



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the Week of January 30, 2022**

### ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Carmel's annual congregational meeting will be held after the service today. You must be registered to attend via Zoom. We'll have coffee hour starting at 10:30 and start the meeting by 10:55.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday School and Youth Group are on hold for the month of January due to an increased risk of covid.

### MT. CARMEL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those who might be interested in applying for a post-secondary scholarship provided through the Mt. Carmel Foundation. Please contact Mary Catherine at 612-226-1722 or email [marycat81@gmail.com](mailto:marycat81@gmail.com) if you are interested in applying. You will be provided with the necessary information to complete your application. All applications must be completed and received no later than Mar. 1, 2022. If you know of someone who might be interested in applying, please pass along this announcement to them. Applicants must be a member of Mt. Carmel.

### CONFIRMATION ONLINE

Confirmation will meet online next month on Feb. 5.

### REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

### FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY

- ONLINE Good Fruits Bible Study—Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (Contact Leona Olson, [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com))
- ONLINE Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. (Contact Ralph Matthes, [marinosdelimpls@gmail.com](mailto:marinosdelimpls@gmail.com))
- On hold: Racial Justice Book Study Group – Resumes March 10<sup>th</sup>, every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fireside Room and online (contact Barb Hollister, [bjhollister@comcast.net](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net))

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 31—Lynette Dubbels, Christina Haller  
Feb. 1—Brent Carlson-Lee



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## WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been updated. Go to [mountcarmelmpls.org](http://mountcarmelmpls.org) to check it out! Thank you to Jenni Lathrop for the design work.

## COVID INFORMATION

Masks are required in the building for worship and meetings. We continue to ask that everyone distance from each other.

## THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Peggy, Jodi Wirth's friend, who is suffering from anxiety
- Carol Kwiecien, hospitalized after a fall
- Marlene Black, recovering from sacral fractures
- John, Maryjo Wiggen's cousin, recovering from the long-term effects of covid
- Julie Craig, recovering in transitional care for rehab
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, recovering from femur surgery and multiple infections
- Joe Prondzinski, Bob and Sandy Bauer's son-in-law, for pain relief and healing
- Kathy Halverson, recovering from surgery
- Ryan, friend of Greta Kutzer, struggling with MS
- Glenn, Brian Wirth's brother, fighting with cancer
- John Salveson, former Mt. Carmel music director, battling cancer.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office. If you would like the pastor to be aware of your prayer concerns but do not want them named publicly, please be sure to note that. Let the office know of any updates or changes.

## HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Marion Harris, Gerry Johnson, Carol Kwiecien, Jennie Porter, Virginia Schaal and Dorothy Warhol

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The mini-bus is revved up and ready to take you to church! Call the church office (612-781-2796) by noon Friday to let us know you want a ride.



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## PRAYER CHAIN

To lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.



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# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## January 30, 2022

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Forgive us and lead us, that we may reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 21-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

And Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

L: Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. Bless the gifts of this congregation and in this community. Guide us in our annual meeting today. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit..... God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

PEACE

## OFFERING

“Christ Be Our Light”

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

**C:** **Amen.**

## MEAL

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- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### RECEIVING THE MEAL

L: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### FINAL BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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**Thank you to Paul Lathrop for providing the audio and video support for our worship services.**

**Christ, Be Our Light**

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