

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 6, 2015

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

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church

December 6 - 13, 2015

Today – 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 Service
1:30 p.m. Christ Crew Bowling
2:00 p.m. Confirmation & Mentors Bowling
6:30 p.m. Advent By Candlelight
6:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Practice

Monday – December 7

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 8

9:00 a.m. Pastor's Conference Meeting
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday – December 9

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

Thursday – December 10

9:30 a.m. Hebrews Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Guatemala Information Meeting

Saturday – December 12

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Youth Leadership Training

Sunday – December 13

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
5:30 p.m. Christmas Program

Serving Our Congregation

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Council:

9:00 a.m. Steve Gillich
11:15 a.m. Cathy Chappell

Altar Guild: Jean Wisinski

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dave Harris
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Serena Bush
11:15 a.m. Cora Evele

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Patrick Blanchard
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Phil & Sue Wauben
11:15 a.m. Peggy McCourry

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Jennifer Buddemeier, John, Colin & Connor Naklizki
11:15 a.m. Stu Healey, Ken & Tammy Davison,
Rich Neubecker

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Sandy Healey, Serena Bush
11:15 a.m. Bev Tillman, Cora Evele

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Stu Healey
11:15 a.m. Anna Wicks

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Megan Steele
11:15 a.m. Megan Steele, Carrienne Evele

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Boes Family
11:15 a.m. Jeff & Kelli VandenBerg

Counters: Bill Boss, Rich Neubecker

Sprouts Teachers: Becky Westers

Video Operator:

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

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Michael VanderMeer
11:15 a.m. Mike Siebelink

Last Week's Response: November 29, 2015

Attendance:

9:00 a.m. – 118 11:15 a.m. – 105

Offerings to Date: \$355,719

Offerings Needed: \$372,212

Thanksgiving Eve Attendance: 59

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests from November 29

- † Prayers of healing for Fred Howard who is fighting cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for Vern Benson who is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- † Prayers of healing for Vivian Libby and Joy Johnson as they heal from viral infections.
- † Prayers of comfort for Dan and Pat Johnson and their family who mourn the loss of Pat's uncle. Pat has lost her mom, 2 brothers and her uncle in the past 6 months.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Mary Knappen who is healing after heart surgery.
- † Pray for Grandma & Grandpa McLellan for healing from heart surgery and recent diagnosis of dementia.
- † Prayers of strength and peace in the heart and mind of Lisa.
- † Prayers of ongoing peace for Sue Clark after the recent loss of Randy.
- † Prayers of recovery and healing for Craig Metzner who had by-pass surgery.

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.

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, grandson of David Barrenger



Altar Flowers are given at the 9:00 worship service today to the Glory of God by Tom & Jane Johnson in honor of their children and spouses, and granddaughter.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service today to the Glory of God by Tammy Walsh in honor of her birthday.



This Morning we are welcoming new people to our Christ Lutheran family. Please join us in welcoming them to our church: Steve & Roxanne Bathje, Kristine Jordahl, Loraine, LeFurge, Gayle Mack, Erin O'Brien-Jension (daughter Evelyn), and Terry Schlieve. More information about our new members was published last week in the December Branch.

A Great Last-Minute Opportunity: A ticket has become available on the CLC women's sold-out bus trip to Chicago this Wednesday, December 9. For more information, contact Mona Leeder at 616-822-7733.

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.

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.

The Congregation Is Invited to join us in a pre-Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come and hear the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of the stable animals as our Sunday School youth perform "Starry Night, Noisy Night," enjoy music from our handbell choirs, worship choir, and junior choir. Sing together the carols of the season and prepare your hearts for the coming of the baby Jesus! Light refreshments will be served following the service. We hope to see you all there!

Student Musicians: Violin, cello, piano, trumpet, trombone, bassoon, clarinet, flute, etc. Please **share your instrumental music by playing** one or more Christmas solos before the Christ Lutheran Church Christmas program on December 13 at 5:30 p.m. Please text Ms. Hazel @ 616-329-4936 to schedule . . . or ask any questions. You can find Christmas music in the green hymnals which are in the church pews.

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 😊

Thank You so much to my church family for all the support this fall during my brother's illness and the many prayers, cards and messages since his death. I am very blessed to have so many good friends here, and I very much appreciate all you have done. Special thanks to the staff and my handbell choirs for the beautiful flowers. I am very blessed.

Marilyn Burgard

Advent Devotionals are still available at the Welcome Center. There are copies for both adults and teens. At this time, we have run out of our children devotionals; however, we do have some left from last year, if you would be interested in one of them. If you are looking for an additional way to share the season of Advent with your young child, check out "The Truth in the Tinsel." It is an e-book devotional for families available online for \$7.99. In it are devotionals for each day of Advent, and an ornament craft idea you can make to hang on your tree for each day! You can also download printable ornaments from the site to save time if need be.



The Christmas Program will soon be here! Rehearsals continue this week during the 11:15 service. If your child is in PreK – 6th grade, we would love to have them at rehearsal. ALL kids will be singing in the program, so even if your child doesn't have a speaking part, we'd like to have them participate in rehearsals this Sunday and next, so that they can practice the songs they'll be singing. Those with speaking parts: don't forget that we will have a dress rehearsal next Saturday the 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Christ Crew (4th – 6th grade) is going bowling this afternoon! Meet at Fairlanes in Grandville at 1:30. The cost is \$8.50 which covers shoe rental and two hours of bowling. We will be there until 4:30.

Confirmation Activity: Confirmation students and their mentors will be going bowling TODAY (Sunday the 6th) from 2-4 p.m. at Fairlanes bowling alley in Grandville. Bring \$10 and enjoy 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop. We will meet at the bowling alley! If you are in need of a ride, please let Suzanne Snider know ASAP!

Schedule Note: There will be NO evening Confirmation class or youth dinners from this Sunday (the 6th) through December 27th. Enjoy this Christmas season with some family dinners at home and we will see everyone back on Sunday, January 3!

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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." We have many opportunities to help save the life of someone else through blood, organ, and bone marrow donation. This week we focus on blood donation. Christ Lutheran has always been a great support of Michigan Blood donation drives, but perhaps you are new to blood donation or have questions on whether or not you can donate, or where blood comes from when you are in need of a transfusion at the hospital. Please stop by the table in the narthex to find out information about all the ways we can "Give the Gift of Life" this Advent season. Open the lines of communication with your family and make the most informed decisions possible about your choices. We hope to open your hearts and minds to some new options of giving that you may not have ever considered before.

Memorial Donations: Our Sympathies are extended 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.

Games for Gladiola School: The Gladiola Ministry is going strong this year. CLC has helped with two evening events this fall with great success. The Evangelism Committee is hoping to help sponsor a 3rd event in the spring. We would like to have a "Board Game Night." Many of the students at Gladiola do not have access to board games and we are hoping to be able to give the families a chance to learn how to play these games together. In order to do this, we are asking the members of CLC to help us out once again. We are looking for donations of new and gently used board/card games. The games should be appropriate for pre-school and elementary age children. There will be a box in the Gathering Space to collect these. Please keep this ministry in mind as you clean out your children's closets to make room for new Christmas presents and as you see any good Christmas or after-Christmas sales. We will be collecting until March. Thank you once again for your support of this ministry.

Help Us Bless A Family: Christ Lutheran has been asked by Lutheran Social Services to "adopt" a family for this Christmas season. We had an *overwhelming* response to this request! What a truly generous congregation we have!! If you took a tag from the tree, please remember to bring the item back unwrapped, with a gift receipt if possible, and the original tag from the tree by Sunday, December 20. Monetary donations can still be made and given to the church office or to Suzanne Snider. Any monetary donations give will help to pay off the family's water bill and to purchase a new stove. We were also notified late last week of a second family in need. If we are able to fulfill the needs of the first family, any monetary donations made above and beyond will go towards gift cards for the second family for groceries, home supplies, and Christmas gifts. If you have any gently used home items (pots, pans, dishes, small appliances, etc.) this family would be very appreciative of them. In addition, this second family is attempting to secure housing. If you have knowledge of a 2-3 bedroom home that can be rented for \$600-\$800 monthly, please let Suzanne Snider know so that we can pass the information on to the family. You are an amazing blessing to this community!

Personal Care Pantry: Items needed this week: combs, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. 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 20 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)	27 - Crackers (box)
22 – Pickles (jar)	17 - Cranberry Sauce (canned)	27 - Pie Filling
26 - Evaporated Milk	10 - Instant Pudding	22 - Frosting
17 – Pumpkin (canned)	18 – Fruit (canned)	6 – 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)		

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

Prayer Partners are still needed for the high school trip to the Michigan State Gathering at the end of December. Today is the last day to sign up. Please sign up at the youth table or email Sarah at youthministry@clcwyo.org. For those already signed up, check your email this week for more information.

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!

