



**This Week at Christ Lutheran Church  
December 1-8, 2019**

**Today – December 1**

8:00 a.m. First-Sunday Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship Service  
3:15 p.m. Youth Groups to Samaritas  
5:30 p.m. Soundboard Clinic  
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice  
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

**Monday – December 2**

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

**Wednesday – December 4**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday – December 5**

7:00 p.m. Wyoming GA

**Sunday – December 8**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. Advent By Candlelight  
6:00 p.m. Mosaic



**Serving Our Congregation  
Next Sunday: December 8, 2019**

**Council:**

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh  
11:15 a.m. Mike Evele

**Altar Guild:**

9:00 a.m. Teresa Ortego  
11:15 a.m. Jean Wisinski

**Bread Baker:** Bev Tillman

**Welcome Center:**

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting  
11:15 a.m. Meredith Phillips

**Acolyte:**

9:00 a.m. Christopher Killgore  
11:15 a.m. Maddie Kreiger

**Worship Assistant:**

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward  
11:15 a.m. Nancy Larson

**Coffee Servers:**

9:00 a.m. Tim & Sarah Laurent  
11:15 a.m. Cathy Chappell

**Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. John & Mary DeHerrera, Curt Johnson,  
Brian Crane  
11:15 a.m. Ken Lundquist, Rob & Nora Paulson, Ray Panches

**Communion Assistants:**

9:00 a.m. Jim & Jane Ward, Christopher Killgore  
11:15 a.m. Bev Tillman, Maddie Kreiger

**Reader:**

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting  
11:15 a.m. Tyler Osburn

**Nursery:**

9:00 a.m. Tim & Amy Partee  
11:15 a.m. Ali Osburn, Emma Carlson

**Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. Jim & Trish Nemeth  
11:15 a.m. Rich & Bobbie Neubecker

**Counters:** Annette Wendland, Deb Wayer

**Sprouts Teachers:** Westers Family

**Video Operator:**

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel  
11:15 a.m. Todd Huston

**Sound Board:**

9:00 a.m. *Schedule not available*  
11:15 a.m. *Schedule not available*

# Weekly Prayer Requests

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

## Prayer Requests for the Week of November 24

- Prayers of comfort to the Goetsch family as they mourn the loss of Amy’s father, Bob Wahr, Sr. this past week. The funeral was on Saturday, November 30, in Brooklyn, MI.
- Prayers of healing for Dave Johnson’s son, Mark, who has been transferred from Reed City to Grand Rapids to be treated for a possible heart attack.
- Prayers of healing for Jackie (Patrick Blanchard’s mom) who fell and broke her hip. She has had surgery to repair it.
- Prayers of safety for those traveling during this holiday week.
- Prayers of healing for Tom Kelly who is receiving a new cancer chemo.
- Pray that God will bless Mary Buchanan with a husband.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Kaitlyn’s brain tumor has shrunk at her last 2 visits to the Mayo Clinic!
- Prayers of healing for Helen Fewell (Gerry Stockwell’s best friend) who had a clot on her brain removed and had a slight stroke.
- Prayers of healing and strength for Jamison VanZee, a 6-week-old, approved for a heart transplant.
- Pray for comfort and healing for Sylvia and Gerri.

## Prayer Requests for the Week of November 17

- Prayers of healing for Todd Lohman who triple bypass surgery.
- Prayers of healing for Laura Llewellyn’s brother Lyle who had successful neck surgery. Pray for continued recovery.
- Pray for the safe travel of Mary Knappen to Omaha to see family.
- Prayers of healing for Carmen, Carol and Tobe who have been in the hospital.
- Prayers of healing for Mike Polise who is in the hospital with a diagnosis of heart failure.
- Prayers of healing for Joe Russo who is now healthy enough to have open heart surgery on Dec. 5 to repair a valve.
- Pray for the physical & mental health of Vicki Blubaugh’s cousin Julie Rush who had a heart attack and stroke.

## Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort
- DJ Ardy, CLC member, son of Doug & Angie and grandson of Fred & Marcia Nichols, who is serving in the Marines
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson, who is serving in the Marines
- Sergeant Kayla Champaco (granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink) who is stationed in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
- Sean & Ashley Toomey, friends of the June family (active duty)
- Jeff McCullough
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger

*\*\*\*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](mailto: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 would like prayers for someone.*



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God  
by Bob & Teresa Ortego  
in memory of their parents.

### Last Week’s Response:

Attendance on Sunday, November 24:  
9:00 a.m. – 124    11:15 a.m. – 100

Thanksgiving Eve: 49

YTD Offering Needed: \$355,504  
YTD Offering Received: \$339,045

**Shortage: \$16,459**

## Upcoming Events & Activities

**Last Chance for the Christmas Store:** Be sure to return all unwrapped gifts with the tag attached and the value of the gift written on the tag no later than today, December 1. Please keep in mind that because each gift tag represents a child whose parent will be shopping for them at the event, it is very important if a gift tag is taken, a gift be returned so we are not short our committed number of gifts. If for any reason you are unable to return your gift by the deadline, please contact Carol Peters at 616-634-8067 or [b\\_cpeters@att.net](mailto:b_cpeters@att.net) to make arrangements to have your gift picked up.

**Love, Laugh 'n Lunch:** The love, Laugh 'n Lunch ladies group will lunch this time at Railside Golf Club on Tuesday, December 3 at 11:30 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, contact Marilyn Miheve, [mimiheve@gmail.com](mailto:mimiheve@gmail.com) or Dianne Vissers, [diannevissers@gmail.com](mailto:diannevissers@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!

**Please Note:** Unfortunately, due to lack of interest we will be cancelling the Advent Pajama Party. It's a busy time of year, I understand and I know mornings aren't easy. We might try another get-together in the new year.

**Advent By Candlelight:** Ladies, sign up today! There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for those of you who will be attending, those who would like to decorate a table, those who would like to make a dessert, and those who would like to make an appetizer. The event is Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. It will be a fun evening and we hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Davison at 719-3229 or [kendavison7502@comcast.net](mailto:kendavison7502@comcast.net).

**High Schoolers:** If you are planning on attending State Gathering (February 7-9), you must have a registration form and \$100 turned in to Suzanne Snider by December 8 (the deadline was extended!).

**Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night:** We will once again be celebrating the Nativity of our Lord's Birth by adorning our church with red poinsettia plants from *Ludema's Floral & Garden* in various sizes for our Christmas creation. Poinsettia envelopes have been placed in the pews for your convenience. The last date to order is Sunday, December 15. You are encouraged to 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 on Christmas Eve. Plants will be available to take home after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or by Sunday, December 29, for continued holiday enjoyment. See the December *Branch* for more details.

**The Longest Night:** As a new worship service to CLC, The Longest Night Christmas Service will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. Although the season of Christmas is intended to be filled with joy, this may not be true for many of us. A loved one may have died this year and this may be the first (or 2<sup>nd</sup>) Christmas without them. It may be a difficult anniversary of an event we would rather not remember, but cannot escape. We may just simply be not feeling the Christmas spirit and be seeking something more. Please come to "The Longest Night" Christmas Service which will be held this year on winter solstice. During this service, we will take time to reflect and meditate on what is important in our lives and we will be led by Scripture, prayer and music to enter the Christmas season with Christ and one another in a renewed way. All are welcome!

## Everything Else You Need To Know

**Christmas Cheer for the Homebound:** This can be a very lonely time of year – especially for those of our CLC family who are homebound. Starting today, there will be Christmas bags in the Gathering Space with the names of 9 people (a list of these people will be printed for your convenience). As you start sending out your Christmas cards and greetings, please consider also bringing cards and/or small treats for those who crave a connection to their church family. You can add your cards and treats to these bags until December 22.

\*\*If you are someone who would enjoy delivering a bag to one or two of these individuals, please sign up at the table where the bags are. Contact Suzanne Snider if you have any questions.

**Christmas Pageant Songs:** Any child participating in Sunday School is invited to also participate in the Christmas Pageant (part of the Christmas Program on Dec. 15) as a Townsperson or Angel (i.e. the chorus). We are studying those parts during the Sunday School hour AND during second service today and the next 2 weeks. Please join us!

**Advent Devotionals:** A limited number of Advent devotionals will be available beginning this Sunday. There are some for young children, teens, families and adults. Please feel free to come and take one. In addition, here is a link for the 2019 weekly Advent study that is put out by the ELCA. This is also free of charge and downloadable:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA\\_World\\_Hunger\\_Advent\\_Study\\_2019\\_Single\\_Pages.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_World_Hunger_Advent_Study_2019_Single_Pages.pdf)

**Christmas Program Music:** All youth are invited to share their musical talents as soloists or in small groups at the Christmas Program on December 15. A sign-up sheet is located in the Youth Corner of the Gathering Space, or see Ms. Sara for more details.

**Do you have the Gift of Hospitality?** Might you open your home this year for another guest? Some members of CLC and known members of our community do not have a place to celebrate Christmas this year with others. They face spending Christmas Day alone. Might you and your family be open to welcoming them to join you on this joy-filled day? If so, or if you would like more information, please contact Pastor Justin.

**2019 Pledge Drive:** If you forgot your pledge card last Sunday, please be sure to place it in the box today.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are available in the office. You may stop in during regular office hours or contact Jim Barritt to pick up your box.

**Are You a Spartan Store Shopper?** If you shop at any of the many Spartan stores in the area, please consider keeping your receipts and turning them in to CLC. They have a program set up so we can turn in receipts and earn money back if we reach a specified amount. We would like to turn those in to raise additional funds throughout the year for the Youth and Family programs. A basket will be out at the Welcome Center where you may turn receipts in each week. That's all you need to do! Thanks for your support!

**Personal Care Pantry:** We are blessed to be able to help so many families each month but are struggling with getting enough donations, both products and money. Please prayerfully consider donating to this amazing ministry, which is run totally on donations!!! ALL of these items are needed and can be placed in the collection box behind the Welcome Center: shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, dish soap, Kleenex, paper towel, toothpaste, toilet paper (double roll), laundry detergent, and fabric softener

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

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