

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
~ *Planting Faith. Growing Family* ~
December 22, 2013

Today

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and Communion
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and Communion
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
3:00 p.m. Christ Crew Christmas Event until 6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. College Age get-together

Monday

6:00 p.m. TOPS: Sprouts' Classroom
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

Wednesday

Merry Christmas!

Friday

1:00 p.m. Youth leave for Gathering
4:00 p.m. Private Event

Saturday

3:00 p.m. Private Event

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
1:00 p.m. Private Event: Ed Wing and Kitchen

Serving our congregation
Sunday, December 29, 2013

Nursery

9:00 a.m. Deb Park
11:15 a.m. Angel Anderson

Coffee

9:00 a.m. Pete and Jill VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Rich and Bobbie Neubecker

Acolyte

9:00 a.m. Travis Wright
11:15 a.m. Margie Evele

Greeters

9:00 a.m. Jim and Lynn Barritt
11:15 a.m. Dave and Deb Park

Ushers

9:00 a.m. Dave and Lisa Harris, Ben and Matt Harris
11:15 a.m. Bob Scharf, Bill Houseknecht,
Jennifer Brey Meyer, Ginger Christie

Council

9:00 a.m. Larry Knappen
11:15 a.m. Tammy Davison

Welcome Center

9:00 a.m. Joy Johnson
11:15 a.m. Sandy Healey

Worship Assistants

9:00 a.m. Patrick Blanchard
11:15 a.m. Joy Gianakura

Altar Guild: Suzanne Johnson

Counters: Pete VanGessel

Video Projector Technician - second service
Jeff McKenney

Last Week's Response
December 15, 2013

1st service: 139 2nd service: 145

Offering: \$5,383



On Christmas Eve, we will hold three worship services with Holy Communion:

- ☆ 5:00 service planned especially for families with younger children featuring our Junior Choir;
- ☆ 7:00 candlelight service that will include the Handbell Choirs; and our
- ☆ 11:00 candlelight service with music by the Worship Choir.

Prayer Requests - If you or a friend/family member would like to be remembered in prayer, please contact the church office by Wednesday morning of each week to be printed in this portion of Sunday's bulletin. With your permission, requests are printed for **everyone to take home and pray during the week**. Of course, you can let pastor or the church office know at any time that you wish prayers for someone.

CLC Members ill or Recovering

Pastor Bob Mueller
Dave Johnson
Judy Johnson
Arnie Werkema
Eric Ingolfsrud

Zina Fick
Joan Gort
Vivian Libby
John (Phil) Shippy

George Wohlheter
Sherry Schenk
Randy Clark
Wanda Little

Floyd Cutler
Ann Stevens
Steve Christensen
Karen Blank

Praying for Our Friends and Family

Tom O'Connell, friend of CLC
Virginia Ebb, mother of Becky Ebb-Speese
Annika Ohman, 16 year old friend of CLC
Haley, granddaughter of Larry and Joan Gort
Rich Kessler, grandfather of Kim Holwerda
Benjamin, grandson of Sondra Breeding
Lonnie Sue Johnson, cousin of Jeanne Bowling
Connor, grandson of Don and Kim Groeneveld
Judy Burgess, mother of Kim Groeneveld
Jacky Manning, grandmother of Sarah McKenney
Bryan Chiaramonte, cousin to Patti, Julie, Lisa Noto
David Morrison, son-in-law, Rogers and Joy Johnson
Dave & Lisa June, brother of Matt June and Karen Metzner
Roger and Beverly Turner, friends of Sharon Mack
Shirley Miller, special friend of Elizabeth and Curtis Druckrey
Marguerite Ringshauser cousins of Elizabeth and Curtis Druckrey
Jeanne Krzywos and family, friend of Ed and Ginny Wargel

Bruce Allen, friend of Joy Gianakura.
Sue Clark's mother, Jane
Julia Bahr, mother of Aimee Paulson
Alice, mother of Carol Schulz
Pat Knappen, brother of Larry Knappen
Lisa Carlson, sister of Amy Hielkema
Carter, grandson of Mary Wiseman
Eldor Windhorn, former pastor of CLC
Julie Smith, sister of Bill Houseknecht
Toni Steele's cousin, Andy Grzegorski
Chuck Owens, friend of Mary Wiseman
Tom Green, brother of Angel Anderson
Mike Dretzka, cousin to Donna Garen
Shawn Keener UCOM administrator

Pray for those serving in the Military

Jeff McCullough
Andrew Groeneveld
Aaron Demmon, nephew of Julie Taylor
Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
Jesse Cunningham, grandson of Howard and Muriel Andrews
Brandon Westbrook and Cody Westbrook, grandsons of David Barrenger
Casey Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort and Jack and Shirley Reminga

Samantha Tierney
Adam Lundquist
Nick Swope, friend of Rick Nichols

College-age Youth - Whether you went into the service, left for college, live in your parents' basement with no job, or work two jobs ... YOU ARE WELCOME! ... to meet up at church at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 22. We will eat pizza, decorate (and eat) Christmas cookies, and put together the luminaries that will be used outside our church on Christmas Eve. We will also take time to share stories, addresses, memories, and our love for Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Lysa Stockwell, 826-3838, or Whitney Buchan, 826-3836.

Wyoming Christmas Tree - Thank you to all who donated gifts and goodies for the Christmas tree/store. When I brought the gifts to Grace Reformed where the event took place, the volunteers commented on how very nice our gifts were. Just with Christ Lutheran's gifts alone, we will be putting a smile on 40 children's faces come Christmas morning. God Bless and Merry Christmas! *Carol Peters*

End of Year Giving - As you plan to wrap up your giving/contributions for the year, please note that Sunday, December 29 will be the last day to place offerings for 2013 in the offering plate. In addition, we welcome contributions mailed to the church (postmarked by Tuesday, December 31) or dropped off in the church office (by 1:00 p.m. on December 31).

Final Day - Council would like to show our Pastor and staff our appreciation for the Holidays. If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas gifts, please use a pew envelope and mark it "Staff Gifts" and put it in the offering, or give it to a council member or drop it off to the church office. Let's show our Pastor and staff how much we appreciate them.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given at the 9:00 worship service to the glory of God by Deanna Bronson in memory of her husband, Jim.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service to the glory of God by Dianne Vissers in memory of her husband, Bruce.

The poinsettia plants in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by:

Linda Montgomery in memory of Dan Montgomery.

Dave and Deb Park in memory of Dorothy Park, Glen Aarup and Gary Aarup.

Bill and Toni Steele in memory of parents: Joe and Pearl Lowe, Bill and Bev Steele; and daughter, Candy Marie Steele.

Patricia Potter in memory of her husband, George Potter.

Ray and Betty Cullin.

Gary, Denise and Rachel Sironen in memory of Edward and Margaret Jensen,

Mick Jensen and Richard Sironen.

Sondra Breeding in loving memory of her parents.

Steve Kauffman in memory of Truman and Frances Kauffman.

Julie Menacher in memory of her parents, John and Ruth Wenzel.

Lucy Ensing in memory of her husband, Don Ensing.

Beverly Tillman in memory of her husband, Bill Tillman.

Jim and Judy Tummons in memory of their parents and siblings.

Suzanne Snider in memory of her mother, Julianna Tihanyi.

Stuart and Suzanne Johnson in memory of their parents.

Dale and Kay Siebelink in memory of their parents and friends:

Dianne Barrenger, Judy Mandeville, Ron Didion, Lynn Rynbrandt.

The Altar Guild is grateful to all who participated.

Personal Care Pantry - Items needed this week: toothpaste, bar soap.

Cash donations always appreciated. Please save your paper grocery bags for PCP.

Today - Although Sunday School is not meeting today, the Christmas Story will be told, we'll do a craft, have a snack and enjoy Christmas carols. For those Sunday School age children who are here today, join us in the Ed Wing at 10:15!

Christ Lutheran Art Corner - Advent Themes are located at the Art Corner (across from the kitchen): This year as we review the readings of the coming of the Christ, we come to four different thoughts.

- › Enduring Spirit: Living thru adversity in preparing. Think of John the Baptist and his trials.
- › Peaceful lives. A true blessing in troubled times.
- › Hope filled waiting. Looking for an end of trials and searching for something wonderful to happen.
- › Faith filled family. Having faith while facing troubled life choices and drawing Christ into our busy and difficult lives.

May all have a blessed season with peace, hope and faith in our lives.

Women's Bible Study - You Are Welcome! We meet in the homes of our members on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will begin a new study on January 10. Phone Hazel Rouker, 538-2926, for details.



Mosaic - 9th-12th Graders

- The time has come! To those attending the State Gathering - reminder we will be leaving Friday at 1:00 p.m. - so plan to be at church before then - eat before you come. A packing list is on the youth table. Don't forget your \$15 for food costs as well as additional spending money. Contact Alex Polise with questions 616-295-3694.
- Announcing the 2014 Mission Trip: Destination is Buffalo, NY, July 6-12, 2014! Spots will be limited, more information coming in January.

Confirmation - 7th and 8th graders Class will not be meeting for the next two Wednesdays. See you January 8.

Christ Crew - 4th, 5th, 6th graders - Join us today at 3:00 for our fun get-together to celebrate Christmas!



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