

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2015

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

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church December 20-27, 2015

Today – December 20

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Christmas Cookie Walk
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Mosaic Christmas Party

Monday – December 21

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

Tuesday – December 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday – December 23

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Practice

Thursday – December 24

Office Closed
5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Friday – December 25



Sunday – December 27

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Youth leave for State Gathering
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship

Serving Our Congregation Sunday, December 27, 2015

Council:

9:00 a.m. Jennifer Buddemeier
11:15 a.m. Toni Steele

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Druckrey

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting
11:15 a.m. *Open*

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Kat Flynn
11:15 a.m. Tyler Nichols

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward
11:15 a.m. Suzanne Snider

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Pete & Jill VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Lou & Julie Fischer

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Mike & Bev Faas, Ron & Nancy Heidrich,
Jane Reardon
11:15 a.m. Kathy Reister, Mark Baker, Craig Ratliff,
Mike Phillips

Communion Assistants:

No Communion this morning

Reader: No reader today

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Megan Steele
11:15 a.m. Megan Steele

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. David Archambault, Brian Crane
11:15 a.m. Tim & Kim Zeitter

Counters: Jennifer Buddemeier, Ken Davison

Sprouts Teachers: No class today.

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Donna Garen

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Alan Windsor
11:15 a.m. Mike Siebelink

Last Week's Response: December 13, 2015

Attendance:

9:00 a.m. – 136 11:15 a.m. – 173

Offerings to Date: \$370,253

Offerings Needed: \$387,403

***Reminder: All contributions for 2015 must be received by the office no later than 12/30/15 to receive credit for 2015.*

Please see page 6 for the list of participants for the Christmas Eve services.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests from December 13

- † Prayers of safety for Andrew and Jessica Groeneveld who are traveling home for Christmas.
- † Pray that the T.J. White family will be able to emigrate to the U.S. from the Philippines.
- † Prayers of strength and healing for Tom Bulgarella, who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- † Prayers of healing for Shannon and Travis who are both dealing with health issues.
- † Pray for continued healing for Julie Bahr's arm.
- † Pray that Suzanne can find a way to finance the medical procedures she needs.
- † Prayers of healing for Mary Knappen after her recent heart surgery.
- † Prayers of healing for Darcy Williamson, who is recovering from paralysis.
- † Prayers of healing for someone who had surgery on December 15.
- † Prayers of recovery and health for Jen and Jade Mueller/Boelens. Jade is in the NICU, and was 1 lb. 5 oz. at her birth.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and friends.
- † Prayers of healing for Taylor who has leukemia and Jan who starts chemo this week.
- † Pray that Lisa's treatment helps get her back on her feet.
- † Prayers of healing for Jamie Noorman who has an auto-immune disease and is getting worse.
- † Prayers of healing for Joe Schram who will be having a 2nd brain surgery for a recurrent tumor.

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.

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 Tammy Walsh in honor of Rylee's birthday.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 worship service today to the Glory of God by Dianne Vissers in memory of her husband, mother, and brother.

*The Flower Charts for 2016 can be found behind the Welcome Center on the wall to the left of the window.
Sign up today for the date that is special to you!*



Annual Cookie Walk: Don't forget the Cookie Walk is today! Come do some shopping for tasty treats between the services. Cookies will be sold for \$4.00 per pound. Your donations will help support the Personal Care Pantry.

From the Office: For the next two weeks the office will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays, December 24 & 25 and December 31 and January 1. The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. on both December 23 and 30. Please make note of this to be sure your communications get included.



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

The State Gathering Youth are traveling to Lansing, MI, on December 27th. They will meet at church on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and leave around noon. They will be returning to church on Wednesday, December 30 around 1:00/1:30 p.m. Please feel free to send them off or greet them when they return and pray for safe travel and a wonderful, God-filled experience.

Start the New Year Off with Lunch! Love, Laugh 'n Lunch will gather on Tuesday, January 5, at Uccello's Ristorante, 3940 Rivertown Parkway. If you would like to join us, RSVP by Tuesday, December 29, to Pastor Karen (616-532-2774 or Karen@clcwyoing.org) or to Marilyn Miheve (616-538-3384 or mimiheve@gmail.com). Hope you can join us!

Body & Soul Sisters! We will be starting off the new year with spinning at Shape Your Life on Tuesday, Jan 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (1290 – 36th Street SW, Wyoming)! If you've never been, your spin is free. If you are returning to the studio, it is \$10. Please RSVP to Jane Reardon no later than Jan. 2 at 9:00 a.m. Bikes fill up fast after New Years, so save your spot now!

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.

Body & Soul Sisters and Bro Buddies! We will be hosting our first co-ed event on Thursday, January 28 (note the week change). We will be hosting a Euchre Tournament at Jane Reardon's home (5405 Naples Cedar Dr., Wyoming). Buy in to play is \$5 per person. All money raised will be given to the Personal Care Pantry meal fund. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your own beverages. Significant others are welcome; adults only please. Please RSVP at bodyandsoulsisters@gmail.com by Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016.

Worship Assistant Opportunity: We are in the process of expanding our team of Worship Assistants. If you feel that your spiritual gifts might be leading you in this direction, please contact Patrick Blanchard at 460-7150.

Personal Care Pantry: The PCP welcomed 32 families on Monday. A very special thank you to Carrienne Evele and her daughters for making delicious Elephant Ears as a special dessert for everyone. The children crafted Christmas trees and were given bags of Christmas candy. The following people have asked for prayers:

Adrian: for her son, Christian, who is bipolar

Elsa, Juliana, Juana and Esperanza: for their families

Tammy: for her family's health

Margarita: for her health issues and for her family

Lisandro: his 9 month old son, Thigo, is in the hospital

Dustin: for his mom's father-in-law who passed away

Shirley: for her daughter, Shannon

Martha: family...do not separate families

Phu: God bless America

Jeanette: for her health as she has a cold

Marcia: for her severe headache

Peggy: for a blessed birthday and Christmas

Angela: for a reliable car

Maria N. and Magdalena: for their children's health

Virginia: for a happy and health Christmas

Amanda: for peace in the world and for our leaders

Santa: for her family's health and a safe 2016

April: for her whole family that has been sick, for Joshua who hurt his head and April who cracked a tooth

Angelina: for her daughter, Adiline, who has kidney issues

Gail: healing for her leg which is broken from being hit by a car while crossing the street last month and for comfort from the trauma of the accident

Ana Rosa: help for her as she is experiencing post-partum depression

Angela: for transportation as her husband's car is ruined



Mosaic: We will be having our Christmas Party tonight, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come and celebrate the season!

No Mosaic on December 27, due to the State Gathering.

Schedule Note: There will be NO evening Confirmation class or youth dinners until January 3, 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!

Sunday School: The kids will not meet today or next week. See you all back in class on January 3!

Mosaic, Mark Your Calendars! Mosaic will be going to Winter Jam at Van Andel Arena. The cost is \$10 at the door. Meet at church at 3:00 p.m. to car pool. Sign up at the youth table if you are interested in going!

Christ Crew is going ice skating at Rosa Park Circle on January 10th from 2-5 p.m. Please sign up at the youth table or email Alan at abwindsors@sbcglobal.net.

Confirmation Students and Mentors: On Wednesday, February 3rd we will be going to Gilda's Club. (If I told you the 17th earlier, I was wrong!! Sorry!) We will meet at Gilda's at 4:45 p.m. Please watch your email for more details in the new year!



This Week is our Last Sunday of Advent and that also means the last Sunday of our “Give the Gift of Life” theme. This week, we are focusing on bone marrow donation. Bone marrow transplants can be the lifesaving measure for those fighting blood cancers, immune disorders, and sickle cell anemia. Be the Match is the organization that works through Michigan Blood to register and test possible donors. Bone marrow donors must be between the ages of 18 and 44. Why? Younger donors produce more and higher-quality cells than older donors. However, anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 can join the Be the Match Registry. And you can be called to donate if you are a match up until age 61. If you are older than 44, you are required to make a \$100 tax deductible donation to cover the cost of kit testing and registration. Age guidelines are not meant to discriminate. They are meant to protect the safety of the donor and provide the best possible outcome for the patient. The lower age limit is based on the legal age of consent. A guardian or parent is not able to sign a release or give consent because unrelated bone marrow donation is a voluntary procedure. The upper age limit is based on both donor and patient considerations. There is a small increase in the risk of complications from donations in older donors. There is also a slightly increased risk of blood disorders in older people. In addition, studies have shown that patients who received donated cells from younger donors have a better chance for long-term survival. Suzanne Snider will be available in the Gathering Space before and after services to answer any further questions you may have about bone marrow donation.

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: If you have a gift for the family we are helping for Christmas, or would still like to make a monetary donation, please get your donation to Suzanne Snider right away. Today (Dec. 20) is the last day to contribute.

Personal Care Pantry: Items needed this week: dish soap, Kleenex, and paper towels. Cash donations are also a blessing, as they can be used to purchase products and food for the dinners.

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 gift giving time of year is here, 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. Kris Baker

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:

5:00 p.m. open
7:00 p.m. Mike Siebelink
10:00 p.m. Matt June

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

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