

# A NEWS BULLETIN OF

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## Christ Alone Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“To know Christ and to make his love known in our homes, communities, nation and world.”*

JANUARY 3, 2021

CHRISTMAS 2

### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6, Acts 16:25-34; Mark 1:4-11

### CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

*Let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Wonderful Opportunity** - Are you age 70 1/2 or older and have IRAs? Then you qualify for special tax treatment of distributions from your IRAs which are normally considered taxable income to you. Direct your IRA custodian to pay them directly to Christ Alone Ev Lutheran Church or other qualified charity. Ask them to do a "QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION" sometimes called a "Direct Charitable Rollover". The maximum annual limit is \$100,000, this can be a wonderful way the ministry of our church and receive tax benefits as well. As always, talk to your tax adviser if you have any questions.

**Camp Phillip Teen Retreat** - I would like to thank the members of the congregation that supported Camp Phillip this year. They had a difficult year financially due to covid. They were able to have summer camp last summer but had to reduce the number of children in each week of camp. A number of children from the congregation went and had a great time. The staff at camp made a lot of adjustments and special preparations to comply with guidelines. It was very successful. The kids had lots of fun and you can read the year end letter that the virus was not spread at the camps. I have not seen the summer camp registration form yet but the calendar for 2021 is available on their website, <https://www.campphillip.com/>. They made a new CD this year which can be purchased through their website. Their buffs make for good masks and are also available on their website. If you follow them on facebook they try to stream an event every Tuesday from Camp.

The Winter Teen retreat is fast approaching. We had a few teens attend last year and had a blast. With the snow coming this week I am sure it will make the winter teen retreat a blast again this year. We have had a few teens sign up already. Last I heard they have room for more. Sign-up today for winter fun. See attachments provided in the email.

Blessings to All, Mark Schuettpelz Congregation Co-delegate

**Sunday Morning Bible Study Series – Gospel Gems from Isaiah** (*Sundays, through January 24*) – Isaiah the Prophet of God, sometimes called “the evangelist of the Old Testament,” was given extraordinary insights into the person and work of the coming Messiah *seven hundred years before his arrival*. New Testament writers quote him as proof that **Jesus is the One God promised**. We explore his understanding of the Servant of the Lord. We hope you are able to join this study on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:05 held in the north campus sanctuary.

**Philippians Bible Study** – Our Moms’ morning Bible study is studying the book “*Philippians - Living in the Joy of Christ*”. This book is hot off the presses and not yet available online! WELS author Naomi Schmidt has invited our group as a pilot study and offer our comments/reviews to her. Moms (and aunts!) of all ages are invited. God-willing, we will continue to meet in person at the south campus at 8:00 AM on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Sue Bieberitz if you have any questions.

**Thursday Bible Class** - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The class focuses on the Augsburg Confession and what this foundational document of faith means for us today. The class will be conducted virtually through Go-to-Meeting. You can find the codes to enter the class above. Come and join us from the comfort of your own home as we study this great document of Lutheran history and faith.

**Safely Distanced Communion Opportunity** - Christ Alone will offer a special "safely distanced" communion service each month for those who are especially at risk because of health concerns with the COVID-19 virus. It will take place the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at our north campus. For the month of January, the service is Thursday, February 4. Participants will be physically distanced from each other. A brief liturgy service of Confession and God's Word will be included and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Please contact the office at 262-242-4710 if you plan to attend.

**Prayer Net** - A new church group at Christ Alone, called *Prayer Net*, has been devoting itself to praying for our church, its people and its concerns. Prayer requests can be made by sending an email to [prayer@ChristAloneWELS.org](mailto:prayer@ChristAloneWELS.org) or by filling out a prayer card at church. All requests are confidential, and will be reviewed by the coordinator (and a pastor if necessary) to be sure privacy concerns are met. Requests may be changed to meet the privacy criteria.

**Israel 2022** – If you have ever wanted to visit the Holy Land and see the places where Jesus walked and carried out his earthly ministry the opportunity is coming very soon. Pastor Scheuerlein will be hosting another trip to Israel - January 11 – 20, 2022. Brochures and details of the trip are available at church or you can email or call Pastor Scheuerlein for details.



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The members of Christ Alone consider it a privilege to financially support the Lord's work in this community, nation and world.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR** (CC- CALVARY CAMPUS TC- TRINITY CAMPUS)

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS AS INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES CAN CHANGE DAILY

**Sat 1/2** Communion Service (CC) 4:30 pm

**Sun 1/3** Communion Services (CC) 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study (CC sanctuary) 9:15 am – "Gospel Gems from Isaiah"

Public Catechism (CC music room) 9:15 am

Teen Bible Study (CC counter's room) 9:15 am

**Mon 1/4** School Resumes

Women's Bible Study (TC) (online) 1:30 pm "What's so Amazing About Grace?"

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/512932885> You can also dial in using your phone. (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 512-932-885

**Tues 1/5** Bible Study (TC) 6:45 am "Prepared to Answer" – in person only

Quilting Ministry (TC) 1:00 pm

Wings of Hope (TC) 6:30 pm

**Wed 1/6** Moms' Bible Study (TC) 8:00 am "Philippians - Living in the Joy of Christ"

Bible Study (TC) (in person / online) of the book of Psalms & Amos – 9:30 am

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/940299605> You can also dial in using your phone. (646) 749-3122

Access Code: 940-299-605

Public Catechism (online) 6:30 pm

**Thur 1/7** Safely Distanced Communion (CC) 11:30 am (call to reserve your spot)

Property Meeting (TC) 6:30 pm

The Underground (TC) 6:30 pm

Bible Study (online only) 6:30 pm "Augsburg Confession"

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222110965> You can also dial in using your phone. (312) 757-3121

Access Code: 222-110-965

**Sat 1/9** Christmas Trees Down 9:00 am

Worship Service (CC) 4:30 pm

**Sun 1/10** Worship Services (CC) 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Bible Study (CC sanctuary) 9:15 am – “Gospel Gems from Isaiah”  
Public Catechism (CC music room) 9:15 am  
Teen Bible Study (CC counter’s room) 9:15 am

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