

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

### This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 10-17, 2017

#### Today – 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

#### Monday – December 11

3:00 p.m. New Beginnings  
5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

#### Tuesday – December 12

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

#### Wednesday – December 13

7:00 p.m. Worship Ensemble Practice

#### Thursday – December 14

10:00 a.m. Baking at Ronald McDonald House

#### Saturday – December 16

Noon Sunday School Kids Program Practice  
3:00 p.m. Sudanese Action Team

#### Sunday – December 17

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Cookie Walk  
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  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Program

#### Last Week's Response:

Attendance on December 3:  
9:00 a.m. – 129 11:15 a.m. – 123

Offerings Needed in December: \$44,339

### Serving Our Congregation Next Sunday: December 17, 2017

#### **Council:**

9:00 a.m. Tom Goetsch  
11:15 a.m. Ken Davison

**Altar Guild:** Teresa Ortego

**Bread Baker:** Lisa Harris

#### **Welcome Center:**

9:00 a.m. Sharon Mack  
11:15 a.m. Barb McMullin

#### **Acolyte:**

9:00 a.m. Emily Goetsch  
11:15 a.m. Jake Gillich

#### **Worship Assistant:**

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

#### **Coffee Servers:**

9:00 a.m. Judy Shepard, Kay Siebelink  
11:15 a.m. Raneane Wiechenthal, Hailee Risner

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. Brian Crane, John, Colin & Connor Naklizki  
11:15 a.m. Dan Johnson, Bill Steele, Tim Zeitter, Sandy Healey

#### **Communion Assistants:**

9:00 a.m. Steve & Vicki Blubaugh, Emily Goetsch  
11:15 a.m. Tim & Kim Zeitter, Jake Gillich

#### **Reader:**

9:00 a.m. Linda McCullough  
11:15 a.m. Gerry Stockwell

#### **Nursery:**

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh, Elizabeth Druckrey  
11:15 a.m. Letty Burgstahler, Marla Aymond

#### **Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting, Joanne Francis  
11:15 a.m. Bill & Toni Steele

**Counters:** Jeff VandenBerg, Scott Westers

**Sprouts Teachers:** Westers Family

#### **Video Operator:**

9:00 a.m. Connor Naklizki  
11:15 a.m. Todd Sheldon

#### **Sound Board:**

9:00 a.m. Michael VanderMeer  
11:15 a.m. Matt June

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

## **Prayer Requests for the Week of December 3**

- Prayers of strength & peace for Nicholas Haan as he undergoes radiation and chemo for brain cancer.
- Pray for Jack Cuncannan who will be having hip surgery on Dec. 11 including a week-long hospital stay.
- Please pray for the daughter of Melanie Bucek Potter who is going through a difficult time.
- Prayers of strength for Gerry Schmuker as she goes through chemo for colon cancer.
- Prayers of joy with the Groenevelds upon the announcement of another coming grandchild.
- Pray for good test results for Dan, Lysa and Gerry Stockwell.
- Prayers of comfort for Mary Lou Shipper and family as they grieve over the passing of Gene.
- Prayers of strength & healing for Gail Fleming as she begins chemo & radiation this week.
- Prayers of thanksgiving with the Diaz family who are seeing God working through answered prayers.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Wendy Zuidema as they mourn her death and celebrate her life this week.

## **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.

## **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
- D.J. Ardy, member and grandson of Fred & Marcia Nichols, in Marine Corp boot camp
- 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](mailto: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 Polly Standley  
December 17: Pastor Mike Kemper  
December 24: Pastor Polly Standley



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God  
by the Killgore Family in memory of Barb Killgore.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Sunday School Christmas Program:** Practice happens today during second service. Don't forget that we will have an extra practice on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christmas Food Baskets for 30 Families:** We are still 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 through today with delivery of the baskets on Dec. 17.

**We Are Going Bowling!** Our youth and mentor bowling event is this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Fairlanes in Grandville. 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.

**Student Musicians Wanted:** If you have a child or student who would like to play a piece as prelude music for the 5:30 Christmas Program on December 17, please contact Gary Sironen soon. The prelude will begin about 5:15, depending on how many there are. This can be piano or an instrument or a duo or small group. Gary is available at [gary@clcwyoming.org](mailto:gary@clcwyoming.org) or 616-340-9458.

**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, "A Play in a Manger," by our Sunday School kids! Please plan to join us!

**Christmas Worship:** On December 24, we will have one combined service at 10:00 AM to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Our Christmas Eve worship services will be held that evening: Family Service at 5:00 PM and Candlelight Services at 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Please join us and bring your family and friends!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>!! If you are attending and haven't filled out a registration form, please pick one up from the Youth Table and get it back to Suzanne ASAP!!

## EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Thank You** to all of you who stepped up so quickly to help restore the Pastoral Discretionary Fund and assist the family who lost their home. Your generosity is a blessing.

**CLC T-Shirts Are Here!** If you ordered a T-shirt, please be sure to pick it up this morning from Suzanne Snider in the Gathering Space.

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

**Please Be Aware of Sensitivities:** This is just a friendly reminder to everyone with any activity in the CLC building (worship space, kitchen, classrooms, etc.) to be aware that we have members with **nut allergies** (nuts or nut products – peanut, almond, pecan, etc. – all nuts!). Some of these allergies are life-threatening and can be triggered just by touching a surface that has leftover nut oils on it. Even if someone with allergies isn't at your function, they will be in the building here at some point and could pick up the residue left behind. This includes treats, cookies for fellowship time, or items for potlucks.

Also, we don't often mention **fragrances, colognes, or perfumes**, but they are just as important. Please be aware that some folks are especially sensitive to such smells and may experience an allergic reaction and need to leave worship or an activity. It is so important to make sure all of our congregants can be safe when they worship here!

**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. 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.

**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 for an hour or so. Please contact Meredith Phillips ([Meredith.m.skaggs@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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