

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
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November 2025 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Christ Lutheran Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual business meeting of the church. The church Council has decided to hold the annual meeting **between services on Sunday, November 23rd, starting at 10:10am.** This is an important meeting, with elections for new Council members and other positions, as well as review and approval of the budget for 2026. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack, and plan to attend the meeting...your vote counts!



Fall Worship Schedule

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

Men's Breakfast

We will be at Auntie C's, located at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 8th 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 December 2nd 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.



2025 Bookkeepers Report



	September 2025	YTD 2025	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$19,985.16	\$177,969.64	\$241,785.81
Expenses	\$10,440.90	\$181,086.24	\$247,224.18
Variance	\$9,544.26	(\$3,116.60)	(\$5,438.37)

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 to everyone who played at Trivia Night, donated for & bought baskets, did child care, provided help that evening & to Robin Pressnall & her family for putting questions together! The night was a wonderful success & we'll share final numbers when they are

available. Our Heights' students will benefit from your generosity!

Thanks to the local Girl Scout Troop for painting the outside stairwell, doors and picnic tables under the under the direction of Becky Dykstra and Chandra Hubbard. Also, thanks to Kelsy Helmick and Becky Dykstra for their work on the inside stairway wall in the multi-purpose room. These are nice improvements to our Church!



**-Alan Schmidt
Property Care**

Living Lutheran Subscriptions

You may have received a notice that your subscription to the Living Lutheran magazine will expire at the end of 2025. The church has not paid for Living Lutheran since 2022. The Council has discussed this matter, and we are unsure how many households at Christ Lutheran actually read and value having the Living Lutheran sent to them. So that we are fiscally and environmentally prudent, the Council approved a plan to reimburse any household that wishes to continue their subscription to Living Lutheran magazine. Simply pay for the renewal of your Living Lutheran subscription and then let Alan Wondra know, and he will write a check to reimburse you for the expense.



Christmas Decorating November 23rd!

Plan to join us for decorating our sanctuary for Christmas after the 2nd service on Nov. 23rd. A pizza lunch will be provided for all who stay. We have jobs for young & old alike! This is the last Sunday before Advent starts (& before the Thanksgiving long weekend). Many hands make light work!



LWR Ingathering for 2025

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with the Lutheran World Relief ingathering on October 21st! We had a total of 9 churches bring donations. The quilts and kits are sent around the world where needed but also to disasters in the U.S. Ten semis full of quilts & kits were sent to



states such as North Carolina after hurricanes in recent years. Thank you to Deborah Bischoff for providing refreshments and to Alan Wondra, Paul Shaw, Kenny Shaw, Mike Horter, Rich Harder, Larry Cross and

Donn Bischoff for lifting boxes and packing the truck! We filled the truck with: 406 quilts, 354 school kits, 789 personal care kits, 38 baby care kits, and 4 fabric kits.

-Rosie

Community Problem Assembly!!!!

Over the past 6 weeks, hundreds of people from dozens of congregations of diverse beliefs throughout Sedgwick County, have held conversations to name the problems that are weighing heaviest on their hearts. Together, we are committed to building this ministry to do justice on the issues that most impact our community!

Please join us on Thursday, November 6th, from 6PM - 7:30PM, at First United Methodist Church (330 N Broadway, Wichita) for the Justice Together 2025 Community Problems Assembly. We will set the priorities that will be the focus of our justice work this year and announce next steps we will take together!

Whether you are a network member or simply interested in attending and seeing Justice at work, everyone is invited. You do not need to be part of Christ Lutherans current network to attend. After the meeting you can talk to Donn Bischoff, Cathy Ehmke, Forrest Ehmke, Bonnie Johnson or Alan Wondra if you are interested in learning more about our network at Christ Lutheran.

**We must do
JUSTICE
TOGETHER!!!**



November Human Needs Collection Benefits: StepStone Ministries

Our Mission:

StepStone responds to the critical needs of the survivors of domestic violence by providing supportive services and transitional housing to nurture lives of stability and hope. Our staff and volunteers are motivated by the God-given dignity of each person. StepStone is a collaborative ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

Requested items by Stepstone Ministries include:

- **Paper Towels**
- **Small Bottles of Laundry Detergent**
- **Dishwasher Detergent**
- **Sponges**
- **Brooms & Dustpans**
- **Trash Cans & Bags**
- **Household Cleaner**
- **Toilet Brushes**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner**
- **Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**
- **Shaving Cream & Razors**
- **XL Twin Bedding**



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Another option is ordering from Amazon. You could have it shipped to you or directly to Stepstone:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/25V2MLDEXHY6T?fbclid=IwY2xjawEy8DBleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHaeL2mluBtJb5njh15E-jUOI8PIN2HecVU2X-KDjACNTtMjTgHXPTY-sw_aem_rHE0zZTWyLjPJ8I7jHT7Gg

NEWS FLASH-- "BERAKAH"
(PRONOUNCED "BER-AW-KAW")
IS HEBREW FOR "BLESSING"

By: John Snow

PAUL, IN I THESS 5:16-17 WROTE THAT WE SHOULD NEVER STOP PRAYING. THE LIST OF BLESSINGS PRAYED FOR WAS EXTENSIVE AND TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT A PERSON MIGHT DO DURING THE DAY: A BLESSING FOR GETTING UP, A BLESSING FOR WASHING ONESELF, A BLESSING FOR FIXING BREAKFAST, A BLESSING FOR EATING BREAKFAST, A BLESSING FOR WASHING THE DISHES, A BLESSING FOR A MORNING WALK, A BLESSING FOR GREETING OTHERS ALONG THE WAY, A BLESSING FOR THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS BESIDE THE WALKWAY, A PRAYER TO GOD FOR HELP THROUGHOUT THE DAY; YOU GET THE PICTURE. I WONDER IF ANYONE COULD DO THIS EVERYDAY FOR A WEEK; THROWING OUT BLESSING ALL DAY LONG.

IT REMINDS ME OF A BOOK ABOUT BROTHER LAWRENCE, A MONK IN A MONASTERY. HE WAS THE DISHWASHER FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER. HE WOULD SING AND BLESS GOD WHILE WASHING THE DISHES FOR EVERYONE, ALL DAY LONG, EVERYDAY. EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH, EVERY YEAR. HE LOVED DOING THINGS FOR GOD. GWYN AND I HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING FANTASTIC OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS;

AN INCREASE OF PEOPLE PRAYING BEFORE THEY EAT AT RESTAURANTS. MANY TIMES I HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THOSE PEOPLE PRAYER WITH A BUSINESS CARD I CARRY THAT SAYS " I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY". I WOULD SUGGEST YOU TRY IT.

GET 250 OR 500 CARDS PRINTED UP AND HAND THEM OUT, YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT THE RESPONSES YOU GET. SOME OF THEM WILL BRING YOU TO TEARS, OTHERS WANT TO PRAY TOGETHER WITH YOU, OTHER JUST WANT TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED. PRAY THAT IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. LET THE BLESSING FLOW LIKE THE NUMBER OF FIREFLIES IN THE LATE EVENING SKY !!

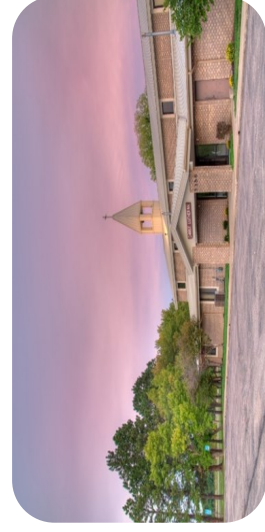
Christ Lutheran Church

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November Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
11/2	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Jody Helton	Kari Clouse	Jo & Audry	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Jamie G
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Kelsey Helmick	Casey Dykstra	Matt Becker	Annabel Entwisle	Jamie Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Deb Bischoff	
11/9	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Jody Helton	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Julie Stiebner	Kari Clouse	Derek Farris	Donn B & Cindy T
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Becky Dykstra	Maynard Peterson	Courtlynn Dykstra	Donn Bischoff	Rosie Harder	Jamie Gibbs	Chandra Entwisle	
11/16	9:00	Justin Clouse	Jody Helton	Landon Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Robin Pressnall	Mary Garrelts	Janet Miller	Donn B & Bonnie J
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Taylor Cook	Paige Gibbs	Entwisles	Bonnie Johnson	Steve Slipsager	Kelsey Helmick	Dionne Becker	
11/23	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	NEED ONE	Jim Garrelts	NEED ONE	Lantana Howell	NEED ONE	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Paul S
	11:00	Rich Harder	NEED ONE	NEED ONE	Gibbs	Rosie Harder	Jean Beal	NEED ONE	Carol Dooley	
11/30	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Jody Helton	Alan Wondra	Jo & Audry	Derek Farris	Donn B & Becky D
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Maynard Peterson	Casey Dykstra	NEED ONE	Annabel Entwisle	Shannon Banta	Deb Bischoff	Emily Pector	

November 2025

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2 All Saints Day	3 Falcon Falls HOA 7 PM 	4 Election Day Quilters 9 AM	5 Women's Bible Study 10:30am Choir 6 PM - 7 PM	6 Justice Together Community Problems Assembly 6 PM	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8 AM 
9	10 Council 6:00pm 	11 Veteran's Day Men's Bible Study 10:30am	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30am Choir 6 PM - 7 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	19 Women's Bible Study 10:30am Hymn Committee 7—7:30 PM	20	21	22
23 CLC Annual Meeting 10:10 AM Christmas Decorating 12 PM 	24	25 Men's Bible Study 10:30am 	26 Choir 6 PM - 7 PM 	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
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November Birthdays

Saturday, November 1– Nick Baden	Tuesday, November 4– Rhonda Moravec	Tuesday, November 4– Brett Albright
Tuesday, November 4– Chloe Hentzen	Wednesday, November 5– Sydney Freed	Thursday, November 6– Dawn Remme
Thursday, November 6– Leo Brown	Friday, November 7– Sandra Zabel	Saturday, November 8– Landon Clouse
Saturday, November 8– Justin Clouse	Sunday, November 9– Mary Garrelts	Sunday, November 9– Brady Helton
Monday, November 10– Kim Brown	Thursday, November 13– Jean Beal	Saturday, November 15– Annabel Entwisle
Monday, November 17– Kenny Shaw	Monday, November 17– Andrew Clouse	Tuesday, November 18– John Muther
Tuesday, November 18– Melissa Mihalcin	Wednesday, November 19– Dionne Becker	Thursday, November 20– Wanda Unruh
Saturday, November 22– Blake Albright	Sunday, November 23– Juanita Freed	Wednesday, November 26– Deb Bischoff

November Anniversaries

Sunday, November 2– Grant & Michelle Stucky	Wednesday, November 5– Brian & Laura Storrie	Saturday, November 29– Maynard & Dorothy Pererson
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November Baptism Anniversaries

Sunday, November 2– Michael Clouse	Monday, November 3– Robin Pressnall	Monday, November 3– Mallory Helton
Wednesday, November 5– Brian Storrie	Friday, November 7– Jon Stiebner	Sunday, November 16– Tucker Clouse
Tuesday, November 18– Beau Ketchum	Saturday, November 22– Madison Ketchum	Sunday, November 23– Bradlee Howell
Sunday, November 23– Caden Howell	Monday, November 24– Caitlyn Haynes	Saturday, November 29– Tatum Gibbs
Sunday, November 30– Scott Garrelts		

