep hands busy if you need.
- **Nursery.** Staffed childcare is also available at all services. Ask someone to show you where it is located. There are lots of toys to play with, a changing table, and a rocking chair if you ever need one.
- **Sunday School.** All children are welcome to learn more about the Bible story in a way that is geared for their age and includes activities, games, crafts, music and creative opportunities on the Smart Board. Anyone who is 3yrs. old - Gr. 6 is welcome to join in on the fun after the Children's Message. (During the summer, we have Summer Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 3rd grade during the Sunday services)
- **At UNITY, the Communion Table is:**
  - Open to all. Visitors, please join us. It is an honor to have you at Christ's table.
  - Non-communing children will receive a blessing.
  - Red liquid is wine, lighter-colored liquid is white grape juice.
  - We serve wheat bread. Gluten-free wafers are available on the small tables at each serving location.
  - Follow usher instructions to the closest serving location.
  - If you wish to receive communion and walking is difficult, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you'd like us to connect with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You can also check out our website at: [unitybrookfield.org](http://unitybrookfield.org) for more information about our ministries and servant opportunities! You are welcome to participate in anything that UNITY has happening! (For the outdoor service, welcome cards are on the table just outside the pavilion.)

**GIVING.** If you would like to leave an offering to support God's work through this place and our partners, you are welcome to do so via the offering plate passed during worship or Online via our website, or there is also a small card reader located in the COL narthex and by the bulletin board in the CTK narthex. Follow the 3 easy steps listed on the sign to give. This allows for a secure, on-site debit or credit transaction. Apple Pay is also accepted. Thank you!

# Fourth Weekend after the Epiphany

## January 27-28, 2024

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### Prelude

“*God of Wonders*”

Praise Band

(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

“*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*”

arr. Powell

(Online, 9:30)

### Words of Welcome

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Many: And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

One: Which do you think is more important, knowledge or love?

**Many: Do I have to choose? Aren't they both important?**

One: Maybe, but Paul *does* choose in today's first lesson.

**Many: And? Which is more important?**

One: In the context in which he was writing, Paul picks love.

**Many: Wow, this is awesome news for our confirmation kids!**

One: Why?

**Many: They have a test this coming week and now they don't have to study!  
They just have to love!**

One: Oh, I think they should still study, because in today's gospel...

**Many: Jesus picks knowledge?**

One: No, but the crowds are awed because his knowledge is vast and suddenly relevant to their lives.

**Many: So we were right to begin with, it is both!**

One: Both have their place. *Knowledge* deepens and broadens our awareness of each other and the world.

**Many: Love deepens and broadens our compassion toward each other and the world.**

One: And if it's ever sort of a tie in our minds, then it's also good to remember...

**Many: God is love! Come! Let us worship our living, knowing, loving God!**

### Opening Hymn

“*Come, All You People*”

ELW 819

(Online)

“*Here I Am to Worship*”

Praise Band

(5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

“*Come, Let Us Worship God*”

Global Songs 2

(9:30)

### Anthem

“*This Little Light of Mine*”

arr. Aaron David Miller

(9:30)

Joyful Noise, Janet Day, Director; Lynn Key, Accompanist

### Children's Message

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. God of knowledge and love,

**Many: We humans can have a lot of ambivalence around those words. Love can be so fulfilling and also so disappointing. Knowledge is something we value and yet we can also feel shame if we do not have it....or.....puffed up if we have it and misuse it.**

**Help us to forgive each other in our failures of love and knowledge. Help us forgive ourselves and trust your forgiveness to us all.**

**Re-open our hearts to receiving and giving love. Re-open our minds to the curiosity of learning without misusing the power of what we know. Fill us with your light....for it both warms our hearts and illuminates our minds. Amen.**

## Anthem

*"This Day of Gladness"* Susan Geschke (Online, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30)  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir, Director: Stacey Nordmeyer

## First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*At the time of the apostle Paul, Corinth was a multicultural seaport; a complex and curious place. Every faith answer Paul shared with the Corinthians resulted in the next question. Chapter 8 deals with this particular dilemma: If you eat meat that has previously been offered as a sacrifice in a pagan temple, does that send the message you as a Christian also believe in the pagan god? And if so, should you care?*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is confused. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

## Gospel Acclamation

*“Thy Word”*

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*One of Mark’s primary themes is that those expected to welcome Jesus, didn’t. But those who may not have cared much previously, the crowds; and those who were opposed to him, “the unclean spirits;” they all sensed his significance from the beginning.*

One: The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

Many: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: The Gospel of the Lord

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message      *“Shelf Space Favors Crunchy”*      John Horner-Ibler

### Hymn of the Day

*“10,000 Reasons”*      Praise Band      (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)  
*“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”*      ELW 617 vs. 1, 3, 5      (Online, 9:30)

### The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.  
*(Congregation response to “Lord, in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”)*

### Announcements and Offering

## Commissioning of the Call Team

Pastor: We commission the following (names) to be a part of the UNITY Call Team.

*Council: We entrust to you the ministry of matching pastors to people and seeking vision within and spirit from beyond.*

**People: We commit to praying for you, responding to you, listening to you, and being guided by you.**

Pastor: We do not expect perfection from you nor from any candidate.

*Council: We do expect your love for the task and offer our unconditional love as support.*

**People: Proceed now, with our blessing and our collective hope in calling two pastors to UNITY. We trust God to help you and every candidate you consider. We pray all of us will see the journey as part of the goal... and the Good News of Jesus as our daily joy! Amen!**

## Offertory Response *(as gifts are brought forward)*

*"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"*

ELW 301 vs. 3

## Prayer of Thanks

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**Many: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution



## **The Lord's Prayer** (traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Communion Meditation**

*"Remembrance"*

Praise Band (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*"We Are an Offering"*

arr. Hayes (9:30)

## **Post Communion Blessing**

**Spoken Response: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**One:** Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Many: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

## **Sending Hymn**

*"For All That You Have Done"*

Praise Band (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

ELW 545 (Online, 9:30)

## **Dismissal**

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

*"For All That You Have Done (reprise)"*

Praise Band (5:00, 8:30, 10:30)

*"Siyahamba"*

arr. Collinsworth (Online, 9:30)

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## UNITY Highlights

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**2023 Finances in Review.** UNITY finished 2023 on a strong giving note and will end the year with a surplus of around \$30,000 when all the final accounting is complete. Giving to our operating budget was up 2.2% compared to 2022. Because we also finished with a surplus in 2022, it means we broke an established trend of a surplus one year followed by a deficit the next. It also means member giving has returned to giving levels not seen since UNITY'S first year in 2017. Recognizing the intervening impact of COVID and the passing of many long-time members, the past two years reflect strong support by both existing and newer members of the congregation. These are all healthy trends in the life of UNITY which have been reinforced by a 2024 Pledge Appeal that has now exceeded the goal of 300 pledges for the current year. Thank you many times over to everyone who prays, volunteers, and financially supports the ministries of our congregation. All of it is both a gift and a recognition of the discipleship we share.

**Lent As Shared Faith Exploration.** Our overall theme for Lent this year is: *Bloom! Growing Healthier Yourself and Making It Healthier for Others Too.* Our Worship & Music team is excited about this theme because "health" has both personal and social determinants which makes it a lot like faith. Our Adult Programs team is excited because the idea of blooming where we're planted is a great place to focus our spiritual attention during Lent.

**Could you play a small role in that focus for Lent?** We plan to create daily faith explorations, or devotions, for Lent that will be emailed to anyone who signs up for them... a plan similar to what we've done in the past. What we need is YOU to read them and hopefully write one too. Why would you write one of these? *Did you know yours is a perspective which maybe no one else will bring?* It's true. They're short (can be anywhere from 50-250 words). They can be personally reflective or quote statistics. They can be a small story from your own life or a dive into a bible passage. We will post the weekly themes within the overall theme. You could choose to write on one day of a particular week based on what interests you.

This is a deeper-than-superficial way for us to speak and listen to each other. Watch for more to come and please be one of the 49 authors (40 days of Lent, six Sundays of Lent, and the 3 days we know as ...Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Sunday) of these important ways to grow together in faith...that is, *Bloom!*

**Upcoming Need/s for Lent. Help!** We could use some extra help in the following areas. Please talk to a pastor or Lynn or Nancy in the office if you can help.

- Lent suppers are coming. The CTK system is pretty well set but at COL we could use someone who would be the Lent supper guru! Small groups and individuals will serve and cook but we need someone who can make sure there are shoppers and can be here on most or all Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30-6:30 to make sure things are going smoothly. It's a five week job and super (or is that supper) rewarding! (If two people want to split the role, that's fine too) **Weeks are Wednesdays, February 21-March 20.**

- A similar request for 1 or 2 people who could be on hand to oversee food serving and general flow on Tuesday for our Lent For Littles Program. This is a meal and craft for households with children in elementary school and younger, some of whom will also spend time with the children's choirs that rehearse that night. Time range is **4:30-6:30 and dates are Tuesdays, February 20-March 19.**

**Note: There are now Sign-Up Genius pages for all the help we need with Lent suppers.** Please go to the Sign-up page at [unitybrookfield.org](http://unitybrookfield.org) Also, we plan on making the soup each week in the COL kitchen at 2 pm on Wednesdays. Do you like to cook and not do it alone? This is perfect for you! Jump in for a fun time of cooking together led by Nancy Kostanski!

**See the all-congregation *Bloom!* email sent on January 25 for more information about small groups and bible studies during Lent!**

**Call Team will be “commissioned” January 27/28. Please keep them in your prayers!**

The call team has begun their work, learning about how the process works to search and call next pastors, and preparing to compile UNITY’s Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a detailed document that conveys who we are as a church to potential candidates, with everything from church financial history, area demographics, staffing structure, priorities and mission. The group is made up of 8 “at large” members plus reps from youth, the HR team, council, and the pastors. They are committed and big-hearted people from a wide variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We will do a little “commissioning” service for them at all worship services January 27 and 28, with a laying on of hands, a charge to the work, and a reminder of the support of this church and presence of our God with them as they do it. They appreciate all the prayers already being lifted on their behalf. We give thanks for all the good people in this place, and those yet to come! Those serving include: **David Engle, Davida Kroepfl (Council rep), Jessica Schrieber, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper (Youth rep), Mark Krause (HR rep), Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Melanie Varin, and Nelson Brownell.**

**Sponsors Needed each week for Altar Flowers at both campuses!** All the details you need are on the SignUp Genius and the 2024 calendar is now available on our webpage. This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or online). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend’s last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, contact Nancy or Lynn by calling the UNITY office.

**Scholarships:** UNITY Church has four (4) \$1,000 education scholarships available for our high school students applying to college or current college students, who are attending a University, College, or Institution of higher education this year. Priority is given to anyone attending a Lutheran college or university, or majoring in nursing or engineering. If you are interested, contact Matt Griepentrog, Don Bock ([dandcbock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandcbock@sbcglobal.net)), or any pastor for more information and details.

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### Education

Contact Michelle Aprahamian, c: 414-732-8615, email: [michelle@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:michelle@unitybrookfield.org)

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**Thank you** to all that brought in birthday supplies for the Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive for Waukesha Food Pantry. And thank you to all that participated in and helped with the Servanthood Blitz! Students made 114 birthday bags, 9 fleece blankets, 221 cookies, prepared 100 craft kits for the kids in El Salvador and 1000’s of toys are clean in the nursery. The energy in the building was amazing! What a blessing to be a blessing!

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## Property Needs

Contact David Koenen, c: 414-559-6974, email: davidkoenen@wi.rr.com

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**Snow Shoveling: Help!** We have volunteers signed up through the month of February, and some of March. Can you help us fill in the remaining dates? Both campuses could use help keeping the walks clear. This involves shoveling and or snow blowing...somewhat dependent on the depth of the snow. We do all the sidewalks at CTK and dumpster area. At COL we do the sidewalks and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Take a week or two at either place by going to the Sign-ups page at our website, or just call the office and we'll put you on the schedule. You can do this on your own time... with hopes that shoveling takes place within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. (For your many snow blowing, building access and salting questions, we'll put you in touch with property chair, David Koenen, property manager, Denny Thompson, administrator, Lynn Key, or one of the pastors).

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## Worship & Music Opportunities

Contact Lynn Key, c: 414-507-5888, e: lynn@unitybrookfield.org

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**All-Music Tuesdays** run Tuesday nights through mid-May at the COL campus. Nursery and child care will be available. Questions? Talk to any of our music staff.

- **JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC MAKERS** - Ages PreK–Grade 1 • 6:00pm to 6:30pm
  - **CELEBRATION CHOIR** - Ages Grade 2–Grade 6 • 6:30pm to 7:15pm
  - **HOSANNA BELLS** - Beginning to early intermediate ringers • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
  - **FELLOWSHIP CHOIR** - Ages 7th Grade–Adult • 7:15pm to 8:15pm
  - **GLORIA DEI BELLS** - Late intermediate to advanced ringers • 6:15pm to 7:15pm
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## Sr. High

Contact Sherrie Lorbeck or John Horner-Ibler;  
e: sherrie@unitybrookfield.org or john@unitybrookfield.org  
Eric Borkenhagen, c:(262) 442-6283, e: ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com

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**THIS SUNDAY, January 28** - Escape Room. Meet at COL at 6 pm and back by 8:00. Will include a post-escape ice cream stop. Cost is \$20 plus whatever you splurge on ice cream.

**Ski Trip 2024 - Feb 2-4. Signup is live! (go to the Sign ups page at the website)** Join us for this annual winter adventure! We will be traveling to Devil's Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. Our package includes 2 nights in the lodge, 2 days of lift tickets, pizza on Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Ski or snowboard rentals are also available and include boots, poles, and helmet. **Registration and payment is due by the end of this Sunday, January 28.** Visit the signup page on the website for full details and to register and pay. Questions? Get in touch with Eric Borkenhagen!

**Summer Trip 2024 - Save the Date! Mark your calendars for July 14-21, 2024.** Those are our planned dates for our Summer Trip to the National Youth Gathering.

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### **Adult Programs**

Contact Matt Griepentrog, e: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) c: 262-787-8820

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**This Sunday, January 28, 9:30 at COL in the north Fellowship Hall - Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits."** The second week of our discussion on the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones" facilitated by Patricia Pelzel. Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required!

### **Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

- **February 4:** Ellen Blathers, Executive Director of Golden Opportunities. Golden Opportunities Partnership, Inc. ("Golden Opps") is a Mentorship program that was launched in early 2021 to help men who have graduated from addiction rehabilitation treatment programs successfully re-enter society, while at the same time experience life renewal and spiritual transformation through Jesus Christ.
- **February 11th:** to be announced soon!
- **February 18th:** Annual Meeting Info Meeting @ 9:30 COL, 10:30 CTK
- **February 25th:** Annual Meeting, no adult programs
- **March 3, 10, 17 @ 9:30 AM at COL:** Lent Bible Study with Pastor Dave Meissner
- **March 3, 10, 17 @ 10:30 AM at CTK:** Lent Bible Study with Matt Griepentrog

**Lunch Bunch - Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Maxim's. (18025 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.) The next meeting is Feb. 14.** Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or stage: younger, older, singles, couples, regular or occasional. Just show up because the nice thing about Maxim's is that seating is endlessly expandable. And, if you have any questions before you come, Esther McKee is your point person: (262) 246-6443.

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### **Servant Ministries**

Contact Muriel Otto, e: [muriel@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:muriel@unitybrookfield.org)  
Jackie Herington, c: 262-501-6138, e: [jackieswan10@icloud.com](mailto:jackieswan10@icloud.com)

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### **Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by NEXT FRIDAY - February 2**

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults *love* working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring to either campus.** At COL you can drop off items in the box outside Pastor Muriel's office. At CTK you can drop off items in the box across from the office.

- Beads • Elastic Cording • Stickers
- Coloring Books for Kids & Adults
- Colored Pencils • Colored Markers
- Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors
- Glue Sticks (non-liquid)
- Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes
- Construction & Patterned Paper

**Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15** - This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus. To select your time, go to the Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY, found on our Sign Up web page. (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or ranneymarilyn@gmail.com.

**Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL -Last Call!** If you wish to share mittens or gloves please get them in by Wednesday of this week.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities:** UNITY has standing volunteer "shifts" at various partners that we commit to covering as a church. Each one is coordinated by a different Unity member... each one has its own sign up page on the church website... and each one is an opportunity for you!

**Waukesha Food Pantry Food Distribution:** Each month, 4th Saturday, 9am-12pm; 5th Monday 5:45 - 8 pm.

**Serenity Inns Recovery Program Fellowship Dinners:** cook, deliver, or serve meal for 12 residents. Each month, 1st Sunday and 2nd Friday, 6 - 7pm. Kids welcome.

**Monthly Meal Prep for Partners:** Join an all-ages team of UNITY volunteers to mass meal prep for Hebron Housing shelter and Serenity Inns recovery program. Wednesday evenings preceding the second Friday most months of the program year.

**Bread of Healing Free Clinic is looking to fill both paid staff and volunteer positions.** If interested in even just a conversation, please contact Barbara Horner-Ibler @ [barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org](mailto:barbara.horner@breadofhealing.org):

**Paid RN position: 10-20 hrs/week.** This is a community nursing position, working in a great clinic with wonderful patients and a welcoming atmosphere. All who work there are inspired by our patients on a daily basis. We need an RN individual to supplement existing RN staff (Unity member Kathy Nevermann is one of them!). Hours can be very flexible, even from week-to-week. They vary from 8 am - 7 pm, and can accommodate early morning people and evening people! The primary responsibility is to maintain patient flow through the clinic - checking blood pressures and blood sugars, following up on labs, drawing labs, rooming patients and handing off to providers. If you aren't confident in certain skills, no worries! We teach people all the time (nursing students, pharmacy students, medical students, social work students)! We are really good at that! So come and join us! Or at least, come and talk to us!

**Volunteer RN positions: 4 hrs at a time.** Same as the above position description, but on a far more flexible schedule, and only 4 hrs at a time. Once a week, once a month, once a quarter - you decide! Our patient base is expanding, as patients lose coverage they have had through the pandemic under Badger Care. We need help!

*Partner we are praying for this month: Food Pantry of Waukesha County*

*The altar flowers at COL and CTK are given to the Glory of God*

*Thank you to Melissa Grabowski for arranging the altar flowers this weekend*

*This weekend's communion breads were baked by Diane Kotula*

**Prayers for UNITY Lutheran Church Members**

We ask you to pray for our members and consider sending a card to show your love and support.

**Cross of Life Campus**

Aaron Rooney, Kay Maas, Christine Meyer, Garrett Czarnik, John Gobis, Scott Czarnik, Nicholas Klug, Christine Stark, Natalie Kamenick, Tom Hochuli, Ardyce Myhre, Paula Dryer, Marlene Jernberg, John Vaughan, Shirley & Jim Wenzel, Alyce Völlan, Barb Purnell, Jenny Cape, Grace Leverenz, Molly Smith, Barb Weix

**Christ the King Campus**

Sharon Giessen, Gary Blaschke, Ralph & Carol Volkmann, Marilyn Koplin, Alex Walz, Vina Tausend, Kevin Nordmeyer, Myrt Landsgaard, Richard Cantu, Carol Grube, Marlene & Dave Hess, Ken Schneider, Dave Rau

We pray our prayers of sympathy for family and loved ones as they mourn the death of a loved one:

**Christ the King Campus**

Alice Reed, Aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen

## UNITY Prayer Place

*Post a prayer card in the narthex or call the office. We will hold the person in prayer for the next four weeks. Re-post as often as needed.*

### **January 27-28**

Margaret Fisher (hospice), mother-in-law of Sue Fisher  
Catherine Varin (kidney health), sister of Fred Varin  
John Tompsett (open heart surgery), good friend of Julie & Greg Hoesly  
Ralph Phillips (lung cancer), uncle of Jolene Epping

### **January 20-21**

Emma (injured in car accident), girlfriend of Aaron Rooney  
Brenda (direction and a path forward), sister of Fonda Kapitan  
Lorna (motivation and clarity to make changes), sister of Fonda Kapitan  
Nancy Foss (ovarian cancer), cousin of Karen Anderson  
Diane Bogart-Flaten (open heart by-pass surgery), sister-in-law of Mary Jo Gehrking  
Nicole (cancer diagnosis), friend of Sara & Phil Roemaat

### **January 13-14**

Chris (cancer diagnosis), friend of Jeff Key  
Alice Reed (health concerns), aunt/Godmother of Barb Borkenhagen  
Carol & Richard Klein (Carol-breast cancer/Richard - bile duct/liver cancer), friends of Julie Smith  
Dawn (recovering from a serious infection), friend of Diana and David Koenen

### **January 6-7**

Tony Susa (spinal cord injury) brother-in-law of Vivian Clark  
Ken Englund (health concerns), friend of Fred & Pat Petran  
Peter Kish (kidney failure), son-in-law of Ron and Barb Weix  
Jan Schimming (spinal cord injuries-home now persevering), friends of UNITY members

We pray for those serving (teaching, medical, etc.) overseas and our military personnel:

Ryan Cengeri, son of Julie Hochuli  
Casey Endsley, cousin of Julia & Alex Hienz  
Benjamin Graham George, friend of Kapitans  
Andrew Holte, nephew of Sue Kammers  
Jack Peterson, son of Anne & Dave Peterson  
Jake Riederer, son of Debbie & Frank  
Riederer

Bryce Roland, grandson of Grace Leverenz  
Caroline Schneider, daughter of Brian & Patty  
Schneider  
Billy Thomas, son of Eric & Sally Thomas  
Mallori Trester, daughter of Dale Trester  
Kyle Unger, cousin of the Wistrom family



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**Online Ministers for January 27-28, 2024**

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Worship Assistant: Paul Langer  
 Reader: Melanie Rooney  
 Musicians: Molly Pufall-Brown, Janet Day, Lynn Key, Greg O'Connell,  
 Chloe O'Connell  
 Technical: Caitlin Dominski

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**COL 5:00 p.m. Ministers for Saturday, January 27, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Cheryl Caraulia  
 Greeters: Kim Urchell, Sue Fisher  
 Acolyte: Betty Bredemus, Will Register  
 Ushers: Mary Jo & Jim Eggert  
 Worship Assistant: Leslie O'Connell  
 Reader: Marilyn Ranney  
 Communion Assistants: Kim Urchell, Sue Fisher  
 ABC: Kim Urchell  
 Musician: Praise Band  
 Sound: Kevin Nordmeyer  
 Visual Projection: Tim Culhane  
 Song Leader: Praise Band  
 Sunday School Leaders: Jenna Register  
 Nursery: Rachel Manganaro

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**COL 8:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator: Kathy Bruhnke  
Greeters: Bernd Bruhnke, Matt Kamenick  
Acolyte: Charlotte Quinnell, Blake Duerr  
Ushers: Art Keup, Mark Hilgart  
Worship Assistant: David Kapitan  
Reader: TJ Roche  
Communion Assistants: Michelle Duerr, Sandi John, Berndt Bruhnke, Matt Kamenick  
ABC: Sandi John  
Musician: Praise Band  
Sound: Kevin Nordmeyer  
Visual Projection: Josef Keup  
Song Leader: Praise Band  
Sunday School Leaders: Kelsey Kromm, Joanne Rentmeester, Becky Conway  
Nursery: Rachel Manganaro  
Coffee: Suzanne Taipala

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**CTK 9:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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Greeters: Marge Kipp, Fred Petran  
Acolyte: Ali Allar, Davy Allar  
Ushers: Jerry Kipp, David Koenen  
Worship Assistant: Linda Johnson  
Reader: Peter Grunwald  
Communion Assistants: Patricia & Fred Petran  
ABC: Jane Boorse  
Musician: Janet Day  
Visual Projection: Mary Huss  
Song Leader: Greg Peterson  
Sunday School Leaders: Jessica Loomis, John Allar  
Nursery: Robin Nordstrom  
Coffee: Kathy Grunwald

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**COL 10:30 a.m.****Ministers for Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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Worship Coordinator:  
Greeters: Caroline Roland  
Acolyte: Mackenzie Kiefer, Austin Alft  
Ushers: Sue & Dan Hastings  
Worship Assistant: Carole Syse  
Reader: Nicole Maassen  
Communion Assistants: Jen Nowak, Chris Lehmann  
ABC: Jeff Pelzel  
Musician: Praise Band  
Sound: Kevin Nordmeyer  
Visual Projection:  
Song Leader: Praise Band  
Sunday School Leaders: Tara Sanicola  
Nursery: Rachel Manganaro