

Welcome to Worship

January 1, 2023

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!*

_____ **Yes, I plan to help with Falcon Fellowship on Wednesday, January 11. Here is my email so I can be sent a reminder:**

_____ Yes, I'd like to be part of the Alternative Energy Team in 2023.

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.

THANK YOU, CHRIST LUTHERAN!

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas bonus/gift. It is such a privilege and joy to serve Jesus with all of you. I look forward to seeing what God does with our congregation in the coming year. Thank you! – Pastor Chad

Take Home News

WEEKLY CALENDAR

This Sunday:



- Jan 1st 10:00am New Year's Day Worship
- Tue 1/3 9:00am Quilters
- Tue 1/3 9:30am Worship at Shepherd's Crossing
- Wed 1/4 6:00pm Choir
6:30pm Youth Group
- Sun 1/15 9:00am Contemporary Worship
10:10am Sunday School for all ages
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.
- **Wi-Fi:** Church Net **Password:** Christmas1225
- **Social Media & Livestream:** Christ Lutheran is on Facebook and we use #CLCWichita. We livestream both of our services 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 →





POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to the following people/families who donated poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas:

Donn & Deborah Bischoff; Carl & Jean Mertins; Maynard & Dorothy Peterson; Jan & Larry Cross; Christie, Andy, Charlie & Chloe Hentzen; Chad & Lynde Langdon; Terry & Darinda Leonard; Jo Doerneman & Audry Brungardt; Wes Nelson; Jamie, Ben, Paige, Harper & Tatum Gibbs; Lois Jensen; Juanita Freed; Steve & Jeannene Schweitzer; Shawn Meier-McFerren; Bobby & Becky Smyser; Chris Cortney & Creighton Harris; and Laura Crihfield

You may take your poinsettia(s) home after worship on Christmas Eve.

2023 CALENDAR



There is now a 2023 calendar hanging in the church office. This operates as our building & room reservation system (first to write it on the calendar gets the room reservation). This is also where we get information to put things in the Newsletter & on the Take Home News calendars. If things aren't written on the calendar, the office may not know they are happening, and they likely won't end up getting publicized. You may not even have room for your meeting if someone else has already reserved the space. So.... if you have a meeting or activity in 2023, please write it on the calendar! Thank you!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are new Christ In Our Home daily devotions available. These new booklets cover January, February & March. They are located in the rack under the bulletin board (near the front door). They are free, so please take one to help remind you to have daily quiet time with the Lord.



Holiday-Themed CareNotes Now Available

CareNotes are a part of Christ Lutheran’s caring ministry. The small booklets located near the front door offer helpful advice and words of encouragement for people in a variety of situations. The CareNotes are intended for congregation members to use themselves, or to offer

them to friends, neighbors or coworkers going through difficult times. Take time to browse through some of the CareNotes that we have available. Please share them generously (we can always order more)!

We just put out several new titles especially for the holidays. These new CareNotes that are now available include:

- 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 Hope in the Holidays
- Celebrating the Christmas Season with Faith and Hope
- Finding Comfort for Your Grief in Christmas Traditions

BROWN BAG CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Brown Bag Christmas Pageant on December 18th!





ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TEAM

We are now forming a small team who will be taking a hard look at alternative energy options for our congregation. This team will be investigating things like solar panels & geothermal options to see if any of them make sense for our future. This is in line with a resolution that came from our 2022 Central States Synod Assembly calling for “congregations to reduce greenhouse emissions.” If care for creation or alternative energy interests you, you are encouraged to mark the Tear-Off and be part of this team. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Johnson.

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.



Human Needs Update

The human needs collection for December will be for refugees who are arriving in Wichita. Forrest Ehmke reports the following information: A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. They cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal, and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries. Fewer than 1 percent are considered for resettlement worldwide. Once a refugee is recommended to the U.S. for resettlement, the U.S. government conducts a thorough vetting of each applicant. This process takes between 12 and 24 months.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is our resettlement agency. They report the following information for Wichita. One hundred persons have arrived in the last two months and there will continue to be arrivals. From October 2022-2023 a projected 650 individuals may arrive in Wichita. Populations arriving are from Ukraine, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and the Republic of the Congo.

We will be collecting items for the IRC on the Human Needs Table throughout December. The items they are requesting include:

- Fully assembled, new or slightly used furniture
- Coats - new in all sizes
- Baby items - new or gently used (feeding and hygiene items must be new)
- Toiletries and general hygiene items such as shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/paste, floss, deodorant, feminine hygiene products

They also have an Amazon Wish List where you can directly donate items like bikes, toys, winter outdoor clothing & a variety of needed household items. Just scan this code with your phone and it will take you there.



Thanks to everyone who donates to any of our projects!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 21st, the Youth Group had a Christmas party filled with games, food, laughter & learning about Jesus, including Lectio Divina and making gingerbread nativities. Congratulations to Justin Clouse for winning “The Most Christmas” outfit contest.



FALCON FELLOWSHIP RETURNS!

Falcon Fellowship is an important ministry to the high school students of Heights High School. Students come across the street during their lunch hour, we feed them a bunch of cheeseburgers, and we have a speaker share the message of Christ with them. This always takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, so **our next Falcon Fellowship lunch will be on Wednesday, January 11.** Anyone can help! Just show up on that Wednesday about 10:00am and we'll put you to work. Lunch usually wraps up around 11:45, and you can come and go as you're able. Also, our new t-shirts came in! If you plan to volunteer, talk to Pastor Chad and he'll get you a shirt. Please mark the Tear-off if you'd like to help and to receive an email reminder.



YOUTH QUAKE 2023 is Coming Up!



For Grades 6—12

**Friday, February 3—
Sunday, February 5**

**Music, Speakers, Videos,
Lots of kids, and JESUS!**

**@ Hyatt Regency in Downtown
Wichita**

**Cost: \$75 if you sign up & pay by
January 1**

\$100 if you sign up & pay January 15

(CLC will pick up the rest)

**More info & Sign up at the
Opportunity Table**

**Absolute Deadline to Register is
January 15.**

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK, January 8:

	<u>EARLY</u>	<u>LATE</u>
Usher	Justin Clouse	Donn Bischoff
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Wes Nelson</i>	<i>Bobby Smyser</i>
PowerPoint	Landon Clouse	Paige Gibbs
<i>Soundboard</i>	<i>Jim Garrelts</i>	<i>Courtlynn Dykstra</i>
Worship Leader	Mary Garrelts	Bonnie Johnson
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Shawn Meier</i>	<i>Steve Slipsager</i>
Goodies	Kari Clouse	Kelsey Helmick
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Janet Miller</i>	<i>Carol Dooley</i>
Counters		Donn

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 136 Christmas Eve
53 Christmas

Scripture readings for January 8:
Matthew 3:1-17

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