

Christ Lutheran Church

December 2015

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



Advent Worship . . .

Our 7 p.m. Wednesday midweek Advent services will be on December 2nd, 9th & 16th. Please make plans to attend these worship services in preparation for Jesus' birth. The First Sunday in Advent is November 29th.



Sunday School Christmas Program "Walk in the Light"

Sunday, December 20th, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Practices will be from 11:00 – 12:30 pm on Saturdays, December 5, 12, and 19. We will also be practicing during Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings. Parents please try to have your children (Pre-K thru Confirmation) at church during these times.

If you have any questions, please contact Robbie Oldenburg or Linda Babechenko. If your child won't be participating in the Sunday School Christmas Program please let us know.

A fellowship time will follow the program and each family is asked to bring 1 dozen cookies or dessert bars.

Thank you.

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

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

9:00 a.m.

Pastor's Message

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

"In times past, God spoke in partial various ways....In these last days, He has spoken to us through the Son." Hebrews 1:1-2

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During the Advent Season, it will be my prayer that each of you will find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

Several years ago I received a Christmas card with this message: "This Christmas, I wish you Jesus." On the inside it read, "Isn't nice to have everything!"

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

Christmas has a way of bringing to church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been at worship for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all this of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May the Babe of Bethlehem watch over you and our beloved Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church now and always.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! I hope to meet each of you in the church. May Christ abide in your hearts always!

Your grateful pastor,

Ed

Thank You's

To all of my many brothers and sisters who made my Installation Day so very special, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hardly know what to say.

Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. My installation here at Christ Lutheran Church regardless that it was the first day of the "Hunting Season" was a true blessing to me. At times, it's hard for me to believe that God has answered all my prayers so graciously. I give you my word that I will do everything in my power to be the best Shepard I can be. By the grace of God let us forget about the past and unite, not for our sake, but for HIS!

Christ Lutheran Church,

Please allow me to express the gratitude of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for your generous donation of \$488.80. LSSM appreciates your members' commitment to serving people as an expression of the love of Christ. Your contribution allows LSSM to provide much needed services to the thousands of children, homeless families, older adults, persons with disabilities and refugees we serve. Each of these individuals would personally thank you if they could, but instead I will thank you on their behalf.

Cordially,
Richard K. Martin, Chief Advancement Officer

Remembering Our Shut-Ins

Let us pray for and remember all our members who are home bound or in a health care facility. They truly appreciate receiving a greeting card or maybe a phone call during the Christmas season.

Andria Pelkey
300 Hospital Rd. Box 6518
Saginaw, MI 48603

Sylvia Keyes
255 Mayer Road, Apt. 233
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

George & Jaye Weiss
255 Mayer Road, Apt. 347
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

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9952 Mill St.
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1724 Ashwood Dr.
Reese, MI 48757

Jack Sylvester
9909 Saginaw St.
Reese, MI 48757

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870 E. Kinney Road
Munger, MI 48747-9772

Memorials

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Molly Massoll* by Red Hat Chapter BBB, John & Betty Gorde.

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Jim & Donna Prueter* by Linda Radka.

For Education Scholarship Fund in memory of *Lester Bublitz* by Gary & Sharon Haske, Vicki Bender, Perry Bender, Poppy Blasch.

Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized this last month
Nancy Hawkins, Jean Bublitz and Nola Liebknecht

Movies with Pastor

On Tuesday, December 8th at 1:00 and on Friday the 11th I will be showing "The Nativity." What better way to start the Christmas season than by watching the story of the birth of Christ. I love that story, it never gets old!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Joy Circle is again adopting a family from the Reese Community. Watch the back of the church, as our Christmas tree will be going up with ornament tags of things that the family members could use. Take a tag and shop, and bring your gifts to the Church Office OR...if you would prefer to donate and have someone else do the shopping, place your contribution in an envelope in the collection plate and mark it "Adopt-A-Family"; or you can give it to Denise Felske.



NEW BAPTISMAL FONT AND LECTERN

Joe Felske Quality Woodworking built both of these lovely wood pieces that are new to the Sanctuary. They were dedicated on November 1st. The cost of the font was \$1470.00 and has been paid for by a donation from a church member. The cost of the lectern is \$1250.00 and will be paid out of the Memorial Fund.

COLLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

For the month of December we will be collecting the following. (The collection box is located by the coat rack.) Think about if you had to go a week without these items. Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Bar Soap, Facial Cleaner, Shampoo, Conditioner, Non-Alcoholic Baby wipes, Non-Alcoholic Hand Sanitizer.

Bible Study

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, December 10th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We have extra books...."Living Beyond the Ordinary". Part 3 – Obstacles to Our Relationship With God "Proper Perspective in Problems"... We can look at the problem, or we can look at the One who is able to carry us through the problem.

THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS will be packed on Monday, Dec. 7th and then delivered on Dec. 8th. All food donations will need to be here by Sunday, Dec. 6th. 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

EUCHRE FUN NIGHT

We will not be having a Euchre Fun Night during the month of December; however, put a note on your 2016 calendar for the following Euchre dates: January 9th, February 13th, March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th.

Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
11/1	161	21
11/8	139	31
11/15	133	16
11/22	118	22

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND OCT. 31, 2015

CHECKING ACCT.	\$ 28,865.36
REGULAR SAVINGS	\$ 12.39
DONATION SAVINGS	\$ 50,012.64

THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 10/31/15

Business Money Market	\$ 425.68
Checking Acct.	\$ 251.45
Savings Acct.	\$ 1.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU SEPT:

Revenue - Year to Date	\$ 114,380.77
Revenue - Budget to Date	\$ 133,333.33
Expenses - Year to Date	\$ 111,162.52
Expenses - Budget to Date	\$ 133,416.66

Council is in need of :

President, vice president, special funds treasury, ministry of congregational life, ministry of property, ministry of communication, ministry of social outreach, and ministry of worship and music.

If interested in running for these positions please contact Dale Bremer, Tom Janson, Pastor Ed, or the church office. Thank you.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

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.

Church Council Minutes November 17, 2015

Present: Pastor Ed, Linda Babechenko, Robbie Oldenburg, Rick Zimmer, Tom Janson, Jan Histed, Ellen Schultz, Darla Kolomak, Harold Avery, Dale Bremer, Kelly Walz. Absent: Maria Wagner and Kevin White

Ellen opened with devotion at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Submitted by Jan. Motion to accept by Harold, 2nd by Ellen

Current Expense Fund: Motion to except by Harold, 2nd by Linda

Check Register Approval #28174 thru #28206: Motion to accept by Ellen, 2nd by Robbie

Building/Memorial/Other Special Funds: Maria not here with reports. Approval tabled until next month.

Ministry of Finance: \$18,000 moved from General Fund to Memorial Fund from a Berthal Fisher Account.

Landscaping statement from Gulliver Nursery for \$2000.00 to be paid out of the Building Fund.

Ministry of Property: Tri-sink in kitchen is leaking and dishwasher is disconnected.

Ministry of Worship: Robbie submitted a report.

Committee would like to see more lighting further out in the parking lot. Would like to shorten a few pews to accommodate wheelchairs, and would like to replace the carpet when the old baptismal font and pews are removed.

Social Ministry & Outreach: Nothing to report.

Ministry of Congregational Life: Served 85 people for Pastor's installation dinner. No euchre in December.

Ministry of Education: Need to find someone to head up Vacation Bible School.

Ministry of Communications: Need to have Linda order a new set of letters. Darla to check with Swartz Graphics on added a sign that is easy to remove with Pastor Ed's name on it as our new pastor. Darla asks that people please give her a week notice when they want something added.

Will be putting an article in Cass River Trader about Pastor Ed's installation.

Ministry of Youth & Family: 18 children and 10 cars participated in Truck or Treat Halloween party.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Ed has selected everyone for the Pastor Parish Committee. A list of committee members and the description of this committee should be printed in the newsletter.

Officiated at 16 Worship services, 3 funerals, 16 home visits, 34 hospital visits, 5 council and committee meetings, 14 in office meetings, 16 counseling sessions, and 83 office

Office Report: Ryan, Kristen, Pierce & Lily Bibley have requested to transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church in Oscoda, (LC-MS). Motion to accept by Linda, 2nd by Darla. We wish the Bibley's much happiness in their new church home.

The Thanksgiving offering to be sent to Safe Harbor Kitchen in Bay City, and the Advent offerings to be divided between the 1) Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, 2) CLCW Christmas Family and 3) Yellow Ribbon Guard/Troops.

Unfinished Business:

The lectern is now placed where it will stay, so someone needs to position the light over the lectern.

Nominating Committee: Tom is working with Dale to get a Nominating Committee together. Positions that will be voted on are President, Vice President, Special Funds treasurer, Congregational Life, Property, Communications, Social Outreach, Worship & Music.

Rick Zimmer will chair a committee for air conditioning in the church. He is currently seeking estimates, already has 2, and researching the projects.

Dale will repair the storm door at the parsonage. Fred Reinbold will be sending a quote on the removal of the baptismal font and fixing the floor underneath.

New Business: Jessica Brink has been hired to work in the office on Mondays, put together newsletter and power-point, and fill in when needed.

Rick and Harold will be putting together Christmas baskets for church members 80 years and older.

Dale brought up looking into a new wireless sound board. Discussion has been tabled.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 7:45pm.

Kelly Walz, Secretary



Color the picture, then each day color one star beginning with number one.
(You could also use star stickers instead of coloring the stars.)

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	Michele Haske Scott Magnus Jesse Palmreuter Seth Richter Robert Napier	12	Christina Kussro Bev Prell James Houghtaling Bo Schember	23	Carol Magnus Stephen Felske
2	Rick Mossner Brian Wascher Alex Squanda Paula Kloos	13	Holly Damm Allison Jasman	24	Tom Schafsnitz, Jr. Ed Damm Katie Bauer
3	Ailssa Edie	14	Larry Haske	25	Amy Goss
4	David Abraham Andrew Jasman	15	Geraldine Liebknecht - over 80 Tabitha Dohrmann Paige Luth Logan Felske Mathews	26	Matt Lefler Annabelle Walz
5	Tim Watkins Jaidyn Rethman	16	Jeff Felske Adam Bauer	28	Leslie Henry Kerry Wachowicz Cody Van Nest Christy Zwerk
6	Bev Kowalski Kyle Deisig Lance Deisig Emma Schmitzer	17	Brian Willman Jennifer Shores	29	Susan Krauseneck Jan Apo Pat Ryan Dereck Hecht
7	Jennifer Davenport Carter DeLong Irelynn Murphy	18	Autumn Kern Lydia Palmreuter	30	Michael Davenport Jennifer Kuehnemund
8	Christopher Bublitz Ed Redwanz Bud Lange Jacob Rau	19	Curtis Bublitz Benjamin Prell Jennifer Zwerk	31	Renee Cragg Michael Felske Shannon Bliss
9	Michelle Allen Herb Stedry, Jr.	20	Andrea Schramke Erik Palm Lynn Achenbach		
10	Harper Bauer	21	Kathy Daniels Jason Prell Meah Luth		
11	Megan Avery Adam Janson	22	Wendy Oczepek Deb Ward Bill Stuart Trevin Damm Harold Avery		



December Anniversaries

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

Worship Assistants for December 2015

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
Dec. 6	8:00	Travis & Renee Cragg	Kelly Waltz		Jim Jasman	Sydney Histed	Teams 3	Team 3
Dec. 6	10:30	Lucy Markhart	Shirley Grabowski	Katie Bauer	Debbie Bittner	Wyatt Schember	Teams 3	Team 3
Dec. 13	8:00	Randy & Deb Heinzman	Kelly VanDenBoom		Michele Schmitzer	Breanna Rocha	Teams 1	Team 4
Dec. 13	10:30	Tom & Ann Janson	Renee Zimmer	Matt & Marla Lefler	Deva Weber	Libby Redwanz	Teams 1	Team 4
Dec. 20	8:00	Jean Kabat	Dave Edwards		Denise Felske	Lucas Connelly	Teams 2	Team 1
Dec. 20	10:30	Curt & Ann Rubitz	Jennifer Shores	Bremer	Wendy Oczepek	Emily Rupprecht	Teams 2	Team 1
Dec. 24	4:00		Dave Edwards Kelly VanDen-Boom		Volunteer Needed	Zach Walz & Shelby Keyes	Teams 3	Team 2
Dec. 24	7:00		Diane Osantowski & Jennifer Shores	Darla Kolomak	Carol Jasman	Grace Connelly & Nathaniel Torrez	Team 1	Team 2
Dec. 24	11:00		Need 2-3 Volunteers		Deva Weber	Sydney Histed & Carter DeLong	Teams 2	Team 2
Dec. 25	9:00				Volunteer Needed	Breanna Rocha	Teams 3	Team 3
Dec. 27	8:00		Kelly Walz	Michele & Steve Schmitzer	Robbie Oldenburg	Zach Walz	Teams 1	Team 3
Dec. 27	10:30		Phyllis Felske		Phyllis Felske	Beck Shores	1	Team 3

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			Education:	Dale Bremer	659.2497

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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