

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
Wichita, KS
67219



January 2024 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Bags of Blessings From the Heart



Help us collect "Bags of Blessings" for those in need of assistance in Wichita and surrounding areas.

Fill **gallon sized** zip-lock bags with one each of the following items

OR you may bring un-bagged individual items!



Items for each Bag

Soap (bar or liquid)
Shampoo and Conditioner
Chapstick / Lip balm
Emery board or clippers
Shaving Cream

Lotion
Deodorant
Washcloth
Toothpaste
Band-aids (3)

Razor
Comb
Kleenex
Toothbrush
White socks

We request new, individual/travel size, non-fragrance items for all ages in complete bags.

Extra items not in bags and ethnic preference items are welcome.

Winter Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
10:15 AM- Sunday School
11:00 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at our usual location, Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 13th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on February 6th at 9:00 am. For questions, contact:
Janice Cross 260-4282 (h) or 519-4776 (c)

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



2023 Bookkeepers Report



	November 2023	YTD 2023	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$12,419.94	\$196,861.95	\$225,427.25
Expenses	<u>\$18,580.08</u>	<u>\$212,627.89</u>	<u>\$231,267.83</u>
Variance	-\$6,160.14	(\$15,765.94)	(\$5,840.58)
Respectfully Submitted, Alan Wondra			



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For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas bonus and many gifts & cards. It is such a privilege to serve Jesus with all of you here at Christ Lutheran. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2024! ~ Pastor Chad

Thank you all so very much for the Christmas bonus! It is very much appreciated. I look forward to another great year with you all. Here's to 2024! ~ Kali

JUSTICE TOGETHER (UPDATE):

We are looking for 2 people to serve as Christ Lutheran's representatives on the Justice Together board of directors. This board will meet 6 times per year. Each partner

JUSTICE TOGETHER

congregation in Justice Together (there are 30-35 of us right now), is allowed to have 2 lay representatives & an alternate on board. This board is the primary decision-making body for Justice Together in between our four big annual events where everyone in the congregation is invited. If

you have a heart for justice or an interest in learning more about how to do justice, this may be the right ministry for you. Please mark the Tear-Off or talk to Pastor Chad if you're interested. **UPDATED X2: WE JUST NEED 1 MORE PERSON!**

MESSAGE FROM THE MILLERS



Such a blessing! Elaine and I have received over 100 cards, letters and pictures since we began our stay at Madonna November 8. God has truly been good to us! What a truly huge blessing it has been for all the Prayer Warriors out there to pray on our behalf, it is a truly very humbling experience! We can honestly feel all the prayers on our behalf! To our church family, at Christ Lutheran, former classmates around Haven, neighbors, and loving families, that our children know, and any other friends and family, including Elaine's mother, two brothers, spouses and children and my brother's spouse and their children – Thank you! We are also especially thankful for our three children and their spouses and grandchildren.

God's blessings to you all!

-Warren and Elaine

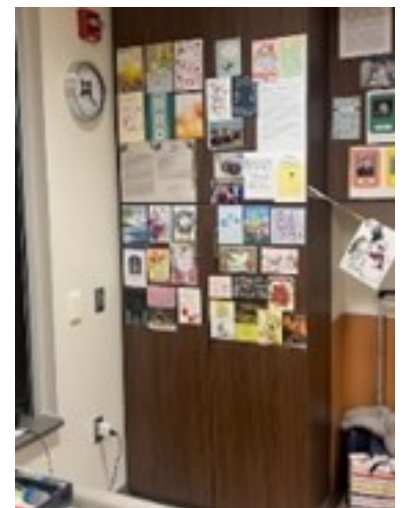
PS – Elaine & Warren recently moved to a new facility in Ankeny, IA called "On With Life." Cards & notes of encouragement can now be sent to:

On With Life

Patient: Elaine Miller, Room 13

715 SW Ankeny Rd.

Ankeny, IA 50023



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this year, including: Bonnie Johnson & Phil Ciholas, Darinda & Terry Leonard, the Hentzen family, Jo Doerneman & Audry Brungardt, Maynard & Dorothy Peterson, the Baden family, Carl & Jean Mertins, Rosie & Rich Harder, Dwight & Muriel Boyce, the Langdon family, Juanita Freed, Steve & Gloria Peacock, Steve & Jeannene Schweitzer, Donn & Deborah Bischoff. You can take your poinsettia home anytime.

COMMISSION FOR A RENEWED ELCA

At the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, a Commission was formed to “reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism.” In other words, this Commission is working to restructure the ELCA in all its forms because our current model/structure of church (formed in the 1980s) is really no longer sustainable. The members of the Commission are hosting listening sessions with as many different configurations as possible, to get feedback on specific questions, in order to faithfully do the work for which the Commission was established. They want to hear different people’s experiences, hopes, dreams and challenges! In order to do this, they are inviting people from the Central States Synod (that’s us), into a Zoom conversation on **Wednesday, January 24, at 7:00pm**. This is your chance to have a say in how our ELCA looks in the future. If you would like to be a part of this Zoom conversation, please mark the Tear-Off and Pastor Chad will send you a link when it gets closer.



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NEW MINISTRY FORMING!



CREATION
CARE TEAM

I have been interested for many years in finding ways to take care of the earth and am wondering if others would be

interested in forming a **Creation Care Team** here at Christ Lutheran. I checked with church council in December about starting this and would like to have **a meeting on Feb 11 after late service** to start making plans.

One of the things I think we could start with is planting pollinator plants (which assist bees and butterflies for one thing) I am just starting some research but welcome anyone to share their knowledge and experience in such areas as where to plant, how to prepare the soil, what plants to choose, etc. I am doing some reading on the Central States Synod website, also.

Earth day is April 22 and could be the goal date for planting. Maybe the Sunday School students would like to help plant.

I hope we could do more recycling as a congregation, use less paper plates in the kitchen, etc. These are some of my ideas but I would appreciate others.

Please come to the meeting on February 11 to start making plans and let me know if you are willing to be a leader in any of these projects! You can mark the Tear-off with your interest. Thanks!

~Rosie Harder

2024 CHURCH CALENDAR

The 2024 church calendar is now hanging in the office. Please write any and all church activities on this calendar – both onsite and offsite. We use this church calendar to create all of the weekly & monthly calendars for the Take Home News & Newsletter. If it is not written on the big church calendar in the office, it may not get publicized. It also serves as our building & room reservation system, on a first come/first serve basis. If your event is written on the calendar, it serves as a reservation for the space you need and you will get priority if there are any conflicts. Thank you!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1/10 Dinner at 6:30, Confirmation at 7:00

1/17 Youth Group at Reformation – starts with dinner at 6:00pm

FALCON FELLOWSHIP

The next Falcon Fellowship lunch will be on Wednesday, January 10th. If you would like to help prepare lunch for the high school students, please plan to arrive about 10:00 that morning. Thanks!



thank you

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Advent Faith Traditions this year, especially those who shared nativity sets, ornaments, and special foods. A special thanks goes out to

Beverly Krasselt, Alan Schmidt, Freyja Carlstedt, Kelsey Helmick & Alisa Baden for speaking & sharing their personal faith traditions during our Wednesday evening services. Bonnie & Phil also get a special thanks for doing so much to prepare the meals for everyone. Everyone can take their nativity sets & ornaments home whenever is convenient.

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BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes to Deborah & Donn Bischoff for taking down all of the Christmas decorations. Y'all are the best!

**THANKS
A LOT!**

January Human Needs Collection: Bags of Blessing

Partners for Wichita invites everyone to collect personal care items for people in need throughout the Wichita area. We add a blessing and deliver bags to organizations and agencies that work closely with those who are most in need. Bags of Blessing from the Heart will be distributed in March



2024 by the caring people of Partners for Wichita! Together, we make a difference!

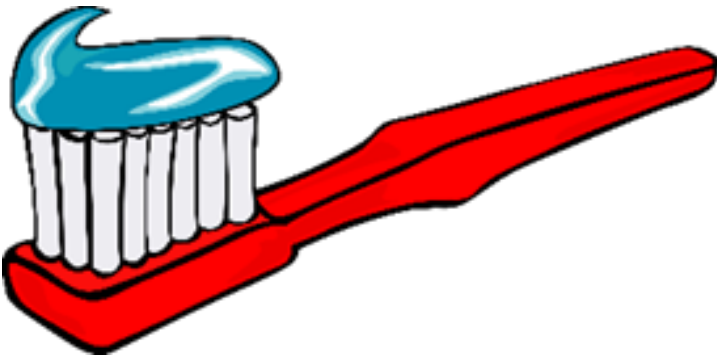
Thanks to everyone who donated to the IRC in December! Rich & I made several trips with donations of coats, hats, dishes, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, blankets, a new crib etc. I will be using some noisy offering money for what is needed most at this time: possibly vacuums or used bicycles. New families start arriving next week.

The table collection for January is for Bags of Blessing.

The human needs committee will have a meeting after late service on Jan 14th (with pizza) to choose collections for the next year. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting, even if you have not been to a meeting before! If you are unable to attend, please let me know what ideas you have. At this time, we have 2 months that do not have a designated collection.

Please collect individual items for the Bags of Blessing, or make a complete bag, and leave them on the Human Needs table by Sunday, January 28. Members of CLC will deliver our donations to the collection site at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Feel free to take a Bags of Blessing list.



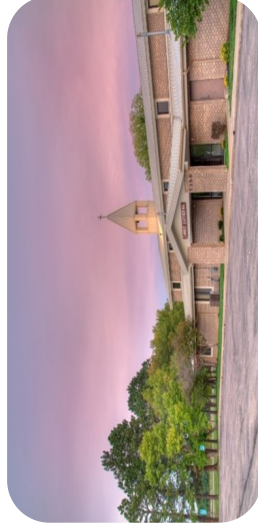
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Staff Relations Committee

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Staff
Pastor

Mallory Fowler
 David Lechner
 Forrest Ehrke

Staff

January Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
1/7	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Andrew Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Caden Howell	Lantana Howell	Jo & Audry	Janet Miller	Donn B & Jamie G
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Bobby Smyser	Paige Gibbs	Courtlynn Dykstra	Donn Bischoff	Rosie Harder	Jamie Gibbs	Carol Dooley	
1/14	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Noah Miller	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Julie Stiebner	Kari Clouse	Barnhills	Donn B & Bonnie J
	11:00	Rich Harder	Becky Dykstra	Abby Banta	Dwight Boyce	Casey Dykstra	Steve Slipsager	Bonnie Johnson	Emily Pector	
1/21	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Robin Pressnall	Kari Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Janet Miller	Donn B & Paul S
	11:00	Bobby Smyser	Connie Schlatter	Maynard Peterson	Courtlynn Dykstra	Bonnie Johnson	Shannon Banta	Kelsey Helmick	Dionne Becker	
1/28	9:00	Bradlee Howell	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Landon Clouse	Alan Wondra	Jo & Audry	Barnhills	
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Taylor Cook	Casey Dykstra	Dwight Boyce	Maynard Peterson	Jean Beal	Deb Bischoff	Entwisles	

January 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 Quilting 9 AM 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 9:30am Worship At Shepherd's Crossing 	10 10:15am Falcon Fellowship 6:30pm Dinner & Confirmation	11	12	13 8 AM Men's Breakfast 
14 12:00pm Human Needs Meeting 	15	16	17 6:00pm Youth Group at Reformation	18	19 Council Retreat	20 Council Retreat
21	22	23	24 6:30pm Youth Group	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 6:30pm Confirmation			



January Birthdays

Tuesday, January 2– Noah Miller	Wednesday, January 3– Gwyneth Snow	Saturday, January 6– Alex Baden
Thursday, January 11– Caden Howell	Thursday, January 11– Penelope Barnhill	Friday, January 12– Sarah Serio
Saturday, January 13– Dorothy Peterson	Wednesday, January 17– Audry Brungardt	Sunday, January 21– Christina Vingerud
Tuesday, January 23– Melanie Barnhill	Tuesday, January 23– Jacob Callison	Wednesday, January 24– Rich Harder
Friday, January 26– Robert Barnhill	Friday, January 26– Michael Carlstedt	Sunday, January 28– Larry Cross

January Anniversaries

Saturday, January 20– Elmer Hoyer	Wednesday, January 24– Nancy Christensen	Sunday, January 28– David & Jennifer Gorges
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January Baptism Anniversaries

Tuesday, January 2– Brian Lechner	Tuesday, January 2– Brittany Lechner	Thursday, January 4– Sebastian Barnhill
Friday, January 5– Julie Stiebner	Saturday, January 6– Nick Baden	Sunday, January 7– Nicholas Lechner
Sunday, January 7– Nora Callison	Sunday, January 7– Blake Albright	Thursday, January 11– Forrest Ehmke
Friday, January 12– Melissa Mihalcin	Sunday, January 14– Haley Ketchum	Wednesday, January 17– Sydney Freed
Friday, January 19– Larry Zabel	Tuesday, January 23– Justin Clouse	Tuesday, January 23– Landon Clouse
Saturday, January 27– Kari Clouse		

