

# Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of **November 25, 2018**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School
	11:00a Worship
	12:00p Decorate for Christmas
Monday:	9:30a Decorate for Christmas
Tuesday:	2:00p Adult Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:15p Advent Dinner
	7:00p Advent Service
Next Sunday:	9:00a Worship
	10:15a Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice
	11:00a Worship
	5:30p Blue Christmas Healing Service

## Worship Notes:

- **Cell phones:** Leave them on, just turn off the ringer.
- **Social Media:** Feel free to text, tweet, Facebook, Instagram, blog, etc. during the service to let your friends know what is happening in worship and inviting them to join you next Sunday. Christ Lutheran is on Facebook. Pastor Chad Langdon is on Facebook & Twitter (@revchadlangdon). Twitter: #clcwichita
- **Wi-Fi:** Church Net Password: Christmas1225
- **Communion:** All are welcome to participate & receive the grace of God! The bulletin has further instructions & information.
- **Children:** Young people are always welcome and encouraged to participate as much as possible. There are worship jobs available for the children to do during the service. They can just pick any lanyard & it explains how they can serve today. There are also Children's Bulletins & Activity Bags in the lobby. We have a nursery available for children 5 and under, and it is staffed all morning.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

In the past few weeks we have officially welcomed these new members to our congregation.



**Beau Ketchum**



**Laura & Brian Storrie**



**Dave & Jodi Basart**



**Ana Lechner, Gerardo &  
Christopher Naranjo**  
(pictured here with Ana's  
husband, **Mike Lechner**)



**Nick Weyers**

## DO YOU HAVE A COOL NATIVITY SET?



This Advent season, we would like to display people's home nativity sets...like a little show & tell in the back of the sanctuary. Beginning **today**, you can start bringing your nativity sets to display and show off. We encourage you to leave any breakable or really valuable sets at home. But if you have a really unique nativity set that you'd like to set up and kind of share with the congregation, please bring one. We will have little display cards to mark who they belong to and any special notes about it. You can leave the nativity sets up as long as you'd like, or simply display them for a week or two. We hope this will give a little insight into people's interests and perspectives and stir our imaginations about what the first nativity was really like.



## TIME BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS:

### *The World Awaiting Jesus*



Beginning **today**, there is a new Sunday school class being offered called "*Time Between the Testaments: The World Awaiting Jesus.*" This class will take an in depth look at the stories, writings, and history of the Jewish people that happened between the Old Testament & New Testament. If you don't know much about this period of time, it is fascinating. We'll learn about the origins of Hanukah, the legendary stories of the Maccabees, and go through some of books in the Apocrypha. This class will be meeting during the Sunday school hour (10:15-10:55am) in Classroom #1. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

## **HELP WANTED!**

Everyone loves when the sanctuary looks so beautiful during the Advent & Christmas seasons. Not everyone loves to put up decorations, however. That's why we need help! We need people to help decorate our sanctuary. We're going to have 2 decorating parties this year for you to choose from:

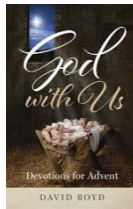
- **TODAY! Sunday, November 25 @ 12:00pm**
- **TOMORROW! Monday, November 26 @ 9:30am**

Please plan to show up and help at one of these times. We have jobs for people of all ages & abilities. Thank you!

## **Active Shooter/Church Security Seminar**

On **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:30pm, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church will be having an Active Shooter Seminar. There will be an expert panel of speakers who will be presenting information about how to respond in an active shooter situation and how to help keep our churches secure. Mark the tear-off if you are interested so we can forward you more information. Thanks!

## **ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONS**



The season of Advent is nearly upon us. Every year we offer a daily devotional for the congregation to use during your quiet time with the Lord. This year's daily devotional is called "God with Us" by **David Boyd**. It is available for anyone to pick up at the Opportunity Table.

If you can leave a couple bucks to help us cover the cost – great! If not, take a devotional anyways!

## **ADVENT MEALS**

Sign-ups for our Wednesday night Advent meals are now available at the opportunity table. They begin **November 28**.

# BLUE CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 2

5:30pm

*For those who are stressed, lonely, or hurting during the holidays*

A service of hope and comfort at  
Christ Lutheran Church  
5356 N. Hillside, Wichita



*Some are*

*Mourning the loss of a loved one*

*Far from home*

*Suffering from illness*

*In crisis with family or finances*

*Busy, tired & worn out*

*Depressed or hopeless*

*Just needing a break*

*For whatever reason you struggle...*

*You are not alone.*

*The **light** shines in the darkness. John 1:5*

## Family Promise Update!



Christ Lutheran will be one of 13 churches that will participate in the Family Promise Program this next year. One week each quarter, Christ Lutheran will provide a safe place for families (up to 15 people) overnight in our church building as well as provide meals for the families. The first host week for Christ Lutheran will be **January 6 -13, 2019**. Thanks to all that have shown an interest in helping with the program! Did you know that one out of every four people that are homeless is a child? Or, that families with children make up 40% of the people that are homeless in the country?

*So how can you help when we host? Listed below are some Family Promise opportunities you might consider:*

### Room Set Up Team

- *Arrival Sunday – Set up cots, make beds and make rooms cozy for guests.*
- *Ending Sunday – Take down cots, gather laundry, put rooms in order, drive van to next church.*

### Meal Preparation Team

- *Drop off a hot evening meal for up to 15 guests (adults and children).*

### Evening Team\*\*\*

- *Help serve dinner, eat and spend time with guests in activities if wish, such as homework, games, etc. (your children are welcome to come also).*

### Overnight Team\*\*\*

- *Arrive at 9 pm and be available for guests overnight if needed. Twin inflatable good mattresses will be available for team members overnight. Guests will leave at 6 am.*

### Laundry Team

- *Make sure all bedding is washed and ready before setup. Gather and wash all laundry at end of week.*

Van Driver Team\*\*\*

- *Pick up guests at Family Promise Day House, 656 South Chautauqua, using their 15 passenger van to be at our church by 5:00 pm. Leave with guests at 6:00 am from church to go back to Day House.*

Back up Volunteers\*\*\*

- *Willingness to be on call to cover if needed if a scheduled team member becomes not available.*

Supplies Assistance

- *Donate needed supplies. A list of needs will be made available in the future.*

Prayer Support

- *Remember in our prayers our guests as they are in significant crisis. They have not had a safe, warm place to sleep or eat and care for their children and are hopeful to regain their independence thru the Family Promise program and local church support.*

If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas, **please sign-up at the Display Booth in the lobby**. You will find daily slots to fill in so you can know exactly what shifts you are volunteering for that week. If you are flexible and don't mind what day(s) you volunteer, you can simply mark the Tear-Off and we'll assign you to a day/time.

We also need certain items donated so that we are prepared. In the lobby is the Family Promise Christmas Tree and each ornament has an item that we need donated. Please grab an ornament, take it home to remind you to purchase it, and when you bring the item back to church, tape the ornament to the item.

Contact **Elaine Miller**, CLC Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator, if you would like more information or have questions. 620-474-6133 (call or text) or [millerelaine72@gmail.com](mailto:millerelaine72@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* Starred jobs require training...see next page for details.**



### \*\*\*FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING\*\*\*

Please note that the starred jobs require attendance at a training session. If you will be interacting with the families at all (i.e. driver, overnight volunteer, evening volunteer), we will need you to be trained by Family Promise. We have set up a training here at Christ Lutheran for **December 16** right after late service. If you are eager to get trained or if you know that **December 16** is bad, you can attend a training session at a different church listed at the Family Promise display.

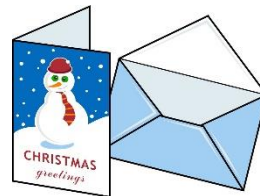
If you are only volunteering to provide a meal, set-up, tear-down, or to clean linens, you are not required to be at the training session...but you will also not be allowed to interact with the families we will be ministering to.

### Human Needs



Thank you for the many donations of items in November for Dear Neighbor Ministries. They are always very appreciative of food donations as well as volunteer time and cash donations. Their ministries include the food pantry, Volunteers in Tax Assistance program, Representative Payee program, Hilltop Community Outreach and a community garden.

On **Sunday, December 2**, we will sign Christmas cards for families in detention through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services "Hope for the Holidays" campaign. Cards will be collected and sent to LIRS on **Monday, December 10**. Christmas cards are available in the fellowship hall between first and second service or can be completed and brought from home. Cards should be written in Spanish and English, signed with your first name, city and state. Spanish/English greeting are provided at that time or below if you wish to bring cards from home.





## SAMPLE GREETINGS IN SPANISH

- Dear friend, Querido amigo; Greetings from [city/state]. My name is [first name]. *Saludos desde [city/state]. Me llamo [first name].*
- Merry Christmas *Feliz Navidad*
- Please know that you are not alone or forgotten. *Por favor sepa esto, no estás solo ni consignado al olvido.*
- I am praying for you and your family. I am also fighting for justice for you and your family, and for all our brothers and sisters who leave their countries in search of a better life. *Yo estoy orando por usted y su familia. Yo continuo luchando por usted y su familia y por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que dejan su país en busca de una vida mejor.*
- Please know that thousands of people are working to keep you and your family safe. You are not forgotten. *Miles de personas estan trabajando para mantener a ti y a tú familia seguros. No te olvidamos.*
- Never forget that we are praying and fighting for you and your family. *Nunca olvides, estamos orando y luchando por ti y tú familia.*
- God's blessings and peace at Christmas and for the New Year. *La bendición de Dios trayendo paz en Navidad y para el Año Nuevo.*
- May God bless you! *Que Dios Te Bendiga!*

## Men's Breakfast



For December we will meet at our usual location at Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway. We will meet on **Saturday, Dec 8th** at 8:00 AM for good food and fellowship with ordering off the menu.

For information contact **Donn Bischoff** at 351-7167.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & CAROLING



On **Wednesday, December 19**, we will be having our annual children's Christmas Program. It will start with an Advent meal at 6:15pm, and the program will start at 7:00pm. Immediately following the program, everyone will be invited to walk to the neighborhood behind our church and we will be Christmas caroling for our new neighbors. After we sing for whoever is home, we'll return to the church for hot chocolate & cookies.

**Kari Clouse** will once again be directing the children's Christmas Program and they will have rehearsals on December 2, 9, & 16 during the Sunday school hour (10:15-10:55am). All children grade K – 5 are welcome to participate, but you must plan to attend the practices. Please talk to or email Kari if you have any questions ([millerkari@yahoo.com](mailto:millerkari@yahoo.com)).

### BULLETIN ARTISTS

12/2 ( <b>Gerardo Naranjo</b> )	Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4; 3: [3b-6], 17-19	Waiting and Watching
12/9 ( <b>Clara Miller</b> )	Esther 4:1-17	Esther Leads
12/16 ( <b>Abby Banta</b> )	Isaiah 42: 1-9	The Savior is Coming
12/23 ( <b>Browns</b> )	Matthew 1: 18-25	Joseph Trusts God

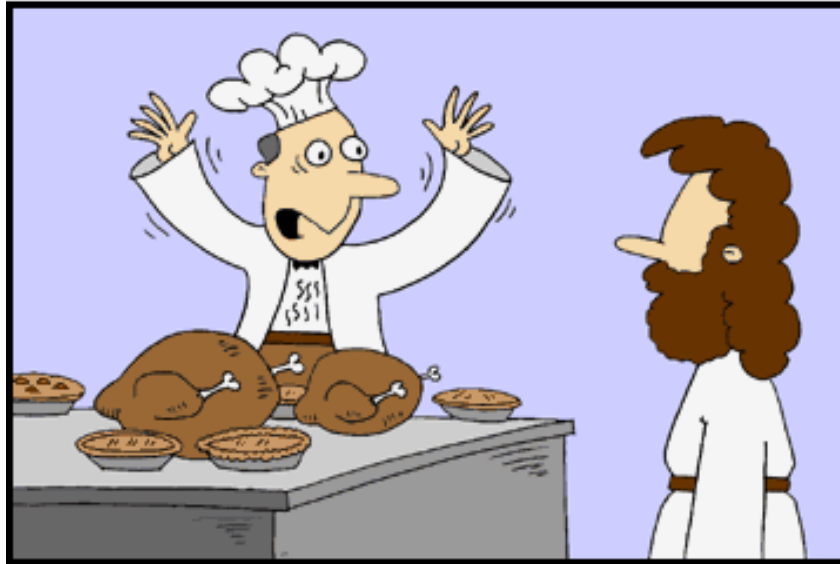
## Christmas-Themed CareNotes Available



- Coping with Holiday Stress
- Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One
- Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas
- Overcoming the "Blues" at Christmastime
- Giving New Life to your Christmas Celebration
- Grieving at Christmas: A Family Guide
- Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies
- How Christmas Memories Can Bring Healing to Your Grief
- Christmas: A Time to Remember Those We've Loved and Lost
- Finding Comfort for Your Grief in Christmas Traditions
- Making Christmas Count: A Kid's Guide to Keeping the Season Sacred

Thankful

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES  
AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK  
FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE  
INVITED?!?

Hoping your Thanksgiving was less stressful than this! ☺

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 175**

Scripture readings for December 2, 2018: Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4;  
3: [3b-6], 17-19

**Next Week Worship leaders 12-2-18 E**

Pastor: Chad Langdon	Praise Band
Leader: Jack Smith	Reader: Robin Pressnall
Greeter: Caleb Freed & Jack Smith	PPT: Lauren McMullin
Ushers: John White & Scott Schul	
Communion Assistants: Kristi Zecha & Kari Clouse	

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Pastor: Chad Langdon	Choir Director: Darla Steinert
Leader: Bonnie Johnson	Organist: Margaret Dietz
Greeter: Ted & Janet Balzer	Pianist: Lois Jensen
Ushers: Donn Bischoff & Russ Banta	Reader: Maynard Peterson
	PPT: Cheryl Shaw



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