

# Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning December 2, 2018

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Sunday Worship:  
8:30 Contemporary  
10:15 Traditional



## Midweek Schedule

Wednesdays During Lent  
December 5, 12 and 19

6:30PM Simple Soup Supper  
*Held in the Library*

7:15PM—Advent Worship  
*Held in the Sanctuary*

## Special Worship Opportunities

“Merry and Bright”  
*Every Day Grace Concert*  
12/21 at 7:30PM—Tracy's Tavern

“Rejoice in His Coming”  
*Christmas Cantata*  
12/23 at 10:15 AM Service

Christmas Eve 5:00PM—Family Worship with Christmas Pageant  
Christmas Eve 11:00PM—Traditional Candlelight Worship Service  
Christmas Day 10:15AM—Traditional Worship—A Savior is Born!  
Sunday, December 30 10:15AM—Christmas Carol Hymn Sing Worship

**This Sunday, December 2**, an informational forum will be hosted by our Congregation Council. The topic is the Pastor-Sharing Covenant we are proposing to CLC with Pastor Erin Clausen and St. James Lutheran Church of Western Springs. Council will present the structure, timelines and what this covenant is and is not. Most importantly is what this means for CLC and our road ahead together in Christ. Let's have a conversation this coming Sunday and a welcoming of Pastor Erin Clausen and the relationship with St. James. Worship will conclude just a few minutes earlier, with a brief presentation, refreshments, questions and answers in the sanctuary immediately following each service. We have traveled a long road together and after years of time and effort, we are at our destination.

### **Please Plan ahead for these Sundays:**

- **December 9** Pastor Erin Clausen will lead worship services and preach at CLC. This will be followed by informal conversations with her along with Q & A in the fellowship hall with our usual wonderful refreshments after each worship service.
- **December 16** A congregational meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be held between services, beginning at approximately 9:30am. The sole purpose of this meeting is to approve the candidate Rev. Erin Clausen as pastor and the Pastor-Sharing Covenant with St. James Lutheran Church.

Jim Nordloh, Congregation President

## 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  
Karen Wilberg, Dir. Traditional Music  
Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary  
Kristina Dickens and Micki Llewellyn  
Children and Family Ministries  
Nancy Woodruff,  
Dir. of Communications;  
Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant  
Richard Kochel, Organist  
Nicole Claycomb, Nursery Supervisor

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, December 2

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary**  
Informational Forum 9:30AM—Sanctuary  
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove  
**Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary**  
Informational Forum 11:15AM—Sanctuary  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern  
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

### Monday, December 3

ROMEOS 8:00AM—Blueberry Hill  
Worship Team 7:00PM—Library

### Tuesday, December 4

Dartball 7:00PM—Home  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

### Wednesday, December 5

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 6

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

### Friday, December 7

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge  
JULIETS 12:00PM—Blueberry Hill  
Clarendon Hills Christmas Walk 6PM—CH Bank

### Saturday, December 8

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library  
Christmas Decorating 10:00AM—Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 9

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  
Darren Dragons 4H Club—1:00PM—Fellowship  
Wolf Den 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 11

Dartball 7:00PM  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM

### Wednesday, December 12

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 13

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

### Friday, December 14

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Growing Grove

### Saturday, December 15

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

# SAFETY & SECURITY



We continue to strive to make our church building as safe and secure as possible for our Sunday worshippers as well as our preschool and those using the building during the week. This past week, pull stations, were installed at key locations in the building. They look exactly like a fire pull station, but they are blue, and will summon the police. One is located outside the church nursery, one in the upstairs back hallway by the Sunday School, one in the lower preschool hallway, one in the fellowship hall and one in the church office. **These pull stations are to be used in the event of an extreme emergency and if activated, must be followed up with a phone call to 9-1-1.** Please make yourself aware of the locations of these pull stations.

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*If you notice a problem with something pertaining to our building or our grounds, please call the office and let us know.*

If the office is not open, please leave a message, as our voicemail is checked quite often. Rachel will

contact the appropriate member of the building and grounds team to get the problem fixed. If it is an **urgent problem**, such as a broken window or a broken toilet/sink with running water, please contact the office first. Then reach out to a member of the building and grounds team:

Jim Rice [jimrice@comcast.net](mailto:jimrice@comcast.net) (or 847-204-1232, if no response to email)

Jane McDonald [jmcdonald323@gmail.com](mailto:jmcdonald323@gmail.com)

Jim Woodruff [jameswoodruff114@yahoo.com](mailto:jameswoodruff114@yahoo.com)

# In Our Prayers This Week

## New Prayer Concerns

- For **Harley Orton**, Glen's nephew following a vehicle accident.
- For **Beckie Ziemer**, undergoing back surgery next week.
- For the **Erickson family** as they grieve the death of their father Steve. (Services will be in January 2019 at Christ Lutheran)
- For **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister, struggling with health issues.
- For **Tressa Kravitz** following the death of her cousin, Wade Bumpers
- For **Max**, grandson of Jan Haas' friend just diagnosed with Lyme disease.

## 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 **Mary Ramirez' mother** who was diagnosed with cancer.
- For guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- **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:** Dan Cramer

**Communion Asst: 10:15:** Dan Cramer and Rob Sorensen

**Communion Bread:** Jim Rice

**Post-Service Treats:** Avery Hancock, Debra Joslin and Jim Rice

## **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)*

- Bring in items for the District 86 Christmas Vacation Bags (Ramen noodle cups, peanut butter, granola bars, Ritz crackers and Nutri Grain bars)
- Purchase a gift card and donate it to District 86 for Christmas Sharing
- Help out with Christmas Decorating on December 8th beginning at 10AM
- Bring Christmas items down from attic and place in choir room prior to 12/8.



## Gift Cards are back!



This Sunday we will be taking 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.



**Saturday, December 8  
10:00 a.m.**

We will be gathering to transform our Worship space for our Christmas Worship Services in a few short weeks. Come when you can and leave when you must. There will be plenty of Christmas music, hot chocolate and good cheer on hand.

**Needed:** a few people willing to bring boxes out of the attic ahead of time as well as set up trees on the chancel. Please use your Connection Card to volunteer.



"Christmas Sharing" this year will take the form of WalMart gift cards in \$25 denominations or higher, which will be donated to the families in District 86 (Hinsdale South High School District). If you would like to participate, please fill out the form provided in the Welcome Center.

We are also in the midst of collecting hats, scarves and gloves to be donated to the Wellness House. Please drop them off at the donation station in the Welcome Center.

Another opportunity that you might want to get involved in is helping our youth provide snack bags for the District 86 High School students who will be at home over vacation, not receiving the meals normally provided by the school. We are asking for donations of jars of peanut butter, Nutri Grain bars, fruit snacks, Ritz crackers, Ramen noodles and granola bars. On Saturday, December 8th CLC youth will be involved in a service project packing drawstring bags to be dropped off at the school for distribution to these families in time for the winter break. Please stick to the list so that we can provide 30 identical bags.

Thank you to all who have generously supported Christmas Sharing so far!



We are excited to announce that our Sunday School and Middle Schoolers are invited to participate in an original Christmas Pageant by D.A. Niel, "The Tree That Held a King" to be performed at the 5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service on Christmas Eve. Pageant practice for all Sunday School and Middle School Children is from 8:45 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. during Sunday School. Middle schoolers will be released to Confirmation Class at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday School Children will have a School lesson from 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. We ask that all children who want to be in the pageant be here each Sunday on December 2nd, 9th, 16th, with dress rehearsal on the 23rd.... Pageant roles will be assigned on Sunday, December 2nd. There are non-speaking roles and speaking roles...all children are invited to be part of the pageant! All children will be singing a song as well. If any parents have any questions, please email Kristina at [kristinadickens15@gmail.com](mailto:kristinadickens15@gmail.com).