

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning December 16, 2018



Christ Lutheran Church
Of Clarendon Hills
Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 16
9:30AM
Held in the Sanctuary

The purpose of this meeting will be to approve Rev. Erin Clausen as Pastor in a Pastor Sharing Covenant for Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

8:30AM Contemporary

10:15AM Traditional

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

7:30AM—Library

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Dale Ziemer, Pastor
Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship
Bonnie Bucholz, Interim Director of Traditional Worship
Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary
Kristina Dickens and Micki Llewellyn
Youth & Family Ministries Co-
Coordinators
Nancy Woodruff,
Dir. of Communications;
Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant
Richard Kochel, Organist
Nicole Claycomb, Nursery Attendant

ADVENT
2018

Wednesday, 12/19

Dinner 6:30PM

Worship 7:15PM



“Rejoice in His Coming”

CHRISTMAS

Cantata

December 23

10:15AM

“Merry and Bright”

Pub Church
Christmas
Concert

December 21 7pm
Tracy's Tavern

Christmas Eve 5pm Family Worship
“The Tree that Held a King”



An original
Christmas
Story by
D.A. Niel
performed by
our children!

Traditional Worship
II:00pm

Christmas Eve
CANDELIGHT SERVICE



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Christmas Day Service 10:15 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, December 16

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove
Congregational Meeting 9:30AM -
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary
No MSM today; join in the Congregational Mtg.
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern
AMI Student Recital 1:00PM—Sanctuary
Bowling 5PM—Suburbanite

Monday, December 17

Church Council 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 18

Dartball 7:00PM
Handbell Practice 7:30PM

Wednesday, December 19

Preschool Christmas Sing—9:15AM—Sanctuary
Preschool Christmas Sing—1:00PM—Sanctuary
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Midweek Advent Supper 6:30PM—Library
Midweek Advent Worship 7:15PM—Sanctuary
Choir Practice 7:45PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, December 21

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, December 22

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library
Cantata Rehearsal 2:00PM—Choir Room

Sunday, December 23

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Worship 5:00PM
Christmas Eve Traditional Worship 11:00PM

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship 10:15AM

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years to allow our staff some family time following a busy Advent/Christmas season. Pastor Dale can be reached throughout the week at 847-971-3447. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

Saturday, December 29

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sharing the Joy of Christmas



Thank you to all who participated in Christmas Sharing this year. This past Tuesday our volunteers were able to bring **30 "Christmas Vacation Food Bags"** to Hinsdale South to be distributed to students to use over the Christmas vacation.

Additionally **100 \$25.00 Wal Mart gift cards** were donated. These gift cards will be distributed to families in District 86 who are under-resourced, and will bring comfort and joy this Christmas.



Christ Lutheran Church has several homebound members who would love nothing more than a chance to worship in the midst of their Church Family, especially around Christmas.

If you are able to provide a ride for someone either for Wednesday Evening Advent Services (dinner at 6:30, worship at 7:15), our upcoming Sunday Services, or Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Services, we would love to hear from you!!

Please use your Connection Card to let us know how you can help, and someone will reach out to you to pair you up with someone who would like to come to worship.

In Our Prayers This Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Audrey Lowe**, hospitalized after a fall.
- For **Beverly Dahl** in rehab at Burgess Square
- For **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo, diagnosed with cancer
- For **Don**, Carol Toman's neighbor recovering from surgery
- For **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister, facing a series of surgeries

For our Homebound

- **Annette Armstrong, Kay Hedborn, Anita Olson, Rose Lynn Erdmann, Ty Johnson, Marge Kleist, Audrey Lowe and Jim Schneider**

Ongoing Health Concerns

- For **Harley Orton**
- For **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- For **Tressa Kravitz** following the death of her cousin, Wade Bumpers
- For **Mary Ramirez' mother** who was diagnosed with cancer.
- For guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- For **Max**, grandson of Jan Haas' friend
- **Alonso Tamayo**—Jeanette's uncle
- **David Wilberg**, Karen's father;
- **Howard Beauchamp**;

- **Carol** – friend of the Charlier family;
- **Michael**—Luis Giron's nephew;
- **Bob Cox** – Tricia Giron's father;
- **Dorothy Eckert** – Loretta Chiko's mother;
- **Valerie** – friend of Kristina Dickens;
- **Claire** – daughter of Micki and Ed Llewellyn;
- **Dick** – Madeline Batke's daughter's father-in-law;
- **Don** – Madeline Batke's brother-in-law;
- **Jeff** – Jean Schwier's brother;
- **Ashlyn and Alana**;
- **Parker** –grandson of Bonnie Bucholz' neighbor;
- **Sue**— friend and neighbor of Bonnie Bucholz;
- **Kayla**— Andrea Palm's sister;
- **Charlotte Grace**;
- **Colton** – child of a friend of Dan Cramer;
- **Pastor Melissa**;
- **Jackie** – Nancy Woodruff's mother.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- **Brad Bucholz** deployed to Kuwait for one year ;
- For encouragement for **Jeff**.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Dale Ziemer

Chancel Guild: Wendy Sanders, Jane McDonald, Rob Sorensen

Sound: 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15 Glen Orton

Projection 8:30 Lori Ball
10:15 Rachel Krohn

Assisting Minister 10:15: Steven Dickens

Communion Asst: 10:15: Steven Dickens and Debra Joslin

Communion Bread: Mary Satchwell

Post-Service Treats: Diane Emry and Jane McDonald

Bible Verse of the Month For the Advent Season

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church *(Please use your Connection Card to volunteer)*

- Be an "Ambassador" to the Celebration Preschool families for the Christmas Show on Wednesday, December 19th. 9:15AM 1:00PM
- Help make Luminarias on December 23rd following worship (folding down the lunch bags—these will be set up at the tables in the fellowship hall)
- Provide a ride to worship for a homebound member.
 Midweek Sunday Christmas Eve Christmas Day



We regret to announce the resignation of Karen Wilberg as our Director of Traditional Worship. Karen's letter speaks for itself.

Bonnie Bucholz has stepped up to take on the role of Interim Director of Traditional Worship until we can find someone to fill Karen's role. We wish her the best and will miss her very much.

My Dear Christ Lutheran Friends,

It is with such great sadness that I am resigning the position of Director of Traditional Music effective immediately. I have developed a nerve condition that is not responding to treatment and have been advised to take some time to let my body reset and to limit my time in the car. I have put 20,000 miles on my car this year! Unfortunately, you are far from where I live and my body picked now to fall apart.

I have loved every minute that I have spent here! The choir members and handbell players have brought me so much joy and I have loved making music with all of you! Thank you for welcoming me into your family. I have made so many treasured friends!

I'm more sorry than you know to leave at such a bad time. The good news is that Bonnie and Richard will make sure everything goes smoothly and you continue to make beautiful music. You are so fortunate to have such talented leaders!

I wish each of you great happiness and a very Merry Christmas!

My love to all of you!

Karen Wilberg



Our CLC children are continuing to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Pageant, "The Tree that Held a King." Parents are reminded that children should meet in the Fireside Room at 4:40 p.m. on Christmas Eve in costume.



The children of Celebration Preschool have been hard at work on their Christmas Musical that will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:15am and 1:00pm. They would like everyone at CLC to know

that you are invited to come and hear them. Anyone who would like to be a friendly CLC presence at either performance, please indicate by using your Connection Card.



Last Chance to purchase Poinsettias.

Once again our Chancel Guild will be taking orders for beautiful red poinsettias to adorn our worship space for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. Plants are from Vern Goers Greenhouse and cost \$13.00 each. Please sign up in the Welcome Center, place your check in the envelope labeled "Christmas Poinsettias" and place it in the offering bin. You may take your plant home after Christmas Worship.



Last Chance for Gift Cards



This Sunday we will be taking our final orders for gift cards just in time for your holiday shopping. With over 700 vendors to choose from, there is certainly something for everyone! It's simple! Take an order form and a copy of the list, make your selections, pay with cash or make your check out to Christ Lutheran Church and turn it in. Next Sunday your gift cards will be waiting for you. It doesn't get any easier than that! Plus, the proceeds from this fundraiser will help further the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church.