



**This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
December 8-15, 2019**

Today – December 8

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School and 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. Advent By Candlelight
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Mosaic

Monday – December 9

1:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Wyoming Food Truck Assistance
5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 10

7:00 p.m. Property/Security Committee Meeting

Wednesday – December 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
7:15 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – December 12

10:00 a.m. Baking at Ronald McDonald House
7:00 p.m. Wyoming GA

Friday – December 13

6:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

Sunday – December 15

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Cookie Walk
10:15 a.m. Sunday School and 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
5:30 p.m. Christmas Program



**Serving Our Congregation
Next Sunday: December 15, 2019**

Council:

9:00 a.m. Michael Phillips
11:15 a.m. Bill Houseknecht

Altar Guild:

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Druckrey
11:15 a.m. Pat Potter

Bread Baker: Jane Ward

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dave Harris
11:15 a.m. Bev Tillman

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Tyler Risner
11:15 a.m. Jonah McKenney

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Lance Girand
11:15 a.m. Margie Evele

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Dave & Lisa Harris
11:15 a.m. Dan & Amy Corey

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson,
Ron & Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Rich Neubecker, Kathy Reister, Tom Owens,
Linda Montgomery

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Lance Girand, Nancy Heidrich, Mona Leeder,
Tyler Risner
11:15 a.m. Tamara & Kaila Wright, Jonah McKenney

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Rich Jaeschke
11:15 a.m. Erin O'Brien-Jenison

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Belinda Shepard
11:15 a.m. Kim Groeneveld, Rebecca Snider

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Muriel Andrews, Lisa Barnes
11:15 a.m. Gary & Denise Sironen

Counters: Bill Boss, Nancy Heidrich

Sprouts Teachers: Corey Family

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Curtis Druckrey
11:15 a.m. Todd Sheldon

Sound Board: *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 December 1

- Prayers of healing for Joan Nichols who has a blood disorder.
- Prayers of thanksgiving from Dale & Kay Siebelink on the birth of their new great-granddaughter, born to John & Alexis this week.
- Prayers of healing for Allen Snyder, a former member, who is battling lung cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Mary Knappen so she is able to return home soon from Omaha.
- Prayers of healing for Laura who recently went through extensive back surgery.
- Prayers of peace for Mike & Brenda Kline as they face Mike’s upcoming heart surgery. Prayers also for all of his medical caregivers.
- Pray for improvement of health for Marie & Pete Stavros.
- Pray for successful brain surgery and healing for Steve Whalen.

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.

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@clcwyoing.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 Tim & Suzanne Snider
in memory of Julianna Tihanyi, Suzanne’s mom.

Last Week’s Response:

Attendance on Sunday, December 1:

9:00 a.m. – 85 11:15 a.m. – 75

YTD Offering Needed: \$364,952

YTD Offering Received: \$345,597

Shortage: \$19,355

Upcoming Events & Activities

Confirmation Class Reminder: Confirmation class will take place after second service this Sunday. We will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. to accommodate for Advent by Candlelight this evening. There will be no class from December 15 through December 29. Class will resume on January 5. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Mosaic: We will meet this Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please remember to use the office door entry on the east side of the building as Advent by Candlelight will be taking place in the Gathering Space. This will be our last meeting until January 5. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer and games with your family of faith!

State Gathering: This Sunday is the absolute last day to register for the State Gathering at the discounted price if you are a high school/college student. If you plan on going you MUST turn in a completed red form from the youth table and either \$100 cash/check or a scholarship request form to Suzanne Snider. We have many congregation members that have offered to help with the cost of the trip, so PLEASE do not hesitate to ask for assistance if it is needed in any way. If you decide to go after Sunday, you may still register – however the cost will increase to \$130.

Feeding America: The Feeding America Food Truck will be at West Elementary, 1840 38th Street SW, tomorrow, December 9. If you would like to volunteer, we begin placing perishable foods on the tables at 4:00 PM, so please be there at that time. We then help the people in selecting their food items. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kathy Reister at 616-608-6744.

The Christmas Cookie Walk is next Sunday, December 15, between services. Please have your cookies at church by 9:00 a.m. This is a perfect way to have delicious Christmas cookies without having to bake them or to get a variety of different cookies!

Sunday School Reminder: Next week Sunday School will be using their time to practice for their Christmas program happening that evening. There will be NO Sunday School on December 22 and 29. Class will resume again on January 5. We wish you a joyous Christmas and New Year holiday!

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.

Christmas Program: Please join our Sunday School children and other music programs including the Junior Choir, Handbell Choirs and Worship Choir as we celebrate Christmas with special music and performances! It will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. See you all then!

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 2nd) 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!

Tuesday, December 24: It's Christmas Eve! At 5:00 p.m. the children will help to tell about the birth of Jesus in an interactive reading of the Christmas story. At 7:00 and 10:00 p.m., we will hear the story proclaimed, bells rung, and songs sung, in a traditional service of worship for Christmas. The Handbell Choirs will be present in worship at 7:00 and the Worship Choir at 10:00.

Teachers Needed: We are still in need of two teachers willing to teach the next unit of Sunday School beginning on January 5. This is just a two week out of three commitment and all of the lesson plans are provided. Please contact Suzanne Snider if you are willing to help out.

All-Church Event: Mark your calendars tentatively for our next all-church event! We are looking to go bowling as a congregation to Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming. Hopefully this will be in the afternoon or early evening of Sunday, January 19! More info to come soon!

Confirmation Families: The Charge retreat is happening March 20-22, 2020, at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. We are asking for \$50 per student plus the cost of food (which historically is less than \$25) for the weekend. This money will not be due until March. If your child is planning on attending, please fill out a GREEN form from the Youth table and turn it in to Suzanne Snider no later than January 12. Two additional chaperones are also needed to help with driving and supervision that weekend. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Snider ASAP.

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 send 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.

Thank You: We would like to thank our church family for all of their warm wishes and for sharing cake and coffee for our 50th anniversary. You all mean so much to us. *Ken & Tammy Davison*

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 next week. 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

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.

Gladiola School: An ongoing project for Gladiola School is collecting box tops. There are two types of coupons we are collecting: "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills and more brands and "Family Rewards" from Kellogg's. You will find a container for these coupons on the countertop where you grab a cup of coffee and a snack on Sunday mornings.

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 Youth Table 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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Share Your CLC Event Pictures:

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

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