

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### Worship Schedule

10:30am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 9:15am

(9:30am Sunday Worship June-Labor Day-No Sunday school)

5:00pm Saturday Worship

We are:

The People of Christ Church - Ministers in the World

Our Staff:

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer

Cynthia Derr-Church Secretary/Cong. Council Secretary

Margie Yost - Sexton

Rev. Wayne Lupole—Designated Pastor

Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown, Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Dave Kisenwether, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president) and Ken Welsh (president)

### 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 and in future generations.

## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the February newsletter is **January 21<sup>st</sup>!!**

### **SOUPER SOUP SALE**

Our annual soup sale is taking place **Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> with pick-up from Noon-2pm**. Call the church office mornings at 570-788-1572, Joyce Bradbury at 570-788-5372 or use the order form on the table in the back of the church. **Order deadline will be Saturday January 20th or until sellout (some restaurants donate a certain number of quarts)**. Soup is \$9.00 per quart and Chili is \$12.00 per quart. **A list of the kinds of soup will be available very soon.** There will be Apple Dumplings for sale at \$5.00 each.

### **THE ANNUAL PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

will be held **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00pm-7:00pm**. The dinner will **be served both in-house and take-out**. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger. You may call Mary Lou Keck at 453-5969 or the church office at 788-1572 weekdays between 9am-Noon to make reservations. Sales at the door are limited as to prior sales. You may also purchase tickets at the church office. *Cakes are needed for desserts. Please see the sign-up sheet.*

### **2024 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS ARE AVAILABLE**

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece).

## **CASTING OUR NETS**

The next gathering of Casting Our Nets ministry group will be on **Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the worship service. Please feel free to join in on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

## **WILLING WORKERS**

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. We will be discussing and planning for events in the upcoming year. Yearly membership dues of \$5.00 will be collected. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or [msjonesncc@gmail.com](mailto:msjonesncc@gmail.com)

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Christ caring for people through people. This is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If the Spirit is moving you to learn more about this ministry, please talk with Deb Jones or any of our Stephen Ministers.

## **DEVOTIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

Have you seen and read the devotional prayers that are posted periodically on our congregation's Facebook page? Hopefully, when you read them, you will find encouragement and a sense of God's peace as you go about your daily life.

## **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION PLANNED**

Do you have a Nativity set(s) that you would like to be on display at our Epiphany Celebration on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**? Would you like to share some good food and fellowship at a light lunch that day after church? If the answer is yes, look in the church parlor for the sign-up sheet.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING ON JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

This year we are not going to let Epiphany come and go without a celebration! Plan to be a part of the festivities. Humphrey the camel will be here during Sunday School, there will be a display of church members' Nativity sets, there will be a children's sermon during worship and then lunch and fellowship time. Invite someone to come with you! Everyone is welcome! Don't let the "post-Christmas blahs" set in and help get 2024 off to a great start by being in Sunday School and church on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**!

## **HERE IS HOW TO GET YOUR NATIVITY SET (SETS) DISPLAYED**

Please bring your Nativity set(s) to Roth Hall on **Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> between 10am-Noon**. Volunteers will be there to help with setting things up for the display.

After lunch on **Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>** anyone who brought a Nativity set will be responsible for dismantling and packing up whatever they brought to display and will take it home with them that day. The goal is to have everyone's Nativity set kept safe and with its owner. Don't miss this special day here at our church! Help spread the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World!

## **NEED A RIDE?**

Would you like to come to church or go to a church event but are unable to get there on your own, especially at night?

Currently, this need is being assessed. Please call Dawn Whitfield (570-788-3256) or Betsy Fisher (570-788-6611) if you would be interested in getting a ride,

*Also, if you are willing to possibly help provide transportation, let Dawn or Betsy know.*

## **WORSHIP HELPERS JANUARY 2024 SATURDAY 5PM**

### ***January 6***

Reader	Patt Derr
Acolyte	Dennis Mallams
Comm. Asst.	Deb Jones
Ushers	Deb Jones & Dennis Mallams

### ***January 13***

Reader	Chris Kuba
Acolyte	Scott Steiner
Comm. Asst.	Lori Steiner
Ushers	Scott & Lori Steiner

### ***January 20***

Reader	Ashley Marsicano
Acolyte	Ashley Marsicano
Comm. Asst.	Ashley Marsicano
Ushers	Tom Chegwidden & Julie Varner

### ***January 27***

Reader	Christine Chegwidden
Acolyte	Ian Chegwidden
Comm. Asst.	Ian Chegwidden
Ushers	Eli & Dylan Chegwidden

## **WORSHIP HELPERS – JANUARY 2024 SUNDAY 10:30AM**

### ***January 7***

Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Acolyte	Ava Badamo
Reader	Rosalie Wright
Comm. Asst.	Ashley Marsicano
Ushers	Mary Lou Keck & Carol Crawford

### ***January 14***

Asst. Minister	Russ Nyblade
Acolyte	Julia Bobrowski
Reader	Fred Jaxheimer
Comm. Asst.	Dave Getz
Ushers	Sue Oliver & Barbara DeLong

### ***January 21***

Asst. Minister	Tom Toth
Acolyte	Eden James
Reader	Aaron Floryshak
Comm. Asst.	Tom Toth
Ushers	Bobrowski Family

### ***January 28***

Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella
Acolyte	Hadley Brutosky
Reader	Donna Broadt
Comm. Asst.	Julia Bobrowski
Ushers	Russ & April Nyblade

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1/2 Marty Kellow  
Wilma Stein  
1/3 Carol Ann Samler  
1/4 Archie Topolski  
1/6 Ken Welsh  
1/8 Ron Heller  
Trina Marencin  
1/9 Brantley Ackerman  
Marcie Cheslock  
1/10 Gus Marini  
1/11 Darlene Antolick  
Shirley Ikeda  
1/12 Derek Antolick  
Lucas Ruckle  
1/13 Adrienne Mangler  
Cindy Rockovich  
1/15 Mary Landis  
1/17 David Antolick  
Cynthia Derr  
1/18 Pete Bobrowski  
Tyler Russell  
1/19 David Carsia  
1/20 Doris Renninger  
1/21 Tony Cussat  
Patty Kisenwether  
Julia Pecora  
1/22 Helen Badamo  
Betsy Fisher  
1/23 Pat Fickner  
Bonnie Floryshak  
Patricia Matz  
1/29 David Getz  
1/31 Sue Danko

## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

1/8 Alex & Noney Yazwinsky  
1/30 Russ & April Nyblade



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your monetary donation to our Black Creek Food Pantry. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and any time you would like to visit our operation just let us know. Love to show you!

May God Bless!

Nardy Whitehead  
Treasurer, B.C.F.P.

To the Members of Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham, Pa

many thanks for the donation of 5 turkeys to the Black Creek Food Pantry - they were appreciated by us and will be given to our clients so they too can give thanks to your Church members for their generosity.

Sandra Rittenhouse  
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DEAR FRIENDS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR  
GIVING TUESDAY PROJECT. BECAUSE OF YOU MORE  
CAMPER'S WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW  
IN SELF-CONFIDENCE, BUILD TRUST WITH  
THEIR PEERS, AND HAVE FUN ON THE HIGH  
ROPES COURSE!

BLESSENC IN THIS  
CHRISTMAS SEASON,

*Car*

COLLEEN GROOMS - EXEC. DIRECTOR

Nov. 29, 2023

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran  
Church,

Your Valley Food Pantry is very  
appreciative of your continual  
support and caring for our valley  
families in need of food. The  
\$1000.00 donation will help with our  
Christmas boxes for 60-62 families.  
We plan to give turkeys and other  
foods for their nice dinners.

We hope all of you have a  
blessed Christmas, too!

Very Humbly,

Your Valley Food Pantry Volunteers

Dear Friends of Christ  
Lutheran Church.

I thank you for a bag  
I received for Thanksgiving +  
Christmas holding very useful gifts.

You're so thoughtful!

One was unusual - a <sup>wax bulb</sup> ~~plant~~ - it grows  
to become a plant. Place the bulb  
in a warm area + water it grow  
into a beautiful flower for Christmas,  
I hope. (takes 3 to 5 weeks) No water

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving  
+ "Merry Christmas" to all.

Much appreciated

Ed Bless you all  
Love

Shirley Heckrote



November 30, 2023

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
PO Box 494  
Conyngham, PA 18219

Dear Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500.00. Since our founding in 2003 with the help of grateful Americans like you, we have delivered more than 3.8 million of our signature Care Packages to Deployed Troops, Veterans, Military Families, Recruits Graduates, and First Responders. We are honored to serve those who have served us and are grateful for your support.

Your support has a tremendous impact. A Care Package boosts morale for a Service Member stationed far from home and enables a Veteran, Wounded Hero or Caregiver to feel appreciated – many for the first time. Our Battalion Buddies bring comfort to the children of Deployed Troops at a very stressful time in their young lives. When we hand deliver Care Pouches to new Officers and Recruit Graduates, they know that as they begin their career of service to our great nation, they are supported along the way. And the delivery of First Responder Care Packages shows local heroes that their community values them.

We recently received this email from a Care Package recipient deployed overseas:

*Thank you!*

*I wanted to personally reach out and say how much we appreciate the support you have shown from Operation Gratitude. I am currently on deployment and received one of the care packages; it has truly brought some extra joy into my life being so far from home. Please keep up the good work as I know there are many more of my brothers and sisters in the service that will be just as grateful as me.*

*Again, thank you very much!*

Very Respectfully,  
AZ3 F, S.M.  
VAQ-132  
\*Scorpions\*

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit. Every single donation we receive furthers our mission, and the recipients of your generosity will remember your kindness forever. As a Marine Mom and the Founder of this grass-roots organization, I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude. You are truly making a difference!

With Gratitude,

Carolyn Blashek  
Founder, CEO

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## For the new year

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- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
**P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
**P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)  
**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)  
**E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**A**im for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)  
**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols

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## What *not* to take into the new year

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- Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- Tape measure — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
- Rearview mirror — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)
- Gavel — Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
- Life vest — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
- Garage-door opener — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves from our neighbors. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
- Handcuffs — Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through — and despite — us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)

—Gregg McCaslin



Happy New Year!

# January 2024

## Monthly Planner

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## ***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.