

MAY YOU SHINE The light of Christ in the New year!

LARRY'S LINES

*By the time your read this 2023 will be on its last days. In some ways it has been a difficult year for First Christian. We lost several members to death in the past twelve months. We are saddened for our loss, but rejoice knowing they have gone to be with the Lord. I am grateful for the ministry we have to the families when they are dealing with grief. They all expressed gratitude for our kind words and the meals we provided.

*Even though the past year has been stressful there is much to be thankful for. Worship continues each Sunday morning, Lucy's Closet supplied hundreds of coats, gloves, and socks to people in our community. We continue to support Good Samaritan by donating food and money to this vital ministry. And on top of that you ministered to many others in the name of the Lord. This was done most often in your daily routine thorough your kindness and love for your neighbors, by going the extra mile in helping people in their times of need.

*What about 2024, what will it bring? Of course, we do not know the answer to this question. But the one thing I want to stress this year is outreach. How can we encourage others to attend worship services and to partner to minister with us? We can begin by making them more aware of who we are and when we meet. There are two items on the table in the foyer for you to use as you talk to others and invite them to worship with us. One is a read pamphlet entitled "About The Christian Church". The other is a business card with the church's name, address, phone number and time of service on it. Please use both of these resources as you reach out to others. You inviting your friends and neighbors is the most effective outreach we have.

*I look forward to seeing you each and every Sunday morning.

In Christ,

Larry

