



CHRIST CHRONICLE

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Dear Friends:

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

-- Isaiah 9:6-7 --

Last night, the Holiday Season started for me with the Christ Lutheran School annual PTL Thanksgiving meal! I love this time of year! Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas – the “Holiday Season.” We will all begin hearing a lot of “Happy Holidays!” over the next several weeks. It’s ironic that even as our culture tries to remove all “religion” from the season, by using the phrase: “Happy Holidays,” to replace “Merry Christmas,” they are still (much to their ignorance) proclaiming faith.

The word “Holiday,” comes to us from the combination of two Old English words meaning, “Holy Day.” To speak of something as Holy, is to understand it as sacred and “set apart” for the purpose of acknowledging and worshiping God! To speak of a day as “Holy,” is to speak of it as a day “set aside to acknowledge and worship God for the great things He has done, is doing, and will yet do in the future!”

Granted, in the understanding of most people, the word “Holiday” is a secular word with no religious significance, but I find it rather humorous, that as much as our culture tries to run away

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You are invited to worship with us as we celebrate this Christmas season

Let us give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ together at our
Advent and Christmas Worship Services.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.
• CLC-S Kindergarten - 3rd grade program “Jesus Means Christmas to Me”
Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 3 - 8:15 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. CLC-S Pre-School Singing
December 10 - 8:15 a.m. Joyful Noise
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Program
“Glory to God in the Highest”
December 17 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
December 31 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. New Year’s Eve Communion Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2017
Morning Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m.
Evening Candlelight Worship 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, December 25, 2017
Morning Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m.



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from religion (Christianity), it turns around and runs right into it without realizing. In reality, it's a reminder that our God, who intruded into the history of man with the life giving birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Savior of humanity, still intrudes into the lives of people today, even without their knowledge.

There is a certain amount of joy as I consider the impact that the true Christmas message can have on the lives of people, even without their knowledge. The proclamation of the Holy Days of God Almighty, even by unbelievers, reminds me of the words: "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess..."

The additional impact Christmas songs and melodies have on the hearts of people as they hear them in shopping centers and on the radio adds to the proclamation. Even as the world continues to move away from the central truth of our Savior's birth, Satan has still not been able to remove the HOLY Christ Child from CHRISTmas!

In our own preparations for the celebration of the birth of our Savior we need to be aware of the many opportunities we have to speak about Christ to others in both word and deed. There are those families and individuals for whom this "Holiday Season" will be challenging and outright difficult as they reflect upon the tragedies that have impacted their families, neighbors, friends, and coworkers. It is true that many lives have been forever changed by hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, shootings, and terrorist attacks. For them, the challenge to be thankful or to find hope is daunting. It is important for us to take time to ponder the gift of Christ to our world and to our lives. Remember the impact the love of Jesus has had upon you and your family and search for ways to share that same love with those who are struggling and hurting. Reflect upon the forgiveness given to you by a Savior who died on a cross. Find ways to share that forgiveness with others. Think about what the world would be like without Jesus and what it must be like for those who have no hope. I believe the impact of CHRIST in our lives and in our world is so profound, that even when others try to forget about Him or even remove Him, HE IS PRESENT! (Pun intended!) The task has been given to us to PRESENT Christ to the world, beginning at home with family, then to neighbors, classmates, coworkers, and friends. Extend the presence of Christ to the lives of others in words and actions.

When we look at the Babe of Bethlehem, decorated in rags, and lying in a stable full of that wonderful "barnyard" aroma — when we hear the cries of a Savior hanging on a cross, when we are touched by His grace through the waters of Baptism, we are mindful of a God who brings life into our world in a way in which common and ordinary people can relate to Him. He uses us, common and ordinary people, to make it happen!

The "Holy Day" of Christmas is celebrated every time we see the gift of God given to us in the birth of the Christ-child. Christmas is celebrated when we share The Gift with others in simple ways that communicate the love God has for them. May this Holy Day season be a time of peace and joy for you, and through you for others.

Happy Holy Days! And Merry CHRISTmas!

Pastor Neal Groeling



Fellowship Meal

December Fellowship Meal Schedule

December 6 - 8th Grade: TBD

December 13 - Board of Education: Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Corn Rolls & Dessert

December 20 - NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL

December 27 - NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL

All meals are on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meal!

Look for the poster board in the Narthex to sign your group up to host a meal.



CHURCH WORK DAY

It's time for our annual campus landscaping cleanup.

Join us on Saturday 12/2 and 12/9 from 9 a.m. to noon as we work on trimming the xeriscape plants and shrubs.

Bring your gloves, rake and a wheelbarrow if you have one.

Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Questions to Phil Pelzman.





From the Principal

Kim Rasmussen

November...given the fact that as a kid, I would put ketchup on my turkey, it wasn't always my favorite month. As holidays go, Thanksgiving was kind of a bust. There were no presents, football on TV (of which I'm not really a fan), and a big meal when I was a picky eater. Since then, I've come a long way. Not with football, but with the celebration of Thanksgiving, and the opportunity to stop and be appreciative of all of the blessings God has given me. Research shows that people who practice gratitude are happier (Emmons, R. A. 2008). So how do you practice? I firmly believe it has to be a purposeful, conscious decision, every day. Like most things, if you practice it will become a habit.

There are so many things at Christ Lutheran to be grateful for, children, teachers, parents, congregation members, and volunteers, to name a few. Heading into December, I'm thankful that we get to celebrate Jesus birthday! You are cordially invited to our school celebrations of His big day - Preschool will be singing at the 11:00 AM Worship service on December 3rd, K-4 will be leading the Advent Worship service on December 6th, and the Sunday school kids will be leading the Worship Service on December 10th at the 8:15 AM service.

December...I'm grateful for a Savior born, to live a perfect life, and take our sins away when he died and rose again. I'm grateful for the hope of heaven, and the opportunity everyday to tell Him thank you. I'm sure I speak for the whole staff as I tell you, "As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation-a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth." 2 Thessalonians 12:13.

In Christ,

Kimberly Rasmussen

From the Congregation President

Jerry Shroff, Congregation Chairman



Share His Love!!! No Secrets Here!!!

I was recently in a discussion with a close brother in Christ here at church. We talked about serving and the irony in it all. As the more we serve, the more we actually feel God's love and blessings.

I have watched him in his journey. A few years ago he committed himself to becoming active in his faith. He wasn't real active in going to church, much less being active in a daily walk at the time. Let me share that when he decided to commit to going to church, he really committed to activating his walk with Jesus. Through that he has become a true witness to me and so many others.

Every time I see him, he is smiling. I constantly see him working, delivering items to our God Cares About You Mission and volunteering to do just about anything that helps in service for Jesus. On top of all that, just the other day, he showed me something more as we celebrated our Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal hosted by our wonderful PTL (which I would put hands down as the #1 PTL anywhere – but that is another story).

My friend was sitting in the overflow room for the meal (which was overflowing) and when he saw me he called me over. He said, "Jer I have to introduce you to some of my good friends and neighbors." He proceeded to introduce me to five friends he had invited to dinner in our family of fellowship.

It struck me that this is what it is all about. You see Jesus has given us the greatest of gifts. Not only has He taught us to love and serve but He has given us the promise of eternal life through His

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POINSETTIA ORDERS

Place your orders on the sign up sheet in the narthex or call the church office to order. All orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 17.



**Jesus sacrificed everything for us.
What are we willing to sacrifice
to keep His mission moving forward?**



Average Weekly offerings (Aug – Oct) - \$8,160

**Weekly Offerings budgeted to keep His mission within Christ Lutheran moving forward
(Aug-July) - \$9,423**

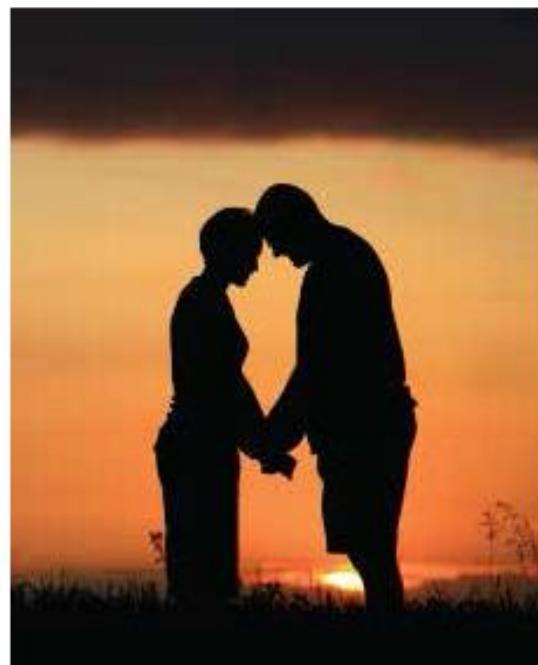
Our general offerings are down about \$7,000 versus offerings over the same period last fiscal year (Aug – Nov 12). Last year from November through July our offerings were significantly higher than the first three months (\$9,400 vs \$8498).

For the balance of this fiscal year we need to average \$9,700 a week to reach our budget to keep His Missions within Christ Lutheran moving forward.

Together, with the Grace of God, we can meet the challenge which He has placed before us.

God's Blessings,

Randy Bennett, Treasurer
Tom Hebblewhite, Chairman Board of Stewardship
The Board of Stewardship



FROM THE BOARD OF YOUTH

In November, the youth hosted a burrito breakfast. The youth really enjoy interacting with the congregation. A couple of the youth helped with the Thanksgiving Meal. They will be enjoying the short break from school and visiting with family over the Thanksgiving Break.

December is a great time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. The youth will help decorate the church. They will host the middle school kids from the school for a game night. During this time they will be making Christmas stockings for homeless kids. Some plan on Christmas caroling. And of course, they will be enjoying a much needed break away from school.

Away from church, many of the kids are involved with various athletics. One other is also in the church choir, and also plays piano. Others are also involved with girl and boy scouts. Some of the kids plan on seeing the new Star Wars movie over the Christmas break.

Youth celebrating birthdays December: Ben Groeling and Keir Larson.

Thanks for all your support, CLY and JoY

When: Sunday, December 3 at 3 p.m.

Where: Meet in the Parish Hall, and carpool to several locations. A light supper will be served back at the Parish Hall after caroling.

What: We'll be singing familiar & much-loved Christmas carols!

Who: Everyone is welcome!



Do you have Thrivent Financial Insurance?
Do you have Action Team eligibility left for 2017?
Would you like to help with an application?
If you answered yes to all 3 questions contact Marcia Koschman or Dave Hommel.





NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

By Beth Shroff

"Light one candle for hope, peace, joy, and love. He comes!"
- Natalie Sleeth

As the church year ends emphasizing the final days of earth and our final days on earth, so the season of Advent begins a new church year looking again at the glory of Christ's final coming. During Advent we prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ, born into this world for us. Messengers like John the Baptist tell us to repent and have faith. We wait with vigilant expectation and hope; patiently waiting to celebrate the fulfillment of God's promises in the birth of His Son, Jesus.

The first Sunday in Advent, December 3, the Choir anthem is "Come as King!" Christ Lutheran Pre-school will be singing for us at the 11 a.m. service that day also.

On December 10, the Bell Choir anthem is "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," an Advent hymn quoting God's Word from Isaiah 40.

The Sunday School, Pre-school through 5th grade, will present a program "Glory to God in the Highest" at the 11:00 service on December 10. We are practicing on Saturdays, December 2 and 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Advent Mid-week services will be on December 6, 13, and 20. Christ Lutheran School Kindergarten through 3rd grade will present the message on December 6 "Jesus Means Christmas to Me."

Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. is the Christ Lutheran School Band and Choir concert in the sanctuary.

Special music by our Adult and Bell Choirs will add to our worship during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please note that Sunday morning, December 24, we will have only one morning worship at 10 a.m. led by *Joyful Noise*. In the evening at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. we will sing many Christmas carols leading to the candlelight finish, rejoicing in the words of Luke 2. Our joy and songs continue with worship on December 25 at 10 a.m.

What a glorious time of year! My December has even more to celebrate as we witness the marriage of our daughter Chelsey to Avery Pelzman on December 29!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:14

MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Sunday, December 10th
Between Worship Services

There is
no fee for
this service.

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YOURSELF  YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE 



God Cares About You Needs

For several mornings I have had the privilege of being at the God Cares About You mission. The workers there are extremely dedicated to serving their community. Our church's congregation has been most generous in supplying the mission with items to assist the workers - clothing, shoes, water, etc. However, I did notice that the kitchen at the mission needs some supplies as well. They have no operating can openers - a large industrial one would be wonderful. Also, the burritos that are distributed for breakfast need to be wrapped - aluminum foil and large baggies are in short supply. The first aid kit needs to be resupplied, especially in band aids. When the sit-down breakfast is served on Tuesday mornings, salsa would be nice to have on the tables. Just a little added touch is always appreciated. And fresh eggs!!! Powdered eggs just don't work. Thank you so much for caring for others and when you go to the grocery store if you would just pick up one extra item for the mission each week, it would make a big difference. Again the choice of items includes band aids, fresh eggs, aluminum foil, large baggies, salsa and tortillas.

- Carol Dawley

Join us!

Sunday, December 3
During the Bible Study Hour
9:45 a.m.
"Our Summer in China & the
Czech Republic"
Les, Sarah,
Marcia & Al

MISSIONS



across the street & around the world



Please remember
Missionary
Benjamin Helge this
Christmas by mailing
him a Christmas card.
International postage
cost is \$1.15.

His address is:
Benjamin Helge
Okružní 10/1076
Havířov-Šumbark
Czech Republic
73601



The Board of Human Care will be collecting toys and clothing again this December. We will have names of children in the Friday after school program at God Cares About You. Each child will receive one article of clothing and one toy. Watch for a display in the narthex to find out how you can help. We will also help the adults in the Back to Work Program at God Cares About You with gifts of clothing. And we will help other churches in the area contribute toys and clothing to be given out after the Christmas Eve Day worship service sponsored by God Cares About You. This service will be at East Central Ministries



Keep an eye on your email inbox for the December Newsletter from God Cares About You, it will be distributed electronically this month.

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death on the cross and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins.

And through this he really just asks us two very simple things... to love our God with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To love our neighbors – I think that means sharing God's love with them. I think that means being in fellowship and sharing all the love of our congregation with them – to invite them to be a part of our community of worship and fellowship. My good friend and brother in Christ showed me that at this Fellowship Meal. I can tell you I see it all the time also with others in our congregation and school.

Recently, one of my favorite activities that I have experienced in a long time was our Luther Walk. I had the opportunity to play a bit character, Leonard Kopp, and be assisted by two students, one a church member and one not. Both were wonderful young people and of great assistance (they actually knew more about Luther than I did – Thank you teachers).

The amazing thing about that day was seeing several hundred people go from station to station in fellowship, learning, laughing and loving one another. Church members and school families were represented as well as some others who were invited to join in. It was spiritually uplifting to me to

see the love of God shared with people not only in our congregation but outside our congregation.

I think that is what God wants us to do. We have a loving congregation. We have a great congregation. We have an awesome Pastor... and we have Jesus. We have the power of the Holy Spirit. We have His love, support and vision. He wants and desires simply for us to share it with those around us.

People will not come if we keep it secret. We need to boldly invite people to be a part of these great gifts that God has given us. It can be as simple as inviting someone to a Fellowship Meal, inviting someone to worship this Christmas Season. It can be as easy as inviting a child to visit our school on a Walk-in Wednesday, and/or inviting a person who has lost hope to our God Cares About You Mission.

Let's recommit to sharing Jesus' love with those around us and invite them into our world this Christmas season and into the New Year. God's Blessings... let's share them with those around us.

God's Peace,

Jerry



Scrip (Gift Cards) at Christ Lutheran Church & School

Karen Kolke, Coordinator

We sold \$19,923.11 worth of gift cards during the month of October.

We gave out \$911.89 of "free" rebate money that went to the many distribution groups available for you to choose from:

Capital Improvement Fund received \$74.26 with 17 families participating
 School Scholarship Fund received \$10.06 with 4 families participating
 School Tuition received \$140.23 with 11 families participating
 Extended Care received \$8.25 with 2 families participating
 Playground Fund received \$50.26 with 6 families participating
 Youth Accounts received \$100.08 with 5 families participating
 God Cares About You Mission received \$21.62 with 2 families participating
 The Technology Fund received \$455.13 with 49 families participating. Some families put all their distribution toward technology.

If you have questions on how the program works or how to make purchases online, see Karen Kolke or call her at 206-0906.

Scrip is
 fundraising
 while you
 shop!
shopwithscrip.com



December Celebrations!

"Happy Birthday" to the following members of who were born in December:

Dec. 1	John Ivey Ed Scussel Nicole Sonchar
Dec. 2	Kelley Burmeister
Dec. 4	Cheri Guyer
Dec. 7	Cynthia Damerow
Dec. 10	Charles Pelzman
Dec. 11	Tom Fisher
Dec. 13	Sarah Handrock
Dec. 14	Ben Groeling
Dec. 15	Vera Abresch
Dec. 16	Grace Buelow Marty Hernandez Michael Ivey Mary Spensley
Dec. 17	Jennifer Pallulat Pamela Rast
Dec. 18	Angie Klein
Dec. 24	Michael Frazine
Dec. 25	Dana Marchand
Dec. 27	Don Brul
Dec. 29	Sarah Nixon



"Happy Anniversary" to the following members who were married in December:

Dec. 6	Rich & Bonnie Lamphere
Dec. 9	Martin & Angela McEneely
Dec. 16	Rhett & Julie Skelton
Dec. 18	Jeff & Sharon Kluck
Dec. 20	Dan & Grace Curtiss
Dec. 23	David & Jackie Maass
Dec. 24	Ronald & Iris Clevenger
Dec. 26	Richard & Shirley Rail
Dec. 30	Mark & Carol von Soosten
Dec. 31	Tony & Dana Marchand Greg & Emilie Meyer

*Happy
Anniversary!*



(Please let the church office know if we missed your special date)

Same Program
New Name



Beginning Sunday, December 3rd, our weekly televised worship service will become known as **Worship Anew**.

After thorough research and prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Ministries Media is announcing that the weekly televised service "Worship for Shut-Ins" will become known as "Worship Anew", beginning Sunday, December 3rd. The name change was inspired by the new life we find in Jesus Christ.

Visit www.WorshipForShutIns.org for more information about this exciting news!

Watch **Sundays at 12:30-1 p.m.** on the following stations: Local station - KAZQ-TV 32, Comcast Cable - Channel 22, Direct TV - Channel 119, Dish Satellite Channel 110 & Channel 8817, **OR** at 9:30 a.m. on Direct TV-Channel 377 (Total Christian Television), **OR** Visit the website: www.worshipforshutins.org and click on the "Online Worship" button. You can watch any recent broadcasts, anytime, day or night!

December 3, 2017 – First Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 80:1-7; Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-7; Gospel: Mark 13:28-37 "Do We Or Don't We?" - Sermon Text: Mark 13:29,33 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer. What Do We or Don't We know about the second coming of Jesus? How does what we know and don't know shape our daily lives?

December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 80; Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 "The Trailblazer" - Sermon Text: Mark 1:4 - Rev. James Elsner. The life of a trailblazer is risky! It takes courage to do something new – something that's right and good. John the Baptist was a bold trailblazer for Jesus. He shows us the way for making things new again!

December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 126; Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 "Good News for a Change!" - Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 - Rev. William Mueller. In God's Word, we read how we will have troubles in this world, but God encourages us to take heart because He has overcome the world. It is true that we know all too easily how wicked this world can be. But God has good news for us – good news of such a nature and to such an extent that our lives will forever be changed!

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 89:1-5; Epistle: Romans 16:25-27; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 "A Great Announcement" - Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38 - Rev. Walter Maier III. The angel Gabriel made a great announcement to Mary. This story brings us comfort and joy, as we consider the way the announcement was made, what was announced, and how God prepared Mary for the role announced to her.

December 31, 2017 – First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm: 111; Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 "Mother and Son" - Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker. When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem Simeon confessed: "my eyes have seen Your salvation." Jesus is our salvation. He has come to "redeem those who were under the Law." connect us with our forefathers. What is God's precious gift to you?

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion 2:00 PM Cub Scouts Regatta	27 3:30 PM Girl Scouts 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Quilters Meeting 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Vespers	28 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Choir	29 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 2:30 PM God Cares About You Communion 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	30 7:00 PM Thursday Bible class 2:30 PM God Cares About You Communion 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	1 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	2 9:00 AM Cribbage 9:00 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 11:45 AM Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon 2:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
3 Advent 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Christmas Caroling	4	5 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Destination Imagination 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	6 8:45 AM Chapel 9:15 AM Cherub Choir 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Worship - K-3 Program 8:00 PM Choir	7 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	8 9:30 AM PTL Teacher Christmas Breakfast 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	9 9:00 AM Cribbage 9:00 AM Church Work Day 9:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 3:00 PM Senior Fellowship 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
10 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship with communion	11 2:00 PM Geography Bee 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	12 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Fellowship 7:00 PM CLS Band/Choir Concert 7:30 PM Board of Lay Ministry	13 10:00 AM Kids Love to Dance 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Worship 8:00 PM Choir	14 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 6:00 PM Sunset Mesa Concert 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	15 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 8:45 AM Chapel 9:00 AM Chronicle Items Due Items due to office 11:30 AM CLS Dismissal 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	16 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
17 8:15 AM Worship with Joyful Noise 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship	18 7:00 PM Board of Church Properties mtg.	19 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	20 7:00 PM Worship 8:00 PM Choir	21 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	22 9:30 AM Thursday Bible class 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	23 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
24 8:15 AM Worship with communion 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship	25 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Worship with Communion	26 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	27 About You Communion hearsal 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	28 2:30 PM God Cares About You Communion hearsal 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	29 5:00 PM Shroff/Pelzman Wedding 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous	30 9:00 AM Cribbage 7:30 PM AA & Al-Anon
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Services During December

Day	Time	Sermon	Children's	Lay Minister	Comm. Asst.	Ushers	Counters	Lector	Acolyte	Music	Sound
3	8:15	James Gruetzner	Sarah Handrock	Marty Rasmussen*	Chris van Dyke	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Kimberly Rasmussen Bennett & Ricard	Gabe Yoder	Beth Shroff	Cody Nemitz	
	11:00			Matt Helge*	–	Ralph Hughes Eunice Hoef Warren Henry James Cheek	Rebekka Reusch	William Wertz	Beth Shroff	Leslie Helge	
6	7PM	Neal Groeling*	–	Tim Klein	–	–	–	Al Koschmann	–	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
10	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Jerry Shroff	Jerry Shroff	–	Bill Larsen Lee Swarnger Chris van Dyke Glen Postenrieder	Ron McBrayer	Calvin van Dyke	Joyful Noise	Thomas Hinrichs	
	11:00			Tim Klein	Jason Wertz	Angie Bischoff Dan Curtiss Barb Gundersbach	McBrayer & Oetting	William Wertz	William Wertz	Linda Groeling	
13	7PM	Neal Groeling*	–	Marty Rasmussen	–	–	–	Kim Rasmussen	–	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
17	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Tim Klein	Randy Bennett	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Swanger & Postenrieder	Cheryl Frazine	Matthew Sainz	Beth Shroff	Ben Groeling
	11:00			Marty Rasmussen	–	Ralph Hughes Ted Pauat Warren Henry James Cheek	Eunice Hoef	Ella Cossin	Ella Cossin	Beth Shroff	Juanita Steinke
20	7PM	Neal Groeling*	–	Matt Helge	–	–	–	Leslie Helge	–	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
24	10 AM	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Matt Helge	Dave Yocky	David Hommel Bill Larsen Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Bennett & Ricard	Joel & Michelle Krylowicz	Aubrey Burmeister	Joyful Noise	Phil Pelzman
	4 PM	Neal Groeling*	–	Kelley Burmeister	–	–	–	Lishelle Burmeister	Aubrey Burmeister	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
	7 PM			Jerry Shroff	–	–	–	Christa Groeling	Matthew Sainz	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
25	10 AM	Neal Groeling*	–	James Gruetzner	–	–	–	Kelly Gruetzner	–	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
31	8:15	Neal Groeling*	Neal Groeling	Kelley Burmeister	Brandon Klein	David Hommel Doug Bickel Bob Dragan Tim Klein	Paulat & Amindiyas	Angie Bishoff	Calvin van Dyke	Beth Shroff	Phil Pelzman
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* Leading liturgy;

Greeters: Board of Missions & Outreach

Altar Society: Barbara Gundersbach & D'Lorah Gothard

Flowers: Faye Hansen

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SCHOOL EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Preschool 3 Singing at 11 a.m. Worship	4	5	Grades K-3rd 6 "Jesus Means Christmas to Me" at 7 p.m. Worship	7	PTL Teacher 8 Christmas Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	9
10	11	Band and Choir Concert 7 p.m.	13	14	Chapel 8:45 a.m. School Dismissal 11:30 a.m.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Enjoy your Christmas Break!					
	See you back at school Wednesday, January 3, 2018!					

Dear CLC-S Family,

On February 10th, 2018, the Christ Lutheran School Parent Teacher League will be hosting its annual auction to benefit the school. At this time, we are seeking donations from local businesses and community organizations for the auction. All profits from the event will be used to fund projects at the school.

If you feel called to donate a gift card, product, or service, it would be greatly appreciated and you will be recognized at the auction as a donor. We do ask, however, that all items are new and unused.

Thank you for considering this request.

Blessings,
The PTL Board



CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tanya Sainz 1ST GRADE TEACHER

Proverbs 19:21 - You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

First Grade! Why do you teach first grade? They are so little... They need so much attention... They can't tie their own shoes or blow their noses or, or, or... First grade is my life and I love it! I have taught first grade for 9 years now. I have taught it so long that sometimes I even talk or write like a first grader. I love seeing a student's reaction when they learn something new! I hear from students "I can't read" and then when we begin reading in our books they say, "Oh, I can read!" It is amazing to see a child discover new things. A native of Albuquerque, I attended Albuquerque TVI (now CNM) and received my Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. I then moved on to UNM and finished up at New Mexico Highlands University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I also have an endorsement of TESOL. I received my colloquy through Concordia's online system (CUEnet). I went on to receive my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an endorsement in early childhood education and an endorsement in reading from Concordia Portland online. Throughout my teaching career, I have spent 14 years in elementary education and 3 years in a preschool classroom. I have taught third grade, kindergarten and my favorite, first grade. I have taught at APS and here at Christ Lutheran where I have attended church my entire life. I have five awesome children spread out from adult down to kindergarten... Kirstin works in the lab at the hospital taking blood, Morgan is a junior in high school, Matthew is a 6th grader, Ezra is a 3rd grader, and Jordan is in kindergarten.



Krista Stephens 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Titus 2:7-8 - In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.



I am blessed to be teaching second grade here at Christ Lutheran! I earned a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from the University of New Mexico (UNM), then entered the Master program in Education also at UNM. I worked three years at Albuquerque Public Schools before taking time off to spend with my kids. After my son started preschool at Christ Lutheran, I decided to go back to work part time. I asked if they needed subs and became a part time PE teacher here. I was very excited to work at CLS. Over the last 2 years, I had more opportunities to teach a wider variety of subjects as well as work in the front office. I enjoyed all my positions very much, but when I was asked to teach second grade this year I was thrilled to be back in the classroom full time.

Outside of school, I spend time with my family. My husband, Daryl and I, have two children, Logan and Madelyn. I keep busy by making sure my 2 children get to all of their sports and activities.

Sarah Nixon 4TH GRADE TEACHER

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

This is my tenth year teaching, my fifth year as the fourth grade teacher at Christ Lutheran! Before moving to Albuquerque, I spent five years teaching middle school in Kansas.



I received my Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Concordia University, Nebraska with an art minor. I currently hold a level two New Mexico Teacher's License.

I absolutely love teaching fourth grade! I truly feel that this is what God has called me here to do. I love my students and I certainly feel privileged to work with them on a daily basis. Watching the learning process take hold in my students is incredible.

Aside from religion, technology and art are my next two favorite subjects to teach. I love incorporating as much technology and art into the curriculum as I can. Being creative and thinking outside the box are two of the most important things that we can do to help ourselves grow.

We Are Looking For More Stephen Ministers.



Do you have the Spiritual Gift/s of Mercy, Helping, Servanthood, or Encouragement? Do you enjoy listening and caring for others? Pray about becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers walk beside those in our congregation or community who are dealing with a difficult situation in their life. They show the love of Jesus by being there for those who may be struggling. They help Pastor in a caring ministry.

Being a Stephen Minister is a two-year commitment. You will be trained to be a care giver on one evening, every other week in the Spring, and some weekend retreats. Even after training, additional topics and supervision will continue one-night every other week during your tenure. Visit the Stephen Ministry table in the Narthex.

For more information contact:

Sue Dragan	505-615-4862
Cheryl Frazine	575-430-7166
Leslie Helge	505-280-4283
Jerry Shroff	505-463-2447
David Yocky	505-280-0455 or
Pastor Groeling	505-884-3876, ext. 121



Senior fellowship

The Fellowship Outing for December is planned for Saturday (yes Saturday) December 9th. We will meet at the church around 3:00 in the afternoon and van and/or car pool to Madrid, NM where we will shop... eat dinner... and enjoy the Christmas lights. More details to follow in early December. There has been a lot of interest in this trip... so come join us.

For more information call: Lee Swanger (294-6752) or Eunice Hoeft (889-9705).



Christ Lutheran Chronicle

The Chronicle is published for members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church & School. News items and articles are due in the church office on the 15th of the month prior to the month in which you wish to be published. Your submission may be edited for content or length. Thank you for your participation and cooperation!

There will not be a meeting this month. BUT - all members are invited to the Christmas Party at Pelican's Restaurant on Saturday, December 2 at 11:45 a.m. We will have lunch, a carol sing, a devotion, and an exchange of gifts. Those of you in the Secret Sister program, will bring a gift and then reveal yourselves to your Sister. New names will be selected and all are welcome to participate. The rest of the ladies may bring a gift for exchange with others. The food is always excellent, the restaurant is decorated beautifully and the cost is only \$20 total. Please join us, but you must sign up by Monday, November 27 with Eunice Hoeft, 889-9705.



YOUTH EVENTS

CLY – Christ Lutheran Youth (9th – 12th Graders) Up-Coming Events:

Fri. Dec. 1st: Help with Middle School Event-Christmas Party: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. **Sat. Dec. 2nd:** Help put up Christmas decorations and make luminarias: 10:00 a.m.

Teacher for High School Bible Class: Bill Vering

JoY - Jesus and You with nOthing in-between (6th - 8th Graders)

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Teacher for Middle School Bible Class: Doug Rickers

For more information you may contact the Youth Board electronically at clcyouthgroup@outlook.com

Christ Lutheran Women's Guild/LWML

December already? Where did the time go? Christ Lutheran Women's Guild has been busy these last few months. We've kicked off our new Bible study and continue to meet monthly to "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply". Our quilters are quilting and meals have been prepared. We've hosted receptions and made gallons of soup and chili. Our annual Soup and Pie was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we raised over \$1000 that night which will go to Hurricane Relief and God Cares about You. Thank you to all the hardworking women who helped in the kitchen and with the crafts and baked goods. Our Bible studies continue to meet in the new year. Please join us. You can also support the LWML with your mites. Individual Mite boxes are available in the narthex. Watch that space for a new look soon. Blessings on your Christmas. Share the love of Christ this holiday season.

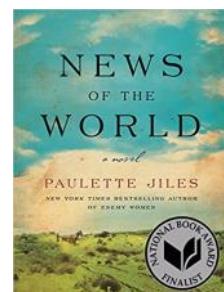
Debbie Yocky
Women's Guild President

BOOK DISCUSSION

"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles
- National Book Award Finalist.

Historical fiction set in 1870 in the Southwest that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

Join us, Friday, January 19, 2018 at 7:00 Contact: Al & Marcia Koschmann 271-1287 akoscmann@yahoo.com



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Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

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