



Christ Lutheran Church



December 2014

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Advent Worship . . .

Our 7 p.m. Wednesday midweek Advent services will be on December 3rd, 10th & 17th. The sermons will focus on the meaning of the Advent Wreath. Please make plans to attend these worship services in preparation for Jesus' birth. The First Sunday in Advent is November 30th.

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"SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM"
Sunday, December 21st 6:30 p.m.

"Just A Little Christmas"

Practices will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, December 6, 13, and 20. We will also be practicing during Sunday School hour on Sunday Mornings. Parents please try to have your children (Pre-K thru 8th Grade) at church during these times.

If you have questions, please contact Robbie Oldenburg, Rich Marotzke, or Linda Babechenko.



**Come and
worship the
new-born king!**

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
Communion Worship Services
4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th
Communion Worship
9:00 a.m.

Back to the basics...Over the last two months, we have been blessed with Rich's sermon series on the biblical basis of our relationships as men and women. I am very pleased that Rich listened to the Spirit's urging, and am equally pleased that at the same time, the Spirit called me to start "Moments with Martin" with special emphasis on beginning with the Ten Commandments. It has been beautiful to see how these two things have blended together, complimenting each other. I have had a number of people who have shared with me how much they have enjoyed this time, and I am pleased that I have been able to answer God's call in this.

So now we journey into Advent and anticipate the coming of the Christ child. We will continue to review the basics of our faith so that we can grow in strength and knowledge of that which we believe as Lutherans. I am very happy to welcome Diane Osantowski during the month of December to bring a special message each week during the Children's Message time. It is a joy to see the Spirit call people to serve and I am honored that I am able to be a witness to that service. This is a wonderful time for our church, a time of opportunity for us to choose what we are to become. So, as we go forward in the new church year, it is time to decide – will we, as the Body of Christ, focus only on the world's priorities or will we turn to God, putting Him and His will for ourselves and our church first, turning to God with our every need and being willing to serve Him in new and different forms of ministry, welcoming others to join us here to worship our Creator and Redeemer, and seeking God's path so that we can become a beacon of light and hope in a world of darkness and despair. May God grant us all the courage to listen for his call and the strength to answer that call in joy and anticipation of the blessings to come.

Come, Holy Spirit, guide us in the Father's will.

Merry Christmas to all,

Pastor Sue

Holy Communion

Starting in December, we will be experimenting with going back to an old way of receiving Communion on Sunday mornings. The process we've been using of continuous travel through the communion line has been described as feeling like "drive-through" communion. Starting with the first Sunday in Advent, we will be returning to the process of receiving communion by tables. Please don't confuse this with the way that we do First Communion on Maundy Thursday at the banquet tables. This will be communion by groups at the altar of our Lord. While this may add a minute or two to the process, we anticipate that this will bring the meaningfulness of the event back to the service.


Pastor Sue

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jessica Brink	Al Squanda
Dale Bremer	Rich Sylvester
Devin Elbers	Julie Torrez
Pat Kuck	Maria Wagner
Diane Osantowski	Kelly Walz

The call committee continues to meet weekly. We have now begun first interviews via the internet to narrow our search down before we have any face to face interviews. Again if you have any questions for the committee members, please feel free to contact any of them.

Date _____ Envelope # _____
My Offering to My Church
Amount \$ _____
Name _____
Address _____



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015

All confirmed members are encouraged to use an assigned numbered box for their weekly offering. The new boxes can be picked up on the tables in the lounge in the next few weeks. If you do not find your name and would like a set, please sign up on the sheet provided and you will be issued a number.



Poinsettias

Every Christmas we offer members the opportunity to order a poinsettia which is used to decorate the church and then it can be taken home on Christmas Day. These lovely plants cost \$11. See both bulletin boards to pick up the needed form. Your money must be included with your order. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, December 17th.



"A Blessed Christmas"

From the Office Staff!

May the warmth and friendly spirit of the holidays be with you throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Pastor Sue Trinklein
Rich Marotzke

Linda Lubaczewski
Diane Osantowski



Just A Reminder End of Year Giving

For your contributions to the church to be recorded on your statement for this calendar year, your offering must be received in the offering plate on the last Sunday of the month, December 28th.



Mittens & Socks

For our Giving Tree

This year we will again be collecting new socks along with the mittens, hats and gloves for our traditional "Mitten Tree". These gifts are taken to the Neighborhood House in Saginaw and the Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City. While you're shopping remember to look for infants and children's socks. What child cannot use a clean, warm pair of socks. Deadline is December 14th.



Decorating of our Church for Christmas will be on Sunday, December 7th, immediately following late service. Please stay or come back and help beautify our sanctuary.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of 2 people to volunteer for the Nominating Committee and 4 individuals to consider running for Church Council positions. Please contact Darla Kolomak at 868-4311.

Memorials

For Sunday School in memory of **Phyllis Thumm** by Walter Sahr.

For Joy Circle Adopt-A Family in memory of **Phyllis Thumm** by Ted & Denise Felske.

Holy Baptisms

Robert Carl-Grant Napier & LeiAnn Marie Milne were baptized October 26, 2014 as well as their mother **Janet Leigh Milne**. LeiAnn and Robbie's sponsors are Lucas Lentner and John Trinklein.

Blake Cameron Walkovich was baptized November 30, 2014. He is the son of Matthew and Faren (Gay) Walkovich. His sponsors are Jillian Gay and Kelly Walkovich.

Funeral

Jeanette Rose Janson, age 85, died at McLaren Bay Hospital on Friday, October 31, 2014. Her funeral service was on November 4th with interment at Denmark Township cemetery. Pastor Sue Trinklein officiated.



THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS will be packed on Monday, Dec 8th at 8:30 a.m. and then delivered on Dec 9th. All food donations will need to be here by Sunday, Dec.7th. If you can volunteer for packing or delivery, please sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board. Thank you to all who have made a donation already.

Deva Weber, UCCS

Thank You's

To all the ladies that volunteer monthly at the Action Thrift store on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Thank you for your loyal support. To everyone who donates their unwanted items keep up the good work.

Lucy Markhart

The family of Jeanette Janson would like to thank the members of Christ Lutheran Church for all their prayers, support, memorials and cards. Thank You also to Pastor Sue for a beautiful ceremony and all the ladies who helped to make the luncheon very special. Your kindness was very much appreciated during our time of such great loss.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your \$407 gift. Your kindness is helping to serve nutritious meals everyday to hungry people in our community, as well as safe shelter to those suffering though living outside in the elements. Oftentimes, providing those basic services leads to guests enrolling in our long-term recovery programs and changing their life forever!

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving season, we are well-prepared to see God transform many more lives. But we never do it alone, it is only because of the lord working through generous friends like you. Thanks again for your compassion!

All God's Best, Dan Street, Mission Director
Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City



Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized the past month:

Dick Watkins



The Giving Tree

We have added a new decoration to the back of the sanctuary – The Giving Tree. On this low-tech tree are tags with the items requested by our adopted family for Christmas. Please check the tags and if there’s something you’d like to purchase for them, please take the tag from the tree and put it with the gift. These items can be dropped off in the Church Office at any time. If you don’t have time to shop, there’s an approximate price on each tag. You can place the tag and that amount of money (or check) in an envelope and turn that in. Please have your gifts or money turned in by December 14th to allow the ladies time to complete the shopping. Thank you.



Reese Fire Rescue’s

18th Annual

All You Can Eat

Pancake & Sausage Supper

January 14th

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult \$6.00

Youth (6 to 12 yrs) \$5.00

Children 5 and Under Eat Free

Reese Fire Hall

1955 Gugino M.D., Reese

Proceeds to help purchase new emergency and rescue equipment.

Toys for Tots

It is that time of year to begin thinking about those less fortunate than us. We will begin our Toys for Tots campaign next week. We are asking each student to bring in a new unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. The box will be by the Christmas tree in the narthex. Each student that brings in a toy will receive tickets to be used at our Sunday school store. If you would prefer to send in money, just label the envelope with “Toys for Tots” and be sure to give it to the teacher.

30th Annual Boar’s Head Festival

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss Street, Saginaw. Call 755.1144 ext. 101 for more information. Thursday, 12/4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 12/6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 12/7 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

18th Annual “Living Nativity”

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Road, Saginaw will host its 18th annual “Living Nativity - A Journey to Bethlehem”, on Friday, December 5 from 7 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 6th from 6 - 8 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7th from 6 - 8 p.m. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on the blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30 minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

2nd Annual Living Nativity

Come enjoy the 2nd Annual Living Nativity at Bay Shore Camp. Our Nativity is a drive through experience, so you’ll be able to enjoy it all from the comfort of your warm vehicle.

Following your trip through Bethlehem, we invite you to our Family Center for snacks, Family Friendly activities and crafts.

Saturday, December 6th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is Free

450 N. Miller Street, Sebewaing.

History of Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
2006	T. Janson	R. Sylvester	Stony Lake	\$366
2007	T. Janson	R. Sylvester	Stony Lake	\$350
			ELCA	\$400
			Life Giving Water	\$400
			Special Needs Retirement	<u>\$350</u>
			TOTAL	\$1,500
2008	R. Zimmer	J. Jasman	Zero	
2009	D. Bremer	J. Jasman	Outreach Emergency Fund	\$355
			Rev. David Kuck Ministries	\$600
			Beacon of Hope Pregnancy	<u>\$300</u>
			TOTAL	\$1,255
2010	D. Bremer	J. Jasman	Zero	
2011	J. Jasman	D. Bremer	Lutheran World Relief	\$278
			David Kuck Ministries	\$278
			Simba Circle Ministry	<u>\$278</u>
			TOTAL	\$834
2012	J. Jasman	M. Schmitzer	Zero	
			Bal. on acct. 12/31/12 \$96,765.76, Marisa Ahrens, Treasurer	
2013	J. Jasman	M. Schmitzer	Zero	
			Bal. on acct. 1/1/13 \$100,181.07, Marisa Ahrens, Treasurer	

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Respectfully, *Ralph Bublitz*

Attendance	Worship	S.S.
November 2 (Sun)	141	25
November 5 (Wed)	6	
November 9 (Sun)	115	26
November 12 (Wed)	4	
November 16 (Sun)	125	22
November 19 (Wed)	6	
November 23 (Sun)	146	

Euchre Fun Night will not be held during the month of December.

However, planning ahead for 2015...
mark your calendar and
save these dates for Euchre Fun Nights

6:30 PM on Saturdays, January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th & May 9th

<u>CURRENT EXPENSE FUND — OCT. 2014</u>	
CHECKING ACCT. Bal. 10/31	\$ 9,272.78
REGULAR SAVINGS Bal. 10/31	\$ 12.39
DONATION SAVINGS Bal. 10/31	\$ 50,002.80
<u>THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 10/31/14</u>	
Savings	\$ 425.47
Checking Acct.	\$ 251.21
<u>GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU OCTOBER:</u>	
Revenue - Year to Date	\$ 166,211.08
Revenue - Budget to Date	\$ 141,660.80
Expenses - Year to Date	\$ 140,224.98
Expenses - Budget to Date	\$ 141,660.80

December Birthday's

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday! We are recognizing those persons who have reached the milestone of 80 years old and above. May God bless you.



1 Clara Parrent – over 80
Michele Haske
Scott Magnus
Jesse Palmreuter
Jessica Taylor
Seth Richter

2 Rick Mossner
Brian Wascher
Alex Squanda

3 Ailssa Edie

4 David Abraham
Andrew Jasman

5 Tim Watkins
Jaidyn Rethman

6 Bev Kowalski
Kyle Deisig
Lance Deisig
Emma Schmitzer

7 Jennifer Davenport
Samantha Taylor
Carter DeLong
Irelynn Murphy

8 Christopher Publitz
Ed Redwanz
Bud Lange
Jacob Rau

9 Michelle Allen
Herb Stedry, Jr.

11 Megan Avery
Adam Janson

12 Christina Kussro
Mark Keyes
Bev Prell
James Houghtaling
Bo Schember

13 Holly Damm
Allison Jasman

14 Larry Haske

15 Geraldine Liebknecht - over 80
Tabitha Dohrmann
Paige Luth
Logan Felske Mathews

16 Jeff Felske
Adam Bauer

17 Brian Willman
Jennifer Shores

18 Molly Massoll – over 80
Autumn Kern
Lydia Palmreuter

19 Curtis Publitz
Benjamin Prell
Jennifer Zwerk

20 Andrea Schramke
Erik Palm
Lynn Achenbach

21 Kathy Daniels
Jason Prell
Meah Luth

22 Wendy Oczepek
Deb Ward
Bill Stuart
Trevin Damm
Harold Avery

23 Carol Magnus
Stephen Felske

24 Tom Schafsnitz, Jr.
Ed Damm
Katie Bauer

25 Amy Goss

26 Matt Lefler
Annabelle Walz

28 Leslie Henry
Kerry Wachowicz
Cody Van Nest
Christy Zwerk

29 Susan Krauseneck
Jan Apo
Pat Ryan
Dereck Hecht

30 Michael Davenport
Jennifer Kuehnemund

31 Renee Cragg
Michael Felske
Shannon Bliss

wishing you
the **BEST**
birthday
ever!

December Anniversaries

2	Jeff & Mary Palm	1978	18	Kevin & Keri Hecht	2004
8	Jim & Korey McKay	2012	20	Al & Bernie Mielsens	1952
13	Matt & Becky Vondette	2008	28	Kevin & Jenna Bauer	2013
16	Larry & Linda Lapak	1989	29	Bud & Karen Schorge	1957
18	John & Julie Redwanz	1999	30	Dick & Barbara Zielke	1956

Worship Assistants for December 2014

Date	Time	Greeters	Assistant Cantor	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
12/7/14	8:00	Mike & Joanne Connelly	XXX	Kelly Walz	XXX	Isabella & Faith Thomas	Teams 2	12/3 & 12/7 Team 2
12/7/14	10:30	Bill & Janet Janson	Darlene Mallory	Jennifer Shores	Rich & Joann Marotzke	Nathaniel Torrez & Zach Marotzke	2	
12/14/14	8:00	MaryAnn Garrison	Kendyl Murphy	Need Volunteer	Katie Bauer	Breanna Rocha & Sydney Histed	Teams 3	12/10 & 12/14 Team 3
12/14/14	10:30	Darla Kolomak	XXX	John Trinklein	XXX	Madison Gwizdala & Lacy Torrez	3	
12/21/14	8:00	Martin & Lori Gay	XXX	Kelly VanDenBoom	XXX	Blake Johnson	Teams 1	12/17 & 12/21 Team 4
12/21/14	10:30	Dave & Rosalie Edwards	John Trinklein	Phyllis Felske	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer	Zach Marotzke & Wyatt Schember	1	
12/24/14	4:00	XXX				Luke or Grace Connolly & Libby Redwanz	Team 2	
12/24/14	7:00	XXX	Diane Osantowski	Need Volunteers Please Call Office	Tom & Jill Lynch	Faith or Isabella Thomas & Faith Marotzke	Team 3	Team 1
12/24/14	11:00	XXX				Sydney Histed & Macey Hawken	Team 1	
12/25/14	9:00	XXX	Darlene Mallory			XXX	Team 2	
12/28/14	8:00	Don Hausbeck	Todd Felske	Dave Edwards	Need Volunteer	Breanna Rocha & Isabella Thomas	Teams	Team 2
12/28/14	10:30	XXX	XXX	Gracie Lefler	XXX	Emily Rupprecht & Shelby Keyes	3	

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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