



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—January 2025

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



A new years thought:

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

—Jeremiah 29:11

I don't blame people for missing what happened in the small town of Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Who would have thought that the Lord of heaven and earth would come into the world as a child born in a stable?

We are about to close the book on 2024. Today you might find yourself remembering some of the triumphs and trials of the past year. Even if you have had some wonderful successes in the past twelve months, you can probably remember some low points as well.

As you enter a new year, I hope you can remember that God's plans have always been to prosper his people. He can transform ordinary events and difficult trials into key moments that help his plans to prosper. He is not out to harm us, but the dark moments we experience can be part of the most important lessons to help us grow nearer to him.

God has a way of saving his world that we may find hard to understand. He introduced his Son into the world and brought about our salvation in a way that could easily be overlooked—and yet he has changed the world, and his kingdom keeps growing. That same God comes into our lives and draws us into his plans for a hope-filled future!

Lord, my life is in your hands. I praise you for the joys you have brought in the past year, and for the ways you refine me through the trials in my life. Prepare me to be part of your work in the year ahead. In Jesus, Amen.

Joachim Wilck

Church & Community
submitted by Ann Seppa, Chair

The Church & Community Committee hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Ann and Gordon Seppa delivered the Angel Tree gifts to the children at the Coldwater House (Open Door Mission) and children from LCOS. Thank you to everyone who donated, your gifts made some very happy children on Christmas morning. Thank you to Jerry Stich for coordinating this project.

Thank you to a former Reformation Missions Account, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour was able to donate \$500 to each to the following missions: Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's Place); St. Theodore's Food Cupboard and St. Peter's Kitchen.

Our Peanut Butter & Jelly project is going well. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that continue to show up and make the 200 sandwiches monthly. Thank you to WELCA for donating \$450 to this wonderful mission.

We meet again on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. We are always looking for volunteers. It will take about an hour of your time!

The Church & Community Committee will be taking a much-needed break! We will meet in the next few months to discuss upcoming events in 2025.

WELCA
submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary

The Women of the ELCA hope that everyone had a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

On December 10th, the ladies from WELCA held our annual Christmas party. It was a fun time for all.

Old Secret Pals were revealed and new ones chosen. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and hearing about everyone's plans for the holiday season.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2025

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:30 am. Ann Seppa will serve as the hostess for this meeting and also share devotions. We will discuss the book, "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. Remember to bring your lunch.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Financial Report, as of 11/30/2024
submitted by Deb Ciccone, Treasurer

Below is a financial update as of the end of November (92% of the way through the year). As you can see our income year to date (YTD) continues to be ahead of budget, while our expenses are slightly lower than our forecasted budget.

	November Actual	YTD Actual	YTD as a % of Annual Budget
Income	\$13,238.28	\$235,680.31	102%
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$19,489.98</u>	<u>\$232,594.37</u>	<u>85%</u>
Net Income	\$-6,251.70	\$ 3,085.94	

We will be updating the December financial report in mid January and will provide our final report for 2024 as well as the proposed budget for 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me.

HOLD THE DATE

February 9, 11:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Review of 2024
Budget Vote, Elections



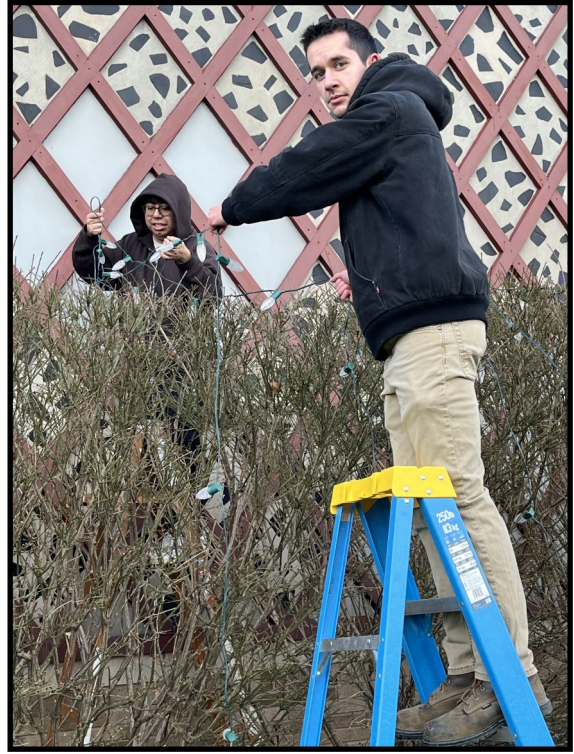
Photo's from the Season
provided by various members

JUBILEES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



NEW LIGHTS OUTSIDE

Big thanks to Peyton Osterling & Connor Large



Brrr,
It's Cold



THE DECORATORS

Perfect Tree



The Supervisors!



A VERY MERRY WELCA CHRISTMAS



PASTOR WILCK PREACHING GOOD NEWS



GATHERED FOR CHRISTMAS



INTRODUCING: MR. ANDREW & SHANNON KRUPNICKI



A FOND FAIRWELL TO RAINER & ELIZABETH STELLRECHT



Best Wishes

We Will
miss you



What is a QCD all about?

Taxpayers who are age 72 (prior to 12/31/22) have the option to transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year. For those who turned 72 on or after 1/1/23, the minimum age for this tax free charity contribution is 73 years of age.

What to do:

1. Contact their IRA trustee. The QCD is tax-free as long as distributions are paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.
2. Distributions can be made electronically, directly to the charity, or by check payable to the charity.
3. An IRA distribution such as an electronic payment made directly to the IRA owner does not count as a QCD. Likewise, a check made payable to the IRA owner is not a QCD.
4. You do not have to itemize deductions to qualify for this benefit. The amount given to charity is reduced directly from taxable income when you file your taxes. The 1099-R that you receive from your IRA trustee includes the total required minimum distribution (RMD) including QCD's.
5. Like other IRA distributions, QCD's are shown on line 4 of Form 1040. If part or all of an IRA distribution is a QCD, enter the total amount of the IRA distribution on line 4a. Then, the amount of the taxable portion (total IRA distribution less QCD) is entered on line 4b. Enter "QCD" next to line 4b. This reporting information applies to 2022 taxes. Future years may have different rules or different lines on form 1040.
6. Make sure that you have a receipt. The receipt must state the date and amount of the contribution and indicate whether the donor received anything of value in return. (See Publication 526 available on IRS.gov. For more information about this topic, see IRS.gov, Publication 590-B.

If you have any questions, contact your tax professional. Tax preparation software such as TurboTax does a good job walking you through this topic.

Birthdays & Anniversaries in January

William Neal—January 1

Emily Yackel—January 1

Shelly Borrelli—January 2

Peter Sitter—January 2

Sharon Yackel—January 3

Janine Westa—January 4

Madison Johnson—January 5

Peggy Hamblin—January 8

Arnold Boldt—January 12

Cathy Carlson—January 12

Wendy Forrest—January 12

Cindy Borzilleri—January 14

Janie Hopkins—January 17

Kyle Mochrie—January 17

Joyce Tesch—January 20

Jacob Walberger—January 21

Daniel Karcher—January 22

Richard Pearce—January 23

Cassidy Wiesmore—January 23

Kyle Wiesmore—January 23

Thomas Oliver—January 26

Jennifer Bonanno—January 28

Gary Perkins—January 29

Helge Mitchell—January 30

Al Saucke—January 30

Michael & Linda Christensen—January 7, 31 years

January at Saviour

LCOS Rochester, Holidays in United States

Jan 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 12pm - Calling Hours for Charlyne 1pm - Funeral for Charlyne Hickey
5 9am - Choir Practice 9:15am - Bible Study 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Communion Service 11:15am - Bell Choir Practice	6 6:30pm - Scouts BSA	7 10am - Bible Study	8 6:30pm - ALPHA COURSE	9 9:30am - PB & J Making @ 10:30am - Worship Committee	10 5:30pm - German School	11 9am - German School
12 9am - Choir Practice 9:15am - Bible Study 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Communion Service 11:15am - Bell Choir Practice 11:15am - CLC Meeting	13 6:30pm - Scouts BSA	14 10am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Properties Committee	15 6:30pm - ALPHA COURSE	16	17 5:30pm - German School	18 9am - German School 2pm - Christian Movie: "Lifemark"
19 9am - Choir Practice 9:15am - Bible Study 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Communion Service 11:15am - Bell Choir Practice	20 Inauguration Day (regional) Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:30pm - Council Meeting	21 10am - Bible Study 11am - Christian Book Club	22 6:30pm - ALPHA COURSE	23	24 5:30pm - German School	25 9am - German School
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