

Welcome to Worship

November 21, 2021

After filling this out, please tear off this entire page and place it in the offering plate.

Check the reverse side to sign up for ministry opportunities.



Members and Regular Attendees

Name(s): _____



Guests & Visitors

If you are visiting with us here at Christ Lutheran, we would love to get some information from you!

Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check what applies to you:

- Just Visiting I want to be a member of Christ Lutheran.
 I would like to know more information, please contact me.

Any change in contact info? (Email, address, phone, etc.)



Ministry Opportunities
to **SERVE** & **GROW**

*Check all that apply. Newly added items are in **BOLD**.
If there are multiple people in your family,
please let us know who is signing up. Thanks!*

_____ I would like more Offering Envelopes. # needed: _____

Please include the following request to be emailed out to the Prayer Chain:

Have a Special Need/Question:



Hearing Assistance Available. You can pick up a receiver near the sound booth.

Take Home News



WEEKLY CALENDAR

This Sunday: 9:00am Contemporary Worship

Nov. 14 10:10am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

12:15pm Congregation Annual Meeting

Wed. Nov. 24 **11/24 No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving**

Thu. Nov. 25 Happy Thanksgiving!

Next Sunday: 9:00am Contemporary Worship

Nov. 28 10:10am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

Worship Notes:

- **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 Activity Bags in the lobby. We have a nursery/cry room available in Room #5 and you can watch the service from a TV in there.
- **Cell phones** Leave them on, just turn off the ringer.
- **W-Fi**: Church Net **Password**: Christmas1225
- **Social Media & Livestream** Christ Lutheran is on Facebook and we use #CLCWchita. We livestream our early service each week. Feel free to text, tweet, share, etc. during or after the service to let your friends know what is happening in worship and to invite them to join you next Sunday.
- **Website** www.christ-lutheran.org or just scan →
- **To give electronically**. Scan & then scroll down →



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today Sunday, November 21, we will have our Fall Annual Meeting at 12:15 in the sanctuary. The agenda will have 3 primary things:

- 1) Election of new officers
- 2) Approval of the 2022 Budget
- 3) Discussion of the Next Big Thing



In preparation for the meeting, there are 3 documents on the Opportunity Table for you to pick up and review: the slate of nominees, the 2022 Proposed Budget, and the 2021 Treasurer's Report through the end of the 3rd Quarter. Please take a look at those in advance of the meeting and talk to any Council members if you have questions.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

It is tradition at Christ Lutheran to gather and worship together on Wednesday evenings during Advent. Typically we have shared a meal and then worshipped using Holden Evening Prayer. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we will not be hosting a meal this year. We will still gather for worship however! You are invited to join us as we explore the Magnificat as our theme for these Wednesday night services. We will be singing and praying Holden Evening Prayer, and the services will last 30-40 minutes.

ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesdays

December 1, 8 & 15

Worship begins at 7:00pm

(They will also be live streamed on Facebook)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Each of the adult classes are now exploring new topics for study & discussion.

Class #1: John Snow's class will now be going through a book called, "When Christ Appears," by David Jeremiah. This book takes a deep dive into the book of Revelation. If you'd like to learn and imagine about the events described in Revelation, feel free to drop into this class. Anyone is welcome to join. They meet in classroom #1.

Class #2: Potluck Theology – This class is now talking about racial justice and reconciliation issues from a faith perspective. It is a tough topic with honest conversation. You can join the discussion at any time. They meet in Room #4.



Last week we officially welcomed 2 new families to our congregation. Please wear your name tags so they can get to know people's names. Also, please be sure to say hi and give them a good welcome.



Chris, Cortney & Creighton Harris
 This family has been worshipping with us since the summer time and moved to Sedgwick less than a year ago. Chris is a farmer, who works some of the fields around Sedgwick and also back home near Dodge City. Cortney is a NICU nurse who recently started worked at Wesley. Creighton is a first grader.

Rebecca, Bobby, Tim, Dean & Dale Smyser



Rebecca & Bobby have deep roots at Christ Lutheran and were longtime members before they moved to Arkansas a little over 10 years ago. They have recently moved back to the area and are



excited to reconnect with their Christ Lutheran family. Their boys are all grown up now. Tim lives in town and working as a Sedgwick County EMT. Dean lives in Lawrence and is a police officer. And Dale is in college in Arkansas.



Human Needs Update

Thanks to everyone who is donating items for Stepstone! They will be delivered at the end of October. The collection for November will be food and paper goods for the Dear Neighbor ministry.



I read in the St. Paul's newsletter that they are requesting warm clothes for their breakfast guests: hoodies, long sleeved shirts, jeans and men's socks and pants are always needed. Some women's clothing is also needed. We will collect these items in the gray plastic bin under the human needs table on the right.

We are no longer collecting used grocery bags and I would like to use the gray bin on the left for donations for refugee families.

Wichita is taking in refugees from Afghanistan who have arrived with just the clothes on their backs. The goal will be to help them become employed and self sufficient. Forrest Ehmke shared information from the IRC (International Rescue Committee) about urgent needs they are having. These include: toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, disposable razors, feminine hygiene pads, diapers sizes 2,3,4 and diaper wipes. Also needed are \$10 Target or Walmart gift cards so they can choose their own underwear and clothing. They need winter hats, gloves, scarves, coats, cleaning supplies, and bed sheets (new in sizes twin, full, queen, crib). Ten dollars worth of quarters in a plastic bag are appreciated so they can do their laundry.

The December collection will be for refugees but if you would like to start now please do.

Thanks for your generosity!

Rosie Harder



Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas cards for our troops. Jeannene Schweitzer was very pleased with how many were

donated and she was able to deliver them. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped replace all of the screens & deep clean the windows last weekend. It was a great crew that included Russ Banta, Donn & Deborah Bischoff, Paul & Kenny Shaw, and Alan Wondra. Thank you!



I want to extend appreciation to the Christ Lutheran volunteers that provided evening, overnight and morning support last week for families in the Family Promise Program. Those volunteers included Clay Zecha, Jean Beal, Carol Dooley, Dwight & Muriel Boyce, Paul Shaw, Maynard and Dorothy Peterson, and Donn and Debbie Bischoff. NW Free Methodist Church was the host church and it was a pleasure to assist them in hosting the families.
-Elaine Miller

WANT TO SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT?

We have several people who are not able to worship with us on a regular basis due to health concerns or other factors. They would probably love to hear from some of you! Here are some of them & their addresses (which are also located on the bulletin board in the lobby):



Nancy Christensen
1508 Terrace Dr
Newton, KS 67114

Pat Durham
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Maize, Ks 67101

Jean Knappenberger
PO Box 277
Haven, Ks 67543

Elmer & Sally Hoyer
5901 Flagstaff St
Bel Aire, KS 67220

Janet Balzer
1122 S. West Rd
Newton, Ks 67114

Chris Ward
10850 Copper Creek Trail
Apt. # 9105
Maize, Ks 67101

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUESTS

We are now accepting applications for the distribution of our Endowment Funds. Each year our Endowment Committee gets to distribute \$600 - \$700 for special, unique or ongoing church projects. If you are part of a ministry that could use a share of these funds, you are encouraged to fill out an application. The applications can be found on the Opportunity Table. The committee meets to consider the applications and distribute these funds near the end of the year. If you have questions, please talk to Jean Beal or Larry Cross.



ENDOWMENT FUND



HELP WANTED!

Every year we decorate our sanctuary to reflect the joy of the season of Advent & Christmas. We need help! We plan to start decorating after the Annual Meeting today. We are looking for a few folks willing to stick around to put up the tree and hang some lights & greenery. We'll order pizza for anyone who is willing to help! If you're willing and able, just stick around. Thanks!



NEW PRAYER LABYRINTH

Christ Lutheran's new Prayer Labyrinth is now complete! Girl Scout Troop 40213 (led by Becky Dykstra & Chandra Entwisle) has been hard at work for several weeks to give this gift to our church and the community. It was funded by the Ned Felzien Memorial Fund. We will likely have a short dedication service sometime in the Spring (when Ned's family can be here). But because it is now complete, you are invited to start using it! We hope it will be a blessing to your spiritual walk with God.

What is a Prayer Labyrinth?

A labyrinth is a sacred path, a place to walk and pray as you center your heart, mind, and spirit on God. It is an ancient symbol that reminds us that life is a journey and it invites us to thoughtfully engage with God every step of the way. There is only one way in, one way out, and no dead ends. It gives you the freedom to walk around while focusing on God and not worry about getting lost.

Labyrinths have a long history, both inside and outside the church. They can be found throughout the world and in a variety of forms. The first historical record of a Christian prayer labyrinth dates back to 324 A.D. when some Christians placed one on the floor of their church, the Basilica of St. Reparatus in Algeria. Since at least that time, Christians have used prayer labyrinths as a spiritual tool to help them draw closer to God.



USING THE LABYRINTH

Christ Lutheran's prayer labyrinth is located behind the building, just past the basketball court. You are welcome to park on the grass nearby.

There is no one way to use the labyrinth, but these basic guidelines will help. Pause at the entrance to the labyrinth and prepare to listen to God. As you enter, walk slowly and meditatively, opening your heart and quieting your mind. Relax and concentrate on God as you follow the path. Stay at the center as long as you'd like, resting in the presence and heart of God. Allow yourself to receive guidance and illumination from God as you return using the path that you entered.

There are many different ways to pray as you walk. Here are a few suggestions:

- Repeat a centering prayer or mantra as you walk. Perhaps change prayers at each turn. Here are some examples:
 - Come Holy Spirit, come
 - Teach me your paths, O Lord
 - Show me your path
 - Lord, hear my prayer
 - When I call, please answer me
 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, who leads me into life
 - Come and fill my heart with your peace
 - Thy will be done
- Worship and praise God as you enter and walk to the center, saying different words or praises at each turn. After pausing at the center, intercede for people and concerns as you walk back to the outside, praying for something or someone new at each turn.
- Have a conversation with God about the things that matter most to you. Talk, gesture, dance or move in prayerful ways while you talk and listen to God.

(Labyrinth continued)

- The 3 Rs:
 - Releasing – As you enter the labyrinth, simply let go. Along each turn, allow for your anxious thoughts, cluttered to-do lists, and the business of life to slip away. If they pop back up in your mind, simply let them go at the next turn.
 - Receiving – In the center, wait and listen to God. What might God want you to hear today? What might God open your eyes to see? Perhaps a new idea, fresh feelings about a situation, or a gentle reminder of a truth your heart needs to hold on to.
 - Returning – As you walk the path back out, quietly reflect on your experience. What does it mean for you to take that gift with you back into the world? Allow yourself to be grateful for the journey God took with you.
- Walk the path as you seek the answer to a specific problem or issue. Ask God for answers and be open to new insights along the way.
- Start your journey to the center with confession (you may want to visualize your sins being left behind with every step you take). When you reach the center, journey out with affirmation (perhaps visualizing yourself picking things up or putting things on—like the righteousness of Christ, the smile of the Father, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, etc.). Pause at the exit and give thanks for your cleansing journey.
- Lay down your burdens as you walk toward the center of the labyrinth. Perhaps you can actually carry a rock or log, or lay down pebbles along the way as symbols of your worries or cares. In the center, pause to thank God for taking your burdens on himself (1 Peter 5:7). Leave the rock, log or pebbles there in the center as you let Jesus take your burdens from you. Then think about or count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.





Human Needs Update

Thanks to everyone who is donating items for Dear Neighbor! There is a list of requested ideas on the human needs bulletin board. They will be delivered at the end of November. The collection for December will be for the IRC (International Rescue Committee) here in Wichita as we welcome refugees from Afghanistan.

A special thanks to Forrest Ehmke who is helping me deliver donations to the IRC and to Stepstone. I also want to thank Jan Cross for taking clothing to St. Paul's when she attends the quilting group there.

The back of my car was full when I first delivered donations to the IRC. The coordinator told me that all those things would be gone in a week!

I caught a news segment on Channel 12 this week about the job fair that was attended by some of our new neighbors from Afghanistan and the young man they interviewed indicated their desire to find jobs.

I also want to thank Robin Pressnall for her work on the Human Needs bulletin board.

Thanks so much for your generosity!

Rosie Harder

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 118

Scripture readings for November 28: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14



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November 28th, 2021

9:00 am

Ushers	Greeters	Powerpoint	Soundboard
Justin & Landon Clouse	Wes Nelson	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts

Worship Assistant	Reader	Goodies
Robin Pressnall	Julie Stiebner	Mary Garrelts

11:00 am

Ushers	Greeters	Powerpoint	Soundboard
Benn Gibbs & Kids	Connie Schlatter	Abby Banta	Kenny Tauer
Worship Assistant	Reader	Goodies	Counter
Bonnie Johnson	Melissa Stanton	Becky Dykstra	Donn Bischoff & Paul Shaw

