

Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of *December 9, 2018*

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	9:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice 11:00a Worship 12:30p Refugee Ministry Christmas Lunch
Tuesday:	2:00p Adult Bible Study 3:45p Falcon Fellowship Set-up
Wednesday:	10:30a Falcon Fellowship 6:15p Advent Dinner 7:00p Advent Service
Next Sunday:	9:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice 11:00a Worship 12:30p Family Promise Volunteer Training

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.

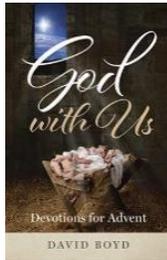
Poinsettias



Potted plants in 6-8 inch pots are priced at \$8.00 per pot. You may take your plant(s) home after Christmas Eve worship service.

An envelope for payment will be on the opportunity table, just write your name down when payment is made. The deadline to sign-up is **December 20**. Thank you!

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONS



The season of Advent is here. 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. This Wednesday the meal will be soup and chili.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Dec. 24

4:30pm Contemporary

7:00pm Traditional

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

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. Feel free to 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 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



There is a new Sunday school class being offered called "*Time Between the Testaments: The World Awaiting Jesus.*" This class takes 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 are learning about the origins of Hanukkah, the legendary stories of the Maccabees, and are going through some of books in the Apocrypha. This class will meet during the Sunday school hour (10:15-10:55am) in Classroom #1. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

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

***** 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.

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).

Christmas Mail to Brittany Garrelts

Here's the latest for contacting Brittany –

Email: garreltsbn@gmail.com

US Postal Service:

Brittany Garrelts – Nursing Department
 Mercy Ships AFM – Crew Mail
 P.O. Box 2020
 Lindale, TX 75771-2020
 USA

There are pre-addressed labels in the fellowship hall along with an assortment of Christmas cards for anyone wanting to send a quick message to Brittany for Christmas. She can receive Christmas greetings (and other notes of support) via basic mail. The crew mail is sent to the Mercy Ship offices in Texas & a crew mail packet sent from there to Conkry, Guinea. Feel free to grab a label to send your own Christmas cards. ***But please, no checks or money – mail is not totally secure.*** Giving is best done through designation in the offering plate. Envelopes are available on the opportunity table.

Notes from home mean so much – *our words matter!*

Thank you



“A HUGE thank you to all those who sent me cards, visited me, and brought meals to our house during my surgery and rehab. It really made the time go faster.”

-Cindy Thompson

Email Change

We have recently changed our email addresses. Please update your address books & use these addresses in the future:

Pastor Chad Langdon: pastor@christ-lutheran.org

Office at Christ Lutheran: office@christ-lutheran.org

ARTISTS WANTED!

We are looking for children & adults who are willing to design our bulletin covers for this winter/spring. Each Sunday we will feature one Bible story and we would love to have a piece of original art related to that story to grace our bulletin covers. Each week we'd like to feature a different person's artwork on the bulletin cover. We already have a couple people signed up! Here are the Bible stories we'll be covering:

12/16	(Abby Banta)	Isaiah 42: 1-9	The Savior is Coming
12/23	(Browns)	Matthew 1: 18-25	Joseph Trusts God
12/24		Luke 2: 1-20	The Christmas Story
12/30		Matthew 1: 1-17	The Genealogy of Jesus
1/6	(Darla Steinert)	Matthew 2:1-23	God Protects Jesus
1/13	(Gerardo Naranjo)	Matthew 3: 1-17	Jesus and John the Baptist
1/20		Matthew 4: 1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
1/27		Matthew 5: 1-20	Sermon on the Mount
2/3		Matthew 6: 7-21 [25-34]	The Lord's Prayer
2/10		Matthew 7: 1-14, 24-29	Built on the Rock
2/17		Matthew 13:24-25	Faith Like a Mustard Seed
2/24		Matthew 14: 13-33	Feeding of the 5,000
3/3		Matthew 16:24-17:8	The Transfiguration

Here are the instructions if you'd like to participate:

- Read the story in the Bible. Think about it & use your imagination.
- Create a picture of the story using crayons, pencils, markers, paint, etc...even computer graphic art or an original photo is welcome.
- Turn your picture into the office at least 1 week before the date listed above. You can give us a hard copy or submit it electronically.
- When your artwork is featured, be ready...people may want you to autograph their bulletins!

Here are some examples & ideas:



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 147

Scripture readings for December 16, 2018: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Next Week Worship leaders 12-16-18 E

Pastor: Chad Langdon Praise Band
Leader: Mary Garrelts Reader: Jim Garrelts
Greeter: Clay & Kristi Zecha PPT: Cheryl Shaw
Ushers: John White & Scott Schul
Communion Assistants: Robin Pressnall & Elaine Miller

Next Week Worship leaders 12-16-18 L

Pastor: Chad Langdon Choir Director: Darla Steinert
Leader: Maynard Peterson Organist: Margaret Dietz
Greeters: John & Kathy Muther Pianist: Lois Jensen
Ushers: Paul Shaw & Taylor Cook Reader: Bonnie Johnson
PPT: Noah Becker



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