

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2015

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

### **This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 13-20, 2015**

#### **Today – December 13**

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  
11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Final Practice  
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Program

#### **Monday – December 14**

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

#### **Tuesday – December 15**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Youth & Family Committee Meeting

#### **Wednesday – December 16**

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Practice

#### **Thursday – December 17**

9:30 a.m. Hebrews Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Body & Soul  
7:00 p.m. Mission Support Committee Meeting

#### **Friday – December 18**

10:00 a.m. Branch Deadline

#### **Sunday – December 20**

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 20, 2015**

#### **Council:**

9:00 a.m. Suzanne Johnson  
11:15 a.m. Mike Burgstahler

**Altar Guild:** Karen Metzner

#### **Welcome Center:**

9:00 a.m. Addy Laurent  
11:15 a.m. Tom Owens

#### **Acolyte:**

9:00 a.m. Mackenzie DeGennaro  
11:15 a.m. Chloe Goetsch

#### **Worship Assistant:**

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh  
11:15 a.m. Patrick Blanchard

#### **Coffee Servers:**

9:00 a.m. Judy Shepard, Sondra Breeding  
11:15 a.m. Chris & Melinda Leinberger

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. Dave, Lisa, Ben & Matthew Harris  
11:15 a.m. Bob Scharf, Bill Houseknecht,  
Daryl & Jennifer Brey Meyer

#### **Communion Assistants:**

9:00 a.m. Len Johnson, Stuart & Suzanne Johnson,  
Mona Leeder  
11:15 a.m. Cristina VanWieren, Kaila Wright, Tamara Wright

#### **Reader:**

9:00 a.m. Wally Snider  
11:15 a.m. Annie Westers

#### **Nursery:**

9:00 a.m. Megan Steele  
11:15 a.m. Megan Steele, Peggy McCourry

#### **Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. Donna Garen, Joanne Francis  
11:15 a.m. Tamara, Kaila & Dan Wright

**Counters:** Deb Park, Nancy Heidrich

**Sprouts Teachers:** No class today.

#### **Video Operator:**

9:00 a.m. Melissa Dale  
11:15 a.m. Kris Baker

#### **Sound Board:**

9:00 a.m. Brian Byler  
11:15 a.m. Matt June

#### **Last Week's Response: December 6, 2015**

Attendance:

9:00 a.m. – 148      11:15 a.m. – 161

Offerings to Date: \$363,293

Offerings Needed: \$379,808

# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

## Prayer Requests from December 6

- † Prayers of thankfulness that Howard VanOss is celebrating 88 years of life.
- † Prayers of healing for Julie Menacher who had a mild heart attack this week.
- † Prayers of healing for Diane who recently had surgery.
- † Prayers for health and safety for Allison & Beth who are both beginning high risk pregnancies. Prayers for growth and health for the unborn babies.
- † Prayers of recovery and healing for Darcy Williamson who has paralysis.
- † Prayers of healing for the Owens' friend Jan who has to have chemo treatments.
- † Prayers of healing and qualification for a clinical trial for Sherry Vaughn who has pancreatic cancer.
- † Prayers of strength for Dwayne during rehab and recovery.
- † Pray that the T.J. White family will be able to emigrate to the U.S. from the Philippines.
- † Prayers of healing for Allison Ulery who is going through radiation for breast cancer.
- † Pray that Brenda Barr will receive a new kidney.
- † Prayers of recovery for Laura Kasper who is recovering from a stroke.
- † Prayers of safe travel for Kayleigh Saucier and Ginger Christie.
- † Prayers of healing for David Kuhlman, Elizabeth Druckrey's brother, who has cancer on his scalp.
- † Pray for healing, both physical and mental, for Amy.

## 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.

## 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 Tim & Suzanne Snider  
in memory of Suzanne's mom Julianna's birthday.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service today to the Glory of God by the Killgores  
in memory of Barb's birthday.



**The Congregation Is Invited** to join us in a pre-Christmas celebration tonight 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.

**Poinsettia Orders:** Today is the last day to order poinsettias. 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. 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.

**Branch Deadline:** Due to the holidays, the Branch deadline is slightly different than usual. The deadline this month is Friday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. The January Branch will be distributed on Sunday, January 3.

**Annual Cookie Walk:** Don't forget the Cookie Walk is next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention Military Relatives:** The card making committee would like to send Christmas cards to our members in the military. Please submit the current address of your relative (son, daughter, niece, nephew, or grandchild) in the military this week to Marie Smith at [madsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:madsmith@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

**Let's Learn About Islam . . .** Today's world is full of news about the Middle East, extremism and groups like ISIS and Al-Qaeda. In our diverse American culture we have many religions, with Islam getting a lot of attention, discussion and direct confrontation in the world and in its visible presence here in Michigan.

Join us for a five-week series on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning Thursday, January 7, or on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m., beginning Sunday, January 10, as we view the DVD series, *Discover Islam*. This series will present some authentic American Muslim voices sharing their vision for Islam and their hopes for friendship and understanding with other religions. Led by Jim Ward, the class will use an accompanying ELCA study guide that has been prepared for the specific purpose of encouraging understanding of the DVDs.

Sign up in the Gathering Space to join us either on Thursday nights or Sunday mornings, as we learn about what Islam is and how it impacts us as Christians.

**Mystery Donation:** A generous CLC member has donated \$50 to Living Waters Ministries/Stony Lake Camp. A credit card number was mailed in with no other information attached other than it should be for Christ Lutheran. However, without a name and address the donation cannot be completed. Please contact Lori at [lori@elcalivingwater.com](mailto:lori@elcalivingwater.com) or Sarah at [youthministry@clcwyo.org](mailto:youthministry@clcwyo.org) with questions or information

**Confirmation Update:** We had 34 people turn out for the Confirmand/Mentor bowling event!! We had lots of fun and I think we may have sparked a new hobby for some! Our next Confirmand/Mentor event will be Wednesday evening, February 17. We will head to Gilda's Club in Grand Rapids to provide dinner for those families in attendance. Look for more details to come in upcoming weeks!



**Join us for worship on Thursday, December 24!**

**5:00 p.m. Family Worship Time**

**7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

**10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**



**Program Rehearsal:** Our last Sunday School Christmas Play rehearsals happen this weekend. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. for only those kids with speaking parts. Please have those lines and lyrics memorized! We will do a final rehearsal on Sunday during second service. This will be for any Sunday School students from Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All kids involved in the play should be at church no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday.

**Schedule Note:** There will be NO evening Confirmation class or youth dinners for the next three weeks, due to the busy Christmas holiday! Enjoy this Christmas season with some family time at home and we will see everyone back for dinner and class on Sunday, January 3!

**The Michigan State Gathering** is right around the corner, so make sure you have all your forms turned in, including the medical insurance form. Completed forms can go in the youth and family mailbox or emailed to [youthministry@clcwyoming.org](mailto:youthministry@clcwyoming.org) Thanks!

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

Email: [pictures@clcwyoming.org](mailto:pictures@clcwyoming.org)



**This Week in Advent**, we are focusing our “Giving the Gift of Life” series on organ donation. You may think that it would be hard to find personal connection to this type of donation, but in actuality we have quite a few connections right here in our congregation. Many of our members have been personally affected by organ donation through close friends or family members that have either been a donor or the recipient of this amazing gift. Today you will hear from two of our members, Zach Barnes and Alan Windsor, who each lost a close friend unexpectedly, but watched as they selflessly gave of themselves to help others live a healthier and more fulfilling life. Please join them in the Gathering Space after service where they will be available to share more of their personal stories and also help to sign people up to be on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Registration takes place online, only takes a few minutes, and the lives you can change with this one act will forever be grateful.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 given will help to pay off the family’s water bill and to purchase a new stove. We were also notified of a second family in need. Since 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: bar soap, shampoo and conditioner. 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:** 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Serving Our Congregation on Christmas Eve:**

**Council:**

5:00 p.m. Steve Gillich  
7:00 p.m. Kelli VandenBerg  
10:00 p.m. Todd Huston

**Altar Guild:**

5:00 p.m. Pat Potter  
7:00 p.m. Suzanne Johnson  
10:00 p.m. Jean Wisinski

**Welcome Center:**

5:00 p.m. Linda McCullough  
7:00 p.m. Bobbie Neubecker  
10:00 p.m. open

**Acolyte:**

5:00 p.m. Haley Steele  
7:00 p.m. Joey VanTuinen  
10:00 p.m. open

**Worship Assistant:**

5:00 p.m. Karen Niemeyer  
7:00 p.m. Karen Niemeyer  
10:00 p.m. Suzanne Snider

**Ushers:**

5:00 p.m. Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson, Phil Wauben, Donna Garen, Dianne Vissers  
7:00 p.m. Bob Scharf, Bill Houseknecht, Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer  
10:00 p.m. Ken Lundquist, Kristen Thornton, Tom Owens, Ray Panches

**Communion Assistants:**

5:00 p.m. Linda McCullough, Christopher Killgore, Haley Steele  
7:00 p.m. Tim Zeitter, Joy Gianakura, Joey VanTuinen  
10:00 p.m. Kris Baker, Gary McCourry

**Reader:**

5:00 p.m. Christopher Killgore  
7:00 p.m. Joy Gianakura  
10:00 p.m. Gary McCourry

**Greeters:**

5:00 p.m. VanGessel Family  
7:00 p.m. Jim & Trish Nemeth  
10:00 p.m. Terry & Sara Rice

**Counters:** Volunteers are needed.

**Video Operator:**

5:00 p.m. Todd Huston  
7:00 p.m. Suzanne Snider  
10:00 p.m. Denise Sironen

**Sound Board:**

*Schedule not known.*

