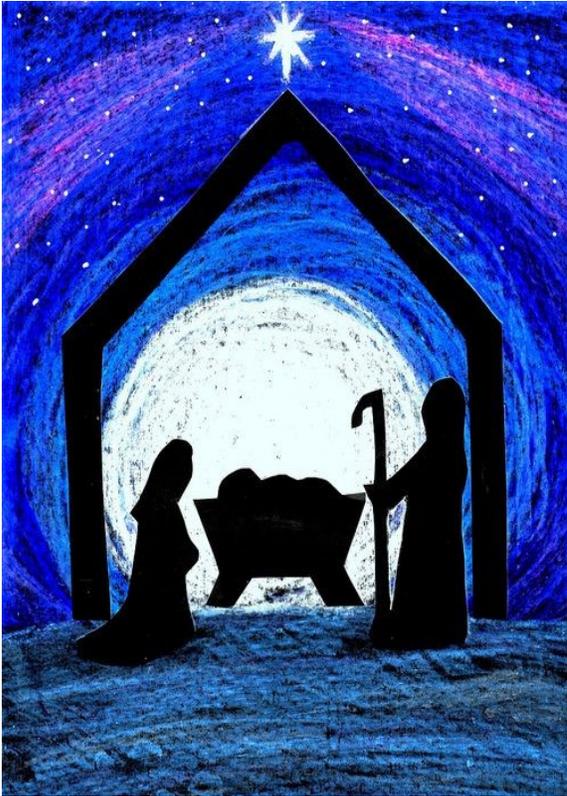


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-20-20

Stuff to know about Christ Lutheran during the pandemic

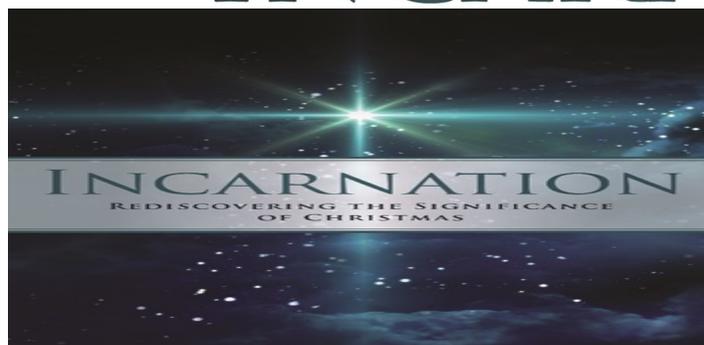
THE SCRIPTURE READING THIS WEEK: LUKE 1:26-45 [46-56]



## Christmas Surprise!

*Unbeknownst to many in the congregation, our children & their families have been hard at work preparing a Christmas Pageant for everyone! They've sung their songs, they recorded their parts, they've sent in their videos, and the 2020 Virtual Christmas Pageant will be released on Sunday, December 20! Pastor Chad will give more information during Sunday's worship, but watch your Facebook feeds & email on Sunday for how to watch & enjoy our children retelling the Christmas story in a whole new way!*

## ADVENT 2020: INCARNATION



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	12/20	10:00 am	Sunday worship
Thursday	12/24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve worship
Sunday	12/27	10:00 am	Sunday worship

*All worship services will be broadcast on Facebook live.*

# Christmas Greetings

We are collecting video Christmas greetings to play before and/or after the Christmas Eve Worship Service. We would love to have you send in a short 5-10 second video clip of you and/or your family saying Merry Christmas to the congregation.

Please be creative and have fun with it. Here's a sample script:

"Hi, we're the \_\_\_\_\_ family. We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!"

If you'd rather send in a photo and a short message, we'd love that too.

Please send your videos/photos one of two ways:

email them to [media@christ-lutheran.org](mailto:media@christ-lutheran.org) or text them to Pastor Chad at 636-699-8747

Here's how to do that on most devices: Record your video or take your picture.

Go into your photos & click on the video/photo you just took.

You'll then likely have option to Send it or Share it in a variety of ways.

From there you can email it or text it to us. Once we've received it, we'll send you a reply letting you know we got it. Feel free to contact Pastor Chad if you have any

questions or problems submitting it. **The deadline for submissions is**

**Sunday, December 20.** We'll do our best to include all of them that we receive.

Please note that any photos or videos we receive will be shared publicly on the internet and by sending something in, you are giving us permission to share it.



# ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

*Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, December 26. Because people are still hungry during this time, we will still be serving this meal to our community.*



*There will be no preparation on Friday night and everything will take place on that Saturday morning at St. Paul's. We will need about 8 people who are willing to meeting down at **St. Paul's at 7:00am on Saturday, December, 26** to prep and serve the meal. We'll be doing biscuits & gravy, along with some other sides. Please contact Donn Bischoff if you are willing and able to help. Thank you!*

*The risk level for this event is*

**HIGH**

## GIFT BAGS FOR ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

*Thank you, Christ Lutheran, for your support, money, and helping with supplies for the care packages. We made around 150 for adults and 16 for kids. With the crazy year that we had, it is nice that we as a church family are able to provide a special Christ gift to the homeless and people facing hard times. Thanks!*

*From Beth Shaw & Cheryl Shaw*

*Pastor's Note: Cheryl put in over 108 hours on this project. Beth also helped and put in many hours herself. Beth allowed this stuff to take over her family room and guest rooms, and even fill up their cars. Cheryl started putting these bags together just after Thanksgiving and just recently finished. They will all be passed out on Dec. 26 at St. Paul's Breakfast. If you happen to see/talk to Cheryl or Beth, please express your appreciation for all the work they have done on this special project.*





# OFFERING

If you would like to give an offering, there are 4 ways to do that:

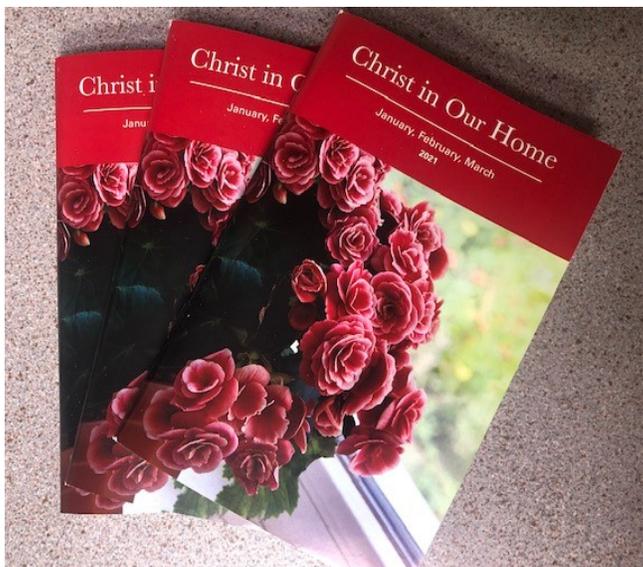
1. Text GIVE to 833-613-0706 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit our website [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org) and click the tab: Give Online.
3. Download the app called "Tithe.ly" and follow the instructions.
4. Mail your offering to 5356 N Hillside, Wichita, KS 67216.



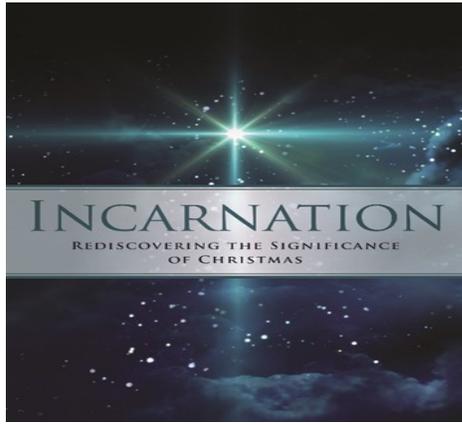
Thank you for your continued generosity

# ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

Each year Christ Lutheran's Endowment has a little over \$600 to distribute in the form of grants. These grants are often used for new ministry ideas or to support existing ministries in new ways. If you would like to apply for one of these grants, there are applications available at the Opportunity Table at church, or you can contact Larry Cross or Jean Beal. The committee will be meeting in late December to disburse the funds, so apply ASAP.



The **Christ In Our Home** daily devotionals are now available at church. There are copies located in the lobby and in the outside dropbox for easy pickup. Come by anytime!



# God's Story @ Home

## PRAYING GOD'S STORY

**Mealtime Prayer:** *As it grows darker outside, we wait for our King. As the days grow shorter, we gather around the table. As the food is presented before us, we give thanks for friends and family, for drink and food, and for the baby Jesus yet to come. Amen.*

## READING GOD'S STORY

**As you read, ask yourself:** *What is the true meaning of Christmas? How does each of the children promised in these passages change the world?*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]</b>	<b>Mary and Elizabeth's Visitors</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1:9-18</b>	<b>Hannah Dedicates Samuel</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 2:1-10</b>	<b>Hannah's Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Genesis 18:1-15</b>	<b>A Child Promised to Abraham and Sarah</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Isaiah 7:13-17</b>	<b>A Sign of Immanuel</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 2:1-20</b>	<b>Jesus Is Born!</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>John 1:1-13</b>	<b>The Word Became Flesh</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 2:21-38</b>	<b>Baby Jesus in the Temple</b>

## CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

*Make a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.*

? **Highs and Lows:** *What is something that brought you glad tidings today? What is something that made you afraid?*

? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** *God sent an angel to deliver a message to Mary. What is a message that you received today?*

? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** *Jesus is born, and Mary and Joseph bring him to the temple. Two godly people, Simeon and Anna, are overjoyed to see him. When have you felt joy today? When have you been sad?*

## LIVING GOD'S STORY

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

*Pick up a box of candy canes and hand them out to family members, friends or neighbors. As you share one, turn the candy can upside down like the letter 'J'. Remind them the joy of Christmas comes from Jesus!*