

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 3, 2017

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 3-10, 2017

Today – December 3

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
6:00 p.m. Mosaic Service Project
6:30 p.m. Advent By Candlelight
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Monday – December 4

1:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study
3:00 p.m. New Beginnings
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 5

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. Love, Laugh 'n Lunch
7:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Meeting

Wednesday – December 6

6:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Ensemble Practice

Sunday – December 10

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Bowling w/ Mentors
6:00 p.m. Mosaic Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Last Week's Response:

Attendance on November 26:
9:00 a.m. – 105 11:15 a.m. – 78

Offerings Needed in December: \$44,339

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Serving Our Congregation Next Sunday: December 10, 2017

Council:

9:00 a.m. Linda Montgomery
11:15 a.m. Toni Steele

Altar Guild: Jean Wisinski

Bread Baker: Bonnie Guttormson

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting
11:15 a.m. Meredith Phillips

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Rileigh DeGennaro

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward
11:15 a.m. Steve Green

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Todd & Raechelle Huston
11:15 a.m. Rich & Bobbie Neubecker

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Pete VanGessel, Gail Fleming, Jane Reardon
11:15 a.m. Ken Lundquist, Rob & Nora Paulson, Ray Panches

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Jim & Jane Ward, Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Cathy Chappell, Rileigh DeGennaro

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Gail Johnson
11:15 a.m. Deb Park

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. *No information available*
11:15 a.m. Meredith Phillips, Lauren Wilterdink

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Jim & Lynn Barritt
11:15 a.m. Troy Orcutt

Counters: Brian Crane, Annette Wendland

Sprouts Teachers: Dutkiewicz Family, Serena Bush

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Todd Huston

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Alan Windsor
11:15 a.m. Mike Siebelink

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of November 26

- Prayers of healing for Gail Fleming who is battling Stage 3 Lung Cancer.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Donna Garen, who had a rocky year with her health but is doing great now.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Jenise Love and her family after the loss of her father. Give them healing and strength.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Sharon Frederick who passed away recently.
- Prayers of healing for Carrie Fewell who has 4 tumors in her brain.
- Prayers of comfort for a young woman who lost her 2-month old baby today.
- Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers: Todd Huston (Chair), Brian Crane, Julie Menacher, Lance Girand, Margie Evele, Meredith Phillips, Pete VanGessel, Ron Sabin, and Suzanne Johnson.
- Prayers of healing, hope and endurance for Kim Holwerda’s parents. Her mom is undergoing chemotherapy and then fell and broke her wrist. Since surgery Monday she has not recovered physically or mentally, is very weak, confused and we don’t know why. At the same time, her dad is scheduled for rotator cuff surgery in 2 weeks. Pray for this whole family.

Prayer Requests for the Week of November 19

- Prayers of safety & peace for D.J. Ardy (son of Doug & Angie, grandson of Fred & Marcia Nichols) who left for Marine Corp boot camp this past Monday.
- Prayers for those looking for guidance.
- Prayers of healing for Tyler Bugai.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Chris Fite, nephew of Tammy Walsh
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Matt Lashbrook, grandson of Nancy Scudder
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson, who is serving in the Marines
- Specialist Kayla Champaco and her husband Lance (granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink) who are both stationed in El Paso, Texas
- Sean & Ashley Toomey, friends of the June family (active duty)
- Jeff McCullough
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort

****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 wish prayers for someone.*

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

Today: Pastor Michael Anton
December 10: Pastor Polly Standley
December 17: Pastor Mike Kemper



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God
by the Snider Family in memory of Joyce & Wally Snider.

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus,
has entered on our behalf.”

Hebrews 6:19-20a

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Sunday School Christmas Program: Practice resumes today during second service. Don't forget that we will have an extra practice on Saturday, December 16th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Keep working on those lines! If you haven't gotten a CD of the music, please see Alison Dutkiewicz. She will have some for you.

Confirmation Students: Don't forget that Confirmation class will be happening during Sunday School time today (10:15 a.m.). There will be NO class tonight. In fact, tonight starts the first of FIVE Sunday nights without Confirmation class! Enjoy your vacation! Don't forget to get those sermon notes and service opportunities in though! Regular Sunday night Confirmation class will resume on January 7.

Advent By Candlelight: Ladies, don't forget that Advent By Candlelight is tonight at 6:30 p.m. If you have signed up to decorate a table, please make sure you get there early enough to get your decorating done before everyone starts arriving. If you signed up for a Secret Sister last year, please don't forget to bring your gift for them. It's going to be a wonderful evening!

Christmas Food Baskets for 30 Families: Beginning today, we will be collecting the following food items to supply Christmas dinner for 30 families. Delivery will be Sunday, December 17, 2017. Donations may be left on the table in the Gathering Space.

Cake mix	Crackers (box)	Cranberry Sauce (canned)	Evaporated Milk
Frosting	Fruit (canned)	Gravy	Instant Potatoes
JELL-O	Olives (jar or can)	Pickles (jar)	Pie Filling
Pudding	Pumpkin (canned)	Stuffing (boxed)	Vegetables (canned)
Yams (canned)	Dinner rolls (donated the last week, placed in the freezer)		
Frozen pie crusts (placed in the freezer)			

Our chart has been updated to represent the extra food not used at Thanksgiving. Our schedule is to collect food donations the next two weeks (Dec. 3 and 10) with delivery of the baskets on Dec. 17.

Love, Laugh 'n Lunch: We will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Railside Golf Club, 2500 – 76th Street SW, Byron Center. Please join us for some fun fellowship. RSVP to Dianne Vissers (diannevissers@gmail.com) or Marilyn Miheve (mimiheve@gmail.com).

T-Shirt Update: If you ordered a congregational t-shirt, they should be in NEXT Sunday! Sorry for the delay! You can pick them up in the Gathering Space from Suzanne Snider.

We Are Going Bowling! Our youth and mentor bowling event is December 10th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Fairlanes in Grandville. If you are planning on coming, please let Suzanne Snider know no later than this Sunday, the 3rd. You may email her at suzanne@clcwyoing.org. Cost is \$5 per youth, \$10 per adult and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop to share on the lane.

Christmas Cookie Walk: Christmas is almost here and it is time for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk! It will be held on Sunday, December 17, between services and for a short time after second service. This is a great way to show your amazing cookie baking skills by bringing in cookies to sell. For those who don't bake, this is your chance to buy some great cookies! All profits will go to the Personal Care Pantry.

Christmas Program: Please join us for an evening of special music and entertainment! CLC's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. This program will include music from our Bell Choirs, Junior Choir, Worship Ensemble, and a special program by our Sunday School kids! Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Confirmation Students: If you have not let Suzanne know if you will be attending the Charge retreat at Great Wolf Lodge in March, you must let her know by January 1st!! If you are attending and haven't filled out a registration for, please pick one up from the Youth Table and get it back to Suzanne ASAP!!

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures (with a brief description):
Email: pictures@clcwyo.org

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Yankee Candle Orders Are In! If you placed an order, please pick it up today from the table in the Gathering Space.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and filling in for me while I was going through my back problems. It was much appreciated. *Ken Davison*

From the Library: The CLC Library has several books (for children, families, etc.) for this Advent Season! We are all busy, so let's take a short break and read and talk about the real meaning of Christmas! You will find books on the table in the library. A few of the books include: "Christmas Is For Me!" (ages 2-6), by Christine Tangvald, shares the true meaning of Christmas when God gave us Jesus – the best present of all; "The Christmas Baby" (ages 1-3), tells the Christmas story with beautiful pictures; "The Most Important Christmas" (grades 3-5), by James H. Nelesen, shares all the ups and downs and fun of a Christmas play and who will play Mary. "Countdown to Christmas" by Laura K.E. Zimmerman offers daily Advent devotions for all ages. Take just a few minutes (after dinner, before bed) to read about the true meaning of this season. Share with your families and friends what Christmas is all about.

Please Help Support the South Sudanese Congregation! Needs include: donated car for a single mom, cash donations for "Family Reunification efforts (visas, travel, etc.). If donating money, please mark a pew envelope "Sudanese." Also, the Sudanese are looking for a washer, dryer, gas stove and refrigerator. If you have any of these appliances no longer needed or you are replacing during the holidays, you can contact Kim Zeitter at 616-826-6616. Thank you again to EVERYONE for supporting the new family that came to SCLC. You are heaven sent! *Pastor Bob Mueller, Kim Zeitter*

Personal Care Pantry: PCP is in need of the following items right now: toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and dish soap. Please place the donations in the box behind the Welcome Center. Cash donations are also a blessing, as they can be used to purchase products and also food for the dinners. On November 20 PCP provided for 22 families. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Renee: for her to continue on the right path in her life	Fermin: for his health problems from diabetes
Maria: for her father-in-law, Juan	Ingrid: for good health
Dorothy: God's mercy and grace in our lives now and forever	Josefina: for her mom, Mercedes
Rebecca: for her father's health that he doesn't get pneumonia	
Hortencia: for Severing to have good health and to recuperate from drinking	
Kathleen: for her friend Jaden to be able to gain custody of his son, Jordan	
Rosa, Maribel, Maria V., Esmerelda, Joaquina, Kenia, Alicia, Catissa, Simon, and Patricia: for their families	

Can You Help? A family of our congregation was displaced from their temporary home this past week after a gas explosion. The Red Cross put them into a hotel for a few days, but a more permanent plan was needed. By use of the Pastoral Discretionary Fund, this family has been given the ability to pay the fees necessary to move into a permanent home. They hope to be moving in this weekend. The Pastoral Discretionary Fund (PDF) is currently depleted, but this family is being helped. It is very important that the PDF be properly funded to help this family through this crisis and also other families as needs arise. If you would like to help this family during this difficult time you can make a contribution to the PDF using a pew envelope and putting it in the offering during this Sunday's services. You may also drop off or mail a check to the office. Please be sure contributions are noted for the PDF. Pastor Polly and Tom Goetsch have both been in contact with the family and they feel extremely bless and thankful for the help from this congregation.

This family would also be grateful for any clothing donations, which may be left in Pastor Polly's office. The needs for the male family members are: Men's size XXL and medium tops, 42 x 30 and 34 x 30 pants and medium sweat pants, youth size 5 shoes. For the females: women's size XXL tops, sweaters and/or sweat pants, youth size 5 shoes and boots, women's medium sweats, fleece-lined leggings and tops. They family is also in need of living room furniture and bedding for a full-size bed. Thank you all so much for showing love and support to fellow CLC members!

2018 Offering Envelopes: Envelopes for the new year are available on a table in the Gathering Space. If you do not see your name, please contact Jim Barritt, who is in the office on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our Smallest Members Need You: We are looking for more volunteers for the nursery for both services! The nursery is a fun place to serve. Nursery volunteers get to spend time with our babies and toddlers and feed them a snack. Please contact Meredith Phillips (Meredith.m.skaggs@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer or you can sign up in the Gathering Space.

CLC Business Cards: Our new cards, with all current info, are now available. They have been placed on the Welcome Center and the refreshment tables in the Gathering Space. Please help yourself to a card or two and hopefully share them with a friend/acquaintance who doesn't have a church home. Maybe they'll try us. 😊

Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night: Have you heard the legend of how a peasant girl from Mexico, so poor she could not afford a proper gift to give baby Jesus at her church's Christmas Eve service, pulled weeds and fashioned a bouquet to lay by the nativity that burst into brilliant red flowers? How wonderful that we continue this festive celebration of the Nativity of our Lord 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. We suggest that you make a donation to offset the cost of the arrangement. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. The last date to participate is Sunday, December 17. 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. We encourage you to take plant(s) after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or by Sunday, December 31 for your continued holiday enjoyment.

ELCA Good Gifts: Can't decide on what to buy for the person who has everything? The ELCA Good Gifts program is a wonderful way to give a gift in honor of someone you love, to someone who can really use it. Stop by the white tree in the Gathering Space and see the many options of items and animals you can buy for a community in need. For as little as \$10, you can help to provide some nutritional and financial stability to families in other countries or here in the U.S. Take an ornament and give it to the person you love and let them know, a gift was made in their name to a family in need! All donations can be made either on-line or by sending in the paper form that is in the catalog in the Gathering Space. 97% of donations go directly to the communities in need!