



**This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
December 15-22, 2019**

Today – December 15

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Cookie Walk
10:15 a.m. Sunday School Program Practice
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. CLC Christmas Program

Monday – December 16

5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – December 17

1:00-8:30 p.m. Private Event – Be Love Outreach
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday – December 18

8:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Breakfast @ Russ'
7:15 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – December 19

7:00 p.m. Mission Support Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Wyoming GA

Saturday – December 21

4:00 p.m. Longest Night Christmas Service

Sunday – December 22

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Private Event (Ed Wing, Kitchen)
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice



**Serving Our Congregation
Next Sunday: December 22, 2019**

Council:

9:00 a.m. Curt Johnson
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Altar Guild: Karen Metzner

Bread Baker: Christa Killgore

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Jan King
11:15 a.m. Tom Wisinski

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Clairia Vandenberg
11:15 a.m. Lucas Snider

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Diane Persky
11:15 a.m. Don Groeneveld

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Amy Kool, Kate Phillips
11:15 a.m. Lou & Julie Fischer

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Stuart Johnson, Bob VanderMeer, Brad Schulz,
Ron Sabin
11:15 a.m. Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer,
Kristen Thornton-Pham, Bill Houseknecht

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Stuart & Suzanne Johnson, Clairia Vandenberg
11:15 a.m. Jean Wisinski, Lucas Snider

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Sharon Mack
11:15 a.m. Tom Owens

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Deb Park
11:15 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh, Kate Phillips
11:15 a.m. Dan & Tamara Wright

Counters: Deb Park, Dave Johnson

Sprouts Teachers: No class today

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Lucas Snider
11:15 a.m. Todd Sheldon

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Bob Ortego
11:15 a.m. Gary Sironen

Weekly Prayer Requests

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of December 8

- Prayers of healing for Lois Shepherd who fell and broke her hip.
- Prayers of healing for Terry Speese.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Sarah H. who struggles with MS and a bad bed sore.
- Prayers of healing for Betty Holtz who is hospitalized after a fall.
- Prayers of thanks to God for Kate Phillips’ new apartment.
- Pray that God bless Mary Buchanan with a Christian husband.
- Prayers of healing for Doug Seelye, a high school senior and friend of Sheridan Llewellyn, who had emergency surgery to relieve pressure on his brain. Pray also for his family.
- Prayers of healing for Pastor Kemper’s son, who was hit by a van this week and is recovering at Mary Free Bed.

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.

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 Barringer

****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) 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
in memory of Barb Killgore.

Last Week’s Response:

Attendance on Sunday, December 8:
9:00 a.m. – 124 11:15 a.m. – 125

YTD Offering Needed: \$372,400
YTD Offering Received: \$358,124

Shortage: \$14,276

Upcoming Events & Activities

The Christmas Cookie Walk is today, 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!

Youth Reminders: Sunday School this week will consist of practicing for the Christmas Program only. The middle and high schoolers will not be meeting. There is no Mosaic this week and there is no Sunday School or Mosaic for the next two weeks! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 5, 2020!!

Poinsettias – Flowers of the Holy Night: Today is the last day you can order a poinsettia. Poinsettia envelopes have been placed in the pews for your convenience. 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.

CLC 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 take place tonight 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. The schedule of volunteers for Christmas Eve is printed on the green insert.

Christmas Eve Luminaries: We will be lighting luminaries around the exterior of the church for Christmas Eve services. There will be bags and sand set out next week to be filled if you would like to help out. The plan is to place them around the church property after the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve and light them so they will be lit for the remaining services. If you are able and willing, I would love some help lighting and placing the luminaries outside. If you have any extra lighter, bring those too! Talk to me with any questions! Suzanne Snider

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. Contact Suzanne Snider if you have any questions.

Staff Recognition: As part of the holidays and our customary practice at CLC, we give our staff a gift in recognition of the work they do on our behalf. If you would like to contribute, make a donation and mark an envelope as “staff gift” and place it in the offering plate. It is another way you can provide the spirit of Christmas to people who work on our behalf every week. Thanks, Jim Ward, Council President

Advent Devotionals: A limited number of Advent devotionals are available in the Gathering Space. 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

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.

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 place 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.)

Email: pictures@clcwyoing.org



The following people are scheduled to assist with worship on
Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24.

If you will not be able to serve at your scheduled time, please find a
replacement. If you are willing to help where you see a blank line, please
let Audrey know.

Christmas Eve Volunteers

	5:00 p.m.	7:00	10:00
Council:	Tamara Wright	Michael Phillips	Nikki Diaz
Altar Guild:	_____	Teresa Ortego	_____
Bread Baker:	Marie Smith	Pat Potter	Cherie Bronson
Welcome Center:	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte:	Caden Westers	Anna Diaz	Keegan Grohman
Worship Assistant:	Lance Girand	Diane Persky	Jim Ward
Ushers:	Harry Wendland Gerry Guttormson Ron & Nancy Heidrich	Don Groeneveld Dan Johnson Tim Zeitter Aiden Ardy	Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer Kristen Thornton-Pham Bill Houseknecht
Communion Assistants:	Caden Westers Ryan Diederling	Anna Diaz Cathy Chappell	Keegan Grohman Toni Steele
Reader:	Amy Corey	Wally Snider	Deb Park
Nursery:	_____	_____	
Greeters:	Fred & Marcia Nichols	Terry & Sara Rice	Tom & Jean Wisinski
Video Operator:	Todd Huston	Lucas Snider	_____
Sound Board:	Matt June	Mike Siebelink	Gary Sironen