

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

Announcements for December 14, 2014

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

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 14-21, 2014

Today

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. Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Mosaic leave for Renucci House
5:30 p.m. Christmas Program/Concert

Monday

6:00 p.m. TOPS
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. BNI Team Meeting
6:15 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Tech & Communications Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mission Support Meeting

Saturday

3:00 p.m. Christ Crew Christmas Party
5:45 p.m. DeGage Ministry

Sunday

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
6:00 p.m. Mosaic Christmas Party

Serving Our Congregation Sunday, December 21, 2014

Council:

9:00 a.m. Jennifer Buddemeier
11:15 a.m. Kelli VandenBerg

Altar Guild: Karen Metzner

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Deanna Bronson
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Maggie Gillich
11:15 a.m. Rylee Walsh

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Coffee:

9:00 a.m. Todd & Raechelle Huston
11:15 a.m. Bill & Toni Steele

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Pete Van Gessel, Chuck & Gail Fleming, Kim Reed
11:15 a.m. Ken Lundquist, Kristen Thornton, Tom Owens,
Ray Panches

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Steve Blubaugh, Chris Boes, Jennifer Buddemeier
11:15 a.m. Daryl & Jennifer Brey Meyer, Ken Davison

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Suzanne Johnson
11:15 a.m. Steve Green

Nursery: Mona Leeder

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Ron & Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Bob & Sue Scharf

Counters: Jennifer Buddemeier, Ken Davison

Sprouts Teacher: No Class Today

Video Operator: Jason Tierney

Sound Board:

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

Last Week's Response December 7, 2014

Attendance

1st Service: 152 2nd Service: 182

Budget Information

December offerings to date: \$11,529
Amount needed per month: \$35,250



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests from December 7

- † Prayers of strength and health for Michelle Levi as she receives treatment for lymphoma.
- † Prayers of strength and wisdom for college students during exam week.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for all the blessings we have.
- † Prayers of healing for Harold Robinson (Joanne Francis's brother) who is recovering from a brain bleed.
- † Pray for friends of the Wick family: Tabitha who is mourning the sudden death of her mother, Rudy who is recovering from an aneurysm, and an anonymous relative who is struggling with depression.
- † Prayers of strength and healing for Mike who is a 59-year-old father diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Also keep his family in your prayers.
- † Prayers of healing for Isaac Burns who had surgery this past week. Isaac is a classmate of Cora Evele.
- † Pray for Ethel VanSlyke, who is awaiting a diagnosis for potential lung cancer.
- † Pray for all military families who are separated during the holidays. Keep them all safe.
- † Prayers of comfort for the Nystrom family, who mourn the death of a sister, Maryann.

Prayer Requests from November 30

- † Pray for healing for Blake, who has painful knees and shoulders.
- † Prayers of recovery for David Atem Phlong who has injuries from a car accident.
- † Prayers of praise for Ryan, who has been accepted to college! Pray he will be able to find ways to pay for it.
- † Pray for healing for the Bugai family's Grandma Sally, who is in the hospital with heart problems.
- † Pray for all those who struggle with and are affected by mental illness, especially during the upcoming holidays.
- † Pray for a safe and healthy pregnancy for Tate & Nicki.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Alan Powell, as they mourn his loss.
- † Prayers of thanks for good health.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Groeneveld
Samantha Tierney
Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
Jesse Cunningham, grandson of Howard & Muriel Andrews
Brandon Westbrook and Cody Westbrook, grandsons of David Barrenger
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.

Jeff McCullough
Adam Lundquist

****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 bulletin. Of course, you can let Pastor or the church office know at any time that you wish prayers for someone.*



Altar Flowers are given at the 9:00 worship service to the glory of God by Terry & Becky Ebb-Spees
in honor of the 30th anniversary of Becky's ordination

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service to the glory of God by Suzanne & Tim Snider
in memory of mom Julianna Tihanyi.



Music of Christmas: Everyone is invited to come back tonight at 5:30 p.m. for a free concert featuring CLC's Sunday School Children, Junior Choir, Bell Choirs, Worship Choir, Praise Choir and Band. Come to hear lots of great music and see our Sunday School kids perform their Christmas program. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Calling All Youth Musicians: Do you play a musical instrument? Please share your gift of music with our church by playing Christmas music during the Prelude to our annual Christmas concert on December 14 at 5:30 (Prelude is 5:15 – 5:30). All levels of instrumental musicians are most welcome to perform church appropriate music. Please contact Ms. Hazel at 538-2926.

Attention All Christmas Program Participants: If you are planning to be a part of our singing crew for the Christmas program, we would love to have you at our final few practices. If you are able, we would appreciate you attending the practices during 2nd service on Sunday, December 14. Remember, our dress rehearsal is Saturday morning December 13 from 9:00 – noon for speaking parts and 11 – noon for singing parts. Questions? Email Sarah McKenney at sarah@clcwyoming.org.

Annual Christmas Cookie Walk: The Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 14, between the services.

Christmas Greetings for Martha Heikkinen: This fall, we had the opportunity to send notes of encouragement to Martha, who has moved to Charlevoix to be closer to her family. She was thrilled to hear from so many at CLC! If any of you would like to send Christmas greetings to Martha, this is her address: 615 Petoskey Avenue, Apt. 7, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Attention Prayer Shawl Knitters: I have made up a few kits to knit a shawl with a cross pattern in it. It is a simple pattern – only knit and purl. It makes up quickly on size 13 needles. I have arranged yarn of colors to stripe in each bag. They are next to the prayer shawl shelf. Please help yourself. Someone has left us some size 8 knitting needles which are in the basket on top of our shelf. If you need size 18's, please take them. *Marilyn Burgard*

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 a 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.

Please consider making a donation to offset the cost of the arrangement. Envelopes will be placed in the pew racks for your convenience. Last date to order is Sunday, December 14th. 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 the plant(s) after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or by Sunday, December 28, for your continued holiday enjoyment.

Staff Gifts: We would like to show our appreciation to our staff. If you would like to contribute, place your contribution in a pew envelope marked "STAFF GIFTS" and place in the offering, or drop off in the office.

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are available in the narthex. Please find your box of envelopes on the table on Sunday.

Office Reminder: The deadline for bulletin announcements is 10:00 a.m. on Friday. The worship bulletins are printed on Wednesday. If you have music information to add to a service, please submit it by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Please email information to Audrey at office@clcwyoming.org or leave it on her desk if she isn't there. The deadline for the January Branch is January 2, 2015.

Mark Your Calendars: Two important dates will be coming up in January. On **January 18** the Finance Committee will hold an **informational meeting** between the services. This is your chance to ask questions about the proposed budget and any financial details you have questions about. **Sunday, January 25, is Christ Lutheran's Annual Meeting.** There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m. After worship the Annual Meeting will be held, with a potluck lunch afterward. All CLC members are encouraged to attend and participate. More details will follow in January.

Last Sunday's Blood Drive: Thanks to all of you who donated blood last Sunday. And thanks also to all those who attempted to donate but could not. We were able to donate 28 units of blood this time. That is the best we have done in quite a while. Michigan Blood is so grateful to all of you. You do save lives right here in West Michigan! I also want to say how proud I am of all of you. You are true heroes!!!_At this time I do not have our quarterly blood drive scheduled. Thanks again. Dave Park, Blood Drive Coordinator

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 also some of the food for the dinners.

We were blessed to share a little Christmas spirit with 28 families at Personal Care Pantry this past Monday evening. The children made nativity scene ornaments to take home with them and each child was given a gift bag that was donated that included a pair of gloves and a candy cane. Some of us wore Santa hats and reindeer ears, which was a big hit ☺. Please raise the following people up in your prayers and please pray that they can all have a blessed Christmas:

Deb: that she will be able to get a stove on disability – short on food and of course money

Angelina, Yena, Lisandro, Maria M., Elisa, and Dora: for their families

Peggy: for her grandkids...dysfunction has taken over...pray for love and peace in her life

Shirley, Margarita, and Tammy: for good health for their families

Gail: prayers for a new car as hers died, and for her mother who is sick

Angela: for the many sick people in Metron of Forest Hills nursing facility

Maria N.: for her baby boy, Luis Nava's health and for the health of Fortunata Martinez

Mable: for good health and for money to put down for a house and for good relations with her husband

Diana, Maria S., and Jeanette: for good health

Tina: for presents for her family

Martha: prayers of thanks for a new job

MaElena: that her son keeps his new job

Phu: for good

Amanda: for peace and joy throughout the world

Juana: for a good relationship with her husband and family

Shalee: for her son's health and that he can keep his job

Thank You: On Saturday, December 6, the Wyoming Christmas Store was able to assist 126 families which represented about 320 children. It was a wonderful, joyful experience for these families. People were so appreciative that "someone" would allow them to shop in this special store where they were treated with such respect.

At DeVos Children's Hospital, 60 children were able to select gifts for their immediate family members. Again, it was such a joyful occasion (in the midst of sadness) because we were able to express love to these "hurting" children and families.

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and wrapping paper for the Christmas Store. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year! Carol Peters – CLC and Shari Dood & Karen Besselson (on behalf of Family Network of Wyoming).

Concert: The Metropolitan Choir of Praise's Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 14, at 3 p.m. at First Byron Center Christian Reformed Church, at the corner of 84th Street and Byron Center. The choir will be joined by our director, Mark Shepard's, music students at Byron Center Countryside Elementary School. For more info, please see the website at metropolitanchoir.com.



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Mosaic will be heading to Renucci House tonight. We will be leaving from church at 4:30 and returning approximately 8:00 p.m. after cooking and cleaning up dinner. See you then!

Payment Reminder: The second installment payment for the National Gathering is due **today:** \$100 payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Save Your Cans: The High School Youth are collecting pop cans and pop tops, to help fund the 2015 National Gathering trip. All donations can be placed in the bin located next to the youth table in the Narthex.

Mosaic Christmas Party: Next Sunday, December 21, 6-8 p.m., is our Christmas Party. Wear a funny Christmas sweater and bring a "white elephant gift." What is that? A white elephant gift is something inexpensive that you find lying around your house (or tucked in a drawer) that you no longer need or have been wanting to donate to Goodwill. Please be sure to wrap your gift.

Christmas Eve Services



Please join us in praise to the newborn king!

5:00 p.m. – Family Worship

7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

The following people are scheduled to assist in various ways during the Christmas Eve services. There are some open spots. If you will be here Christmas Eve and are willing to help out, please call the office.

Council: _____

Altar Duty: 5:00 Pat Potter

7:00 Suzanne Johnson

10:00 Jean Wisinski

Acolyte: 5:00 Wally Snider

7:00 Ashton Whitehouse

10:00 _____

Worship Assistant: 5:00 Patrick Blanchard

7:00 Patrick Blanchard

10:00 Cristina Van Wieren

Usher: _____

Communion Assistants:

5:00 Matt & Cindy June

7:00 Donna Garen, Lance Girand

10:00 Steve & Renee Green, Sandy Healey

Reader: 5:00 Wally Snider

7:00 Trisha Nemeth

10:00 Linda McCullough

Offering Counters: Brian Crane, Deb Park

(to be counted on December 26, need 1 to 2 more)

Sound: _____