

# Goodhue Lutheran Messenger– January 2022



What can we expect in the year 2022?

Will COVID continue to disrupt our lives and dominate the headlines, or fade into the background?

Will you be able to go on a “normal” summer vacation?

Will the Vikings finally win a Super Bowl, or the Packers win another one?- (Sorry- couldn’t resist that.)

Will we have more crazy weather events? Will we get enough moisture for the crops?

Will our nations economy hum along, or go belly up?

Will the Supreme Court overturn or curtail Roe v. Wade, and if it does, how will the various states and other branches of government react?

Will you enjoy good health in 2022?

Will your aging parent(s) or grandparent(s) make it to the end of 2022?

Will you make it to the end of 2022 alive?

Will our world make it to the end of 2022, or will this be the year when our Lord Jesus comes again and brings this present age to an end.

If he does, will you be ready when he comes?

There’s a lot we don’t know about what will happen in 2022. We can make our best guesses, but God is the only one who knows for sure.

But there are some things we can know for sure about what will happen in 2022, because God has told us:

1. Whether it’s from COVID or weather or something else, *“In this world you will have trouble.”* (John 16:33- this and other passages from NIV.)

2. But you won’t face your troubles alone, because Jesus said, *“I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* (Mt 28:20)

3. And though they may be great, God will make sure they are not too much for you to bear with his strength, for *“God is faithful, who will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.”* (1 Co 10:13)

4. And even if the crops fail and the economy tanks, you can trust that he who taught us to ask him, *“Give us each day our daily bread,”* will provide what you need for as long as he plans to keep you down here.

5. And each day his mercy to you in Christ will be there, and every time you turn back to him, his forgiveness in Christ will be there. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* ... *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.”* (1 John 1:9 & 2:1-2)

6. And if anyone who trusts in Christ, whether your parent, grandparent, child, friend, or you yourself- comes to the end of your earthly life before 2022 is done- you or they will *“depart and be with Christ, which is better by far,”* than life on this present earth in the body. (Philippians 1:23)

7. But as long as you are still alive here, each day, the Lord will give you and every other Christian worthwhile ways to serve and praise him and bless others, for you are *“God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do.”*

8. And if Jesus’ Second Coming happens and suddenly brings 2022 and this world to an end, as long as you are trusting in him as your Savior, you don’t have to be afraid, but when you see Jesus coming in the sky, you can *“stand up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is drawing near.”* (Lk 21:28)

9. For the reason he came the first time and went to the cross was to *“save his people from their sins”*. (Mt 1:21)

10. So as you look ahead to 2022, do so with the attitude God’s word says we can have in Hebrews 13:5-6: *“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’ So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’*

- God’s grace and peace that are in Christ Jesus be with you in 2022! Your brother in Christ, Pastor Marty Weigand

### **Wise Penny Thrift Store**

The Wise Penny would like everyone to know that they are open! Their hours are Monday through Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. They are accepting donations Monday-Thursday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Wise Penny is thankful for their volunteers and their donations. Contact Ronnelle if you have questions.

### **Chapel of the Air**

Services are 9:00am Sundays on KCUE  
1250 AM Red Wing.

Donations to help cover the cost of airing services can be sent to St John's, Red Wing.

### **Wednesday Bible Study and Quilting**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Quilting will resume at St Peter's Parsonage Basement on Wednesday, January 12th, starting with Bible Class at 8:30am.

Please continue to save their pharmaceutical pill bottles, labels removed, washed and labeled washed, for CAMM. They will be collected for several weeks the beginning of April. Thank You!



The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Board is still looking for a President and Vice President for 2022; this would be a 2-year commitment. You would be installed at the April 2022 Spring Rally. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please call Jule Majerus (651) 764-0987 or email [66cy-clone@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:66cy-clone@sleepyeyetel.net). Please pray on this ladies, the Hiawatha Valley Circuit Board needs your help in this regard to keep our circuit going. Jule Majerus, Hiawatha Valley Circuit Secretary.

Subittd by Jule Majerus

### **Baby Girl**

Hazel and Henry welcome baby sister: Frances Elaine. Frances is the daughter of Evan and Carolyn Pierson. She was born on November 2.

***God has you in the palm  
of His hand. Isaiah 49: 16***

### **Church Directory for Grace and St Peters**

Corrections have been made on the Joint Church Directory and it was returned on December 2. We expect to receive them soon for distribution. Some extras were ordered and if you didn't have a picture submitted or taken and would like to purchase one, the cost is \$10. Talk to Mary Tri if you are interested in purchasing one. Thank you for your patience.





### **Church Council for Grace for Year 2022:**

Bo Schulz, Ben Raasch, and Dean Tiedemann are the Elders. Financial Members: Todd Strusz, Chris Lexvold, and Markus Lang

### **COMING UP IN BIBLE CLASS:**

**JOINT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS HELD AT SP** (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.) Pastor's Weigand and Robbert will take turns leading this class, beginning Jan. 6. Topics to be determined.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT GRACE**— When Pastor Weigand is teaching we will continue in Romans; When Ben Raasch or Darwyn Tri is leading, it will be on Grand Themes and Key Words of Scripture.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT ST. PETER'S**— When Pastor Weigand is teaching we will continue in Romans; When Larry and Norrie are leading, we will continue lessons from "The Wonders of God", covering basic Bible teachings.

**QUILTING BIBLE STUDY**— Wed. at 8:30 am at St. Peter's, starting January 12.

**All Members of Grace and St Peters are invited to attend their annual church meetings.**

**St Peter's 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on January 30th**

- Election of Officers
- Approval of a Budget for 2022.

**Grace's 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on January 23rd.**

- Land Purchase
- AED purchase quotes
- Annual Budget-line of credit
- Fireproof safe or file cabinet

**ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Befriend a Missionary**

Pastor Nathan Wagenknecht birthday 1/24

Julia Wagenknecht birthday 1/17

Address: 2541 Sebring Circle Anchorage, AK 99516

They have a blog that is also interesting.

[www.walkingwithpenguins.com](http://www.walkingwithpenguins.com)





## Grace & St Peter's Sunday School

A huge thank you to the Sunday School Teachers, Parents, Grandparents and to Pastor Weigand and Shelley Poncelet and Kathy Weigand for the excellent Sunday School Program telling the birth of our dear savior-Baby Jesus.

Sunday School will be in session beginning on January 2. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shelley Poncelet.



A great BIG THANK YOU! to everyone who contributed to the Food Drives at Grace and at St. Peter's. This year we encouraged our Sunday School to help collect for the food drive. We also took food and money donation at the Live Drive Thru Nativity. A total 307#s of items were collected and a total cash donation of \$257.00. The items were distributed to a local food shelf.



Thank You to All! The Live Nativity hosted at Grace on December 4th was a success because of everyone's participation and attendance. We are Blessed in our Community. JESUS IS BORN!!

Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) **You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.**

What are your goals for 2022? Losing weight, new job, a major purchase? Goals are important regardless of them. They direct us, focus us, and give us results more than we expect. But they are not easy. They require from us work, perseverance, and patience. And finally, goals are personal.

Take a look at Jacob from Genesis 23:24-29 (EHV) **"24 Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. 26 The man said, 'Let me go. It's daybreak.' Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' 27 Then he said to him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Jacob.' 28 Then he said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won.' 29 Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' He said, 'Why do you ask what my name is?' Then he blessed him there.**

Goals are work. God gave us so many blessings for us to use. Our time, talents, and treasures are the gifts He has given. How we use them is up to us. How did we spend time? How do we use our talents? How do we use our treasure? Our God gives us the choice as to how and when to use them. The Gospel drives us to use our gifts to the glory of God. The Law tells us how to use our gifts. The first we will wrestle with how, the second we are told how. Goals are work when we wrestle on how to use our gifts to glorify God.

Goals need perseverance. How long did Jacob wrestle? All night. Do you wrestle with weight? I do. It is hard to stay healthy when you wrestle with yourself as to what to eat. When it comes to myself, I don't wrestle much. The wrestling comes in when I see my wife and girls, and I would like to see them as long as God allows. What drives you to meet your goals? Are you willing to suffer and persevere? Jacob was blessed and so will we when we persevere in our goals.

Goals provide unexpected blessings. Losing weight would definitely do that. Not only do the joints feel better, but also your energy rises, you minimize your medications, your mood improves, etc. What was Jacob's blessing? His name stands throughout generations as the one who wrestled God and won. God blessed the world through Jacob. His name is Jesus - the same Jesus that we just celebrated his birth last month, and the same Jesus we will be celebrating at the empty tomb in a few months. These blessings not only were for Jacob and his family, but also for all generations since Jacob and will continue until Jesus comes back in glory on the Last Day. God is awesome!

St. John's Lutheran School has had the blessing of wrestling with the goal of "making disciples of all nations." This requires much work, great perseverance, and we will embrace the blessings that come with it. Make this a personal goal for yourself in 2022 - continue to tell the world about our God and the blessings that come from him. Set big goals and begin to wrestle with them. It is not easy, but the joy is eternal. Jesus Lives!

God's blessing to you all in 2022,

Mr. Albert Karnopp



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### January School Calendar

1/3 - School Resumes  
1/17 - NO SCHOOL  
1/21 - Quarter 2 Ends  
1/24 - NO SCHOOL  
1/26 - Report Cards  
1/27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1/30 - K-8 Sing in Church





### **SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN JANUARY**

Pastor Robbin Robbert

#### **ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:**

Jesse Luhman and Scott Hinsch

#### **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:**

Jacob Diercks and Jonathon Voth

#### **USHERS**

Group 1 - Rob Ringeisen, Dan Agenten, Tim Hinrichs, Brandon Lexvold, Justin Thomforde, Jerrod Thomforde, Shane Matthees, Kory Bolin, Josh Bolin, Todd Brinkman, Justin Hinrichs

#### **GREETERS**

1/2 Wayne & Marilyn Schilling  
1/9 Duane & Chris Matthees  
1/16 Travis & Shannon Betcher Family  
1/23 Gary & Phyllis Diercks  
1/30 Roy & Dorothy Buck

#### **ACOLYTE**

9 & 23 Emilee Majerus

### **St. John's Church Council**

Men's Bible Breakfast is January 15th at 8:30 here at St. John's.

Annual Meeting will be January 23rd after Church

### **CEA MEETING**

**January 9th , after church**



### **SCRIP Order Due**

**January 11, 2022**

Call or Text Brenda Luhman

507-202-6131

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### **Bible Study**



January 9 and 16

10:15 to 11:00

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Robbert

Grades 5-8 Bible Study with Mrs. Robbert

**E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S** -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving!

Go to [easytithe.com/stjohnswels](http://easytithe.com/stjohnswels) and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218-304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.