

Sunday Good News

Christ Lutheran, Wichita, KS

Take Home News for week of *January 6, 2019*

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sunday:	FAMILY PROMISE WEEK 10:00a Combined Worship Service 11:15a Potluck 12:00p Set-up for Family Promise
Tuesday:	9:00a Quilt Day 2:00p Adult Bible Study 3:45p Set-up for Falcon Fellowship 9:30a Area 5 at Christ Lutheran
Wednesday	10:30a Falcon Fellowship 6:00p Confirmation 6:30p Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday:	8:00a Family Promise tear-down 9:00a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:00p Human Needs Committee Meeting

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.



"A star in the sky...and a choice to change direction..."

Special service to celebrate Epiphany

In Christianity, the Epiphany refers to a realization that Christ is the Son of God. Western churches generally celebrate the Visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany.

Immediately following the service and in good Lutheran tradition, we will celebrate this occasion and the start of the New Year with a congregational potluck lunch. We hope you will join us.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

*It's getting close! Our guests arrive this Sunday evening and will be staying with us until Sunday morning, **January 13th**. Most of our key volunteers have been trained and we are so excited!*

- If you would like to help set-up and prepare the rooms, we will be doing that immediately after the potluck today.
- Next Sunday, we will also need help resetting the rooms for Sunday school. We will be gathering at 8:00am Sunday, January 13th to do this. We'd love to have as many people as possible help with this task.

We have had an incredible outpouring of support for this ministry during a very busy time of year. Thank you to everyone who has helped shine the light of Christ and make this a reality.

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. Here are the Bible stories we'll be covering:

1/13 (Gerardo Naranjo)	Matthew 3: 1-17	Jesus and John the Baptist
1/20 (Christopher Naranjo)	Matthew 4: 1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
1/27	Matthew 5: 1-20	Sermon on the Mount
2/3 (Cheryl Shaw)	Matthew 6: 7-21 [25-34]	The Lord's Prayer
2/10 (Darla Steinert)	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!

There are lots of great examples hanging in the hallway!

Exploration Teams

As a result of our Visioning Retreat in early November 2018, Christ Lutheran is forming 3 Exploration Teams. Each one of these teams will be heading in a slightly different direction, following the Holy Spirit's lead and discovering God's path for us. The hope is that each team will meet at least monthly in 2019, and have quarterly meeting with all the teams together to compare notes. Within each area, they will seek to answer these questions (and any others that pop up along the way):

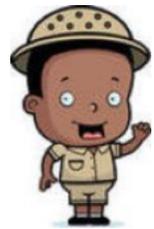


- What are we currently doing in this area?
- Why are we doing each thing?
- Is there anything that we should stop doing?
- What other needs in these areas could we be meeting?
- What could we be doing to meet these needs if money wasn't an issue?
- What is God calling us to do in the future within this area?



#1: The OUT Team

The purpose of this team is to explore OUT in the community. They will be dealing with topics like accompaniment, identifying needs in the community, defining our "community", inviting others, and having intentional conversations with people & organizations in the community. Their goal will be to discern God's activity OUT in the community and ways that we can hook up with what God is already doing.





#2: The DEEP Team

The purpose of this team is to explore ways to DEEPen our relationship with God and with others. They will be dealing with topics like spirituality, caring for our church community, and staffing. Their goal will be to discern ways that God is calling us to DEEPen our relationships and possible ways that we can do that.



#3: The FACILITY Team

The purpose of this team is to explore ways to enlarge or improve our current FACILITY. They will be investigating topics like how we are currently utilizing our facility, if there are places that need improvement, and if there are better ways to use our physical structure to get the most out of it. Their goal will be to discern how God could better use our current structure and if God is calling us to enlarge or improve it by creating a needs list and prioritizing it.



We are currently recruiting folks to serve on these temporary, but important Exploration Teams. If you feel passionate or excited about any of these areas, we'd love to have your voice at the table. Please mark the Tear-Off in the Take Home News with your interest and we'll make sure you get included. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask to Pastor Chad or any of the council members.

Men's Breakfast



For January we will meet at our usual location at Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway. We will meet on Saturday Jan 12th at 8:00 AM for good food and fellowship with ordering off the menu.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

Beginning Wednesday, January 9th, we continue with our every-Wednesday youth activities from 6-8pm. January 9th is Confirmation and is for 6-8th graders. Dinner is provided.

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Thank you to everyone in the congregation for blessing us this Christmas! This is a wonderful congregation and we are so thankful to serve and be a part of the ministry here at Christ Lutheran. Thank you for the Christmas gifts and bonuses! They definitely added joy to our own personal Christmas celebrations. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019!

~**Pastor Chad Langdon & Morgan Buie**

True Vine with Donna Pyle

You are invited to explore your connection to the True Vine with **Donna Pyle**, national speaker from Artesian Ministries. The Women's Retreat *Where Love Abides* will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich, Wichita on **Saturday, January 26**, 9:00am – 2:30pm. Please register in advance online at <https://HolyCrossLutheran.net/LWMLretreat>. Doors open at 8:30 for registration, lunch is provided. For more information about **Donna Pyle** visit www.artesianministries.org. Early registration is \$20; after **Friday, January 11** it's \$25.

Human Needs



During the month of January the Human Needs Committee will be collecting cans of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by Interfaith Ministries of Wichita. Please bring your cans of soup and place them on the Human Needs table. According to Feeding America in 2016; In Kansas, 375,360 people are struggling with hunger - and of them 131,130 are children. 1 in 8 people struggle with hunger. 1 in 6 children struggle with hunger. People facing hunger in Kansas are estimated to report needing \$185,071,000 more per year to meet their food needs. The average cost of a meal in Kansas is \$2.89.

Please consider providing some low-salt cans as some people receiving the soup will benefit from less salt.

If you would like to learn more about the Human Needs Committee speak with **Forrest Ehmke**. Our annual planning meeting will be **Sunday, January 13** at 12:30 PM. A hot lunch will be provided. Please let **Forrest** know if you are able to attend. (Home phone 744-1577 or e-mail Fehmke@aol.com).

Baby Shower

We are so happy to announce the birth and adoption of **Zander Orion Zecha** to **Joshua and Vaughn Zecha**. Proud Grandparents **Clay and Kris Zecha**! The congregation is invited to the meet and greet shower **Sunday Jan. 13th.**



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

Scripture reading for January 13, 2019: Matthew 3: 1-17

Next Week Worship leaders 1-13-19 E

Pastor: Chad Langdon

Praise Band

Leader: Jack Smith

Reader: Jim Garrelts

Greeter: Rosalie Schmidt

PPT: Mary Garrelts

Ushers: John White & Kalie Brown

Communion Assistants: Elaine Miller & Robin Pressnall

Next Week Worship leaders 1-13-19 L

Pastor: Chad Langdon

Choir Director: Darla Steinert

Leader: Donn Bischoff

Organist: Margaret Dietz

Greeters: Hentzens

Pianist: Jean Beal

Ushers: Paul Shaw & Russ Banta

Reader: Jean Beal

PPT: Dionne Becker



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