

Happy new year everyone! Wishing you good health and lots of bridge. We became aware of a last-minute opportunity to give Pastor Ken a Christmas gift. A few of us managed \$150. Thank for your generosity! His note is pasted below. Permits are pending for roof repair, so we've made some progress in getting our brightly lit venue back. We do not expect any disruption to our schedule. Website is always up to date if that should change.

Regular schedule continues: Tues., Thurs., Fri., and Sunday 1 pm. **Yes, we are playing New Year's Day.** We expect to offer a limited section very often. If you come, we will do it!! ACBL has recently granted permission for lots of special games for face-to-face clubs again next year (after the January schedule was up). Schedule is posted on the website through March and is chock full!

We're starting off with a promotion to improve Friday attendance. Fee to play is only \$5 all month long every Friday in January. We hope you'll take advantage. Also on tap is Sloppy Swiss Sunday, January 8. Form your own 4-person team for this fun event. Ron Jarchow's Sloppy Joe sandwiches will be served before the game and Margaret's Chicago black cows between rounds. No extra charge but **reservations are a must.** Contact Tom to reserve or ask for a team.

Elaine is offering another series of lessons, beginner bridge partII, Tuesday mornings starting January 24. Flier is attached and also pasted in case you can't open. Please tell your friends.

I am pleased to inform you that Al Vaccaro's tireless efforts to enable WiFi have finally succeeded. You probably noticed that we are now able to post to ACBL-Live and to The Common Game right after the game ends. Thanks Al! Unfortunately, an unforeseen glitch prevented us from doing so on our party day, sorry about that.

We do still need kitchen and table/chair set up help. If you can commit in advance to come early and stay late you earn a free play. Talk to Tom about tables and chairs and talk to Margaret about kitchen.

As always, contact Tom (508-737-7181) for a partner, and me for questions, comments or complaints.

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Will you please convey to your bridge club members my heartfelt and sincere gratitude for their generous Christmas gift! Please let them know that Christ Lutheran Church is very pleased to be able to welcome the bridge club to our Fellowship Hall. Hopefully, the lights and ceiling will be back in place soon. May all of your endeavors be blessed in the new year 2023. Yours gratefully, Pastor Ken