

# The **LIGHTSHINE**



The Official Newsletter of Christ Church, United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year **JANUARY 2021 ISSUE**

## Important Dates In January 2021

Jan. 1	Office Closed <i>Happy New Year!</i>
Jan. 3	<b>Epiphany Sunday Service with Communion</b> Education Meeting
Jan. 6	Book Club Church Council Meeting
Jan. 10	<b>Worship / Renewal of Baptismal Vows</b> Lightshine deadline Annual Reports Due
Jan. 11	Lunch Bunch (pending)
Jan. 12	Women's Breakfast (pending)
Jan. 17	<b>Worship Service</b> Bowling
Jan. 20	Get It Together Group Meeting
Jan. 24	<b>Worship Service</b>
Jan. 31	<b>Worship Service</b> / Words For All God's Children



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Thanks to those who decorated our church. To those who celebrated in the Chrismon tradition. To our children for Zoom sharing the Good News of the Gospel within their Christmas Pageant. To those who provided food for our Christmas Brunch. To those who baked cookies and our visiting angels who delivered them to our homebound. To those who bought Christmas Wreaths. To those who bought and those who delivered our poinsettias to our homebound. To our Music Ministry during Advent & Christmas. To the many who in countless ways helped serve our church not just at Christmas but throughout the year. To the many who have offered prayers, time, talent and treasure.



*To each and every one of you - thank you!!!*

## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

**January 10, 2021** is the Sunday when we as a Church remember the Baptism of Jesus Christ. On that day, during our worship service, there will be an opportunity for every baptized person to renew their Baptismal Vows. We hope that everyone will make a point of joining us on that Sunday for this very special time in the life of our Church.

Reports from **all** Christ Church Committees and Organizations for the **2020 Annual Reports** are requested in the Church Office by  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021.**

*Please make it a matter of priority early this New Year.  
**Thank You for your cooperation.***

## **GROWING IN THE WORD OF GOD**

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the **January 2021** Common Lectionary readings:

<b>January 3</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
<b>January 10</b>	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
<b>January 17</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43--51
<b>January 24</b>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
<b>January 31</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

## **Church Council Minute Highlights — December 9, 2020**

### **Call to order:**

**Roll Call:** Gary Smith, Donna Boyko, Laura Hallberg, Eileen Podgor, Steve Klaus, Megan Shipp, Judy Rosedale, Rita Barth, Bob Neil

### **Reading and Prayer: Megan Shipp**

Next month is:

Approval of last month's minutes: Donna motion, Bob seconds, the motion carries

### **Financial Report: Kyle Speer**

Income has been fairly steady.

Will be sitting down with the Mission committee to organize what monies will need to be distributed before the end of the year.

Comcast is slightly more expensive(\$290) than WOW(\$230). However more work was done on the back end (by Steve Bay) to get this going. WOW is charging us a penalty to get out of our contract, that we are still trying to figure out/negotiate. Also having a problem with our checking account having a very high minimum balance requirement meaning we are incurring a fee if we fall below that minimum. Looking into options to change this. Finance committee is going to leave it be for now and review it at a later time.

Going to increase donation for poinsettias and Easter Lilies to \$20 for 2021

Working on the budget for next year and since we don't have a pastor we are trying to budget for that.

Going to need to remind people Sunday to remind people to return pledge cards.

Laura motions to accept the report and pay the bills Gary Seconds. The motion carries.

### **CPR Report: Gary Smith**

Maranatha is back in the building so they will be charged full rent again.

Asked Gail to get a schedule of when they will be in the building.

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## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS — JANUARY 2021

### Financial Update 2020 (DOES NOT INCLUDE REQUESTS)

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
January	\$12,800*	\$21,424.00	(\$8,578.00)	(\$8,578.00)
February	\$20,981.00*	\$15,992.00	\$ 4,989.00	(\$3,589.00)
March	\$15,828.00*	\$20,666.00	(\$4,838.00)	(\$8,427.00)
April	\$13,766.00	\$18,732.00	(\$4,967.00)	(\$13,394.00)
May	\$18,499.00	\$13,399.00	\$5,100.00	(\$8,294.00)
June	\$ 9,210.00	\$19,507.00	(\$10,297.00)	(\$18,591.00)
July	\$19,357.00*	\$17,659.00	\$1,698.00	(\$16,893.00)
August	\$18,810.00*	\$20,682.00	(\$1,872.00)	(\$18,765.00)
September	\$10,440.00*	\$15,642.00	(\$5,201.00)	(\$23,966.00)
October*	\$13,113.00*#	\$14,625.00	(\$1,512.00)	(\$25,478.00)
November	\$10,333.00*	\$9,564.00	(\$658.00)	(\$24,820.00)
Year-to-Date	\$163,072.00	\$187,892.00	(\$24,820.00)	(\$24,820.00)

\* includes Tenant Donation

# Tree of Life Gift

*Thank your for your continued support.*



The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in Wobbe Hall on **Sunday, February 28, 2021** at 10:45 a.m. following the worship service.



## BOOK CLUB

### CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021** at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for the meeting will be Marion Meseth, and the book to be discussed is **"Noel Street"** by **Richard Paul Evans**. Please bring the book with you - it may be obtained from the library or purchased at your book store. If you like to read and enjoy a good discussion, please plan to join us.

*If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wraas.*

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

*The following will be our Communion schedule for the year 2021:*

**January 3** Epiphany Sunday  
**February 17** Ash Wednesday  
**March 14**  
**April 1** Maundy Thursday  
**April 4** Easter Sunday  
 (both services)  
**May 23** Pentecost Sunday  
**June 20** Father's Day

**July 18**  
**August 15**  
**September 12**  
**October 3** World Communion Sunday  
**November 7** All Saints' Day  
**November 28** First Sunday of Advent  
**December 24** Christmas Eve  
 (4 p.m. only)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- **Gift Card** orders are due Sunday, **January 3rd** with a delivery date of Sunday, **January 10th**.
- **Monthly Bowling** - Sunday, **January 17th** at River Rand Bowl at 3 p.m. (pending)



**Mark Your Calendar for our Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, February 27, 2021** from 4:30 to 7 p.m.**

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you to those using the Church's "**Billboard of Bills**" in Wobbe Hall during 2020. At the time of this (mid-December) writing, it is clear that bills paid by individuals and organizations during 2020 will total in the \$2,500. range.

***Thank You for your continued support.***



## WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

Worship and Arts will be taking down the Christmas decorations on **Saturday, January 2nd** at 10:00 a.m.

*If you can help it will not take long!*

***Thank you.***

## STEWARDSHIP MONTH AT CHRIST CHURCH

Stewardship Month 2020 presented a variety of speakers as we look forward to a new chapter in the history of Christ Church.

Our Stewardship journey began on **All Saints Sunday** as we remembered those members and friends who left us in the past year. A candle was lit in their memory and a rose was presented to their family members who were present. The **second Sunday** was our Salute to our Veterans. Our guest speaker was Paul Meinke, a Board member of Honor Flight. This was Paul's third visit with us and as usual his words were quite informative and inspiring. A luncheon (coordinated by Elaine Hudson) followed. On **Laity Sunday** we were pleased to have one of our new members, Tom March, speak to us about his decision to become a Christ Church member. His words were thoughtful and heartfelt. The **fourth Sunday** was **Consecration Sunday** where we, as members, promised to support our church, using our time, talent and treasures. We then deposited our pledge cards into the Christ Church model in the narthex. A big thank you to all who participated and pledged themselves to continue the mission of Christ Church in the years to come.

If you were not able to be part of these worship experiences, we would appreciate your returning your pledge cards to the Church Office.

## TREE OF LIFE

We have received a gift in memory of **John and Carol Sieben** from the Sieben Family. A "Leaf" inscribed in their names will be placed on the "Tree of Life". As a reminder, the "Tree of Life" recognizes bequests by present members or members who have passed away, who have been kind enough to make a contribution or bequest with a minimum cash value of \$5,000. We are grateful to the **Sieben Family** for their generous gift to Christ Church.



## Sunday Church Ministries for January 2021

We celebrate with all those who are participating in our Sunday Church Ministries for January.

	1/3/2021	1/10/2021	1/17/2021	1/24/2021	1/31/21
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March	Tom March
<b>Greeters</b>	Elaine & Al Angsten	Nancy & Phil Seils	Marion & Don Meseth	Ruth & Irv Hallberg	Sally & Roy Sove
<b>Ushers</b>	Rita Barth	Steve Klaus	Al & Elaine Angsten	Barbara Wraas	Rita Barth
<b>* Team Captain(s)</b>	Donna Boyko	Mike Hozian	Bob Neil*	Frank & Julie Staggs*	Donna Boyko
	Charlene Dohse*	Terri Wester		Alice Barnhart	Charlene Dohse*
	Gary Smith	Jack Branding*			Gary Smith
		Peggy Wajda			
<b>Liturgist</b>	Al Podgor	Alice Barnhart	Gail Fisher	Don Meseth	Tom March
<b>Lector</b>	Al Podgor	Barbara Wraas	Al Podgor	Don Meseth	Tom March
<b>Council Greeter</b>	Gary Smith	Rita Barth	Donna Boyko	Laura Hallberg	Steve Klaus
<b>Flowers</b>	Open	Open	Bob Neil	Open	Open
<b>Sunday Secretary</b>	Alice Barnhart	Marilyn Hoover	Julie Staggs	Barbara Wraas	Marion Meseth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Terri Wester				
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Church Council				
<b>Children's</b>					
<b>Ministries</b>	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Family Worship	Words for All God's Children



***We are a caring congregation. Our building is handicap accessible.***

***May we celebrate the multitude of ministries that God has provided for us at Christ Church!***





## Happy Birthday — January 2021

(SS = Sunday School)

1 Richard Boyko, Jr.	14 Larry Zemke
3 Lauren Wajda Thorson	15 Barbara Bay
8 Virginia Holler	15 Megan Shipp
10 Linda Steckel	19 Jan Storm
13 Diane Franzen	24 Dawn Mashek
13 David Podgor	27 Arlene Arthur



## Happy Anniversary to Our January Couples

- 1 Helen & Gary Smith, married 24 years.  
5 Virginia & Tom Holler, married 41 years.



## BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

**Rochelle B. Jesse** was born **September 20, 1935**, and died **October 21, 2020** at the age of 85.

**Robert W. Zeller** was born **June 17, 1927**, and died **December 13, 2020** at the age of 93.



**Darlene Boeckenhauer** *(omitted from 2020 directory)*  
1733 E. Forest Avenue  
Des Plaines, IL 60018-1641  
Phone: 847-827-4277

**Grace Hansen** *(New Address)*  
Brookdale  
700 Euclid Avenue  
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

**Prayer makes a difference for those who pray and those who are prayed for.**

**Please keep the Church office informed when you hear of someone in need of prayers.**

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WERE WITH...**



Steve & Barbara Bay	Phyllis Heinrich	Bob Zeller
Peggy Comstock	Ted & Dawn Mashek	Dorothy Zemke
Grace Hansen	Tim Seagrave	Larry Zemke
Jackie Heinlein	Lucille Tyrpin	

**Special Prayers For:** Our Church, Our Servicemen,  
Our Service-Women, Our Veterans, Our Country  
and its Leaders.

**Our Homebound:** Elaine & Merritt Berg,  
Barbara Blume, Darlene Boeckenhauer,  
Jean Henschke, George (Bud) Blume, Curtis Tice,  
Mary Vanden Branden

## Memorials — November 2020

### *To Honor / Remember*

#### General Fund:

In memory of Rochelle Jesse - Women's Circle of Friends

- Grace M. Hansen
- Rita Barth
- Charlene Dohse
- Barbara Dopp
- Holly Schmidt
- Barbara Wraas

In memory of Rochelle Jesse - Bud & Elaine Hudson

(a childhood friend, danced at our wedding, long time church member and fellow traveler).

In memory of John Sieben - Barbara Dopp

In memory of our parents at Christmas, Bud & Wini Bruhn - Lori Bruhn

In loving memory of Ron Groll and Lou Scornavacco - Kathleen Groll

In loving memory of our Dad and Grampa, Henry J. Wajda - David & Peggy Wajda and Family

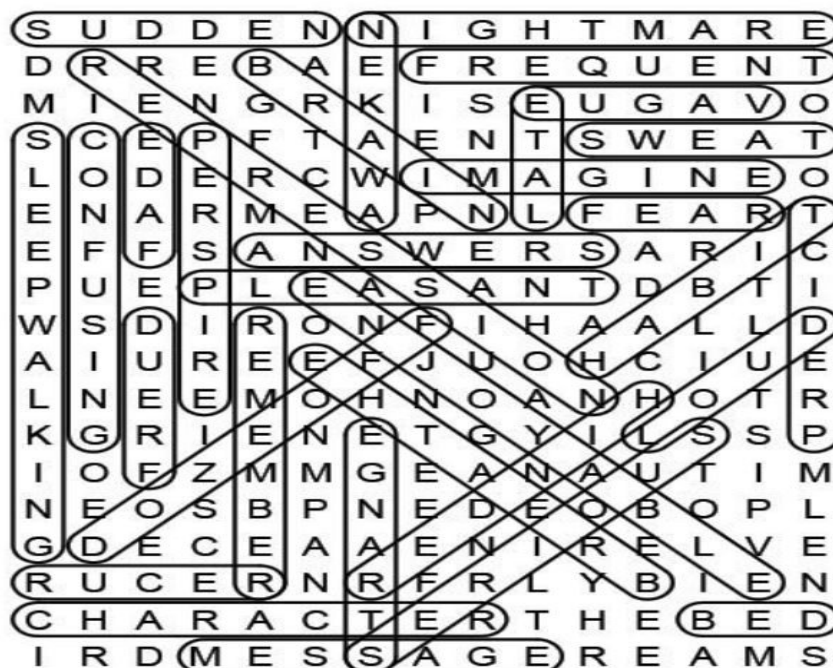
#### George Goebel Scholarship Fund:

In memory of Rochelle Jesse - Don & Marion Meseth



## Dreams

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Dreaming is often compared to hallucinating; sometimes people can even fly in their dreams.

## **Church Council Minute Highlights — December 9, 2020** *(Continued from page 2)*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Building: Bob Neil**

Adding leaves to the Tree of Life are in the works.

Al is going to fill the hole in the parking lot when there is a good weather day.

Plowing for this winter has been arranged.

#### **Education: Eileen Podgor**

Wendy's fundraiser raised \$56

Christmas Pageant Dec 6th a zoom sing-a-long was a huge success as was the Brunch after.

Live Nativity sign up sheet is already in the church office, begins 12/17

Care packages with Sunday School lessons being sent out monthly to our children. We have two new students, Luis and Anna.

Gift card orders due January 3rd with delivery January 10th.

No Bowling until further notice.

#### **Finance: Rita Barth**

No Further Report

#### **Memorial Garden: Judy Rosedale**

No Report

#### **Membership: Laura Hallberg**

No Report

#### **Missions: Rita Barth**

306 cupcakes to San Lucas! They are in need of more items (in email)

Only 4 tags left on the Gifts need to be in by Christmas Eve.

#### **Personnel: Gary Smith**

Deborah has found coverage for her vacation days.

#### **Program: Megan Shipp**

No Report

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## **Church Council Minute Highlights—December 9, 2020** *(Continued from page 8)*

### **Public Relations: Donna Boyko**

No Report.

### **Special Needs: Steve Klaus**

No report. Going to enquire about Christmas Cards

### **Worship & Arts: Eileen**

Designated term applicant will be speaking this Sunday. With a Survey to follow.

12/20 Guest Singers

12/24 -4 pm service and 11 pm service Rev. Marcia will be doing those.

12/27- Hymn Sing, Kyle and Henry will do the anthem.

Rev. At First Congregation asked for it info to have his church watch our service on 12/27

1/3 Epiphany and Christmas Decorations will come down.

### **New Business:**

Coffee Hour for December and January.

### **Unfinished:**

None

**Motion to adjourn was made by Gary motion to adjourn, Gary Second, the motion carries.**

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# ★ Dreams

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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(answers on page 7)

<div> <div>Christ Church</div>  <div>January 2021</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mark Your Calendars. For January Brd to Celebrate Epiphany Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.  EPIPHANY	Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 28 following Service in Wobbe Hall.				1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2  Taking down Christmas Decorations
3 Epiphany Sunday Worship Ser- vice Communion/ Self Help Food Pantry Donations being taken Sunday School Education Committee Mtg. Gift Card Orders Due	4 Lunch Bunch (pending) Finance Committee Meeting  Scouts	5 Women's Breakfast (pending)  Scouts District Meeting	6 EPIPHANY  Book Club	7	8	9  Building Committee Meeting
10 Worship Service Baptism of Christ <u>Annual Reports due to</u> <u>Church Office</u> Lightshine articles due for February 2021 Issue Gift card orders delivered	11  Scouts	12 Scouts Round Table Meeting	13 NoteAbles  Church Council Meeting	14 Scouts Committee Mtg.	15	16
17 Worship Service / Sunday School LH meeting MC meeting Bowling (pending)	18  Scouts	19 Scouts Committee Meeting	20 Get It Together Group Meeting	21	22	23
24 Worship Service /Guest Preacher /	25	26	27 NoteAbles	28	29	30
31 Worship / Words for All God's Children	MC meeting  Scouts					

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**With**

**Peace - Love - Kindness**  
*Be the light...*

**In 2021**