



# The Christ Messenger

Christ Lutheran Church  
Vienna, West Virginia

**January 2021**

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### Our Mission:

As Children of God,  
nourished by the Word,  
Sacrament and Fellowship  
of loving, forgiving, and  
hopeful believers—  
WE are guided by the Holy  
Spirit to WITNESS to Christ's  
saving presence in the  
World!

### Church Office Hours:

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## New Year

When asked to prepare a Happy New Year message for January's Christ's Messenger, the first thing I did was what any "scholar" would do – I Googled Happy New Year Christian Message. Google returned several interesting hits; the most intriguing one was newyearwiki.com (there seems to be a "wiki" for just about everything these days). This site contained several interesting messages; as I read through them in the context of the end of 2020 (finally) and the renewed hope that comes with New Year 2021 (as well as all the New Year's resolutions that will last until at least February), I recorded which ones struck me as particularly relevant and have reproduced those here.

- *With God as our Leader,  
may we be prepared to live  
another year under His guidance*
- *Size, intensity, and nature of a problem does not matter as long as your faith in God is intact. The Lord Almighty will be with you and help you to overcome all your problems.*
- *God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.*

- *Do not be afraid to face life.*

*This New Year has a lot of promises for us.*

*Trust God and everything will be fine.*

- *No matter the size of the problem you are facing or if the situation seems impossible to solve, if you keep your faith intact, God will help you overcome everything.*
- *God has a purpose behind every problem. He uses circumstances to develop our character. In fact, he depends more on circumstances to make us like Jesus than he depends on our reading the Bible.*
- *Nobody is exempt from having problems in their lives, but God is so righteous that He does not send a problem without a solution so that we can overcome it, making us wiser people.*

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After letting this document set for a while, I examined the relevant messages I recorded, looking for commonalities. I found repeated several times words such as:

- GOD
- PROBLEMS
- FAITH
- JOURNEY
- WORTHWHILE
- TRUST
- OVERCOME
- PURPOSE

As we look back on the “time out” of 2020 and hopeful renewal with the ringing in of 2021, let us strive to remember to:

Put our FAITH in GOD, and TRUST that there is a PURPOSE behind our PROBLEMS, and when OVERCOME, we will recognize the JOURNEY was WORTHWHILE.

-Dave Freeman



### January Birthdays

January 2 – Sheila Behnke  
January 14 – Laura Rogers  
January 14 – Kelly Fleming  
January 15 – Andrew Miser  
January 28 – Nolan Read

### Anniversaries

January 19 – Terry & Vicky Wilson

### Church Address:

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### Church Web Page:

<https://christlutheranviennawv.org/>

### Church Facebook Page:

[Facebook.com/christlutheranchurchviennawv](https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranchurchviennawv)

## Good Samaritan Center Item of the Month January 2021



Due to Covid-19, the Good Samaritan center is in need of additional donations. This includes any non-perishable items like peanut butter, pasta, baking mix, and other canned good items. Thanks you.

## **January Schedule**

Sunday's in January there will be one service, at 10 am in the Sanctuary. If, due to COVID-19 numbers, Wood County is orange or red, the church service will be prerecorded and sent out by email and posted on Facebook. Please make sure to check your email regularly to stay updated.

### **January 10<sup>th</sup> – Take down Christmas decorations**

### **January 31<sup>st</sup> – Communion Sunday**

We will be having communion Sunday on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Christ Lutheran. The service will be at 1pm and Pastor Ian Reid will be presiding.

### **Congregational Meeting – TBD**

Christ Lutheran will not be holding our annual congregational meeting until Wood County is gold on the COVID-19 map.

## **Prayer List**

### **We keep the following people in our prayers:**

Glen Addis; Wesley Archer; Tara Bannister; Russell Behnke; Robert Cunningham; Richard Dilinger; Jerry John DiNicola; Sally Ebeling; Pam Goots; Ann Hammer; Heather; Mary Hennen; Carrie Hommond; Diana Houllings; Diana Huddleson; Betty Knight; Laura Lemley; Jacob Logue; Johnnie Mays; Joel McGuier; Rob Miser; Gary Miller; Ben Moore; Mary Ann Roddy; Dottie Rothwell; Les Rothwell; Gean Secreto; April Sowards, Mildred Stanley; Keith Tanner; Zane Thorpe, April Tibbs; Donna Vincent; Terry & Vicki Wilson; Lois (Steege) Wood; police and first responders; our troops; Christians and other minorities in the Middle East; people in the Ukraine and eastern Europe; pray for peace; and for our military, especially for Airman Elijah Modesitt (U.S. Airforce)., for all who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and/or hospitalized for the virus, for all who have died from the virus, for all of our medical personnel and first responders who are treating patients, for all families and loved ones separated by quarantines, for people who do not have access to medical care to be treated, for folks who are unemployed and the underemployed.