

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Please join us after worship for fellowship with coffee and refreshments.

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church

November 29 – December 6, 2015

Today – November 29

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 Service
1:00 p.m. Family Event – Ed. wing

Monday – November 30

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. Love, Laugh, & Lunch – Rush Creek Bistro
6:30 p.m. Body & Soul
6:30 p.m. Card Making
7:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Committee Meeting

Wednesday – December 2

Office Closed Until 1:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Practice

Thursday – December 3

9:30 a.m. Hebrews Bible Study

Saturday – December 5

9:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Sunday – December 6

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Hebrews Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
1:30 p.m. Christ Crew Bowling
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Bowling
5:30 p.m. Advent By Candlelight
6:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Practice

Serving Our Congregation

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Council:

9:00 a.m. Ray Punches
11:15 a.m. Tom Goetsch

Altar Guild:

9:00 a.m. Suzanne Johnson
11:15 a.m. Christa Killgore

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Georgia Cutler
11:15 a.m. Bev Tillman

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Bryenna Akhurst
11:15 a.m. Jack Cuncannan

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Ron Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Harry & Annette Wendland
11:15 a.m. Jeff & Kelli Vandenberg

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. John & Mary DeHerrera, Walt Akhurst,
Mary Whitehead
11:15 a.m. Don Groeneveld, Troy & Angelina Anderson,
Rob Paulson

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Steve & Vicki Blubaugh, Ron & Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Gerry Stockwell, Jeff & Heather Thurow

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Gail Johnson
11:15 a.m. Kim Holwerda

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Megan Steele
11:15 a.m. Megan Steele, Julie Fischer

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Ellen & Katelyn Akhurst
11:15 a.m. Jack Cuncannan, Joey VanTuinen

Counters: Annette Wendland, Mary Whitehead

Sprouts Teachers: Melinda Sheldon, Kat Flynn

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Michael VanderMeer
11:15 a.m. Hannah Lundquist

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Dave Byler
11:15 a.m. Mike Siebelink

Last Week's Response: November 22, 2015

Attendance:

9:00 a.m. – 137 11:15 a.m. – 190

Offerings to Date: \$349,108

Offerings Needed: \$355,615

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Deepest Sympathies to **Marilyn Burgard**, our organist and bell choir director, at the death of her brother, Lee. Memorial gifts in his memory and her honor may be made by marking a pew envelope "Lee Burgard Memorial." We are hoping to purchase additional hand bells. Checks are payable to Christ Lutheran. You can also mail a check to the church office. Our Prayers also are extended this week to **Patrick, Susan and Sean Blanchard** after the unexpected death of Patrick's father, Ralph. Please keep these families in your prayers as they face the first holidays without their loved ones.

Prayer Requests from November 22

- † Prayers of healing and strength for Jennifer June.
- † Prayers of healing for Mary Knappen who had triple by-pass surgery.
- † Pray for safety for Katie Torkelson who is in Paris.
- † Prayers for successful by-pass surgery for Craig Metzner, Dale's brother on Monday.
- † Prayers of comfort and healing for Tom Bulgarella who has stage 3 cancer.
- † Pray for the safe delivery of a healthy grandchild for Bob & Sue Scharf.
- † Pray for people suffering from dementia and those who care for them.
- † Prayers of comfort for all who mourn after the suicide of Steve Chappell's cousin.
- † Prayers of healing for Karen Robinson who is recovering from recent surgery.
- † Prayers of comfort for the Wyoming Jr. High staff and student who mourn the loss of a teacher and beloved coach.
- † Prayers of comfort for the Koehler family in the recent loss of Keith's mother, Addy Koehler.
- † Prayers of thankfulness for the safety of Donna Garen's friend Josephine who is studying in Paris.
- † Prayers of comfort for Kim Groeneveld's best friend Linda and her family in the loss of her father.
- † Pray for Al VanEssen's friend Robert Pierce.
- † Pray that Heather Lopez gets a good result from a "Pet Scan."
- † Prayers of comfort for the family, friends, peers and students of Abby (Phillips) Czeneuski, a teacher/coach at Wyoming Jr. High.
- † Prayers of recovery from paralysis for Darcy Williamson.
- † Pray for peace and comfort for Kirk Koehler, as he has ongoing hospice care and pray for his wife Barbara, his caregiver.
- † Pray for a fast recovery for Tim Dale after a tragic event last Friday.
- † Prayers of comfort for Marilyn Burgard and her family after the loss of her brother after his fight with brain cancer.
- † Prayers of comfort for the Olson Simmet Family after the sudden passing of their mom Laura.
- † Prayers of healing for Fred Howard who is fighting cancer.
- † Pray for good biopsy results for Roman.

Prayer Requests from November 15

- † Prayers of healing for Norm Brown, who is in the hospital.
- † Prayers of healing for Tom Bulgarella, who is fighting cancer.
- † Prayers of comfort for Norm Brown and Jill Shepard, after the loss of Norm's daughter and Jill's sister.
- † Prayers of healing for Julie Bahr.
- † Multiple prayers of guidance for the next people God has already chosen to be on the Church Council.
- † Prayers of healing for Darcy Williamson who has partial paralysis and a long recovery ahead.
- † Pray that a female CLC member feels called to be a chaperone for the State Gathering.
- † Pray that all the leaders of our congregation foster a sense of God's presence.
- † Pray for health for Alberto Diaz.
- † Prayers of comfort and healing for Fred Howard, who is fighting cancer.
- † Prayers of safety for and thanks to William Spence III (Mary Zagers' son) who is serving our country in the Marines. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and this is the first time he is away from his family during the holidays.
- † Prayers of healing for Allison Ulery who is going through radiation for breast cancer.
- † Pray for Brenda Barr, who needs a kidney.
- † Prayers of recovery for Laura Kasper who had a stroke.
- † Prayers of healing for Julie Bahr who is in the hospital recovering from a stroke.
- † Prayers of healing for Roger & Joan Nichols.
- † Prayers of health and strength for Cindy West who is being treated with chemo for breast cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Bev Tillman's brother-in-law, Gary, who is facing heart surgery.
- † Prayers of continued healing for Susan Hopkins who had cancer surgery.
- † Pray for the family of Cody Kimball and his friends at Wyoming High School.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Andrew Groeneveld
- Jeff McCullough
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Matt Lashbrook, grandson of Nancy Scudder
- Casey Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort and Jack and Shirley Reminga
- Kayla Pohl, granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink, serving in South Korea
- Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
- Adam Lundquist
- Cody Westbrook, grandsons of David Barrenger



Altar Flowers are given at the 9:00 worship service today to the Glory of God by Sondra Breeding in loving memory of her parents.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service today to the Glory of God by Julie Menacher in honor of her friend Gloria's 90th birthday.



Christmas Store: Be sure to return all unwrapped gifts with the tag attached and the value of the gift written on the tag no later than Sunday, November 29. There are still 20 gifts that need to be returned at this point. If for any reason you are unable to return your gift by the deadline, please contact Carol Peters at 634-8067 or b_cpeters@att.net to make arrangements to have your gift picked up. Thank you.

Card Making: Our next card making night will be December 1st at 6:30 p.m. Due to the holidays we had to switch the normal date. We hope to see you there. We are going to make Christmas cards for the church military members.

Worship, Music & Arts Committee will be meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month (December 1) at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to attend a meeting to see what all goes into the making of our worship services. Input is always welcome!

Office Notice: We are getting new carpet in the offices! It will be installed on Wednesday, December 2. Staff members have decided it would be a good idea to stay out of the installers' way, so we will not be in the office until 1:00 p.m.

Advent Dinner: On Wednesday, December 2, we invite the entire CLC family to join us for an Advent dinner. This will be a potluck style meal beginning at 5:30. After dinner we will continue with devotionals, games, crafts, and lots of cookie decorating! You'll get to enjoy some cookies and we'll also decorate some to donate to a local organization. Please sign up in the Gathering Space starting today. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Dockweiler or Suzanne Snider.

Advent By Candlelight will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for fellowship, treats, a guest speaker and special music. We need 5 more table hosts. If you would like to come but not host a table, there is a sign-up for that, too, along with dessert and appetizers sign-ups at the table in the Gathering Space.

Guatemala Information: Those interested in a mission trip to Guatemala the week of July 10, 2016, are welcome to attend our next meeting on Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night: As part of the festive celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, the Altar Guild will be purchasing poinsettia plants from Ludema's Floral and Garden in various sizes to adorn the nave and chancel for the Christmas services.

Rather than having you order a specific size, we are suggesting that you make a contribution in any amount you are able to offset the cost. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$22.00 for the sizes we have purchased in years past. You will find envelopes in the pew racks with the poinsettia motif for ease of recognition and your convenience. The last date to order is Sunday, December 13. May we encourage you to make your contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor someone by noting that information on the envelope. Those honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

For those that contribute, plants will be available for pick-up *after* the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service or the following Sunday, December 27, for continued holiday enjoyment in your home. Thank you for your consideration. May you feel the joy of the season! Peace be with you.

Annual Cookie Walk: Mark December 20th on your calendars for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board in the hallway. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your baking talents with others and to buy cookies that others have baked for those of us who don't have that talent ☺



Please Note: There will be no Sunday School or evening Youth activities next Sunday, November 29, because it is Thanksgiving Weekend. All schedules will resume on December 6.

No Christmas Play Practice This Sunday, but it will resume next Sunday, December 6th. Keep practicing those lines! Also, a reminder that we will have our dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **If your child does not have a speaking part in the play**, we still would love for them to join us for the program on December 13th at 5:30 p.m. (arrive at 5:00 p.m.) They will be singing some of the songs with us. If they are available to attend practice during second service on December 6th, that would be wonderful!

Christ Crew (4th – 6th grade) is going bowling! On December 6 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. we are bowling at Fairlanes in Grandville. The cost is \$8.50 which covers shoe rental and two hours of bowling. Please sign up at the youth table or email Alan at abwindsors@sbcglobal.net.

Confirmation Activity: Confirmation students and their mentors will be going bowling next Sunday, December 6th from 2-4 p.m. We will meet at Fairlanes bowling alley in Grandville. Bring \$10 and enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop. We are looking forward to a very fun afternoon. If you have not yet let Suzanne Snider know you are coming, please do so by **Wednesday, December 2nd**!

Thank You to everyone who helped out in any way for the Youth Thanksgiving Dinner! We had a great turnout of close to 50 people and were able to share in an amazing meal! Thank you also to all the parents that have helped in donating food and labor to make our youth meals this fall a success! It absolutely could not happen without you and we are truly appreciative. Our meals take a hiatus now until the new year! Enjoy some Sunday family dinners and we'll see you all again on January 3rd!

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures (with a brief description):

Email: pictures@clcwyoming.org



During the Season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, we would like to also focus our attention on "Giving the Gift of Life." Beginning next week for the remainder of Advent, we will highlight one of the many ways we can give a forever gift to someone in great need. Details will be given during offering each week and additional information will be available at the end of each service. We hope to open your hearts and minds to some new options of giving that you may not have ever considered before.

From the Mission Support Committee: The Advent Season is upon us. This is a blessed time of year in the Church Calendar, celebrating the coming of our Lord into this broken world. We are also just moving through our Thanksgiving observation, when we typically, annually reflect on our manifold blessings with Family and Friends.

The beginning of the Church Year coincides with the completion of our church financial year, and the Mission Support Committee and Finance Committee would like to thank all of our congregation members for their generous support of all of our ministries throughout the past year. We are truly blessed to have such a generous and giving congregation that provides the talent, time and financial resources that allow us to accomplish the ministries here at the corner of Byron Center Avenue and 44th Street.

In this vein, as the coming gift giving time of year approaches, we encourage our members to keep these ministries in mind, as you contemplate your activities and gifts at this very special time of year, and try to include Christ Lutheran Church in those gifts, if the Spirit so moves you.

Thank you and may God bless us all, Mission Support/Finance Committee

Help Us Bless A Family: Christ Lutheran has been asked by Lutheran Social Services to "adopt" a family for this Christmas season. LSSM works with many different families that are experiencing definite hardships and struggles throughout the year. This year, we have been asked to help out a father and his two young children with some items that can ease a bit of the difficulties they are facing this year and make the winter months a safe and manageable time of year for their family. Below is a list of needs for this family.

Boy, age 5

Winter Coat (size 5T)
Snowpants (size 5T)
Boots (kid size 12)
Toys – enjoys Thomas the Train and Bob the Builder

Girl, age 6

Winter Coat (size 6)
Snowpants (size 6)
Boots (kid size 13)
Tan uniform pants for school (size 6)
Toys – enjoys Doc McStuffin, Princess Sofia, Barbie and Baby dolls

The family enjoys playing board games together and doing crafts, too.

The Father could use sweatshirts (size 3XL)

Items needed for their home: snow shovel, welcome mat/rug for front door, shower curtain, gas cards for vehicle (dad has to transport kids to school, no bus available), monetary donations for water bill (\$300 he has been trying to pay it off), and their oven just broke as well.

See the Christmas tree display in the Gathering Space and choose a tag from the tree. **Please purchase these items and return them to church unwrapped (be sure to include the information tag) by Sunday, December 20th.** Monetary donations may also be given to Suzanne Snider or sent to the church office marked "LSSM Family" to help with bills, purchase larger items, or if you aren't a shopper. If you have a specific item you'd like purchased with your donation, please include that as well. Any and all help is appreciated very much!

Personal Care Pantry: Items needed this week: double-roll toilet paper and laundry detergent. Cash donations are also a blessing, as they can be used to purchase products and food for the dinners.

Christmas Food Baskets for 35 Families: We were so blessed to give food baskets to 21 families for Thanksgiving. Please donate food so that we can bless 35 more families with Christmas dinner. Please note there are 6 items that are less than half filled. We are also in need of 10 corrugated boxes.

These are the items that are still needed to complete these baskets and deliver them on December 20:

8 - Cake Mixes	26 – Olives (jar or can)	28 - Crackers (box)
22 – Pickles (jar)	19 - Cranberry Sauce (canned)	28 - Pie Filling
26 - Evaporated Milk	10 - Instant Pudding	22 - Frosting
17 – Pumpkin (canned)	18 – Fruit (canned)	8 – Stuffing
8 – Gravy	28 – Yams (canned)	18 – Instant Potatoes
34 – Frozen Pie Crust (please put in freezer)		32 – Dinner Rolls (please put in freezer on last week)

Council Nominees Needed: We are fast approaching the Thanksgiving holidays, a time to be grateful for all of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us over the last year and . . . our next election for the 2016-2018 council term! We need to fill three positions this year and are looking for one more member who has a heart to serve in this important way. The Nominating Committee (which includes Ken Davison, Tom Owens, Carlon Snyder, Tom Goetsch, Ray Panches and Toni Steele) has been working to fill these positions.

We would like to thank Andy Wicks and Linda Montgomery for already stepping forward to run for council! We continue to look to fill our ballot for this final open position. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!!

If you have some questions about this open position, what it means to serve on council, or anything else related to this, please feel free to stop one of the members of the Nominating Committee when you see them or call/email Toni Steele at 531-9615 or steelewj53@sbcglobal.net. Our church needs your faith and leadership!

Prayer Partners are still needed for the high school trip to the Michigan State Gathering at the end of December. Little notes of encouragement and prayer are all that is needed. Please sign up at the youth table or email Sarah at youthministry@clcwyoing.org.

