



Capitol Drive  
Lutheran Church  
*Sounding the Love of Christ*

# WEEKLY NEWS

January 10, 2021  
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Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -  
*A congregation  
Sounding the Love of Christ  
by caring for the poor  
and vulnerable  
in our community*

## Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

### Week of January 3, 2020

**SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)**

**OFFERING: \$ 990.00 (Sunday offering)  
395.00 (Automatic deposits)  
Total: \$1,385.00**

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*We pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Gee, who died January 1, 2021. Audrey was the mother of CDLC Director of Music and Church Secretary, Robert Gee. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Audrey. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

O B Beal; Karen Bartel (David's wife); Everyone affected by Covid-19; Garland Iseler and Laura Iseler (Karla's father and sister-in-law, both diagnosed with cancer); Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); Earnestine Ruffin; Donna Weis; Doris Thomas; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Vianna Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).



*Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).*

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her ([glowrm64@hotmail.com](mailto:glowrm64@hotmail.com)) with your requests to send a card.

## Prayer for the Week

*In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void, you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living.*

*Powerful God, whose voice penetrates the wilderness of our deceits, and whose transforming reality is symbolized in the act of baptism, take us now to the River Jordan, that we might share Jesus' moment of emptying self to receive your Spirit in all its power. Move us to remembrance that we have been baptized, that your grace was poured out on us, not because we earned it, but because of your amazing generosity. Amid the wonder of it all, we would accept once more Christ's call to discipleship.*

*Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.*

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## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, January 10 \* Worship CANCELLED**  
*Baptism of Our Lord Sanctuary Open for Prayer*

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, January 12

Wednesday, January 13 Gathering Place Cancelled

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday*

Saturday, January 16

**Sunday, January 17 \* Worship CANCELLED**  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany Sanctuary Open for Prayer*

### **\* Of Special Note:**

Listen to or watch our condensed Sunday worship services, including an inspiring sermon (and perhaps a rollicking postlude), on our website.

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 - Baptism of Our Lord**

Listen to Pr. Bill Mains' sermon, *Baptism*, on our website:  
www.capitoldrivellutheran.net.

**Monday, January 11 - Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36**

This is a psalm of lament. The psalmist cried out for deliverance when the floodwaters swept in. Perhaps you've experienced such floods, literal or otherwise. We can be comforted that we are not alone in such difficult times. So with all who suffer, we pray, beseeching God, in the abundance of steadfast love, for help (Ps. 69:13-14). God does help! How can we not rejoice at the hope we have? When we are feeling overwhelmed, we can pray and praise. We can give thanks. What are you grateful for right now? Perhaps a meal. Maybe for the birds using your bird feeder. Are you grateful for the opportunity to try again? Be grateful to be able to love your family, your friends, and the earth. What song can you sing in praise? Is there a song you can sing even as the floods threaten? We cry out for deliverance and we give thanks and praise to God, who is faithful. *God of gratitude and song, today I am grateful for \_\_\_\_\_ . Amen.*

**Tuesday, January 12 - Acts 22:2-16**

People change. Sometimes people change in drastic ways. A person who was a chronic liar changes into a person who begins to live an honest life. An alcoholic enters recovery and becomes sober. A single person gets married. A married person becomes single. A person who was once deeply racist is struck by an event, a bolt of lightning, or the mistreatment of a friend and turns their attitudes and actions around. What have been some of the big changes in your life? How has God dropped you to the ground and turned you around? How about welcoming those who have changed, those who have persecuted you? Think how it was for Saul turned Paul. Think about how it was for him to face and then to be welcomed and forgiven as a person of God after having persecuted his brothers and sisters. God changes us. Be open to the big changes in yourself and in others. The world needs you. *God of change, ground me in your love and create in me a new heart. Amen.*

**Wednesday, January 13 - Isaiah 41:14-20**

There are so many directions to take in contemplating the image of God as water in the wilderness, water for the thirsty, water, water, water. What are the qualities of water that help us to understand the qualities of God? Water is everywhere, and in everything. It flows, it bends, it receives, it gives, it embraces us, offers us darkness in the depths, and glistening light and delight at the surface. It falls from the sky, floats in the clouds, hangs in the air, rests in the lakes, and is a part of all of us and every living thing. Sure sounds a lot like God's presence and love for us. When you are feeling alone, remember God is with you. In the waters of baptism and in the promise of God who will do everything—even opening rivers and fountains, and making pools in the wilderness—to give you life. *God of my baptism, open me up to finding you in the water. Amen.*

**Thursday, January 14 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

The picture the psalmist paints of God in the first verses of this psalm depicts God's strength and wisdom. From the beginning of the psalm, we are told that God has "searched me and known me" (v. 1). God knows "when I sit down and when I rise up" and "discern[s] my thoughts from far away" (v. 2). Through the next verses, the psalmist further illustrates God's powerful presence. The question the psalmist asks - "where can I flee from your presence?" - is rhetorical. There is nowhere one can flee from God's presence. God is always with us (v. 7). There are moments in which God feels anything but present to us. A loved one dies. A relationship falters. A pandemic isolates. An illness devastates. A future hope crumbles. A job is lost. We are left with the shards of what once was heaped in our hands. We wonder whether God

is with us or not. The psalmist assures us: God is with us. There is hope. *Hold me close, O God, when all seems lost. Assure me of your presence. Wrap me in your hope. Amen.*

**Friday, January 15 - Acts 13:16-25**

When Kris learned the first funeral she would preach as a pastoral intern would be for Richard, a longtime member of the rural congregation where she served, she grew concerned. "I'm afraid that whatever words I say from the pulpit won't be good enough," she said to Pastor Ruth, her internship supervisor. The committee and supervisor nodded in empathy for Kris' fear. "Preach those words," her supervisor said, "and see what happens." After the funeral, people expressed appreciation for Kris' sermon. "You really know how to speak into our grief and sadness," one person said. "Your sermon was powerful," her supervisor said. "You named our sadness, and then proclaimed our salvation." Kris' vocation, like John's before her, wasn't to save her listeners. Instead, Kris was called to proclaim salvation for the world. *Though I don't always know what to say, proclaim your love and mercy through me, gracious God. Amen.*

**Saturday, January 16 - Deuteronomy 31:15-22**

Most Americans knew little about Alexander Hamilton—until 2015, when Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote his hit musical *Hamilton*. Now schoolchildren know Hamilton's story by heart. They sing it to each other on the bus and at recess. He's their favorite founding father. God knows the power of music, and God told Moses to "write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it" (v. 19). God knew that long after Moses was gone, when God had brought Israel into the Promised Land, they would rebel and worship other gods. So God told Moses, "This song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants" (v. 21). Songs are nearly impossible to forget, so it's wise to be selective about what we sing. Some songs are just for fun, and that's fine, but we benefit from songs that boast in Jesus and encourage our faith. One of the ways we "[make] the most of every opportunity" is when we speak "to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit." So "sing and make music from your heart to the Lord" (see Ephesians 5:15-19). Songs can be an indicator of the direction of our heart. Do the words make much of Jesus? Do we sing them wholeheartedly? What we sing will influence what we believe, so choose wisely and sing loudly. *God, this song is my prayer to you. (Sing your favorite hymn.) Amen.*

**Sunday, January 17 - Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**1 Samuel 3:1-20; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51**

Pr. Paul Lutter writes: "When I was in first grade, my parents piled all three of us kids in the car and drove us to the town where both sets of our grandparents lived. It was Thanksgiving Day in the upper Midwest of the United States. Snow and ice had fallen the night before, making travel conditions tricky. As we watched cars slide into ditches or stall on the sides of roads on which we'd pass by, we consoled ourselves with the fact that we had made it that far. An ambulance pulled alongside us and slid closer until it had pinned our car against the guardrail. When my dad and the ambulance driver got out of the vehicles, they realized they knew one another well. They had gone to high school together. Jesus and Nathaniel didn't attend school together, but Jesus knew him. And out of his great love and care for him, he invited Nathaniel to follow. It seemed dangerous. Yet, it also seemed promising." *Dear Jesus, thank you for your attention to me. Invite me to follow where you lead. Assure me of your love. Amen.*



***The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.***

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>January 3, 2021 Epiphany of Our Lord</b>	<b>January 10 Baptism of Our Lord</b>	<b>January 17 Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>January 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>January 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
<b>Assisting Minister</b>					
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
<b>Musician</b>	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
<b>Communion Assistant</b>					
<b>Videographer</b>	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus
<b>Altar Guild</b>					
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls</b>				

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**Worship services continue to be "virtual."  
Most Sundays they can be found on our  
website (audio only) or our YouTube page  
(video).**



**January Birthdays at CDLC**

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| January 1  | Liz Musil         |
| January 1  | Donna Weis        |
| January 8  | Rodney Hernandez  |
| January 8  | John Katrichis    |
| January 9  | Daniel Lehenbauer |
| January 21 | Christopher Beal  |

***Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.***

# JANUARY 2021

***Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.***

January 3, 2021 Epiphany of Our Lord (transferred)  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	4	5	6  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal  <i>Epiphany of Our Lord (official)</i>	7	8	9
January 10 Baptism of Our Lord  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	11	12	13  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	14	15  Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	16
January 17 Second Sunday after Epiphany  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	18  Confession of Peter  Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	19	20  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	21  9:00 AM: Quilters  St. Agnes	22  Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	23
January 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	25  Conversion of Paul	26  SS. Timothy and Titus	27  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise <b>11:00 GP WORSHIP</b> 12:00 GP Meal  <i>Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith</i>	28  St. Thomas Aquinas	29	30  10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)
January 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	February 1	February 2  <u><i>Presentation of Our Lord</i></u>	February 3  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	February 4	February 5	February 6