



# A Christ-focused Word-centered Family

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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

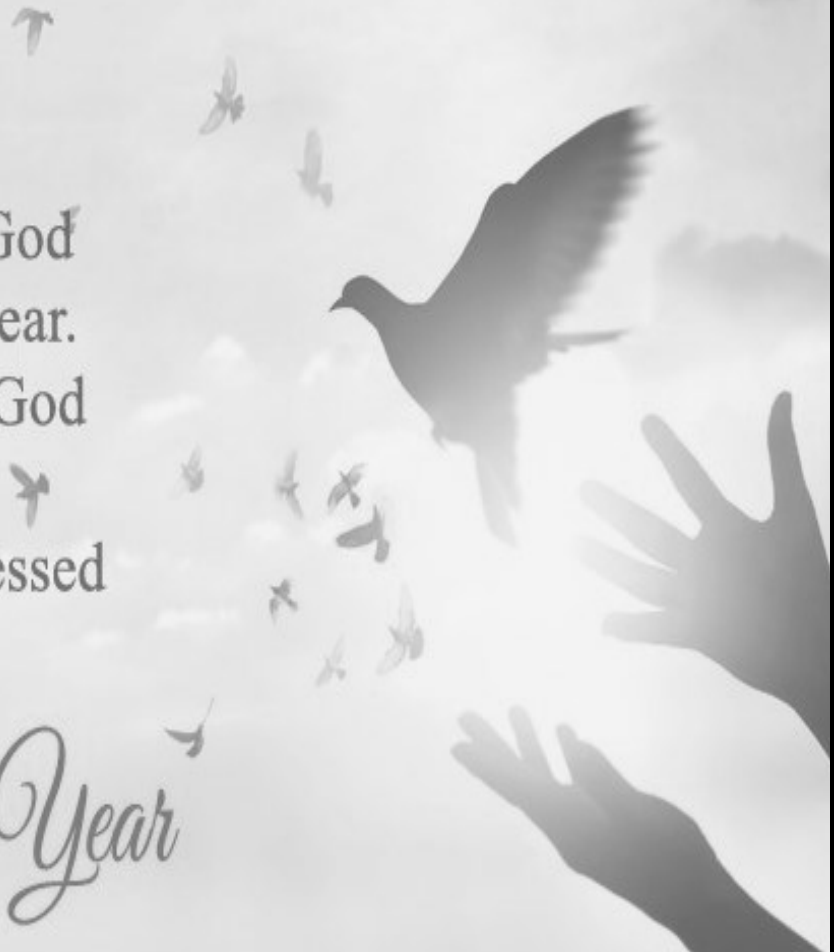
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May the faith of God  
be with you this year.  
May the peace of God  
surround you,  
and may you be blessed  
each day!

*Happy New Year*



## Altar Poinsettias



In memory of loved ones-

Luettke Family

In memory of

Michael & Gene Jussel-

Jussel Family

In memory of loved ones-

Greg & Deb Urwiler

In memory Janice Schmitt-

Schmitt Family

In memory of Parents & Grandparents-

Dahl Family

In memory of loved ones-

Verneal & Anita Gade



United Lutheran Church will be having the

Annual Congregational Meeting on

January 21st following Fellowship Coffee.

The Snow Date will be January 28th.

Committee leaders please have your reports

to Lisa in the office by January 9th.

Financial reports are also due January 9th.

Please make plans to attend.

NEW  
ADDRESS!



For those members that would like  
to keep in touch with Pastor Matt  
and his family, their new address is:

**9801 S 28th Ave.**

**Bellevue, NE 68123**

# january



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Make the resolution to put CHRIST first in your life.**

## TUESDAY, January 2

7:00 Deacon Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, January 3

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

No Confirmation or Youth Group

## THURSDAY, January 4

9:00 a.m. Sarah Cirele

6:30 p.m. Ruth Cirele

## SUNDAY, January 7

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

Blood Pressure Checks!

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Small Group

## TUESDAY, January 9

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE**

**Financial Reports Due**

**Annual  
Report**



## WEDNESDAY, January 10

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Supper and Youth Group

## THURSDAY, January 11

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## SUNDAY, January 14

9:00 a.m. Worship

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Small Group

## TUESDAY, January 16

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. LifeServe Blood Drive

Laurel Fire & Rescue Hall

## WEDNESDAY, January 17

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Supper and Youth Group

## FRIDAY, January 19

12:00 p.m. WMF Ladies General Meeting

## SUNDAY, January 21

9:00 a.m. Worship

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Small Group

## MONDAY, January 22

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!**

## WEDNESDAY, January 24

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Supper and Youth Group

## SUNDAY, January 29

9:00 a.m. Worship

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

2:30 p.m. Hillcrest Nursing Home Service

6:00 p.m. Small Group

## WEDNESDAY, January 31

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Supper and Youth Group

# FEBRUARY

## THURSDAY, February 1

9:00 a.m. Sarah Cirele

6:00 p.m. Ruth Cirele

## SUNDAY, February 4

**Mission Sunday - Ali Thompson**

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Small Group

## TUESDAY, February 6

7:00 Deacon Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, February 7

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Supper and Youth Group

## THURSDAY, February 8

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## SUNDAY, February 11

9:00 a.m. Worship

**Fellowship Coffee follows Worship**

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Small Group

*Serve the Lord  
With Gladness*

Please ***find a substitute***  
& notify the church office  
if you are unable to be present.

**ALTAR GUILD for January**  
*Jo Owen & Judi Harrington*

**January 7 (White) Epiphany  
Communion**

GREETERS - Matt and Mindy Christensen & Family  
LECTOR - Mindy Christensen  
COMMUNION STEWARD - Joe Ankeny  
USHERS - Steve, Jacob & Cody Luedtke, Nick Kort, Ron  
Lundahl, Drew & Koby Detlefsen, Jon Pehrson  
MUSICIAN - Anita Gade  
ACOLYTE - Bryson Urwiler  
NURSERY - Amy Kort  
COFFEE - Mike & Cathie Jacobsen, Nick & Amy Kort,  
Heath & Mckenzie Roeber,

**January 14 (Green) Second Sunday after Epiphany**

GREETERS - Jon and Megan Mullen & Family  
LECTOR - Steve Luedtke  
USHERS - Mike & Cathie Jacobsen, Kody & Bradyn  
Urwiler, Greg & Deb Urwiler, Don & Erica Diediker  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Carlee Stanley  
NURSERY - Kayla Detlefsen  
COFFEE - Dustin & Laura Showen, Jon & Megan  
Mullen, Tim & Teresa Granquist

**January 21 (Green) Third Sunday after Epiphany**

GREETERS - Tom & Pam Biernbaum  
LECTOR - Jon Mullen  
USHERS - Lathan Detlefsen, Robert Patefield, Scott &  
Evan Urwiler, Tom Biernbaum  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Payton Swanson  
NURSERY - Teresa Granquist  
COFFEE - Don & Erica Diediker, Lisa Kames, Diane  
Peterson

**January 28 (Green) Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

GREETERS - Robert & Dorothy Patefield  
LECTOR - Diane Peterson  
USHERS - Verneal Gade, Craig Kames, Gabe Abts,  
Jon Mullen, Marlin Bose  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Jacob Kolar  
NURSERY - Stephanie Urwiler  
COFFEE - Drew & Kayla Detlefsen, Charley & Paige  
Green, Matthew & Kiley Maxon

**ALTAR GUILD for February**

*Karen Thompson, Nancy Abts & Arlyce Graffis*

**February 4 (Green) Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion**

GREETERS - Bill & Mina Young  
LECTOR - Doug Olson  
COMMUNION STEWARD -  
USHERS - Steve, Jacob & Cody Luedtke, Nick Kort, Ron  
Lundahl, Drew & Koby Detlefsen, Jon Pehrson  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Mason Kort  
NURSERY - Laura Showen  
COFFEE - Jim & Karen Thompson, Steve & Mitzi  
Luedtke, Marlene Jussel and Gary Schmitt

**February 11 (White) Transfiguration**

GREETERS - Jon and Sara Pehrson & Family  
LECTOR - Erica Diediker  
USHERS - Mike & Cathie Jacobsen, Kody & Bradyn  
Urwiler, Greg & Deb Urwiler, Don & Erica Diediker  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Treyten Lawyer  
NURSERY - Mandi Swanson  
COFFEE - Marlin & Mary Bose, Kody & Stephanie  
Urwiler, Jerry & Glenda Johnson

**February 14 (Purple) Ash Wednesday**

GREETERS - Nick and Amy Kort & Family  
LECTOR - Lisa Kames  
USHERS - Lathan Detlefsen, Robert Patefield, Scott &  
Evan Urwiler, Tom Biernbaum  
MUSICIAN -  
ACOLYTE - Aliya Detlefsen

**JOIN US**

# JANUARY

**National Blood Donor Month**

## **LAUREL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Laurel Fire & Rescue Hall**

**Tuesday, January 16  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Schedule an appointment by calling  
LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903  
or scan the QR Code.



SCAN CODE TO SCHEDULE



**APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**



**LifeServe**  
BLOOD CENTER

**YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

# January is Blood Donor Awareness Month

## *WHY DONATE BLOOD?*

## **WHY ARE BLOOD DONORS IMPORTANT?**

- **Blood donors save lives** - each donation can help up to three hospital patients in their critical time of need.
- **There is no substitute for your donation** - each and every time you give you make a difference.
- More than **3,000 units of blood are needed each week** to meet the needs of our hospital patients.
- **Nine out of ten people** who live to the age of 70 will use blood during their lifetime, yet less than five percent of the eligible population donates blood.
- In the United States, blood products that are transfused to hospital patients must be from an **unpaid volunteer blood donor**.

## **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR?**

With a single blood donation, you will do more to help others than most people do in a lifetime. In addition, LifeServe Blood Center rewards and thanks our donors with:

- Blood Donor Identification Cards to track your donation history.
- The ability to earn points for each donation for exclusive rewards available on our [Online Store](#).
- Special recognition for each donation milestone.
- A mini-physical screening that checks blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and iron levels.

## TIPS TO PREPARE FOR A POSITIVE DONATION:

We want you to feel great after you've donated. Prior to your donation:



**Drink plenty of fluids** the night before and leading up to your donation - hydration is key to a positive experience.



**Eat a good meal** - do not donate on an empty stomach.



**Incorporate a bit more salt** in your meals and snacks on the day of your donation



**Get plenty of rest** prior to your donation.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DONATION:

Four basic steps make up blood donation:

**Registration.** Donors will provide their information, [signed Parental/guardian permission form](#) if necessary, and identification.

**History Screening.** Donors will complete a series of health and lifestyle questions and receive a mini-physical to check temperature, blood pressure, heart rate, and hemoglobin level.

**Donation.** Collecting a unit of blood - about one pint - takes approximately 5-10 minutes. Donors may feel a slight pinch for a few seconds, but that is it!

**Snacks.** After the donation, donors will rest in the snack area and enjoy refreshments.



**HELP SAVE A LIFE +  
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**





An interactive walk through the New Testament.  
A few memorable hours.  
An epic adventure.

Church Name: United Lutheran Church  
Location: 305 W 3rd St., Laurel, NE 68745  
Date: January 20th, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
How to sign up: Visit [www.laurelulc.org/ntlive](http://www.laurelulc.org/ntlive) or call 402-256-3622.

