

January Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Desk: On Newness

2023 is over, 2024 is here! Whenever the calendar flips over, we tend to look back over the last year and reflect. We reflect over ups and downs, wins and losses, things done and left undone.

As you move forward, keep these words from Paul in mind:

*"¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
~ Phil. 3:13-14*

I'm certain that you did a lot of things in 2023. You accomplished so much! However, as Paul states, do not consider that you made it on your own. Through everything, God was there. You are where you are right now because God has willed it to be so. Maybe you aren't where you thought you'd be or where you want to be, but know that God has you right where you need to be.

Regardless of what did happen in 2023, good or bad, we must carry on. We cannot dwell on the mistakes of the past. We cannot rest in the good works that God has done through us last year. Each year is another blessing from God! And with each new year comes new opportunities to live life as God calls us.

When you change the calendar from December to January and think about all the ways that this year will be better, know that God has a plan for you. He has called you His own and will not let you do 2024 alone. Now go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born, and has been sent for all those with ears to hear. May your ears be opened to hear God's Word and Will. May you begin your new year in God's love, the fullness of Christ, and with the confidence of the Holy Spirit.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

- ❄ Facial Tissue
- ❄ Toilet Paper
- ❄ Shampoo
- ❄ Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- ❄ Lotion
- ❄ Body Wash
- ❄ Sauces -
 - ◇ Soy
 - ◇ Worcestershire
 - ◇ BBQ.
 - ◇ Ketchup
- ❄ Canned Goods

- ❄ Toaster Pastries
- ❄ Cereal Bars
- ❄ Granola Bars
- ❄ Cooking Oil
- ❄ Mayo
- ❄ Salad Dressings
- ❄ Spices
- ❄ Peanut Butter
- ❄ Jelly
- ❄ Pastas
- ❄ Rice (not instant)
- ❄ Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

January Calendar

Wednesday, January 3

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM NO Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM NO Confirmation
 7:00 PM NO VCIS
 7:00 PM Council Mtg

Sunday, January 7

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 10:15 AM Sunday School Resumes
 6:00 PM Book Study with Ellie

Wednesday, January 10

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS
7:15 PM VCIS Parents Meeting

Sunday, January 14

9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 17

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, January 21

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 24

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, January 28

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 11:30 AM Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Worship Helpers

Sunday, January 7 (Communion)

Reader Lisa McIlvenna
 Acolyte/Communion Helper TBD
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, January 14 (Traditional)

Reader Laura Stevens
 Acolyte TBD.
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, January 21 (Communion)

Reader Lisa McIlvenna
 Acolyte/Communion Helper TBD
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, January 28 (Contemporary)

Reader Laura Stevens
 Acolyte TBD
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

Committee's of the Month

The committee reads Scriptures on Sundays each month. Confirmed youth of members are included. List of duties are on the bulletin board.

January

Mike & Laura Stevens,
 Evan Stevens,
 Les Sampson
 Mike & Lisa McIlvenna

February

TBD

March

TBD

January Scripture Readings

Jan 07 - Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Jan 14 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

Jan 21 - Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Jan 28 - Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Looking Ahead To February

Sunday, February 4

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)

10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 7

2:00 PM Bible Study

3:45 PM Jr. VCIS

5:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM VCIS

7:00 PM Council Mtg

Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM Worship Service (traditional)

10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 14

2:00 PM Bible Study

3:45 PM Jr. VCIS

5:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM VCIS



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2024 ANNUAL MEETING

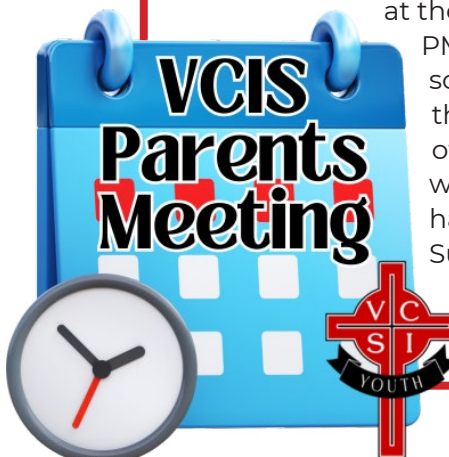
The Annual Meeting (OSLC) is January 28 @ 11:30AM According to the by-laws, to be an active, voting member, one must have communed with the congregation and given a contribution of note (check or other statement) within the last year. If one does not fit this criteria, one is not considered a voting member.

January 28, 2024 Time Switch!

OSLC Sunday School will be 9:15AM & Worship Service at 10:30AM.

Let Janet know if you would like an end of year statement of your giving by contacting her at janetholmberg51@gmail.com.

All parents and students involved in the VCIS Youth Group, please gather at the Parish Hall at 7:15 PM on January 10, so we can discuss the future plans of this group! We will discuss weekly happenings, Summer 2024 plans, and Summer 2025 plans.



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VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the VCIS Youth! We spent our last Wednesday of the year together caroling to the folks at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, the Villa, and a few individuals in the community. We ended up having 17 of us caroling!

We also held our 2nd Annual Parade of Homes! We had 6 different hosts open up their homes to the 41 guests that came through. It sounded like all of the guests really enjoyed themselves.

Other than caroling, we have been discussing the gospel text for the week and beginning to make plans for our Mission at Home! We have a few things planned, but of course many question marks as we are still 6 months out. Each week we will keep putting together more plans and get it much more concrete in the coming months. As of now, the plan is to do service projects during the morning and afternoon, and then have nightly worship and/or events (I have a rough idea of them). If you have an idea of a local service project, talk to one of the kids or me and we will write it down as consideration! I will also be

doing more talking to my pastoral friends in the area and plan on having kids from various towns join us. After all, one of the favorite parts of the mission trips has been meeting new people.

If you would like to make any contributions to the Mission at Home, talk to me (Pastor Max) or Lexie Larsen. Contributions can range from materials as we figure out our work projects, to food/time to feed the kids, to money. All will be needed.

We are so excited to take on this project and serve our community! Lastly, we ask for your support that has nothing to do with money or other resources: your prayers. God does hear your prayers and we could always use your prayerful support!

Thank you for supporting this group as we continue to foster relationships between the 7th-12th grade kids of our congregations and community!

Peace be with you all!
Pastor Max



BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit. And may God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always.



DEADLINE

The February Newsletter Deadline is January 24. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!**