

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Blessed Epiphany!

Once again, we are right on the heels of celebrating and commemorating the birth of our Savior, King. Advent is ending, Christmas has come. God comes into our world filled with sin and death in human flesh and blood to save all people from their sins. A Savior is born to us; He is Christ the Lord! Our joy continues into the twelve days of Christmas to Epiphany when the Magi arrived and prostrate/bow down before their King Jesus and worship Him with great joy. Come and worship the newborn King at our 6:30 pm Divine Service for The Epiphany of our Lord on January 6th.

2020 Theme – “Give us this day our daily bread”, Matthew 6:11 - 4th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

Our officer's installation will be on January 5th, followed by our officer's workshop on Saturday, January 11th. This year we will have devotions (available before February) for our theme of the year. They're based on the 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer from *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation 2017 Edition*. If you don't have your own, I encourage you to order one from cph.org! We will focus on everything that we receive from God above that supports the needs of our daily body and life. In addition to being used for our monthly board meetings, some will be printed and made available for all members of the congregation. Please check the narthex to the church at the beginning of February. The titles of the devotions will include being grateful (Exodus 16:1-21), how God provides (Matthew 5:45), dependence on God (Psalm 104:27-29), humbled (1 Peter 5:6-7), God is good! (1 Timothy 4:4-5), being content (1 Timothy 6:8), sharing (Hebrews 13:16), being generous stewards of God's gifts (James 1:17), work (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12), and fruitfulness (Psalm 145:15-16).

The Lord bless us and keep us as we're reminded of God's great care and provision for our bodies and life. Prayerfully consider how you will give back with what God has abundantly blessed you with to support your congregation financially. We need your support for the work of the ministry of the Gospel at Christ Lutheran Church and to meet our budget each year. Please pick up your offering envelopes on the table at the entrance to the church.

The Lord richly fills you with joy in 2020. Christ Jesus, our newborn King, is born for you! Make it your goal in 2020 to be in God's house for the Divine Service more regularly if you haven't been. Join us for Wednesday evening worship also at 6:30 every Wednesday leading up to Ash Wednesday. We will hear messages on the Creed. I pray that in 2020, you are nurtured as disciples of Jesus Christ through the hearing of His Word and reception of His Sacraments for the strengthening of your faith and life. I pray that in 2020, you will check out a Bible study. I pray that in 2020, you will make it a daily practice of meditating on the Word, daily prayer, and devotions individually and with your family.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Huehn

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ],” St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His “yes” to you, but others will find it, too, through you. “But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Cor. 8:7).

COMING IN JANUARY

Installation of all Church Officers and Auxiliary Officers, January 6th, 2020, both services.

Annual Reports for 2019 are due in the church office by January 10th, 2020

Officers Retreat/Workshop: Saturday, January 11th, at 9:00am at church.

Pastries, fruit, juice & coffee at 8:30am.

ALL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

The **Officers’ Workshop** is on **Saturday, January 11th from 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All Board members and staff should plan to attend. Pastries, fruit, juice & coffee will be served beginning at 8:30am. Please, rsvp to Denise Jones at beargranny2@aol.com.

JANUARY 2020 PULPIT PROGRAM

JANUARY 4/5 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS/ H.C. (Chanted 5:30 & 8:00)

LITURGY: Divine Service 1

READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 2:13-23

JANUARY 6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD/ H.C., 6:30pm

LITURGY: Divine Service 3

READINGS: Is. 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 11/12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ H.C.

LITURGY: Divine Service 1

READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; Romans 12:1-5; Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY 18/19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ H.C.

LITURGY: Divine Service 1

READINGS: Exodus 33:12-23; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 2:1-11

JANUARY 25/26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/H.C.

LITURGY: Divine Service 1

READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Romans 12:16-21; Matthew 8:1-13

CHANTED SERVICES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN... Why do we have chanted services at Christ Lutheran Church on the first weekend of every month and on every Feast day (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Reformation, etc.), and at most midweek Advent and Lenten services?

"Chant is the musical speech of the Church in worship. It is historically also one of the characteristic fundamentals of our worship as it was established by our founder, Dr. Martin Luther.

In our 21st century context, chanting still has benefit and blessing as it lifts our worship above ordinary conversation and the speech of everyday life and makes of it a special offering of worship to our God." (*Manual on the Pastor's Chant* by M. Alfred Bichsel, Concordia Publishing House)

NEWS & NOTES

AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP
PORTALS OF PRAYER...January to March
2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

THANK YOU

In conjunction with the Board of Mission and Evangelism, the Adult Ministry Board would like to thank the numerous people who contributed towards the 2019 Fall College Finals Survival Kits. There were 34 kits made. Fourteen of those kits were mailed to those students from our church who are sophomore thru seniors in undergraduate studies. In each 1-lb. plastic container, there was a variety of salty snacks such as pretzels and goldfish. Also, there was microwave popcorn, hot cocoa, Post-it notes, stress balls, hand sanitizer and other items. Thank you to those that donated their leftover Halloween candy. It helped fill the buckets to the brim. With the help of a few women from the congregation, there was a handwritten note of encouragement included. The other 20 kits were taken over to ISU's Wittenberg Center in time for Pastor Jensen to hand out to the students who attend there. None of this could have been done without the encouragement and support of the congregation.

The **flower chart for 2020** is available to sign up on in the hallway by the kitchen. What a wonderful way to remember a special event or person and beautify the church.

NEWS & NOTES

New Bible Studies Coming in January...

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR HUEHN ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL

What? Are you curious about a lesser known book of the Bible? Do you want to learn more about the book of Daniel than the well-known Daniel in the Lion's den? Join us for a 14-week Bible study on all twelve chapters of the O.T. book of Daniel.

When? 9:25-10:25am from January 5th-April 5th

Where? Classroom 121/122 (Classroom closest to the Christian Fellowship Area) Pastor Huehn will be standing outside the classroom to direct you. Feel free to bring your cup of coffee and donut and join us!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR FITZNER ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

What? Join us as we start studying the book of Revelation

When? 9:25-10:25am from January 5th-April 5th

Where? Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR HUEHN ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS

What? Are you curious to know more about the Parables of Jesus? Are some of them still confusing to you? Join us for a 7-week Bible study on some of the lesser-known Parables of Jesus.

When? 7:00-8:00 pm from January 8th-February 19th

Where? Parish Hall

MEN'S NIGHT OUT... There will be no Men's Night Out in January, due to a church service. Plan on meeting on February 3rd, 2020, at Alexander's Steakhouse.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY... will start back up on **Thursday, January 16 at 6:45 p.m.**

We will be completing Ch. 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Duran at karen.duran.7@gmail.com.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT... will be **January 23rd at The Mystic Kitchen, starting at 6:30 p.m.** The Mystic Kitchen is in downtown Bloomington at 306 N Center St. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Duran at karen.duran.7@gmail.com.

Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran Church,

It was a joy to be with you all this weekend (Dec 14-15) and share God's Word with you. Yes, it's Advent, and we are waiting for Christmas. But we are also waiting for the Almighty God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, who became a little baby for us to come again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If you were able to attend Bible Class, I hope you enjoyed learning more about the Minor Prophets and how they significantly shape our understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Together, as we wait, we continue to do exactly what we did at Church this weekend – confess our sins, be forgiven by our Gracious God, sing, pray, hear God's Word read and proclaimed, and rejoice at the foretaste of the feast to come.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and financial support. As I read, study, write, pray and serve at my field work church in St Louis, you are always in my heart and on my mind. You are a part of me, just as I am a part of you. As I shared this morning, Charlea Schueler, a member of Christ Lutheran Church her entire life until moving with her parents a little over a year ago to Lafayette, Indiana, and I are engaged. We will be married this summer in July. I consider her to be another wonderful and generous gift from this congregation.

Thank you for your partnership and love. Merry Christmas. And a blessed new year to you all.
Sincerely,
Will Fredstrom



The Youth of the Church

January 2020

GOD SQUAD

***5th/6th Confirmation Class** is 6:30-8:00pm on **Wednesdays**. Everyone begins in the Sanctuary for the Service.

Parents are encouraged to stay for the Service and then are free to go during the formal class time.

***God Squad** will go **ice skating** on **January 12th**. Sign up on the youth board!

JUNIOR HIGH YAIC

***Confirmation Class** is 6:30-8:00pm on **Wednesdays**. Everyone begins in the Sanctuary for the Service. Parents are encouraged to stay for the Service and then are free to go during the formal class time.

* The **Confirmation Church Lock-in** is **Friday, January 31st**! **All Junior High Youth need to plan to attend.** Be watching for more information after the New Year!

5th-8th Youth: The sign up sheet for **Youth Talks** is on the youth board. Join us for fellowship and informal question/answer sessions.

HIGH SCHOOL YAIC

***YAIC** meets every **Wednesday** from 6:30-8:00pm. We begin in the Sanctuary for the Service and then head out to the activity building for snacks, games and a devotion/Bible study.

***Y-Team** will meet on **Sunday, January 19th** from 12:00-1:15pm. in the Fellowship Hall. The Hambletons are hosting.

***HS YAIC** will go bowling on **Friday, January 10th** from 7-8:30pm. Drop off and pick-up will be at Pheasant Lanes! Friends are welcome! Cost is \$5 per person. Sign up on the youth board!!

Higher Things 2020

All **7th-12th graders** planning to attend the **Higher Things Conference:** the third payment of \$75 is due **January 19th**.

Thank you to all the youth and parents who helped with Journey to the Manger! We shared the story of Jesus' birth with over 400 people and raised over \$800 for this summer's Higher Things Conference and youth activities!

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY 2020

ELDERS:

8:00 a.m.
Jan. 5 Jason Timmons
Jan. 12 Alan Sobery
Jan. 19 Alan Williams
Jan. 26 Kevin Kothe

10:45 a.m.

Brandon Lacey
Henry Scheltens
Brandon Lacey
Roger Jones

SAT ELDERS:

Jan. 4 Phil Allyn
Jan. 11 Gary Christensen
Jan. 18 Doug Grovesteen
Jan. 25 Aaron Hambleton

SAT USHERS:

Jan Imig
Garry Smith
Bob Schlink
Esther Brokaw

SAT / SUN ORGANISTS:

Patty Downey
Tim Fredstrom/Patty Downey
Patty Downey
Patty Downey

USHERS:

Gary Gruber
Stuart Nerby
David Timm
Wayne Timm
Chris Turner
Jeanie Wager

Phil Allyn
Kent Bohnhoff
Paul Couillard
Ron Krueger
Jeff Smith
Nyle Wiechmann

ACOLYTES:

Jan. 5 Carson Capsel
Max Dameron
Jan. 12 Hannah Cunningham
Samantha Lakamp
Jan. 19 Madeline Newberry
Michael Newberry
Jan. 26 Dylan Cavinder
Colton Turner

Olivia Gerrietts
Rebecca Trimpe
Luke Oakley
Parker Russell
Ethan Blankenship
Jonathan Blankenship
Jack Cherry
Lily Nord

MONEY COUNTERS:

Gary Gruber
Ron Krueger
Donna Grovesteen
Jean Wager
Linda Bode
Lisa Scheltens
Mary Rustemeyer
Vanette Schwartz

NURSERY:

Jan. 5 Jennifer Dameron
Sandi McKean
Jan. 12 Christa Turner
Marissa Turner
Jan. 19 Not Staffed
Jan. 26 Krysta Christensen
Kylie Christensen

Annie Downey
Tricia Walker
Not Staffed
Not Staffed
Jennifer Gerrietts
Amber Prather

KITCHEN DUTY:

Stuart & Robin Nerby

Neal & Donna Clausen

GREETERS:

Jan. 5 N & D Clausen
Jan. 12 C & C Turner
Jan. 19 Anna Ressler
Lois McKinney
Jan. 26 Carol Richardson

Vanette Schwartz
D & D Grovesteen
G & C Gruber
Karen Harsha
John McBride

FLOWERS:

EPIPHANY SERVICE, JANUARY 6 @ 6:30PM

Elder:

Ushers: Gary Gruber & Jan Imig

KITCHEN MAINTENANCE: Miriam Circle

ALTAR CARE: Pat Radue, Jean Baumhardt, Linda Wellenreiter

FILL CANDLE OIL: Phil Bock



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Priscilla Matthews
- 3 – Zander Flores
Mark Lee
Tom Nord
- 4 – Paul Patzer
- 5 – Emma Couillard
Katrina Fifer
Donna Maaks
Daniel Timm
- 6 – Elliott Duckworth
- 8 – Kennedy
Wellenreiter
- 9 – Sandra Braasch
- 11 – Gabrielle Oakley
Mary Ellen Schmidt
- 12 – James Cherry
Ralph Huckstadt
Brydon Laesch
Kim Oakley
- 13 – Andrew
Cunningham
Frank Quistgaard
Ezekiel Schwier
- 14 – Jeanne Holzhauser
Sara Piller
- 15 – Grace Nord
- 16 – Anna Gerrietts
Isaac Gerrietts
Timothy Schwier
- 17 – Tori Back
- 18 – David Cameron
Dale Karrick

- 19 – Kara Frasier
Sandi McKean
John Pogge
- 20 – Joan Bohnhoff
- 21 – Marlene Baer
- 22 – Wendy Boccock
Gerine Phipps
Sharon Quiram
Sarah Runyan
- 24 – Madelaine
Quistgaard
- 25 – Gerald McKean
- 26 – Karen Harsha
- 27 – Jonathan
Blankenship
Luke Fitzner
Russell McKinney
Leah Moore
- 28 - Sara Baker
Lisa Cunningham
- 29 – Amber Conder
Avery Schwier
- 30 – Linda Gabbrants
Gracelyn
Wellenreiter
- 31 – Ellie Imig
Gale Imig

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 9 – Paul & Ellen
Patzer
- 27 – Elaine & Norm
Hester
- 30 – Judy & Roger
Augspurger
- 31 – Lois & Russell
McKinney

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**BAPTISMAL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Bruce Aho
Marlene Baer
Rachel Belsaas
Tamara Belsaas
Louise Cameron
Gale Imig
Kristin Kendrick
Kaelyn Knoche
Connie Laesch
Everett Laesch
Marcia Laesch
Paul Lemek Jr.
Lynn Nichelson
Bill Rustemeyer
- 2 – Charles Cagley
Dorothy Singley
- 3 – Clyve Baade
Tom Nord
- 6 – Phyllis Reeves
- 7 – Mark Newberry
- 8 – Cadence
Hambleton
- 10 - Clayton Wellenreiter
- 11 – Jan Swafford
- 13 – Debbie Katchmar
Zachary Stolz
- 14 - Claire Newberry
Jacob Newberry-
Lush
Justin Vest
- 15 – Frank Gunter
- 16 – Roberta Proc
- 17 - Alyssa Cunningham
- 18 – Jeanne Holzhauser
- 22 – Maxon Mathias
- 23 – Cory Laesch

- 24 – Amy Manning
Emilee Martin
Samuel Scheltens
Karla Timm
- 27 – Ralph Huckstadt
Nathaniel Sobery
- 28 – Joan Aho
Linda Baer
Karen Nafziger
Lori Woodard
- 29 – Amber Conder
- 30 – Robert Oakley
- 31 – Emma Couillard
Brian Imig
Leah Moore

God's
Richest
Blessings on
your special
day!!



January 2020

Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Office Closed	2	3	4 5:30pm Worship/HC
5 Worship/HC 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class, 9:25 am Installation of Officers (both services)	6 10am Sharing Joys 6:30pm Epiphany Service	7 5:40pm Handbells	8 5:30 Youth Choir 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC 6:50pm Adult Choir 7pm PH: Parables of Jesus Bible Study	9 5pm Planning Committee 7pm PH: Mary Martha Circle	10 2019 Annual Reports Due 7pm HS YAIC Bowling	11 Officers Workshop 8:30am Donuts/Coffee 9-12 Workshop 5:30pm Worship/HC
12 Worship/HC 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am God Squad ~ Ice Skating	13 10am Sharing Joys	14 5:40pm Handbells	15 5:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC 6:50pm Adult Choir 7pm PH: Parables of Jesus Bible Study	16 9am PH: LWR Quilters 6:45pm PH: Women's Bible Study	17	18 5:30pm Worship/HC
19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Worship/HC 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am 12pm PH: Y-Team 1pm PH: LWR Quilters	20 10am Sharing Joys Newsletter Items Due	21 5:40pm Handbells 7PM VOTERS MEETING	22 5:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC 6:50pm Adult Choir 7pm PH: Parables of Jesus Bible Study	23 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out	24	25 5:30pm Worship/HC
26 Worship/HC 8 & 10:45am SS/Bible Class 9:25 am 4pm Library: Youth Talk Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne	27 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 10am Sharing Joys	28 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 5:40pm Handbells 6pm PH: B/N Quilters 6:30pm Elders	29 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 6:30pm Worship 6:30pm Catechesis 6:30pm YAIC 6:50pm Adult Choir 7pm PH: Parables of Jesus Bible Study	30 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne 6:45pm PH: Women's Bible Study	31 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne Jr High YAIC ~ Church Lock-In	Feb. 1 Pr. Fitzner, Ft. Wayne Jr High YAIC ~ Church Lock-In



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Pastor Jonathan Huehn

Associate Pastor

Pastor Timothy Fitzner

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Patty Downey



Christ Lutheran Church exists to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.

To this end, and with the help of God, we will do this through

preaching, teaching, and reaching.

Preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments.

Teaching all things Jesus has commanded in His Word through instructional opportunities.

Reaching out and serving others.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Saturdays – Worship - 5:30 p.m.

Sundays – Worship - 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes – 9:25 a.m.

Mondays – Sharing Joys, 10:00 a.m.