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Worship Schedule

9:30am Sunday Worship

5:00pm Saturday Worship

We are:

The People of Christ Church - Ministers in the World

Our Staff:

Rev. Deborah Taylor—Pastor

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer

Cynthia Derr-Church Secretary/Cong. Council Secretary

Margie Yost - Sexton

Congregation Council – Helen Badamo, Joyce Bradbury, Donna Broadt, Tom DeRemer (vice-president), Jean Frye, Dave Getz, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Jessica Thorne, Ken Welsh (president), Mike Ziegler

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others.

Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now in and in future generations.

From the Pastor

Greetings,

Praise God, for he is good! This month, we're heading into the season of Thanksgiving where we often share hospitality with family, friends, neighbors, and sometimes strangers. It is a time when we usually have the opportunity to catch up with old friends and family we don't get to see too often. This year many families will return to opening their homes, and lives to others in person, after over a year of restrictions and isolation.

Celebrating holidays and special times with family and friends, by inviting people to share in our abundance, is a joy and a gift from God. It is also a time to remember and reach out to our siblings who may be having difficulty. In Matthew's gospel Jesus said,

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35, NRSV)

As followers of Jesus Christ, and we are called to share our very selves, and to make room at the table God sets before us for all who are hungry and thirsty. In chapter 53 of the Rule named after him, St. Benedict wrote,

"Real hospitality lies in bending some efforts to change things, to make a haven for the helpless, to be a voice for the voiceless. Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and minds and our hearts and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step toward dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time. "(RB 53)ⁱ

Rejoice in this season of Thanksgiving beloved! Rejoice in sharing yourselves and your lives through the love of Christ which lives in you!

Your Sibling in Christ,

Pastor Deb

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful welcome over the past year. Our installation service last month was beautiful! Thank you all for all of your generosity of spirit in welcoming me as your pastor, and for your well-wishes, calls, texts, cards, and gifts!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

We are forming a Congregational Care Team here at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to your siblings in the congregation, please call Pastor Deb or the church office.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21st AT 9:15AM

Please mark the date and time on your calendar and attend this important meeting. Discussion and approval of the 2022 budget and election of Congregation Council and other committee members will be on the agenda. All confirmed members have a vote in these issues and are urged to be participants in the decision making of our church.

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THANKSGIVING VALLEY FOOD
PANTRY BASKETS

Our church has been asked to provide jars of apple sauce and boxes of macaroni for the Thanksgiving distribution. Coffee is always needed, too. **We need 110 of each of these 2 items** and please have them here at our church by **Sunday November 7th!!** Place your donations in the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

For Christmas we have been asked to donate all kinds of **baking items**; flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla, cocoa, cookie mixes, any baking item you can think of. **Due by Sunday December 12th.** Coffee is always needed, too. Place your donations in the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – NOVEMBER 15-22

It is shoe box time again. Go to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to fill a shoe box from items shown on the web site, or have them fill a box for you. If you wish to fill your own box, pick up a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church and follow the steps there. Boxes will need to be dropped off at Faith Assembly of God church, (see schedule posted by fliers in the back of the church). Please do not bring shoe boxes here to our church.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6 & 7
VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE NOV. 13 & 14

On All Saints please bring in a picture(s) of your loved ones to be placed in front of the altar in remembrance. We will be remembering those who died form our congregation since last year at this time

For the Veterans observance, please bring in a picture of your military loved one(s) who have served or are currently serving our country. Those pictures will be placed in front of the altar to honor them.

POINSETTIAS AND HUNGER APPEAL DONATIONS
SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for poinsettias are now being taken. There will NOT be a sign-up sheet. Please use the envelopes from the basket on the table in the narthex. And, make sure the information on the envelope is complete and clear. Place it in the offering plate or return to the church office. Fifty poinsettias will be purchased and the balance of money received will go to the Hunger Appeal. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00, but any amount of your donation is appreciated. All donations must be in the church office by **Sunday December 12th**.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTR

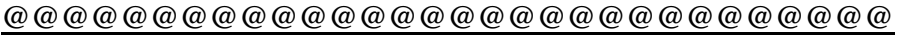
Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the December newsletter is **November 14th!!**



APPLE FEST REPORT

THANKS TO ALL! The enthusiasm and eagerness from our volunteers to do whatever job needed to be done while working together to make this event a success was amazing. A huge thank you to all of you and to all who came that day and supported the event.

From the profits donations were made to: Church Assistance Fund, American Cancer Society (pink tricky trays), PA Wounded Warriors, Tunnel to Towers, police depts. of Conyngham Boro, Sugarloaf Twp. & Butler Twp., Salvation Army and seed money for the next Meal Packaging Event.



CHRIST CHURCH RESUMES RECYCLING!

We have already restarted the recycling of office paper, that is, the paper which comes from any printer or copier. Please take note of the labeled containers located in the Narthex and Cindy's office for collecting worship bulletins and other office quality paper.

In November, we will be phasing in the recycling of #1 plastic bottles and jugs, steel cans, glass bottles and jars, and corrugated cardboard. Look for recycling bins in the kitchen. Please breakdown unwanted boxes and we will stage them in the shed until the next recycle drop off. If you have questions or suggestions or would like to help with this effort to be good stewards of creation - please contact Fred Jaxheimer or Mike Ziegler.

LIVING NATIVITY DECEMBER 4th AND 5th
5:00pm – 7:00pm each evening (note time change)

Set-up dates and times

Saturday November 27th at 9:00am

Saturday December 4th at 8:00am

Sunday December 5th at 3pm (re-set)

Costumes

Thursday December 2nd for set-out at 9:00am

Saturday December 4th and Sunday December 5th at 4:30pm
to help people get into costumes

Clean-Up

Saturday December 4th at 7:00pm

Sunday December 5th at 7:00pm

Saturday December 11th at 9:00am for final clean-up

Look for sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church for these areas and for a WISH LIST of items needed and a COOKIES AND SNACKS sheet for the days of the Nativity.

Sign-up poster boards to participate in the different scenes are on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS UPDATE

Training for our Stephen Ministers began in October. The first week of study, “The Person of the Caregiver,” was an introduction to the training ahead and exploring the Christ-centered foundation of Stephen Ministry. In the following weeks we learned about “Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours” in which we explored how feelings are a gift from God and how to help people recognize, accept, and express feelings so they can experience God’s healing and wholeness. We also studied “The Art of Listening” which is an essential part of Stephen Ministry. We learned how to use a variety of active listening skills to help hurting people share what they’re going through and move toward healing. We ended the month with a day long retreat studying “Distinctively Christian Caring”. This training focused on the essentials of using our Christian faith in caring for hurting people and learning practical ways to live out the reality that “The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the Curegiver.”

Please keep the trainees and leaders in your prayers as they learn to be equipped to bring Christ’s care to hurting people and continue to lift them up as they nurture their gifts and expand their knowledge as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation. Please contact Deb Jones or Pastor Deb for information on Stephen Ministry or if you have any questions.

WORSHIP HELPERS – NOVEMBER 2021 - SUNDAY

November 7

8:00am service

Asst. Minister	Jean Frye
Acolyte	Andy Cwierniewicz
Reader	Maizie Kurtz
Ushers	Ashley Marsicano & Ashley Marsicano

10:30am service

Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Acolyte	Frankie Martinelli
Reader	Jo Cvammen
Ushers	John Ruch & Rick Walck

November 14

8:00am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Acolyte	Maizie Kurtz
Reader	Aaron Floryshak
Ushers	Rusty & Linda Beishline

10:30am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Reader	Beth Topolski
Ushers	April & Russ Nyblade

November 21

8:00am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Acolyte	Nicholas Cwierniewicz
Reader	Margie Yost
Ushers	Kurtz/Cwierniewicz Family

10:30am service

Asst. Minister	Cindy Thorne
Acolyte	Christian Smith
Reader	Dawn Smith
Ushers	Bobrowski Family

November 28

8:00am service

Asst. Minister Ashley Marsicano

Acolyte

Reader Donna Broadt

Ushers Dave & Joanne Getz

10:30am service

Asst. Minister Tom Toth

Acolyte Julia Bobrowski

Reader Nancy Lockwood

Ushers Tom & Cindy Thorne

WORSHIP HELPERS – NOVEMBER 2021 - SATURDAY

November 6

5:00pm service

Reader Jim Rodechko

Acolyte Eli Chegwidden

Ushers Tom Chegwidden & Julie Varner

November 13

5:00pm service

Reader Karen Kuba

Acolyte Ashley Marsicano

Ushers Christine & Dylan Chegwidden

November 20

5:00pm service

Reader Tom Boock

Acolyte Tom Boock

Ushers Lori & Scott Steiner

November 27

5:00pm Service

Reader Alyssa Kuba

Acolyte Tom Chegwidden

Ushers Tom Chegwidden & Julie Varner

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11/01 | Parker Bobrowski | 11/22 | Noney Yazwinsky |
| 11/02 | Marcy Fegley | 11/23 | Alice Konar |
| 11/04 | Allan Chivers, Jr.
Anthony Cussat
Andrew Cwierniewicz | | Susan Martinelli
Stephanie Parrish |
| 11/05 | Steven Marchetti
Dorothy Petersen | 11/25 | Byrne Nenstiel |
| 11/06 | Nancy Dietterick
Kayla Kisenwether | 11/26 | Megan Toothaker-St. Clair |
| 11/07 | Betty Konjusky | 11/28 | David Antolick |
| 11/08 | Jay Budgeon
Gerald Henderson
Jillian McGeehin | 11/29 | Kyle Buck
Annie Moran |
| 11/09 | Stephanie Williams
Margaret Yost | | |
| 11/10 | Pamela Jacobsen | | |
| 11/11 | John Kurtz | | |
| 11/12 | Jason Boock
Diana Jessel | | |
| 11/14 | Anna Cabell
Barbara Hunsinger | | |
| 11/15 | Susan Boyer
Frank Gaval
Ruth Torphy | | |
| 11/16 | Curtis Pick
Bonnie Whitebread | | |
| 11/19 | Mabel Welsh | | |
| 11/20 | John Ruch
Michael Sarno | | |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11/1 | Marilyn Filizof |
| 11/9 | Jeff & Toni Schmidt |
| 11/14 | Robert & Donna Broadt
Troy & Beth Topolski |
| 11/15 | John & Jackie Ruch |
| 11/18 | Rob & Nancy Lockwood
Stephanie & Mark Parrish |
| 11/21 | Kengo & Shirley Ikeda |
| 11/25 | Aaron & Greta Floryshak
David & Joanne Getz |
| 11/27 | Gerald & Beth Henderson |
| 11/28 | Alan & Jane Houseknecht |

Five kernels

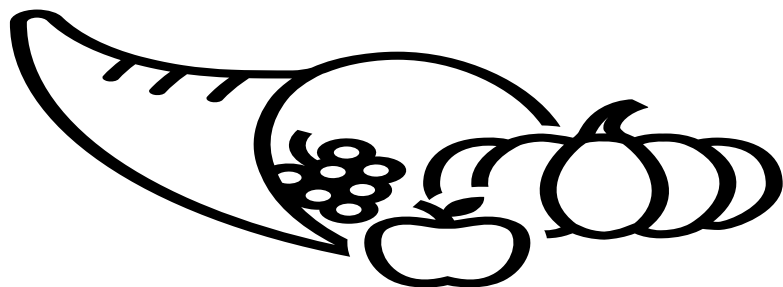
The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn.

Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, "It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." The Pilgrims never went hungry again.

Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:

1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.





The beginning of Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, *November 28* is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

Address Changes

Has your address changed or will it be changing? If so please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the church. You may mail it, put it in the collection plate or place it in the secretary's mailbox outside the office door.

Thank you for helping keep our mailing list up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday/Anniversary Date Information

Name _____

Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Wedding Anniversary Date _____ / _____ / _____

Please help us keep our birthday and anniversary dates up to date. If you do not see your special date noted on the birthday/anniversary page, please use this form to let us know. Return the form to the office or drop it in the collection plate. We want to be sure to include everyone's birthday and/or anniversary in the newsletter and we apologize if yours may have been missed.

November 2021

Monthly Planner

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