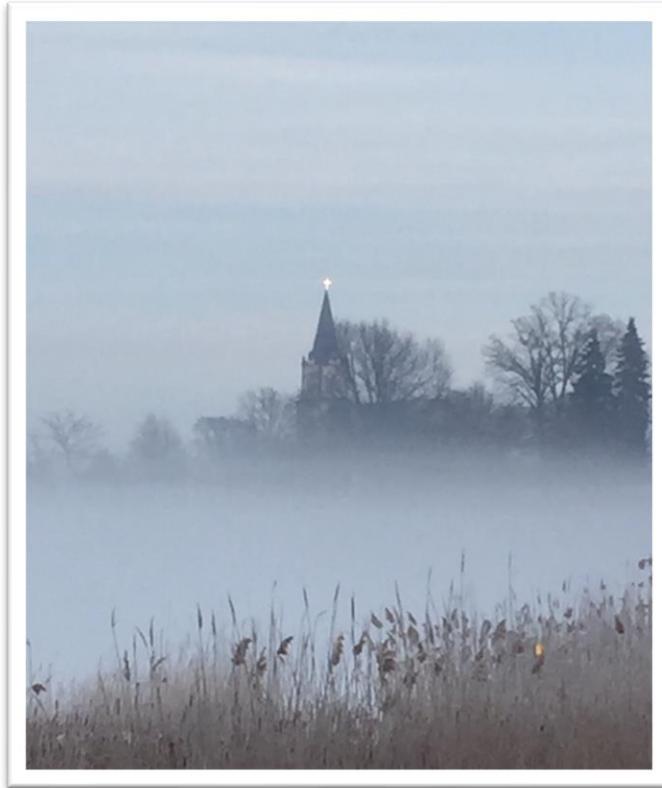




CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
9:00 am

*GROUNDING IN THE GOSPEL, GUIDED
BY THE SPIRIT, WE ARE A PEOPLE
AND PLACE OF GRACE!*

WELCOME!

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WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here. At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.” We are a people and a place of grace, where we welcome and invite all people to come as you are and be open to who God calls you to be.

- Children are wanted & welcome in worship! Activity bags and kits are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- We invite you to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you and/or sign our guest book in the entry. If you would like to be included on our email list, please add your email address. We would love to keep you informed of what’s happening around Chisago Lake Lutheran! The reverse side of the card has space for prayer requests as well. You can drop your card in the offering baskets or the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

Be Well! Be Loving! Be Courageous! Be the Church!

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PHONE- 651-257-6300 | OFFICE HOURS – Mon - Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Attendance: November 23 = 423; Sanct – 164, Facebook – 160, YouTube – 88, Tues – 11

PRELUDE: CHRISTMAS/ADVENT HYMN SING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”*

Hymn #436

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

On the 1st Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ... 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 greatness 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 9:2, 6-7)

HYMN *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Hymn #257, Vs. 1

HOLDEN PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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Part 1 – Lectern side with Cantor

Part 2 – Pulpit side

READING

Isaiah 2:1-5, Pew Bible OT p.644

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

BAPTISM

Olivia Lyn Rivard

ELW p. 227-231

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44, Pew Bible NT p.26

With Joy the Chisago Lake Lutheran family extends congratulations to the parents and welcomes baptismal candidate, Olivia Lyn Rivard daughter of Kassie and Aaron. As we celebrate this important milestone in Olivia's life, we ask the congregation to keep her and her family in your daily prayers as she begins her faith journey. Congratulations!

PRAYER CONCERNS – *Please contact the office with any requests or updates.*

- Deepest condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Dale Williams and Aloha Vitalis, who both passed recently.
- Continued prayers for Marty Nyberg, Dylan Lindahl, and Dave & Julie Denn.



REJOICE WITH US!

So far our church family committed an amazing \$604,620 from 81 heartfelt pledges toward our Reflect, Renew, Rejoice! Capital Campaign.

Because of generous hearts and gifts, to date, \$186,971.02 have been received for the Capital Campaign!

In addition, we've received commitments of \$240,444 in annual Stewardship pledges from 79 pledges—a wonderful outpouring of faith and commitment.

Thank you for your generosity and shared vision for our future.

And remember, it's not too late to make a pledge—every commitment helps move our mission forward! (Additional pledge cards are available at the usher's credenza or the church office).

What's Happening?

The new Main Entrance and "patio" doors have been ordered!!

It will take a few months before they will arrive but we look forward to replacing the rusted original doors with updated ones that have handicap opening buttons.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera. This will take you to the webpage with more information and an opportunity to give to the capital campaign.

DECORATING THE CHURCH!! We will be decorating the sanctuary **today** following worship!! Many hands make light work, so roll up your sleeves and join in! Ladder climbing is a plus but not necessary!! Grab some refreshments downstairs and then join us in the Sanctuary. Any remaining decorating will be done on the day of the Bazaar, December 6th at 1:00pm. Thanks to all!

IN SEARCH OF! For many years we have been blessed with a donation of a large tree to decorate in the sanctuary! Unfortunately, we have lost our source for this tree. If anyone has a source or knows of one, please let us know in the office! 651-257-6300 (We have people willing to cut and transport the tree.) Thank You!!



POINSETTIAS! You may purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary. There are envelopes available at the ushers credenza or you may give through the website under *GIVE* (please specify your donation to poinsettias). Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. The cost is \$12.00 for each.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE KITS: Christmas Dinner Collection



We did a great job collecting for Thanksgiving meal kits for Family Pathways!!

A warm thank you to all who were able to contribute. We are still collecting for *Christmas Meals*. The Kits include, 2 cans of Green Beans, 1 can Cr. of Mushroom Soup and 1 French Fried Onion Rings. Our goal is 50 kits for Christmas. ***Keep them coming!!***

Joy Baskets - The confirmation youth are collecting donations for our homebound friends! Donations can be left in the **collection bin in the Narthex through Dec. 7th.**
Items Needed:

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| -Small Gift bags | -Colorful tissue paper | -Granola bars |
| -Packets of hot chocolate | -Packets of apple cider | -Packets of oatmeal |
| -Sugar-free candy | -Candy canes | -Small bottles of lotion |
| -Hankies or small packages of Kleenex | | -Small gift items like ornaments |

"The Littlest Angel Shop" Donations are needed!!

What is the "Littlest Angel Shop"? It is a store set up here at church which is filled with donated gift items to assist the Sunday school children with their holiday shopping. All items cost 25 cents each – no matter what the item is! We are looking for donations of new or gently used gift items from you, the Congregation. Any type of gift item for babies through adults – boys and girls - men and women are needed. Please drop these off in the **designated narthex collection bin by Dec 10th.**

ANONYMOUS SANTA COLLECTION!



We serve local families within Chisago County and the Forest Lake school district to allow them to give their children Christmas with dignity during life's challenging times. We provide a dignified, private shopping experience where local parents can shop for new, non-violent toys, games, books, clothing, and stocking stuffers for their children, from birth to 18 years old.

Each child also gets a hat and mittens/gloves. Items may be dropped off in the entryway of the church in the designated box.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If anyone would like to donate some time to help out the community, we are always in need of volunteers, especially the last Saturday of our program, **12/20 starting at 9am** until we are done for the day. It is a huge undertaking and any help is appreciated. The last couple of years we have not had very many volunteers for that day. You can contact our Charee at 651-238-6453 (call/text), or as always anyone can message our Facebook page "Anonymous Santa Chisago County MN." *Thank you!*

***God is doing some amazing work through
the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.
This is a great time to invite your
friends, neighbors, co-workers
and family members
to join us in worship!***

Current Ways to Give to the Church Thank you for sharing your generosity with Chisago Lake Lutheran! You have continued to share what God's entrusted to you and we are grateful. Ways you can give include:

1. Mail your envelope/check to the church office at 1 Summit Ave, PO Box 175, Center City, MN 55012
2. Or sign up for regular online giving through our partner company Vanco on the church [website](#). It is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. www.chisagolakelutheran.org
3. Or use your phone to scan the QR Code which takes you directly to our church website and use Vanco to give a one-time gift or recurring payments.



THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN

Sunday, November 30

- 9:00 am –Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Decorating the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am – Sunday School and Alpha Series (Green Room)
- 5:00 pm – Lefse making for Bazaar
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, December 1

- 9am-2pm - Quilters
- Noon – Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, December 2

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship with Communion
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, December 3

- 6:00 pm – Confirmation
- 6:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 7:00 pm – Tone Chime practice

Thursday, December 4

- 9:00 am – Bazaar: building prep
- 8:00 am - Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn
- 7:00 pm – Dress rehearsal for Unexpected Company

Friday, December 5

- 9:00 am – Bazaar Set-up
- 1:00 pm – Baked goods packaging for Bazaar
- 7:00 pm – Unexpected Company Concert

Saturday, December 6

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Annual Church Bazaar

Sunday, December 7

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School and Alpha Series (Green Room)
- Noon – Baby Shower
- 7:00 pm – St. Croix Valley Orchestra Concert
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Julia Wakefield

Reader: Debbie Hall

Ushers: Laura Loehlein, Jan Schneider, Mike Carlson, and Lee Turner

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann

Media Technician: Khloe Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Lori Sampson & Chris Lundberg

Coffee Servers: Deb Swanson and Danial Brian