

## Minister's Minute

*“Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night, they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest!”*  
~ Isaiah 62:6

There are all sorts of metaphors for who a pastor is or what role they play in the life of a congregation. I myself like the word “sentinel.”

The word itself is not used that much anymore. If it didn't happen to be part of the name of Milwaukee's newspaper there would be almost no use of it around here.

In the Bible though, it's used frequently. Sometimes it is used in its literal sense; the word refers to someone who stands guard or arrives with a message. It's more often used figuratively, as a description of the prophets who tried to speak a divine word to the people.

The reason I like it though, is its unique usage in the passage with which this Minister's Minute begins, from Isaiah 62. The sentinels referred to there are not posted by God, but by the people. Their charge is to never be silent. Their charge is to remind God, day and night, of the plight of the people and God's promise to restore, renew, and redeem.

I like that image, don't you? God needs no reminders and ideally we'd just count on that. But few things about life are ideal. We end up doubting ourselves, each other, and our God. We end up feeling alone. We end up stuck in so many ways.

God will be there in those moments, but since so much about faith is imprecise we all feel like we maybe should or have to do something. In reality, maybe waiting or silence would be better, but we humans are do-ers, so do something we must!

Well, if you have to do something, why not be constantly involved in reminding God of, well, everything? It's called prayer. It can be spoken, sung, or part of the actions we take in life. In telling it to God, we also tell it to each other and ourselves... all that we need, all that our world needs, all that we long to have forgiven, and all for which we are thankful.

As a pastor, you never actually lead a congregation. You're part of it. You all need each other. Maybe the best you can do is be a really good sentinel. You encourage others to be vocal in their love and honesty before God. You add your voice when someone in the company of believers awes you with their sacrifice or courage. You soften your heart when you behold the disappointment or shame someone holds onto, knowing the community has already let it go and that healing will come when that person lets it go too.

The sentinel gives voice to what the people long to be: loved and able to love. Unique but never alone. Encouraged by familiar voices while also seeking out those that have been silent or silenced.

It's a great role, this job as sentinel. It's yours as much as mine. No one retires from it, that's for sure.

So up to the top of the walls of the City of God we go. Shouting encouragements to a God who needs none but who perhaps does smile at our persistence. And in return we smile back, able to continue down life's path toward what the gospels call the “Kingdom of God,” but which we perhaps know better by the angelic visitor's words at the Nativity: Good News. Great Joy. For all the people.

~ John

## O Come Let Us Adore Him



*During their Christmas Programs, our Sunday School children did a beautiful job giving voice and song to the angelic visitor's words at the Nativity: Good News. Great Joy. For all the people.*

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## It's the *Ideal Time of Year* to Invite Others to UNITY!

With a New Year comes new starts, which means now is a *perfect time* to invite someone to join us at UNITY. Especially after the holidays have past, people long to be part of a community... or to learn, or to praise God, or to do significant things in the lives of others. *This is the essence of discipleship here at UNITY!* Nothing is more meaningful than a personal invitation, and chances are really good they'll enjoy it here. We encourage you to pray about who might need an invitation that might come only from you, and then extend it.

*"Inviting others to help us with our work in the Church helps them feel needed and helps them feel the Spirit." ~C.M. Christensen*

## Apply Now for Adult Faith Trip to Orcas Island, April 22-27, 2024, with Muriel! Application Deadline is January 16.

Several people have asked Pastor Muriel to lead a trip to her hometown. After initial info, there is definitely enough interest! **Muriel will bring a group to Orcas Island for a week (April 22-27) to focus on faith while exploring the island.** We'll walk through a mini version of UNITY's Confirmation program through class time and hands-on activities in the woods, beaches, ferry boats, and waterfalls of the Pacific Northwest, before ending the week with a reaffirmation of Baptism. We'll stay in two Airbnb's overlooking Puget Sound and we'll prep meals together. Cost will be your plane ticket plus \$600 for lodging, food, and transportation. You'll probably meet some of Muriel's people, and the Tulip Festival will be in bloom!

The trip will be capped at 16 people for space, and we'll need at least 11 people to make it cost effective. If interested, talk to Muriel. **Applications will be on UNITY's website and will be due, along with deposits, by January 16.** A pre-trip meeting will be held in March.



## ADVENT FEST 2023: Thanks for Joining Us as We Began the Season Together in UNITY!





## Relive the Magic! Click the Images Below for Videos

Thanks to ALL who made Advent and Christmas such a special time of year at UNITY. In case you missed something along the way or simply want to relive those magical moments, [click on the images below for a compilation of all four Christmas Programs, a Christmas Message from our Pastors, and Annual Christmas Card Video](#). Our thanks to Caitlin Dominski for her many talents!



## We Return to Regular Winter Worship Times

Whether it's at our Cross of Life campus, Christ the King campus, or online, worship *wherever* it works!

### SATURDAYS

5:00 pm WORSHIP at COL

### SUNDAYS

8:30 am WORSHIP at COL

9:30 am WORSHIP at CTK

10:30 am WORSHIP at COL

ONLINE After 5 pm on Saturdays



## Sunday School Birthday Cake Drive Thru January 14

We just celebrated Jesus' birthday. What a perfect time to help others celebrate theirs! Sunday School kids are collecting birthday cake mix, frosting, candles and party ware (plates, cups, etc.) to create Birthday Gift Bags for families shopping at the Waukesha Food Pantry. **Please drop off your birthday supply donations at either campus through Sunday, January 14. Thank you so much!**

## Sing & Ring in the New Year with All-Music Tuesdays!

Enjoy a weekly evening together making music with family and friends during All-Music Tuesdays! ALL are welcome to join a group at any time! **Sign up by clicking on link below.**

### COL NORTH FELLOWSHIP HALL:

6:00-6:30 pm: [Joyful Noise](#)

Kids in PreK-Grade 1

Directed by [Janet Day](#)

6:30-7:15 pm: [Celebration Choir](#)

Kids in Grades 2-6

Directed by [Janet Day](#)

7:15-8:15 pm: [Fellowship Choir](#)

Grade 7-Adult

Directed by [Molly Pufall-Brown](#)

Accompanied by [Lynn Key](#)

### COL SANCTUARY:

6:15-7:15 pm: [Gloria Dei Bells](#)

Late Intermed. to Advanced Ringers

Directed by [Stacey Nordmeyer](#)

7:15-8:15 pm: [Hosanna Bells](#)

Begin. to Early Intermediate Ringers

Directed by [Stacey Nordmeyer](#)

## Servanthood Blitz for Sunday Schoolers on January 15

Do you have off from school on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? **Sunday School kids in grade 2 and older are invited to join us for Servanthood Blitz on Monday, January 15, from 9 am to 12:30 pm at COL!** On this national day of service, help us serve our partners. We'll clean pill bottles and nursery toys, decorate cookies, make snacks, and prepare craft packages for travel to the kids in El Salvador. Wear your favorite sports jersey or t-shirt. Pizza lunch will be provided. Adults, we could use *your* help on this day, too! Contact [michelle@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:michelle@unitybrookfield.org).



December 16-17 was a weekend to remember at UNITY, as 116 Sunday School students shared the Nativity story through music and story during our Christmas Programs at all services. Thanks to our students, teachers and families who made it possible. An email was sent to members on December 24 with links to photos from each of our four services! If you didn't receive it, please contact our church office.





## Mitten Tree at CTK, Mitten Bin at COL through January



**The Mitten Tree in CTK's narthex and the Mitten Bin at COL will continue to accept your donations throughout January.** This is a great way to help the kids at Hephatha Lutheran Church stay warm!

**Items will be picked and sent to Hephatha in early February.** These are much-needed replacements for items that fall by the wayside. Questions? Contact Jane Boorse at [janeboorse43@gmail.com](mailto:janeboorse43@gmail.com) or 262-781-1373. Thanks for these heart- (and hand- and head-) warming gifts!



Special thanks not only to all of you who took tags from our Angel Trees (above) to purchase gifts for our partners, but also to our many "angels" who decorate our spaces so beautifully for Christmas!

## Donations Needed for El Salvador Trip by February 2

Our next Mission of Healing Trip to El Salvador will be February 11-18, and Salvadoran kids and adults love working with arts and crafts between stops at the clinic. **Can you provide craft supplies? Please bring items to either campus by February 2:**  
Beads • Cording • Stickers  
Coloring Books for Kids & Adults  
Colored Pencils • Colored Markers  
Pencil Sharpeners • School Scissors  
Glue Sticks (non-liquid)  
Chenille Stems • Foam Shapes  
Construction & Patterned Paper



Thanks to the angels who helped make and/or deliver Christmas Bags to our homebound or hardship members. This is a special ministry that blesses those within our faith family.

## Show Some LOVE at Our Blood Drive on February 15

**This Valentine's Day, show your LOVE at UNITY's Blood Drive on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-6:00 pm at our COL campus.** To select your time, go to the [Red Cross Sign Up page for UNITY](#), found on our [Sign Up web page](#). (We are no longer using SignUp Genius for this, but it's still on our Sign Up web page.) OR, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and provide the Sponsor Code: UNITYBROOKFIELD. Need help? Contact Marilyn Ranney at 414-975-5606 or [ranneymarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:ranneymarilyn@gmail.com).



## Scholarship Fund Thank You!

**November was graduation month in El Salvador, and many of our students hit big milestones.** There are so many stories to celebrate, but especially notable are Pastor Rafael's oldest daughter Aurora, who graduated from university with a degree in Communications, and Rutilio's four high school seniors, pictured below, left to right: Nancy, Staysi, Andrea & Leydi. Because of your generosity during this year's ES Scholarship Pledge-a-Thon, we were able to increase our yearly funds to Rutilio enough to enable all four to start college next month. *And* they are just four of the 50+ students at Cordero de Dios Church and the Rutilio Grande Community receiving educational funds thanks to you! The first round of funds for 2024 was sent to them on December 15. What a powerful thing to be part of! Thank you!





## Partner of the Month: Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County

**As UNITY continues partnering with The Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County, we thought it would be nice to hear from their new Executive Director, Lyndsay Johnson:**

"I would like to thank the members of UNITY Lutheran Church for their generous support of The Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County. We have been blessed to have a positive relationship with UNITY over the years and I am grateful to have the opportunity to continue to build that relationship. The UNITY congregation lives the motto of donating time, talent and treasure to support your community in need. In 2023, UNITY members donated time volunteering at the Food Pantry. We have also benefitted by having talented members of your congregation on our Board of Directors to provide leadership direction to this organization.

The UNITY congregation has also generously donated money and food to support the Food Pantry, including, most recently, our Holiday Meal Program. Your donations helped ensure that members of the Waukesha County community had food to celebrate the holiday season. UNITY has been a generous supporter of our mission and I am so grateful for your ongoing support."

This is so well stated by Lyndsay and is a reminder of our importance to this long-time partner of ours. *The Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County is seeing an unprecedented number of clients this year, and our support is needed now more than ever.* Visit our [Vimeo page](#) and check out [Lyndsay's presentation](#) from our Adult Forum on November 12, 2023. Please, if you have a chance, review this as it contains some facts about the needs of this important partner.

**Please mark your calendars for the Food Pantry's Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2024, in CTK's Backyard.** (More info will be coming.) Thanks so much to all of you at UNITY for being such a valuable partner to the Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County!  
~ Ron & Ellen Vermillion, Advocates



# RENEW ... through Involvement!

## For Young Adults: Our Newest Small Group: 20Somethings!

**Attention all 20Somethings! A new Small Group has formed just for you!** We've already enjoyed gatherings at Lakefront Brewery, Milwaukee Brat House in Shorewood, and Bluemound Bowl, so watch for more dates TBA and join us with your ideas for more places to go. All young adults are invited as we hang out and talk about our next events for this new group. Questions? Contact is Matt Griepentrog: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) or 262-787-8820. *Come be a part of the fun with us!*



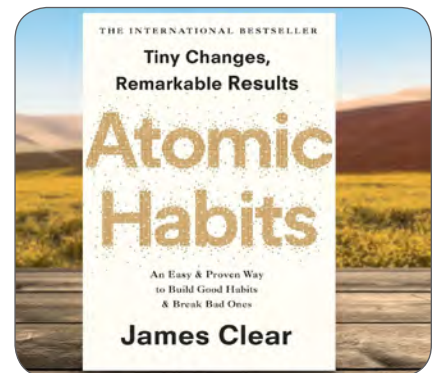
## Adult Forum: Photo Editing Tips with Brad: January 14

**UNITY Member and Photography Guru Brad Wilkins returns to teach us more about photography!** This time around, he'll show us how to organize our photo libraries, edit amazing pictures, and back up our precious creations! **Join us Sunday, January 14, at 9:30 am at COL.** *Did you know...? UNITY has a Photography Group! Contact Brad at [bwilkins012@gmail.com](mailto:bwilkins012@gmail.com) to be added to the email distribution list so you know about upcoming photo projects.*



## Mini Book Club: "Atomic Habits" on January 21 & 28

Start off the New Year right! **We'll discuss the book "Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones."** Patricia Pelzel will walk us through the book, so **join us two Sundays – January 21 & 28 – at 9:30 am at the COL Campus.** Reading the book in advance is recommended but definitely not required! *Have ideas for Adult Programming at UNITY? Contact is Matt Griepentrog: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org) or 262-787-8820.*





## Important Help is Needed with Snow Removal at CTK & COL!

Can you help keep our campuses safe for visitors? Snow removal help is needed at both campuses! This involves shoveling and/or snow blowing, depending on the depth of the snow. At CTK we clear all the sidewalks and the dumpster area. At COL we clear the sidewalks, and if possible, also the dumpster enclosure and rear-side exit doors. Sign up for a week or two at either campus through [SignUp Genius](#) on our [Sign Up web page](#). OR, simply call our church office at 262-781-7600 and we'll put you on the schedule! You can do this on your own time with the hopes that shoveling occurs within 12 hours or so of the snowfall. Questions about snow blowing, salting, or accessing our buildings? Contact Property Chair David Koenen at [davidkoenen@wi.rr.com](mailto:davidkoenen@wi.rr.com), Property Manager Denny Thompson at [dennyt325@yahoo.com](mailto:dennyt325@yahoo.com), or Lynn Key at [lynn@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:lynn@unitybrookfield.org). Thank you!

*"Where does the white go when the snow melts?" ~ Hugh Kieffer*

## Sponsors Needed for Altar Flowers! 2024 Signup is LIVE

Thank you for the beauty you bring to the altar when you give flowers! Sponsors are needed at both campuses, and signing up is easy. [Simply visit our SignUp Genius for the 2024 calendar and for all the details you need.](#) This is a convenient way to choose a weekend and campus, and the cost is only \$25 (payable by check or [online](#)). You can take flowers home at the end of the weekend's last service, but please return the vase as soon as you can. If you have questions or need assistance signing up, email [Nancy Kostanski](#) or [Lynn Key](#), or call the church office at 262-781-7600.



## Spotlight on Small Group: Sew Comfy

UNITY's Sew Comfy Group makes heart-shaped pillows for people recovering from breast cancer surgery (*photo below*). Froedtert Hospital receives most of the pillows, and in the past few months, the UW Cancer Center in Pewaukee has provided pillows to some of their patients. **In 2023 alone, Sew Comfy made 472 pillows!** *If you would like to share a pillow with someone who will be undergoing breast cancer surgery, please take one from the basket at either campus! Want to support their ministry? They are always accepting donations of bright, colorful prints of 100% cotton fabric.* Two yards of fabric yields six pillows. Fabric can be dropped off in the baskets at either campus entrance. This Small Group really appreciates you Big Time!

*"When life gives you scraps, make a quilt!" ~ M. Ferris*

## New Year, New YOU: Come join a SMALL GROUP at UNITY! Let Us Help You Find Your Fit

### Want to Find Your Tribe?

#### Creative Connections

Schedules vary based on seasonal crafts. Contact is Joan Krause: [joankrause@wi.rr.com](mailto:joankrause@wi.rr.com). **Next: TBA**

#### Moms Group

Third Tuesdays: 5:30 pm at COL. Contact is Natalie Kamenick: [natalie@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:natalie@unitybrookfield.org). **Next: Jan. 16**

#### Photography Group

Monthly via emails and in person 1-2 times per year. Contact is Brad Wilkins: [bwilkins012@gmail.com](mailto:bwilkins012@gmail.com). **Next: TBA**

#### Quilting Group

Every Monday: 9:30 am in COL Art Room. Contact is Linda Anderson: [lbanderson1705@gmail.com](mailto:lbanderson1705@gmail.com) **Jan. 8-29**

#### Sew Comfy Group

Second Thursdays: 9 am in COL Art Room. Contact is Tami Miller: [tamimiller119@gmail.com](mailto:tamimiller119@gmail.com). **Feb. 8**

### Want to Start a New Chapter?

#### Men's Thursday Book Group

Second Thursdays: 7 pm at homes. Contact is Mark Nelson: [milwnelson@aol.com](mailto:milwnelson@aol.com). **Next: Jan. 11 at G. Bonk's**

#### Women's Thursday Book Group

First Thursdays: 7 pm, Locations TBA. Contact is Patty Polczynski: [ppolczynski10@gmail.com](mailto:ppolczynski10@gmail.com). **Jan. 4**

### Do You Like to Meet & Eat?

#### Ladies Tuesday Lunch

First Tuesdays: 11:30 am at Maxim's. Contact is Nancy Kostanski: [nancy@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:nancy@unitybrookfield.org). **Next: Jan. 2**

#### Lunch Bunch

Second Wednesdays: 11:30 am at Maxim's. Contact is Esther McKee: [emckee1@gmail.com](mailto:emckee1@gmail.com). **Next: Jan. 10**

#### Men's Saturday Breakfast Group

Third Saturdays: 7:30 am in COL Kitchen. Contact TBA. **Next: Jan. 20**

### Our Newest Small Group!

#### 20Somethings (for Young Adults)

As Scheduled: Contact is Matt Griepentrog: [matt@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:matt@unitybrookfield.org). **Next is TBA; Contact Matt to receive emails.**

*Below: Our Sew Comfy Group, which makes pillows for people with breast cancer, made 472 pillows in 2023 alone! What a blessing.*



#### Men's First Tuesday Breakfast

First Tuesdays: 7 am at The Corners Restaurant in Pewaukee. **Next: Jan. 2**



## 2023 Finance Update and Anticipating 2024

### *UNITY, your financial support during December was abundant!*

We went into December with an operating deficit of about \$96,000 and were even farther behind in relation to budgeted giving. We needed at least our second biggest December ever to break even for 2023. Due to super strong support, we achieved our second largest December ever! We believe we have also reached break-even for the year on an operating basis, which is remarkable! Thank you all, many times over, for your support of our ministries.

Combined with the strength of our special appeals for partners during 2023, it was a year of need after need being met. The time and talents shared by hundreds of you coupled with financial gifts also made by hundreds of you helped us meet our goals. Thank you!

### *Let's Make 2024 Our Sweetest Year!*

If you combine our pledges and ongoing EFTs, shortly after Christmas we were within 2 pledges of our goal of 300 pledges for 2024! Of the 298 commitments, over 40 were from people who had not pledged before! Our strongest years of the past five (2018 and 2022) were when the pledge responses exceeded 300. Thank you for the great response!

**If you have not yet pledged for 2024, it's not too late to do so.** The easiest way to pledge is to visit the [Stewardship page on our website at unitybrookfield.org](http://Stewardship page on our website at unitybrookfield.org). *Our sincere thanks for your continued support of UNITY! YOU are an important part of our Sweet Story!*

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:**  
It's not too late to Pledge!  
Visit our [Stewardship web page](#).



## Money Matters

**It's a New Year! January is a busy time for the Finance Team.** First, we do an in-depth analysis of last year's finances. We take that analysis with the results of the Stewardship Appeal and different teams requests, and put together a preliminary budget. This year we will be adding into the budget for the Pastoral Call Process and what needs that team has. With this, we are able to meet with the HR Team to finalize the increase in salaries for the upcoming year. The Finance Team then meets again to make the puzzle of a budget work. This is usually our longest meeting of the year. There are conversations about what the buildings will need, what amounts should be given to benevolence, and staffing needs, to name a few. Once we have made all of the necessary changes and the budget balances, we bring it to Council. At the Council meeting we sometimes make more changes. Then we conclude with our final budget.

**Keep your eyes open for a few dates in February.** We will have a meeting to go through the previous year's finances and the budget. This is a great time for any questions you may have. Usually, a week or two after this we will have the Annual Meeting, where the congregation will approve the budget. There will be more info coming soon with these dates.

As always, contact me at [alzastrow@yahoo.com](mailto:alzastrow@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

*~ Adrienne Krueger, Treasurer*



*Thanks to ALL who made Advent Fest 2023 the special event it was – including Marv Wunder, who once again shared his Wunder-ful gift of Christmas music!*

## Council Corner

*“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*  
~ Isaiah 43: 18-19

### **It's a New Year! A new year gives us time to reflect on last year and look forward to the coming year.**

It gives us time to look back and see all of the things we accomplished or didn't. All the ways we changed or grew or didn't. A time to have us look back and see if we checked off any of those boxes on our Bucket List, or maybe we just added to the list.

This past year was the first time I checked off a couple items from my Bucket List. My husband and I went to Iceland, and we saw the Northern Lights. We were able to enjoy them on two different nights and they truly are magical. My second check this past year was a partial one. I have always wanted to drink Guinness in Ireland because I heard the Guinness in Ireland is different. While in Iceland, we went to an Irish pub called the Irish Man. They had Guinness on tap that was imported from Ireland! While it was not a Guinness *in* Ireland, it was one *made* in Ireland; a partial check!

The problem with Bucket Lists is they are not on our annual goals. They are there to be done by the time our time here on earth is complete. So, they are pushed down on the level of importance for another day or another time. But we don't know when our time here will be done. Sometimes we have an idea, but unfortunately sometimes it is very unexpected. **I challenge you this year to make one of your Bucket List items a goal for 2024.** Check that box! Climb that mountain, see that waterfall, swim with the dolphins or visit that winery in Italy. It is such an amazing feeling of completion.

*~ Adrienne Krueger, Treasurer*

**Make 2024 YOUR Year of the Bucket List!**



## Pastoral Call Team is Ready for Action!

UNITY's Council gives great thanks to the 17 faithful and generous members who offered to serve on the Call Team for the search for our next pastors. From that pool they picked a group of "at large" members to be joined by reps from youth, the HR Team, Council, and the pastors. **Those serving include: Nelson Brownell, David Engle, Mary Huss, Matt Jolliff, Jim Johnsen, Linda Johnson, Logan Kemper, Mark Krause, Davida Kroepfl, Jessica Schrieber and Melanie Varin.**

If you know any of them, you know they are committed and big-hearted people from a huge variety of backgrounds who all trust God and care deeply about our community. We are blessed to have them! The same can be said of those who were ultimately not chosen, all of whom have offered to help and support in any way they can. **Please keep the team in your prayers as they begin meeting on our behalf, and we give thanks to God for all the good people in our midst!**

## Search Continues for UNITY Youth Director

Unlike past searches that have brought 8-12 resumes, we have only received two for our Youth Director position. Despite this, UNITY's Youth Program continues every week, and it is the strongest when our teens and parents are actively involved. Thanks to all who have been a part, and know there's always room for more! **If you or someone you know is interested, contact Eric Borkenhagen at [ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com](mailto:ericnborkenhagen@gmail.com) or 262-442-6283.** Find a Job Description at the "Youth Director" link under "Job Posting" on our [Sign Up](#) web page.



## Blessed by Visitation Ministry – Both Ways! Two Messages from Jim Ahlquist, Minister of Member Care



**Happened again the other day.** Went to bring a word of love, care, and hope to a member of UNITY who was struggling with life. I walked out of the room blessed beyond measure! Don't we all yearn for those experiences that bring meaning and purpose? I sensed that hunger as people at both campuses put together gift bags before Christmas for the home-bound, among others touched by illness and death this past year. Volunteers showed up in large numbers, excited to deliver LOVE in what seemed a small way.

Most of us are searching for ways to fill the "hollows of our hearts" and find fulfillment in our crazy world. We want the same for our kids and grandkids, knowing we so often look in all the wrong places. Allow me to invite you to such an experience – Visitation Ministry! Thanks to those who are already doing this: providing kind, thoughtful words through a phone call or card, a visit with cookies, and even Communion. As I make my way around our membership, the numbers and the needs for Visitation are so much greater!

**If you're interested in helping to provide Visitation Ministry, please join us for an initial and informational meeting on THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: 1:00 PM at CTK and 6:00 PM at COL. If you would like to attend, please call the Church Office at 262-781-7600 or contact me.** This will be a gathering of current visitation people and others who may be interested in such an experience! We will look at contacts, who is covered and who isn't for visitation, discuss Communion (you don't have to do this), and other ways of reaching out.

*You will be a blessing to others, and I promise you, YOU WILL BE BLESSED!*  
**If you would like to PROVIDE Visitation Ministry, please contact me at [jim@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:jim@unitybrookfield.org) or 715-210-2245 (cell).**



**Happened again the other day.** A member received some difficult news weeks before and thought the caring staff at UNITY knew all about it. No longer do hospitals or other places notify us. Often these days, surgeries are outpatient and you go home feeling much worse than before. It's up to you or your family to let us know what's going on. If you would rather keep the information on the private prayers of a pastor(s), that's okay. If you would like to receive a visit or Communion, please let us know.

If you have lost a close loved one, or find yourself (or family/friend) alone and homebound, please let us know as well. The Pastors and Staff at UNITY care about all of you and want to be there for you during those difficult times. Our Visitation Team will be ready and honored to pray and commune with you.

*Life is so often difficult, but we are so much better together as a caring community with the help of God!* **If you or someone you know would like to RECEIVE Visitation Ministry, please contact me at [jim@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:jim@unitybrookfield.org) or 715-210-2245 (cell).**

*Whether you could use a little TLC or you'd like to provide some to others, you have a special place with UNITY's Visitation Ministry. Read more above and contact [Jim Ahlquist](#).*







Please note this calendar is tentative. Watch your email, our website and Facebook for updates.



**Christ the King Campus**



**Cross of Life Campus**

Colors denote campuses *only*;  
Join in, either place, at any time!

## Worship Schedule

### SATURDAYS

5:00 pm: **WORSHIP at COL**

### SUNDAYS

8:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

9:30 am: **WORSHIP at CTK**

10:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

ONLINE After 5 pm on Saturdays



## Sundays in January

### January 7

8:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

9:30 am: **WORSHIP at CTK**

10:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

3:00 pm: Sr. High: Snow Tubing at Sunburst, then time at Horner-Iblers'  
5:45 pm: Serve Dinner at Serenity Inns

### January 14

8:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

9:30 am: Adult Forum at COL: Photo Editing Tips with Brad Wilkins

9:30 am: **WORSHIP at CTK**

10:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

6:00 pm: Sr. High: Create Memory Tiles at COL for Waukesha Parade Memorial

### January 21

8:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

9:30 am: Mini Book Club at COL: "Atomic Habits" Part 1

9:30 am: **WORSHIP at CTK**

10:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

6:00 pm: Sr. High: Pre-Finals Relaxation Night at COL

### January 28

8:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

9:30 am: Mini Book Club at COL: "Atomic Habits" Part 2

9:30 am: **WORSHIP at CTK**

10:30 am: **WORSHIP at COL**

Time TBA: Sr. High: Escape Room

**Monday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:00 am: First Tuesday Men's Breakfast:

The Corners Restaurant in Pewaukee

11:30 am: Ladies Tues. Lunch: Maxim's

**Wednesday, January 3**

6:15 pm: Confirmation Orientation

**Thursday, January 4**

7:00 pm: Women's Thursday Book Group

**Saturday, January 6**

5:00 pm: **Worship at COL**

5:00 pm: **Online Service Posted**

**Monday, January 8**

9:30 am: Quilting Group at COL

**Tuesday, January 9**

6:00-8:15 pm: All-Music Tuesday at COL

7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 10**

11:30 am: Lunch Bunch for All: Maxim's

6:15 pm: Confirmation Classes

**Thursday, January 11**

1:00 pm: Visitation Ministry Mtg. at CTK

6:00 pm: Visitation Ministry Mtg. at COL

7:00 pm: Men's Thursday Book Group at Greg Bonk's Home

**Friday, January 12**

5:45 pm: Serve Dinner at Serenity Inns

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00 pm: **Worship at COL**

5:00 pm: **Online Service Posted**

**Monday, January 15**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

9:00 am: Servanthood Blitz at COL:

Sunday School Kids, Grade 2 & Up

9:30 am: Quilting Group at COL

**Tuesday, January 16**

5:30 pm: Moms Group at COL

6:00-8:15 pm: All-Music Tuesday at COL

**Wednesday, January 17**

5:45 pm: Confirmation Dinner

6:15 pm: Confirmation Classes

**Saturday, January 20**

7:30 am: Men's Breakfast Group at COL

5:00 pm: **Worship at COL**

5:00 pm: **Online Service Posted**

**Monday, January 22**

9:30 am: Quilting Group at COL

**Tuesday, January 23**

6:00-8:15 pm: All-Music Tuesday at COL

**Wednesday, January 24**

6:15 pm: Confirmation Classes

**Saturday, January 27**

9:00 am: Volunteer at Food Pantry

5:00 pm: **Worship at COL**

5:00 pm: **Online Service Posted**

**Monday, January 29**

9:30 am: Quilting Group at COL

5:45 pm: Volunteer at Food Pantry

**Wednesday, January 31**

6:15 pm: Confirmation Classes





## UNITY ~ January Birthdays

1. Sarah Nustad  
Geoff Sheldon
2. Todd Chambers  
Frank Riederer  
Jim Seftar
3. Kathleen Brass  
Sarah Cameron  
Lucas Edgerly  
Esther McKee  
Victor Schultz
4. Thomas Kindler  
Arianna McCumber
5. Jan Constable  
Jonathon Gutzeit  
Ron Hurab  
Paul Johnson  
Ross Pelzel  
Irene Secora
6. Brian Krier  
Kathy Savignac
8. Lauren Conlin  
Darren Gill
9. Liane Blouin  
Anna Drescher  
Karen Hartzler  
Kimberly Knoernschild
10. Tammy Lee  
Kerri Muche  
Patty Polczynski  
Ethan Sitterly  
Ruby Soik
11. Owen Zimmer
12. Robert Brophey  
Bernd Bruhnke
14. Joseph Gobis  
Sarah Gutzeit  
Grace Leverenz  
Jake Voss  
Shirley Wenzel
15. Sharon Giessen  
Teddy Groth  
William Komassa
16. Benjamin Kindler  
Nicholas Maritz
17. Christine Nelson  
Tiffany Reay
18. Jill Barney  
Joan Krause  
Nicki Shady
19. Heather Berglund  
Evan Knoernschild  
Tami Miller  
Molly Nemcek  
Lisa Reid  
Brad Wilkins
20. Stacy Geiss  
Jo Gould  
Mark Nemcek  
Jacob Riederer  
Erica Ruiz  
Cheryl Schiesl  
Trevor Skaife  
Abby Winn
21. Richard Cantu  
David Nemcek  
Samuel Whitehead
22. Nathan Bublitz  
Jerry Malcore  
Anden Nellis  
James Schumacher
23. Joanne Durand  
Karl Eidem  
Gabe Gonzales  
Matt Griepentrog  
Tim Nustad  
John Peterson
24. Kim Bell  
Emma Jansen  
Steve Johnson  
Nick Kammers  
David Piontek  
Katharine Work
25. Callie Alft  
Roger Anderson  
Emma Jester
26. Pam Anderson  
Sam Brown  
Adam Feller  
Sarah Ocampo
27. Michele Houdek  
Kelsey Morrison  
Heather Savignac  
Aidan Sheldon
28. Jim Ahlquist  
Hannah Wickland
29. Jolene Epding  
Dan Hastings  
Kim Keup  
Adam Klick  
Jeana Lein
30. Kevin Driscoll
31. Alexander Eidem  
Connor Hubert  
Bob Rusk



*“Youth is when you’re allowed to stay up late on New Year’s Eve.  
Middle age is when you’re forced to.” ~ Bill Vaughan*