

Joy to the World



CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
EUREKA, KANSAS

NEWS & EVENTS

Happy New Year! I know that by the time you receive this newsletter it will be 2026. I am in the process of starting a First Communion, and Confirmation class. If you wish to have your child attend, please contact me. I would also like to thank each and everyone of you that remembered Lawrence and I with a Christmas card or gift! They are all very much appreciated. Thank you also for just being a blessing to us. You have welcomed us warmly and we love each and everyone of you. Thank you. My wish, my prayer, is for all of you to have a blessed 2026. This past year some of you have been blessed with a growing family or the loss of a loved one. Whether your family has grown or shrunk, it is all part of our loving God's plan. It's easy to be joyful when a child is born or when a marriage happens, it's not so easy to be joyful when a loved one passes. We are left behind to mourn and to learn how to navigate these waters that we now have to tread, sometimes alone. Just be assured that God is still with you, and He will carry you through the tough times. It is exactly in times of sorrow when we should lean on Him. God also wants us to come to Him in joy! When a joyous occasion happens we should shout from the tree tops that God is good! We just celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be truly thankful, and to remind ourselves that He is the true light of our lives. His light will guide us through the darkness of life's troubles, and stumbling blocks. We just need to reach out, and remain steadfast in our belief that He knows what is best for all of us. Remember we say it in the Lord's prayer. "Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven." God's Blessings to you all for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Pastor Sue Ellen



January 2026



January
First Offering Ministry

All loose money and
designated checks
received will be given to
Jay Fowler.

The Ministerial Alliance
received \$132.25 this
includes WELCA's \$100.

Thank you to everyone that
that was able to contribute+

Centered on Christ + Love One Another + Care for All God's People

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 2025

Greetings! *We hope you had a wonderful Christmas with peace, health, and happiness+*

Pastor Sue Ellen began with an opening prayer and C. Frakes followed with inspirational time from Christ In Our Home, God-with-Us "Immanuel" from Isaiah 7:10-16.

The First of the month ministry, Ministerial Alliance will receive \$132.25 and a thank you card from Vanessa Hogan was read. VBS plans with Pastor Sue Ellen will begin soon. Vacation bible school will be held here at Christ Lutheran. The Christ Kids after-school program will begin Wednesday, January 7th. Thank you to all the youth leaders! The Christmas Nativity skit was a true blessing to watch during worship service.

The back, bell tower door latch has been oiled. Please make sure this door is locked and latched. It has a small hiccup that needs addressed at little further. Thank you to property committee for trimming trees at CLC.

WELCA will have a January meeting on the 8th at 2pm.

Pastor Sue Ellen gave her yearly report with 13 baptized, 1 affirmation of baptism, 3 first communions, 1 wedding and presided over 3 funerals. We will begin a new worship committee in January including Pastor and Emily along with 2 other volunteers (1 sound tech assistant). Pastor and Lawrence were presented with a Christmas gift and the council ended with Christmas goodies and the Lord's Prayer+

Announcements: the annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 25th at noon in the bell tower room. If you are able to volunteer at UFR or Christ Lutheran churches in anyway we hope you can attend this meeting+

4th-Sunday worship 8:30am @ UFR and 10:30am @ CLC and Harmony Sunflowers 4H meeting @ 6pm @ CLC

5th-Ministerial Alliance Food Bank@ SDAC 12-2pm - 1710 E River St

7th- Christ Kids after-school program at 3:45pm- 5pm

8th-WELCA meeting and program at 2pm

10th- Sandwich Quilt Guild 9-noon @ CLC in the bell tower

11th- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am & 10:30am @ CLC



12th-Ministerial Alliance Food Bank noon-2pm

14th- Christ Kids after-school program at 3:45-5:00pm

18th- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am & 10:30am @ CLC

19th- Committee REPORTS due

2025 Council Members

**Camille Frakes, President
Bruce Hawthorne, Vice President
Karla Fowler, Treasurer
Shannon Rockhill Secretary
& Butch DeHaven**

A fresh start of a new year is about to begin. It's more than just turning a calendar page, it's a moment to thank God for what's been and trust Him for what's ahead. Each new year is a gift from God, a chance to start again with a faithful heart and renewed hope. In January we will hold committee meetings and the annual congregational meeting. We prayerfully hope you would be able to volunteer your time at Upper Fall River church and Christ Lutheran church+



22nd- Council meeting @ noon

25th- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am & 10:30am @ CLC

28th- Christ Kids meet @ 3:45pm

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and POTLUCK FOR UFR and CLC IS SUNDAY, JAN. 25th @ noon at Christ Lutheran Church

Please plan to attend this important meeting for the life and needs of your church. The yearly committee reports will be read, elect committee volunteers, and transact other business of these churches.



SAVE your receipts! We are collecting
G&W Foods receipts for USD 389 schools.

All women who attend Christ Lutheran and UFR church are invited to participate in WELCA's monthly gathering. Come enjoy a short bible study and refreshments!
January 8th at 2:00pm



Anniversaries

5 Larry & Cindy Hayes

Birthdays

7	Glen Betchel
20	Dwight Huntington
22	Macy Frakes
24	Lydia Edmonson
28	Aiden Miller
30	Heidi Teichgraeber

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

WARD BAHR
PASTOR BRIAN BAUER
JEAN BOOTH
JANELLE CASTLE
MORGAN CRAPSER
CHARLES CURNUTT
DOLORES CURNUTT
DALTON EVENSON
JAY FOWLER
LAURETTA FRAKES
STEVE FRANCIS
BOBBI (ZENISHEK) FRANK
BILL GARRETT
PEGGY GILLEN (Margaret Spires daughter)
DIANNE GRAVES
RON GULICK
DIXIE HINMAN
VANESSA HOGAN
SHARON KREGER
MINNIE JOHNSON
TERI LEVIEUX
SHANNON LEWIS
JAMES MOODY (Son of Cayla & Evan Moody)
KRIS OLSON
ERIC REYNOLDS
EMILIE RYAN
MARGARET SPIRES
BERKELY TEICHGRAEBER
(daughter of Nathan Teichgraeber)
SUE WILLIAMS



PLEASE JOIN US

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25th
@ noon- potluck meal

January WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: *Altar flower given by Pat Surber*

SERVICE	JAN. 4	JAN. 11	JAN. 18	JAN. 25	FEB. 1	FEB. 8
ALTAR GUILD	CAMILLE FRAKES	SHANNON ROCKHILL	CINDY HAYES	KAREN HUGHES	CAMILLE FRAKES	SHANNON ROCKHILL
SCRIPTURE READER	CAMILLE FRAKES	SYBIL ROCKHILL	CINDY HAYES	PASTOR SUE ELLEN	CAMILLE	SYBIL ROCKHILL
USHERS	BRUCE HAWTHORNE		LARRY HAYES	ANDY HUGHES	B. HAWTHORNE	
GREETERS	BRUCE & TAMI HAWTHORNE	LAWRENCE	LARRY & CINDY HAYES	ANDY & KAREN HUGHES	BRUCE & TAMI HAWTHORNE	LAWRENCE
ACOLYTE	SYLVIE FRAKES	BRODY ROCKHILL	RUGER SCHOUTEN	RUGER SCHOUTEN	SYLVIE	BRODY ROCKHILL
COMMUNION	CAMILLE	SHANNON	CINDY	KAREN	CAMILLE	SHANNON
SOUND TECH	SYLVIE FRAKES	LAWRENCE	ANDY HUGHES	ANDY HUGHES	SYLVIE FRAKES	LAWRENCE



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**May GOD be with you
through NEW YEAR**

and fill your life with
COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.
May this day and the days ahead,
Hold many **BLESSINGS**
for you and yours.

Happy New Year!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Upper Fall River Lutheran
Church- 2010 H Rd.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Christ Lutheran Church
319 N. Elm St.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

If you are in need of
Pastoral care please contact
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