

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 17, 2017

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 17-24, 2017

Today – 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

Monday – December 18

3:00 p.m. New Beginnings
5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 19

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Youth & Family Committee Meeting

Wednesday – December 20

7:00 p.m. Worship Ensemble Practice

Thursday – December 21

7:00 p.m. Mission Support Committee Meeting

Sunday – December 24

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Serving Our Congregation

Next Sunday: **December 24, 2017, 10:00 AM**

Council: Jim Ward

Altar Guild: Pat Potter

Bread Baker: Marie Smith

Welcome Center: Carrienne Evele

Acolyte: Jake McKenney

Worship Assistant: Lance Girand

Coffee Servers: Cathy Chappell, Sham Alaqraa

Ushers: John & Mary DeHerrera, Dave & Lisa Harris, Chris Herp

Communion Assistants: Nicki Deuling, Jake McKenney

Reader: Wally Snider

Nursery: *Schedule not available*

Greeters: Carlon & Gaye Snyder

Sprouts Teachers: No Sprouts today

Video Operator: Ann Modzeleski

Sound Board: *Schedule not available*

All volunteers for the evening services for
Christmas Eve are listed on page 3.



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God
by the Snider Family in memory of Julianna Tihanyi.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Last Week's Response:

Attendance on December 10:
9:00 a.m. – 105 11:15 a.m. – 115
Offerings Needed in December: \$29,248

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

December 17: Pastor Mike Kemper
December 24: Pastor Polly Standley
December 31: Pastor Polly Standley

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of December 10

- Prayers of peace for Marcia Stevens who is dealing with an illness.
- Prayers of healing & recovery for Chris Williams who has thyroid cancer.
- Prayers of comfort & peace for the Blackhurst Family as they mourn the loss of their beloved Clarence.
- Prayers of strength and health for children Tyler Bugai and Elizabeth Dockweiler.
- Prayers of healing for Tonya who had surgery on Tuesday.
- Pray for comfort for the family of Richard Scott as they grieve his sudden death on Thanksgiving Day.
- Prayers of happiness in the lives of Derek and his sons.
- Pray for strength & healing for Scott Pierpont as he fights Stage 3 Pancreatic Cancer.
- Prayers of strength & healing for Brian Augustine and his family as he recovers from 2 cancer surgeries this week.
- Pray for health for Keith Schaap who had 2 valves in his heart replaced.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Jessica Probst who committed suicide last week.
- Pray for an unspoken request for Matthew Potter.
- Prayers of healing for Sharon, cousin of Melanie Potter who found a lump in her breast.
- Pray for good health for Norma, Melanie Potter’s aunt, who will be 90 in January.
- 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.

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.

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) 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 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Christmas Cookie Walk: It is time for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk! It will be held today 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.

Schedule Reminder: Today is the last day of Sunday School before our Christmas break. There will be no Sunday School on December 24 or 31 and we will resume on January 7th! Confirmation class does not meet tonight, and will also resume on January 7th. Enjoy your Christmas holiday!

Sunday School Participants: If you are taking part in the Sunday School Christmas play, please be at church by 5:00 PM tonight. We will meet in the education wing.

Christmas Program: Please join us tonight at 5:30 PM for an evening of special music and entertainment! CLC's Christmas 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 4th 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!

The following people are the scheduled volunteers for the Christmas Eve evening services. If you see an open spot you are willing to volunteer for, please let Audrey know. If you are listed and will not be able to fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement and let Audrey know. Thank you!

<u>Duty:</u>	<u>5:00 PM:</u>	<u>7:00 PM:</u>	<u>10:00 PM:</u>
Council Person	Toni Steele	Linda Montgomery	Tom Goetsch
Altar Guild	Christa Killgore	Suzanne Johnson	Elizabeth Druckrey
Bread Baker	Pat Potter	Bev Tillman	Denise Sironen
Welcome Center	_____	Bob Ortego	Tom Wisinski
Acolyte	Rylee Huston	Rebecca Snider	Marla Aymond
Worship Assistant	Patrick Blanchard	Diane Persky	Nancy Larson
Ushers	Harry Wendland	Bill Houseknecht	Ken Davison
	Gerry Guttormson	Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer	Rich Neubecker
	Dianne Vissers	Kristen Thornton	Tom Owens
	Ron & Nancy Heidrich		
Communion Assistant	Toni Steele	Denise Sironen	Tamara & Kaila Wright
	Rylee Huston	Rebecca Snider	Marla Aymond
Reader	Christopher Killgore	Annie Westers	Keith Koehler
Greeters	Pete & Jill VanGessel	_____	Linda McCullough
Counters	_____	(count will be done on December 26)	
Video Operator	Whitney VanGessel	Suzanne Snider	Denise Sironen
Sound Board	_____	Mike Siebelink	Matt June

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!!

It's Not Too Late to make a purchase from the ELCA Good Gifts tree! Stop by the tree and pick an ornament to give to someone and let them know you've made a donation in their name to a community in need. As little as \$10 can make a huge impact for a family.

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

Office Notes:

- **Branch Deadline:** All submissions for the January Branch are due by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- **Office Hours Change:** On Friday, December 22, the office will not open until 10:30 AM.

Euchre Tournament: Body & Soul Sisters are hosting their annual euchre tournament on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Jane Reardon's home.

- Socializing is from 6:30-7:30 PM; cards are from 7:30-10:30 PM.
- All adults are welcome to join us for this event.
- Buy in to play is \$5 per person with a Personal Care Pantry item; \$10 without one. All proceeds will go to the Personal Care Pantry.
- Please BYOB and bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

We will be changing up the playing process this year, so we can finish more rounds of play. If you don't know how to play well or you're a card shark or you don't have a partner, you are welcome to join us! Please RSVP by January 21 on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space or via email at bodyandsoulsisters@gmail.com. Contact Suzanne Gut (616-560-0361), Ann Modzeleski (616-690-4619), or Jane Reardon (616-717-0429) with any questions. An email with Jane's address will go out prior to the event. If you can bring a card table and chairs, please let us know.

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night: The Altar Guild is purchasing a selection of poinsettia plants 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. Today is the last day to participate. 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.

Notes from Council: On Tuesday, December 12, the Council and would like to share the following notes:

- Thank you to all involved with the recent budget procedures. On Tuesday, Council approved the 2018 church budget and it will soon be made available for congregation review. A Budget Q & A meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2018, between services for those of you who may have questions before the budget is brought to the floor for vote at the January 28th Congregational Meeting.
- We have an awesome church office secretary!
- The 2018 Council positions were finalized. Here is a list of the Council members and the position they will hold:

Jim Ward – President
Linda Montgomery – Vice President
Vicki Blubaugh – Treasurer
Cindy June – Secretary
Polly Standley – Interim Pastor
Mike Evele – Education
Michael Phillips – Evangelism
Amy Gordon – Fellowship
Katelyn Conat – Mission Support
Ken Davison – Property
John Wiechenthal – Technology
Kim Zeitter – Well-Being & Social Concerns
Cindy June – Worship, Music & Arts
Mike Evele – Youth & Family
Dave Harris – Recording Secretary

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.

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. There were 27 families at Monday's Personal Care Pantry. We passed out reindeer candy canes to the children (thanks to the teen Sunday School class and Deb) and then they made beautiful Christmas ornaments (thank you Kathy). The following people have asked for us to pray for them:

Bill: prayers of gratitude and thanks	Lynne: she is having surgery on Monday
Sonia: for a job – she has an interview this week	Alexey: for his children's and mom's health
Hedwig: for her family to find jobs	Anita and Martha: for good health
Deborah: for her sister, Cynthia who is in a nursing home	Julia: for her family's health and safety
Phu: for her husband who has been ill for several months	Mary Jane: for her back pain to go away
Jeanette: prayers of thanks that all is well	Shirley: to get her car back
Margarita: prayers of thanks for good health	Gail: for her, her mom, and her family
Rosalie: for her husband's family – 3 family members have cancer	
Ana: prayers that she will not be deported after going to immigration court	
Marta, Martha, Jose, Josefina, Patricia, Maria, and Irma: for their families	

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!

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*

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.

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. ☺