

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church November 25-December 2, 2018

Today – November 25

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Puppet Team Practice
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday – November 26

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Safety & Security Subcommittee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – November 27

10:00 a.m. Branch Deadline

Wednesday – November 28

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Practice

Thursday – November 29

4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Decorating
6:30 p.m. Tech & Communication Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Wyoming GA

Friday – November 30

5:00 p.m. Advent Pajama Party

Sunday – December 2

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
6:00 p.m. Advent By Candlelight
6:00 p.m. Mosaic
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice

Last Week's Response:

Sunday, November 18:
9:00 a.m. – 139 11:15 a.m. – 104

YTD Offerings Needed: \$347,619
YTD Offerings Actual: \$344,172
Shortage: \$3,447

Serving Our Congregation Next Sunday: December 2, 2018

Council:

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward
11:15 a.m. Cindy June

Altar Guild: Dianne Vissers

Bread Baker: Nevea Bush, Rylee Walsh

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Kate Phillips
11:15 a.m. Fred Nichols

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Emma Carlson

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Diane Persky
11:15 a.m. Nancy Larson

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Ron & Nellie Sabin
11:15 a.m. Keith & Jackie Koehler

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Pete VanGessel, Dianne Vissers, Curt Johnson
11:15 a.m. Kathy Reister, Don Groeneveld, Serena Bush,
Ron Sabin

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Lance Girand, Steve & Vicki Blubaugh, Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Steve & Renee Green, Emma Carlson

Readers:

9:00 a.m. Mary Knappen
11:15 a.m. Nancy Larson

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Cynthia Maxted, Vicki Blubaugh
11:15 a.m. Cynthia Maxted, Tamara Wright

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Fred & Marcia Nichols
11:15 a.m. Tom & Amy Goetsch & Family

Counters: Jennifer Breymeyer, Bill Boss

Sprouts Teachers: Sheldon Family, Kat Flynn

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Jon Killgore

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. *Schedule not available*
11:15 a.m. *Schedule not available*

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

Prayer Requests for the Week of November 18

- Prayers of healing for Susan Funderburg who is dealing with cancer reoccurrence.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Owen Foster Gegg, the nephew of Aimee Paulson.
- Prayers for continued healing for Tom DeGennaro and strength for Kristen and the girls.
- Prayers of safe travel for all traveling this week to spend time with family & friends for Thanksgiving.
- Prayers of healing for Eileen Weilandt, Sharon Mack’s 99 year old mother-in-law who suffered a stroke.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Uncle Tony was able to see his kids!
- Prayers of healing for Katie who will have cancer surgery on Dec. 6.
- Prayers of strength for the Amonte Family with the cancer diagnosis and plans for treatment ahead.
- Pray for peace and patience for James and his family as he continues to recover from burns.
- Pray for a successful pacemaker installation and continued healing for Dave.

Prayer Requests for the Week of November 11

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Eileen Weilandt, Sharon Mack’s mother-in-law, who had a stroke this week. She is 99 years old. Pray also that her family is able to make good decisions regarding her care.
- Prayers of healing for Tom DeGennaro who experienced a medical emergency last week. Prayers of strength also for his family – Kristen, Rileigh, MacKenzie, and Ava.
- Pray for an end to senseless violence and killing in our country.
- Prayers of thanks for our veterans and their families.
- Prayers of comfort for our Sudanese brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones in the continuing conflict in South Sudan.
- Prayers of safe travels to Texas for Todd for work this week.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Earl & Cathy Butler in the recent loss of Cathy’s mother.
- Prayers of thanks to the Lord for answering so many prayers!! Bless Ray & Stub (who has Alzheimer’s).
- Pray for Anne Gegg and the safe delivery of her first child.
- Prayers of healing & strength for Caitlin who is having chemo at Mayo Clinic.
- Prayers of healing and thanksgiving for Judy who had a kidney transplant a week ago.
- Pray for all those affected by the wild fires in California.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Chris Fite, nephew of Tammy Walsh
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort
- DJ Ardy, CLC member, son of Doug & Angie and grandson of Fred & Marcia Nichols, who is serving in the Marines
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson, who is serving in the Marines
- Sergeant Kayla Champaco (granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink) who is stationed in El Paso, Texas
- Sean & Ashley Toomey, friends of the June family (active duty)
- Jeff McCullough
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger

****If you or a friend/family member would like to be remembered in prayer, please contact the church office (532-2774 or office@clcwyo.org) by Friday at 10:00 a.m. to have your request printed in this portion of Sunday’s announcements. Of course, you can let the Pastor or the church office know at any time that you would like prayers for someone.*



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God
by Terry Schlieve
in honor of her Dad’s Birthday.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Today: A reminder that there is NO Sunday School, Christmas Play practice, or Sprouts today. **There IS Confirmation!!** So I look forward to seeing all the confirmands at 6 p.m. this Sunday night! Bring your electronic devices in case we have time to play some Kahoot!

Mosaic: We will not meet tonight. Enjoy some time with your family!

Musical Youth Needed: If there are any youth that would like to share a musical offering with the congregation during the Christmas Program on the 16th, please let Suzanne Snider know ASAP. Piano, singing, trumpet, violin, whatever you would like to play, if you have a Christmas carol or song to share, we'd love to hear you!

Christmas Store: Today (11/25) is the LAST DAY to return all unwrapped gifts with the tag attached and the value of the gift written on the tag. Please keep in mind that because each gift tag represents a child whose parent will be shopping for them at the event, it is very important to remember if a gift tag is taken, a gift must be returned so we are not short our committed number of gifts. If for any reason you are unable to return your gift by the deadline, please contact Carol Peters at 616-634-8067 or b_cpeters@att.net to make arrangements to have your gift picked up. Thank you.

Gladiola School Opportunity with the Wyoming Food Truck: Another opportunity to assist with setting up and helping people with food items will be on Monday, November 26, 4:30 to about 6:15 p.m. The truck will be at West Elementary at 1840 – 38th Street SW. The December date is Monday, the 17th at Parkview Elementary. We are not locked in to certain dates, only the ones that are possible for us to participate. For information regarding any of these opportunities, contact Kathy Reister at 608-6744 or reisterkathy@gmail.com.

Branch Deadline: All submissions for the December Branch need to be turned in by Tuesday, November 27 at 10:00 AM.

Listening Post Update: You can still reserve 'your seat in the circle.' This is a time of ideas and reflections offered and can be helpful in learning more about our church family for Pastor Justin, and get to know each other better. Please visit the table in the Gathering Space today and sign up to join us! These spots are still available:

November 28 – Wednesday – 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Todd & Melinda Sheldon's home

December 3 – Monday – 12:00-1:30 p.m. at CLC with Women of the Word Bible Study as hostess

December 9 – Sunday - 2:30-4:00 p.m. at CLC with the Transition Team hosting

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Johnson at sz.ch23@gmail.com or call 616-717-0801.

Hey Kids!!! Today is your last chance to sign up for the Advent Pajama Party!! It will be on Friday, November 30th from 6-9 PM. All children in 6th grade or younger are welcome to join us (kids younger than 4 are welcome to attend with a parent staying) for the fun. Please bring \$2 if you will be joining us for dinner. The night will include food, crafts, games and preparation for the season of Advent!

Advent By Candlelight: **Today is the last day to sign up** for this event on Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. It will be a fun way to begin the Christmas season with fellowship, music and of course food! We will begin the evening with a very short program and Christmas music, followed by appetizers, desserts, and beverages. This is also when we reveal who our secret sisters have been this year and then draw names for next year which is always fun. Being a secret sister is optional, but only involves drawing a name which is kept secret and sending cards or inexpensive gifts to your "sister" on special occasions. This is a great way to spend time together and an opportunity to meet ladies that you may not know! There are signup sheets on a table in the Gathering Space for those who will be attending, those who would like to bring an appetizer or dessert, and those who would like to decorate a table. This year we will be using our 72" round tables. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Davison at 616-719-3229 or at kendavison7502@comcast.net.

Love, Laugh 'N Lunch: The Love, Laugh, 'N Lunch group will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Railside Golf Club. Railside is located at 2500 – 76th Street SW, Byron Center. Please join us for some fun fellowship. RSVP: Marilyn Miheve at mimiheve@gmail.com or Dianne Vissers at diannevissers@gmail.com.

Make A Joyful Noise! All who love to sing are invited to join a special Christmas Choir of adults and youth to prepare anthems for the 10:00 Christmas Eve Service. Rehearsals will be held on December 5, 12, and 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Sara Miller, Minister of Music, at sara@clcwyoing.org.

Annual Chili Cook-off! If you have an amazing chili recipe, put it to the test! Our Annual Chili Cook-off is Sunday, December 9 from 4 to 7 PM! This year will be a tailgate theme where we will watch the Lions play and eat some great food. Not confident with your chili skills? Sign up to bring your favorite tailgate food instead! We will have tables set up, but if you want to eat in true tailgate style, bring your bag chair and eat in comfort! Come for great fellowship, food and fun! See you there!

Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night: We will once again be celebrating the Nativity of our Lord's Birth by adorning our church with beautiful red poinsettia plants! The Altar Guild will be purchasing a selection from Ludema's Floral & Garden in various sizes for our Christmas creation. If you would like to participate and are able, may we suggest that you make a donation to offset the cost of the arrangement. Poinsettia envelopes have been placed in the pews for your convenience. Last date to order is Sunday, December 9. Make your contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor someone, noting the information on the envelope so it can be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. We encourage you to take a plant/s home after the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve service, or by Sunday, December 30, for your continued holiday enjoyment.

Christmas Cookie Walk: Join us between services on Sunday, December 16 for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk. This is your chance to enjoy some amazing Christmas cookie creations! Whether you donate cookies that you love baking or you prefer to purchase your treats and avoid the mess, this event is for you!

Christmas Program: Our Christmas Musical Program is happening at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th. It will include performances by both bell choirs, our Jr. Choir and our Sunday School students. If you have a musical offering of any sort that you would like to include, please email Suzanne Snider and let her know the title of what you would like to perform, and what type of performance it will be (i.e., singing, piano, dance, instrument, etc.). We invite the entire congregation to join us for this festive and fun musical celebration of the holiday!

Parents of Confirmation Students: Please start thinking about your student's schedule for the weekend of March 22-24. The Charge Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge takes place that weekend and I need to get registrations in by January 5. If you already know that your child will NOT be attending, please let me (Suzanne Snider) know via email or in person. Also, I am in need of one female chaperone for the weekend. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know ASAP!

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Confirmation Students and Mentors: Please check your email from this past week for a message about an opportunity for you to be a part of the upcoming Advent services this season!

Membership Directories: Updated phone directories are available at the Welcome Center. If you notice incorrect information, please let the office know what needs to be corrected.

Holiday Food Baskets: We are still collecting donations of food items that will be used to provide food baskets for less fortunate families at Christmas. For a detailed list of the items that are needed, please see the table in the Gathering Space or the article in the November Branch. Please contact Tamara Wright at tamara@framesunlimited.com or 616-498-1616 with any questions or to let her know you can help!

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available on a table in the Gathering Space. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact Jim Barritt on Monday or Thursday in the office.

Personal Care Pantry 25 families attend Personal Care Pantry on Monday. It was a wonderful and much appreciated evening with a Thanksgiving meal made and served by the Diaz family with a lot of help from Kate. I can't thank them enough for using their hands (and hearts) in doing God's work and bringing smiles and gratitude to many people. Please lift up the following people in your prayers:

Lucia: for her sons, one of which passed away last month

Betty: for good health

Patricia: for the Lopez-Garcia family

Amanda: for everybody

Alicia, Sandra, Maria, Ingrid, Josefina, Yaima, Iris, Martha, Lisandro, Susana, Angelina, Maria, Kenia, and Juliana: for their families.

Mary: for her and her husband's health

Lidia: for wellbeing

Julia: for her family to be in good health and faith

Jeanette: for everybody and for good health

PCP is in need of the following items: laundry detergent, toothpaste, and dish detergent. You can drop these items in the labeled box behind the Welcome Center.

Did You Know? It is easy to keep informed on what our Council is doing on our behalf. Minutes from the Council meetings are posted in the Gathering Space on the bulletin board by the double entrance doors – between the doors and the Sanctuary entrance.

Chairperson Needed: The Youth and Family Committee is in need of a chairperson beginning January 1st. All that's required is scheduling and coordinating our monthly meetings. We already have an awesome committee that's up and running. Please see Steve Lundquist, Suzanne Snider, or Kim Holwerda with questions or interest. Thanks!

Do You Want to Help Feed the Hungry? CLC is looking to find someone who would be interested in organizing our participation in the annual Grand Rapids Hunger Walk next May. Other opportunities to help gather food from area farmers also an option. Please contact Kim Zeitter at 826-6616 if you would like to be that person.

Winter Cancellation Policy: Now that we are coming on the cold and wintery season, weather may dictate conditions which could require a closure, cancelling services or activities. If the weather seems fierce, check WXMI (Fox 17) or WOOD TV 8 for a notice of closing, since they are the stations we have authorized for such notices. Hopefully it something we won't have to do this winter, but if conditions warrant, this becomes the means to communicate when necessary.

Please remember: since conditions vary in different areas, each member should determine if changing conditions, icy roads or the prospect of worsening conditions require staying home rather than risking a trip to church. Your safety is of utmost importance! Jim Ward, Council President

Could You Let the Office Know If You Are a Thrivent Member? Christ Lutheran could qualify for \$250 for our activities by communicating about the Thrivent members who will participate and want to support community service activities. Since we have the Personal Care Pantry and participate in Habitat for Humanity and Degage', the activities could qualify for their funding for the programs. Questions? Contact Jim Ward at 532-7327 for details.

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures:

(please include a brief description – group, date, etc.)

Email: pictures@clcwyoing.org