



**This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2021**

Sunday – December 27

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

Monday – December 28

7:00 p.m. Homebrewed Theology via Zoom

Wednesday – December 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

Friday – January 1, 2021



Sunday – January 3

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

Sunday Worship: CLC will hold weekly virtual services on our YouTube page on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. You can find the video at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ChristLutheranChurchWyoming/videos>.

Please note that the video link will go “live” at 10:00 a.m. A bulletin is available so you can follow along. The link is included in the Weekly E-News and can be found on the Announcement page of our website.

CLC Christmas Greetings: Please click on this link to see Christmas greetings from some of your fellow CLC members:

<https://youtu.be/gjMGVSr1MAU>

Prayer Requests:

- *Prayers of healing and strength for Tom Goetsch who is hospitalized with Cholangitis, a serious liver infection.
- *Prayers of comfort for the Evele family as they mourn the loss of Mike’s dad who passed away on December 21 at the age of 86.
- *Prayers of thanksgiving that Nik Jernberg is recovering quickly after a car accident.
- *Prayers of healing for Joan Gort.
- *Pray for all those who are homebound, which is even harder at this time of year.
- *Because we are not worshipping in person, we are not able to collect prayer cards. If you would like to share a prayer request in next week’s announcements, please call or email Audrey: 616-532-2774 or office@clcwyoming.org If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Justin: pastorjustin@clcwyoming.org.

Come and join CLC’s “Homebrewed Theology” which will next meet on Monday, December 28, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. It is good “to see” each other after Christmas on Zoom. Bring a brew – coffee, tea, or adult beverage – and join us in discussing questions about theology, the Bible, life, current events, and more. If you are interested, please RSVP to pastorjustin@clcwyoming.org and I will send you an invite for Zoom. Any questions are warmly welcomed and all are invited to attend. +Pastor Justin

Word In Season: The new devotional for January/February/March 2021 has arrived! If you are in the area during office hours, please feel free to stop and get a copy. If you would like one mailed to you, please let Audrey know by phone (532-2774) or email (office@clcwyoming.org) – be sure to specify in your message if you would like the regular size or large print!

Thank You: A big thank you to all who donated monetarily to this year’s Christmas Store event held December 5 at Grace Reformed Church. We accommodated 70 families representing 165 children. Cars drove up and families opened up their cars to receive a \$50 Target gift card for each child in the family as well as a large basket filled with items for the entire family to enjoy, a family board game and wrapping paper. It was still decided to keep the store a “Store of Dignity” where families themselves did pay for their gifts, but in a greatly reduced amount. Their \$10 per child bought them the \$50 gift card, and much more! Please continue to pray that these families may know Jesus in a personal way this year! Many commented on how they really liked the gift cards which enabled them to buy clothes in the correct sizes and toys that fit their specific child’s interest. So, once again God took a difficult situation and made it BEAUTIFUL!
Yours in Christ, Carol Peters, CLC
Shari Dood, Karen Besselsen, Brenda and Dave Hanenburg, Directors of the WCS Family Network of Wyoming Board of Directors

Thank You: Merry Christmas to the many friends, old and new, who sent me Christmas cards and notes of encouragement during my battle with Covid. I am now recovering and free of the virus! Thank you all for remembering me! Love and God's blessing, Vivian Libby

Thank You for Your Contributions! The Mission Support Committee would like to personally thank you for your consistent generosity throughout the year and helping us do the powerful ministry we have been called to at Christ Lutheran Church. Through your generosity we look forward to ending the year as we prepare for another year of ministry together. As 2020 comes to a close, it is not too late to still make a difference through your generous support of the ongoing ministries of our church family. We invite you to prayerfully consider what God might be able to do through you at this time of the year. All contributions must be received in the office by Monday, December 28, to be credited for 2020. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! Even though God has done amazing things through our congregation this year, we know that the best is yet to come.

1 Peter 4:10-11 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Support the CLC Live Streaming Project: Good News! Our worship service is going to be available online into the future! The Church Council has approved the purchase of a video streaming system to support this form of outreach to our church members and the community at large. In order to cover the expense of this technology, we are asking for your help. A contribution to this project will allow us to provide a reliable, consistent, quality online worship experience.

You may send your benevolent contributions to the church office earmarked, *The CLC Live Streaming Project*. Thank you for supporting this important avenue of outreach. We greatly appreciate your continued financial support through your weekly offerings. The Ministers of the Church are the People.

From Michael & Jen – The People Behind the Camera: In March when COVID started we knew we needed to offer our church community the ability to view the services from the safety of their home. So we volunteered to get a livestream going. We cobbled together a system with our own personal equipment and some purchased elements that "worked" enough to get the video out there. Each Sunday this has been ridden with headaches and not one went smoothly. As the months progressed it was recognized by other members of the church what a great asset this could be and were tasked with finding a reliable and permanent solution that the church owns. We worked with a few local companies to get quotes and ideas and with the approval of church council we have selected a system that will provide our church with a vibrant, engaging live stream for the church to spread the message of Jesus Christ for years to come.

The goals of this system reach much further into the future than just getting us through this time of quarantine. The vision is to help our church build a larger online presence that helps our members connect with a broader audience of potential church attendees. There are a lot of statistics reporting that people watch a church's live stream several times before attending an in-person service. By installing this system it will allow us to have a more personal, professional and interactive live stream experience, connecting our service to a greater audience. The system we've proposed also allows for future expansion and adaptation for years to come, as our needs may shift and change. This could include video and slide distribution throughout our church building, allowing for overflow and a feed to the nursery.

Thank you for your support and consideration of this outreach opportunity. We feel passionate about it and the need to keep us a relevant and connected church to first of all our own congregation and secondly the broader community.

Open Position: Do you or someone you know enjoy greeting other people with warmth and making them feel welcome? Do you have a talent for thinking globally and keeping staff and church council informed of fluid calendars and new developments? Do you have an aptitude for social media, office administrative and publication skills? If you or someone you know possess these skills and are looking for rewarding part-time employment, Christ Lutheran Church is keenly interested in learning more. A full job description for CLC's new Administrative Assistant and how to apply is on the CLC website. Or you can contact one of the members of the search team for additional information: Pete VanGessel (petevangessel@gmail.com), Vicki Blubaugh (vmusnd@gmail.com), and Suzanne Johnson (sz.ch23@gmail.com).

Offering Envelopes for 2021 are available in the Gathering Space for you to pick up during office hours. If you do not find your name, please contact Hal in the office on Monday or Thursday.

Stay Connected: CLC has a **YouTube Channel**. There is a link on our website www.clcwyoming.org that you can use to subscribe, however you don't need to subscribe to see the messages. We also have a private Facebook page called **CLC Friends**, where you can stay connected with others from CLC. Search CLC Friends and request to be a member; we will get you connected.



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Share Your CLC Event Pictures:

(please include a brief description – group, date, etc.)

Email: pictures@clcwyoming.org