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Sunday, December 27	9:45 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Service --Online Worship Service In-person Service
Wednesday, December 28	6:45 AM	The Wednesday Word -online
Friday, January 1		New Year's Day 2021

Ushers

Dec 24 Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Lorraine Stargel
 Dec 27 Dave & Judy Ostendorf, Bob Martin
 Jan 3 Dick Schmidt, Sharlene Parker, Bill Zavadil
 Jan 10 Mike Stankovich,-Al & Lydia Auge

FINANCIAL REPORT Week of December 20

Mail in/In-Person Offering	\$ 6,190
Online Offering	\$10,490
Julian Estate	\$ 52
Affinity	
Total:	\$16,732

Missing pronouns

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say 'I'.

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say 'my'.

Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another, to ask God for "our" daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included ... in each and every plea, from the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say 'me'.

Why we lament

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck America during the middle of Lent, a season associated with deprivation. Some people made light of the shutdowns, joking, "I didn't mean to give up *this* much for Lent!" Others asked why the suffering was occurring in the first place.

Professor N.T. Wright, in an essay for *Time*, explains that asking "why?" but receiving no answer is key to biblical lamenting. Adding to the mystery, he says, is that God also laments — grieving at the wickedness of humans, despairing over Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus cries at a friend's tomb; the Holy Spirit groans in anguish.

"Part of the Christian vocation," Wright concludes, is not being able to explain why but lamenting instead. "As the Spirit laments within us," he says, "so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell. And out of that there can emerge new possibilities ... new hope."

Weekly Prayer Room

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." James 3:18 (ESV)
(If the situation of the people listed below has changed, contact the office)

Father in heaven, watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us, grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them.

Josh Jepsen
Seth Hearld
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Ken Solbrack
Michael Elliott
Chris Berentson
Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson)
Devlin Durkin (Curtis & Riley McKenzie)
Richy (Larry & Mary Vollmer's grandson)
Paul Houck (Jim & Mei Barker)

Give strength and comfort to those who recently lost a loved one.

The family and friends of Esther Braafladt.

The family and friends of Amy DeKok

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way. Comfort them and their caregivers. Grant loved one's strength to care for their loved ones. Remind us all to hope in You alone.

Bob Lungberg (Bob & Nancy Martin)
Tony Horne (Bob Martin, Hal & Carolyn Martin, Lonna & Tom Groce)
Baby Eli and his parents (Jim & Sue Gronhovd)

Lucas Bride (Heidi Sturdivant)
Snookie Pankrantz
Suzy Davison (Al & Darlene Luberts)
Cynthia Faul

Kristin & Children (Jim & Sue Gronhovd)
Pastor Dave Stephenson (Dave & Judy Ostendorf)

Gary Richey
Norma H (Lori Schmidt's sister)
Kara (Pastor Eric & Connie)
Nancy (Debbi Zavadil neighbor)
Frank Lonergan (Dick & Lori Schmidt)
Mardelle (Cynthia Faul's sister's friend)
Harold Lawrence (Lorraine Stargel)
Corrina (Pastor Eric & Connie)

Phil Long (Pastor Eric & Connie)
Wyatt (Larry & Mary Vollmer grandson)
Scott (Morgan & Yvonne Olson)
Kyle (Ron & Sharon Johnson)
Dan (Harold & Clarice Liehmohn)
Milton Anderson (Dick & Kaye Sims)
Roald Tangvald & Christine (Heidi Sturdivant's uncle & aunt)
Richard Park (Raeanne Mitchell)
Lori (Carole Williams-Wood)
Lorelle Aarstad (Tom & Denise Alvord)
Aunt Gudrun (Jerry & Jan Halverson)

West Family

Jeff, Jessica, Kevin & Aidon (Don & Carol Brennan)

Corrinna Clarahan

Sue Fields

Michael Byus

Jan Halverson

Erika

Barney Wagner

Stephen Mitchell Family

Richard Mitchell

Cheryl Faul (Cynthia Faul)

Pastor Dan Ingram

Pastor Gary and Kitty Jepsen

Father, Giver of all good things, thank You for the birth of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we always be grateful for Your gracious gift and remind us to not keep the Good News to ourselves.

For all these needs, we pray in the holy and powerful name of Jesus, our Lord Amen

***Congregation members**-please send an email, phone call or text of any updates. Thank you.

An updated member directory is available on the website. Go

to livingwordlutheranchurch.com, click on the "Members" tab under "About Us." For privacy purposes, you will need a member account to access the directory. If you need help accessing this information, please contact Debbie Stankovich at debbie.stankovich@gmail.com.

Special 'End of the Year' Notice:

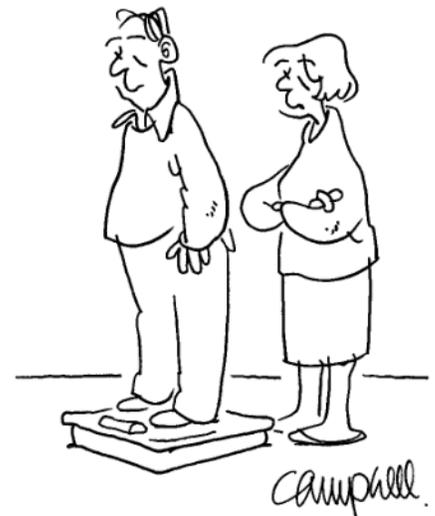
IRS regulations state that all donations have to be **deposited in the bank no later than December 31st for it to be counted towards the year 2020.**

Therefore, if you have contributions that need to be counted for this year, you can either donate it up until our last two services, 24 December, Christmas Eve or December 27th.



Brothers and sisters in Christ, your prayers, cards, and caring messages over the last few months are

precious to me. They have brought me peace and confidence as I've struggled with medical issues. Thankfully, God is in charge and I am improving daily. Thank you. God bless each one of you. Jan Halverson



"Looks like the burden of ministry is heavier than we thought."