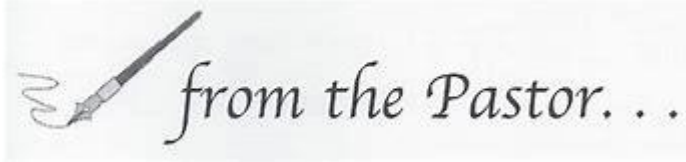


# THE SENTINEL

January 2021

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**God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.**



*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,*

*'See, the home\* of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell\* with them;  
they will be his peoples,\*  
and God himself will be with them;\*  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'*

*<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. -Revelation 20:1-7*

On New Year's Eve, we will have a service that helps us usher out the old and ring in the new. We will bless the crud that had plagued us in 2020 and send it packing! Our congregation began the year with a bang... or maybe more of a sizzle. It was enough to spark a small fire in the fellowship hall from the roof repair in January. We recovered and moved on. When we moved into the crud of COVID and the world was upended. The hopes of our hearts were put on pause. Some things changed for good, others caused grief and pain. 2020 will never leave us the same.

The world was not the same after the fulfilling of the prophecy of the birth of Jesus Christ. The world was not the same after the glorious resurrection dawn. In the midst of brokenness and despair, God sends to us exactly what we need - assurance of the promise of newness of life.

On New Year's Eve, we remember that brokenness and hurt and fear and worry that plagued us as a congregation, as a household, as individuals. And we send it on its way. Naming the grief is important - it gives us something as a reference point. When we can look back at 2020 as the year of crud, we turn to God in hope for a blessing in 2021 and beyond. We look to claim our divine promise of happiness and peace. We look toward God and listen to the Holy Spirit, giving us the freedom to act out in ways of boundless love regardless of what we have done or who we have been in the past. That reference point of 2020 doesn't hold us back and paralyze us in fear, but it gives us a reminder that we have received a gift of blessed endurance.

Auld lang syne. May 2021 bring a sense of peace and renewed hope that God is about to do something new in our lives. May we be ever changed. And may this year bring all that is good and holy to your life and heart!

In God's abiding peace,

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- 1st Brianna Farley
- 2nd Nicole Krampitz
- 4th Colby Jones
- 5th Emaline Goldsberry, Alesia Pearson
- 6th Leigh Ryan
- 8th Scott Goldsberry, Stan Nagel
- 14th Johnny Quill
- 17th Anna Pickett, Jenny Pickett
- 19th Donna Eaton Smith, Brodie Staffeld
- 20th Trudie Paschetag
- 21st Amanda Galloway
- 23rd Harold Jones, Kent Mendenhall
- 24th John Sanders
- 25th Leslie Bickenbach, Maren Nagorzanski
- 26th Bob Adams, TJ Goins
- 27th Preston Oxley, Dean Sanders
- 29th Rachel Brown
- 30th Scott Buie
- 31st Gay Inkrote



Scott & Traci Goldsberry	01/05	19 years
Scott & Jolie Buie	01/14	26 years
Heath & Cyndi Staffeld	01/22	10 years

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*Nothing makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance.*

Henry David Thoreau

The first quarter 2021 Christ in Our Home is available in the narthex, the parlor, and on the table outside the office.

If you would like to have a copy mailed to you please telephone David in the office at 214-327-2222 or send an email to [central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com](mailto:central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com)

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### Christ in Our Home

January, February, March  
2021



#### Central Lutheran Church

1000 Easton Road, Dallas, TX 75218

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Communion Every Sunday

Rev. Kristina Lampson-Truhan, Pastor

Music Director: Harold Knight

Office Administrator: David LeVasseur



Message from the 2021  
Church Council President

Dear Central Lutheran Church:

2020 has finally made an exit. And it truly has been a long, difficult time for many members of our congregation! And being realistic, I think the beginning of the year won't be much better! BUT: I do know it will get better! And with that being said, I want all of your help! I would like to have 2021 to be the year that you look to your church! Volunteers are needed more than ever! Enthusiasm is needed more!

I look forward to being your next council president! I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns you might have!

Thank you all,

Mary Glenn



**HELP US COLLECT WINTER COATS, SCARFS, HATS AND GLOVES**

**(New or very Gently Used)**

**for White Rock Center of Hope**

to help provide for families in need in our community

**Now thru January 15**

**Coats, gloves, and hats**

**children & adults**

**all sizes needed**

**Boys & Girls**



For your convenience and safety, if you prefer, you can order jackets, gloves, etc. on-line and have them mailed directly to White Rock Center of Hope, 10021A Garland Rd, Dallas, TX, 75228

## **Lutheran World Relief Kits**

Check out sales for opportunities to purchase supplies for baby and personal care kits. We anticipate collecting items in February & March.

**Baby kits:** receiving blanket (2), cloth diaper (4), hand towel (1), t-shirt (2), pajamas or gown (2), socks (2 pair), sweater/jacket with hood or separate hat; bath-size bar of soap (2), 2 diaper pins

**Personal Care kits:** light weight bath-size towel (1), sturdy comb (1), adult-size toothbrush (1), bath-size bar of soap (2), fingernail clippers (1). Use ribbon or yarn to tie up the bundle

**Please continue to pray for those in need:**

**Members homebound, in hospital or in senior care facilities:** Bob Adams, Theresa Brown, Barbara Hunt, Bill Paschetag, Muriel Peiffer, Faye Zimmermann.

**Members with prayer needs:** Pat Buie, Paul Chambers, Judy Christiansen, Jan Hare, Mary Haynie, Harold Knight, Jerry Krause, Carol Lamberson, Mark Moody, Stan Nagel, Shana Price, Stephanie Price, Patsy & Lionel Schoen, Tina Smith, John & Mary Swenson, Gary Townsley.

**Members' Family and Friends:**

Scott Albrect	Jeff Barton	David Batman
Jeffrey Betz	Willie Bishop	Katsie Brock
Josh Bryce	Tom Calello	Leah Campbell
Diane Castillo	Carol Cantesano	Holly Christianson
Suan Corkery	Jerry Crawford	Clayton Daniels
Jackie Dove	Sheila Dustin	Charlotte Erlandson
Kim Faulkner	Patsy Gist	Paul Gourley
Dawn Gray	Dottie Sue Gregory	Wanda Groothuis
Shirley Harrison	Bruce Hesse	Gayle Jacobs
Jace Josephson	Jennifer Kikta	Uriah McGee
Marian Morgan	Char Paul	Dolores Peluso
Joanne Prokop	Tom & Joan Quiett	Dr. Lawrence J. Rasero, Jr.
Tony Reyes	Bekah Roebuck	Grace Rothman
Donna & Gregory Rutz	Bonnie Knight Sato	Lisa Sato
Wendell & Betty Smith	Katie Smith	Heath Staffeld
Ruth Steiner	Jill Studley	Roy Taylor
Carton Wendel	Jeanine Wendel	Didi Wendel
Susan Wilson		

**Military:** Michael Barton, Ken Bethke, Isaac Burge, Jason Caldwell, Brandon Chapman, Merrill Cline, Jerry Crawford, Paul Giguere, Brad Glasgow, Steven Glenn, Derek Krause, Robert Krause, Josh Lawson, Tim Miller, Walker Mosely, Robert Rogers, Darrin Sandifer, Jared Sank, James Scott, Tyler Srun, Brandon Stock, Aaron Thrash, Nathan Wrobbel.

## **99 years ago....**

Central Lutheran Church was a fresh, new congregation of primarily Norwegian immigrants. Mary Haynie and Mary Swenson were children of charter members and literally grew up with this church and have many memories of the days meeting and worshiping at our original location at Carroll & Victor. Several of our current members have fond memories of time there and remember the move to our current location! 2021 will be a fun year of planning and looking forward to celebrating our 100-year anniversary in 2022. We have an anniversary planning committee that will be meeting more often this coming year to plan a big event in July, 2022 for a reunion celebration along with golf tournament, cookbook, scrapbook, and of course at least one meal together, and more!

If you have contact information for someone who grew up here at Central and moved away or married, etc., please check with the office to make sure we have that information! We want to invite and include everyone who has been a part of Central Lutheran to join us in our celebration!

Bethany/Central Transition Team Report

At the December 13, 2020, council meeting for Central Lutheran Church members from the Bethany Lutheran Church Transition Team provided an informative and emotional presentation about the Bethany Child Development Center history, mission and operations. The Child Development Center (CDC) is the primary mission and outreach program for Bethany Lutheran Church; the continuance of the Child Development Center is of primary importance for Bethany in a potential merger with Central.

The Transition Teams for Bethany and Central along with the NT-NL Synod representatives have been meeting monthly discussing the wide range of issues arising from a possible merger of the two churches. At the December 17, 2020, meeting of the two Transition Teams, discussion was focused primarily on the Child Development Center and the status of Bethany's worship services during COVID. Bethany wants the Child Development Center to continue its operations at its current location at Bethany and envisions worship for the merged congregations to occur at Central. It is also critical to Bethany that the Child Development Center continue to be "sponsored" by a Lutheran congregation. At the heart of the current transition teams discussions are Central's ability to become the sponsor for the Child Development Center, Central's potential responsibility for another property/building and the status of Bethany's current membership for the potential merger of worship services and other outreach programs. There remains much yet to discuss regarding financial, legal and logistical issues in this potential merger. We will be meeting again in February 2021. Any input or questions from you are encouraged and welcomed to be submitted to Janis Farrow, Amy Brown, T J Goins, Susan Wrobbel and Pastor Kristina.

As members of your Transition Team we keep our focus on "Who God is calling us to be" and what is the best use of the resources of both Bethany and Central for spreading the Gospel and God's Love in our community.

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2020-21



*Diane Krauszer, ELCA pastor, leads a Generosity Project workshop at Epiphany Lutheran Episcopal Church, Valdez, Alaska.*





# A NEW LENS FOR GENEROSITY

Sharing God's gifts with one another through stewardship is an integral part of the Lutheran faith. But sometimes stewardship is misunderstood, equated simply with giving money rather than sharing time, spirit and love. **Linda Staats is trying to change that with the Generosity Project, a stewardship resource funded in part by Mission Support.**

Developed through a partnership between Staats, the Rocky Mountain Synod and the churchwide organization, the Generosity Project challenges Lutherans to rethink stewardship through innovative, intergenerational programming.

When Diane Krauszer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Palmer, Alaska, introduced her congregation to the Generosity Project two years ago, it shifted perspectives.

"One [person] exclaimed, 'We never talked about any of this when I was a kid, and I wish we had,'" Krauszer said. Believing this resource could benefit neighbors at Epiphany Lutheran Episcopal Church, Valdez, Alaska, she took a cue from the project and shared it with them.

In 2019, Krauszer partnered with Kaitlin Pabo-Eulberg, Epiphany's pastor, to introduce the blended Lutheran-Episcopal congregation and a neighboring Catholic church to the Generosity Project.

"It [was] a very natural partnership to invite them," Pabo-Eulberg said of Epiphany's Catholic neighbors. "They were really excited to talk about giving from their perspective."

The event included participants ranging in age from 8 to 89, and Pabo-Eulberg recalled enthusiastic listening and understanding across the generations.

**"WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT ANY OF THIS WHEN I WAS A KID, AND I WISH WE HAD."**

Among them were Epiphany members Donna Newcomer, a baby boomer, and Steve Newcomer, of the Greatest Generation. "[Now] every time somebody comes to [our] house, when they leave, I say, 'Thank you for spending time with us,'" Donna said. "Because that's the greatest thing you can give somebody — they noticed you and spent time with you."

Staats said this new lens for generosity is the project's aim.

"The goal is not to increase giving by a percentage," she said. "The goal is to change the culture in a congregation [and in homes]. We're building a culture to bring all generations together ... and equipping the home as a place where generosity is practiced."

*Thank you for your generous gifts of Mission Support, which made this story of faith in action possible. Mission Support is the portion of your offering your congregation shares with your synod, and your synod shares with the churchwide organization. To learn more, visit [ELCA.org/SOFIA](http://ELCA.org/SOFIA).*