



## THE REPORTER

*I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;  
Therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.  
(Psalm 45:17)*

Over the last couple of months, we have heard the great praises of being “remembered in all generations.” Mary proclaims it in her Magnificat (Luke 1:48). Zechariah references it for John in his Benedictus (Luke 1:76-77).

Ultimately, the name that is “remembered in all generations” is Jesus. The name that is “above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come” (Ephesians 1:21).

All of us want to have that same promise given to us. We seek to leave a legacy behind us. Often, we only think about a financial legacy. Yet, there is a greatest and most lasting legacy that you can leave your family. **Your spiritual legacy is the most important legacy you can leave.** Often we don’t even think about this in our daily life.

Physical inheritance only takes effect upon your death. Spiritual inheritance begins in the womb and is given every single day. Pregnant mothers deciding whether or not to bring their unborn children to hear the Word. As the child grows, they see how important or unimportant the faith is to their parents. Ultimately, they will follow the example given to them as children when they are grown. Their spiritual inheritance bears fruit today. God promises a great spiritual inheritance in the Close of the Commandments:

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” *Exodus 20:5-6*

As 2025 begins, let us renew our commitment or begin a new commitment to hand on a faithful spiritual inheritance to our children. Let us do this by being regular in worship, Bible study, and devotions at home. The Catechism reminds us as we open to each section “as the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.” Remember, this spiritual legacy is not only for this world, but it is primarily for the world to come.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue studying the *Psalms of the Messiah* on January 18. **Notice this is a week later than usual due to Pastor being out of town.** Pastor will be our host. This month, we will focus on Psalm 132. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us. This is an excellent way to make relationships within the congregation.

### Christian Education

There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on Sunday, January 5 during the Christmas season.

There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on Sunday, January 19 for the Annual Meeting.

### Pastor and Family Out of Town

Pastor and Family will be out of town December 30 - January 10.

Service on Sunday, January 5 will be led by Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt. Jacob is a member at Good Shepherd in Hoopston and is a 2nd year Seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. He will be receiving his Vicarage assignment in April.

If a Pastoral need arises, contact Rev. Dale Fjordbotten (Trinity, Cissna Park and St John, Ash Grove) at 646-265-7832.

### Quarterly Church Council and Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 16 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday, January 19 - Annual Meeting immediately following service.

### Annual Reports

Please have any reports for the Annual Meeting to the church office by Monday, January 13 to be included in the Annual Meeting packet.

### Directory Updates Needed

During the month of January, I will be updating the church directory. **Please look over your information and any other members of your family listed.** Send me any changes or corrections to your address, phone number, or email address by January 28. If you have tried to call someone using the information in the directory and it no longer works, please let me know that as well. Thanks for helping me keep information up to date.

### A Year in the Confessions - Read the Formula of Concord in 2025

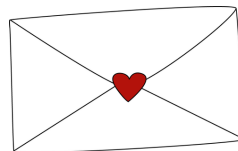
You'll find a reading sheet in the newsletter this month to read through the Formula of Concord, primarily the Epitome. Take this sheet and stick it in your Book of Concord. If you need a Book of Concord, the church has copies available on the bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to take part in this reading to be reminded what it truly means to be Lutheran. May you be encouraged in your faith through this reading.

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### *Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning*

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Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303
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**Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for January****Week of January 5, 2025**

Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

**Week of January 12, 2025**

Titus 3:4–6

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Week of January 19, 2025**

Colossians 2:8–9

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

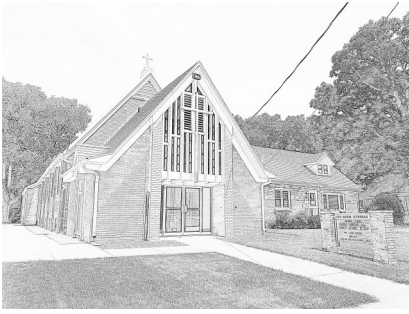
**Week of January 26, 2025**

Ephesians 5:25b–27

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

We will begin an overview of the Minor Prophets. Each week, we will look at one of the Prophets and study the message God has given him to give to His people. Each week, you are encouraged to read that Prophet at least once. These multiple readings will help you “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” God’s Word, as we pray in the Service of Prayer & Preaching.



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Worship Service 9:00 am  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10:30 am

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **JANUARY REPORTER**

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service  
starting at 9:00 am**

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