



# MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service

January 9, 2022

**Epiphany** On January 6 we celebrate the magi's trip to visit the newborn king, Jesus. Men who did not know the God of Israel found Jesus by following the star. Far from Israel, they made the long journey, and then they humbled themselves and bowed down before Jesus, offering him gifts fit for a king. This January 6 is also the first anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol. What do we make of the Christian symbols on display during that violent insurrection attempt? After reading [\*Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States\*](#), I'm growing in my understanding of the importance of rooting out Christian nationalism. Christian nationalism says that nothing is more important than preference for "Christian" policies in government (Christian in quotes because we have a hard time agreeing on which policies are Christian). It's not that civic engagement isn't important, but followers of Jesus don't get their way by force. Jesus could have "saved himself" from the Cross, but he willingly laid down his life in love. May it be so of us.



-Pastor Sharon

**A pastoral word about COVID-19 safety update:** Experts agree that precautions against COVID-19 are more important than ever. From a faith perspective, diligence in safety practices are ways that we love our neighbor and serve our community. That being said, the Safety Committee decided that you will be welcome inside the church building whether or not you wear a mask. For some of you, this is more than a year overdue. For others, this is way too soon and comes at a terrible time. We've never seen anything divide churches the way COVID-19 safety measures have. We're prayerfully asking everyone to approach this new season with a welcoming attitude, humility, and love for others. As always, please talk with us if you have questions or concerns.

-Pastors Chris & Sharon

## Sundays at Millard

**Sunday School classes** are at 9:00 a.m. for children and adults. **Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.** New COVID-19 safety information for in-person activities is available on our [website](#). **Sunday Worship can be viewed live online** on our [Facebook page](#). A Facebook account is not required to visit our page or view the service. Sermon audio is also available on our [website](#) or on CD by request.

**What's that new song?** Check out our church Worship Music [Playlist](#) to hear some of the new music before Sunday mornings.

## Upcoming Events

**Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts** (Elkhorn and East Troy) can benefit our church. Bring your 4th quarter (October– December) receipts to the box in the Fellowship Hall.

**Next Board Meeting**, Monday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

The **Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23**, immediately following the worship service.

**New Sermon Series** From that fateful tree in the garden to the tree of life in the Bible's final chapter, the trees of Scripture tell a story. Come hear the story of God anew!

**Pastor Linda's Grow Group** studies the gospel of John via Zoom on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Linda (303-594-0329) to join.



**Summer Camp** Registration is open for [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#). Summer staff applications are also ready at [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#).

**Thank you:** The Nelson family wishes to thank everyone for the thoughtful Christmas gift.

**Thanks** to everyone who helped undecorate. Everything was put away in record time!



### This Sunday—1/9

Communion Set Up: Sharon Vande Sand; Servers:  
Sharon Vande Sand, Neil Watson  
Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24  
Scripture Reader: Peggy Watson  
Message: "The Tree in the Garden"  
Pastor Chris Nelson  
Greeter(s): Needed  
Sound/Video: Jan Baker  
Coffee Set-Up: Sharon Vande Sand  
Treats: Peggy Watson

### Next Sunday—1/16

Scripture: Genesis 8:6-12, 18-22  
Scripture Reader: Needed  
Message: "The Tree of Hope" Pastor Sharon Nelson  
Greeter(s): Needed  
Sound/Video: Needed  
Coffee Set-Up: Carole Stanczak  
Treats: Needed

**Tithes and Offerings** can be placed in offering boxes on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church: N6713 County Rd. O, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, 53121.

*Thank you for your generosity with your time and treasure!*

### Happy Birthday!

January 6.....Levi Perron  
January 7.....Michelle Buelow  
January 9.....Donna Marshall  
January 10.....Craig Guthrie  
January 14.....Ken Anderson  
January 15.....Rhonda Howard, Carol Dillner  
January 16.....Pastor Sharon Nelson, Alisha Porter  
January 17.....Ray Ring  
January 19.....Nichole Gunyon, Peter Spaulding  
January 20.....Bill Paladino, Elinor Rohloff

### Happy Anniversary!

January 10.....Eric & Heather Anderson

### Our pastors would like to talk with you:

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