

DECEMBER 2018



John 13

SERVANT LINES

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

ADVENT

December 2 is the first Sunday of Advent when we begin the season of anticipating the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. The word *Advent* means "coming." It is the season of the Church year where we are reminded of the reality of Christ's coming into our world. It is a season of preparation and anticipation, not simply for the celebration of Christmas, but to recognize that hope and expectation are a part of our daily life of faith. We will celebrate each Sunday with the lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be on December 24 at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please note that these are different times from previous years.

FREE DINNERS

Because there are often so many extra events scheduled in December, it has been decided that we will not have free dinners during the month. In addition the Men's 3rd Thursday dinner has been cancelled. All of these events will resume in January.

NECHAMA VOLUNTEERS

We have received word that the majority of the volunteers, which includes the Americorp and the CCC workers, will be leaving Conway on December 13th. The rest of the volunteers will stay a few more days through December 16th. Nechama will return here to stay again in our fellowship hall sometime during the third week of January. They will be leaving their shower trailer, and a couple of trucks and vans parked on our grass, out of the way, during the month they are not here. They have learned that they will not have enough volunteers through this time, so they will leave and return in January when they will have more manpower available. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joan.

NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Joan has scheduled a time for anyone interested in membership at Christ the Servant. We will meet on January 13, following the second service. There will be a light meal, and then discussion about what it looks like to be a member here, and what members can expect from their church. If you will need to arrange a transfer of membership from another church, please see Pastor Joan so that process can be initiated before January 13.

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOAN

In the month of December, we get ready to celebrate the most wonderful gift given to mankind: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let this Christmas be like none other as we take time each of the 24 days before Christmas to focus in on our Savior's birth!

Here is the challenge! 1) Place your Bible in a central location where you can remember to look up the following Bible readings. 2) Each day of this Advent Season, read and reflect on the Scripture for that day.

Even though the first 12 days are listed and explained with the Bible references, be sure to read that passage. The last 12 are for you to look up on your own. Take enough time to meditate on each reference to make the Christmas story a glorious, significant focus to ponder all day long as you prepare each day for Christmas!

- Day 1: **Isaiah 7:14** – Isaiah prophesied Jesus' virgin birth 700+ years before it happened.
- Day 2: **Matthew 1:22-23** -- His name would be called "Immanuel!" which means "God with us."
- Day 3: **Micah 5:2** – Jesus was born in Bethlehem! Prophecy made in 750 BC!
- Day 4: **Isaiah 9:6** – A child would be born, and His name will be called WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, PRINCE OF PEACE!
- Day 5: **John 1:9** – Jesus is the Word and the true Light, and counsels us through it.
- Day 6: **Matthew 2:2, 6** – He was born King of the Jews
- Day 7: **1 Timothy 6:14-16** – He is called King of Kings and Lord of lords.
- Day 8: **Luke 2:7** – He was born in a stable, no crib, just a manger for His bed.
- Day 9: **Luke 2:10** -- Angels appeared to the shepherds with Good News of great joy for all people!
- Day 10: **Luke 2:13**– A multitude of angels praised God at Jesus' birth.
- Day 11: **Luke 2:14** – The angels said, "Peace among men with whom He is pleased."
- Day 12: **Luke 2:15** – The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to check it out.

- Day 13: **Luke 1:46-47**
- Day 14: **Luke 1:50**
- Day 15: **Luke 2:16**
- Day 16: **Luke 2:17**
- Day 17: **Luke 2:18**
- Day 18: **Luke 2:19**
- Day 19: **Luke 2:30-31**
- Day 20: **Luke 2:32**
- Day 21: **Luke 3:36-38**
- Day 22: **Matthew 2:1-2**
- Day 23: **Matthew 2:10-11**
- Day 24: **Luke 1:30-33**

On Christmas Day, read the entire Christmas story in **Luke 2:1-20**.

Oh come, let us adore Him! Let the Christmas story bring great joy and awesome wonder as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May we, like the shepherds and wise men, fall down and worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Have a wonderful and blessed Advent Season and Christmas!



Nechama volunteers: are going to be leaving December 14 and 15 across those two days. They are wrapping up here but not necessarily on a permanent basis.

Utilities: Electricity was higher than anticipated mainly due to the volunteers in the fellowship hall.

Outdoor electric for driveway luminaries: Kurt Angersbach made a device that reduces the amount of wattage needed. We will use this device Christmas eve.

Mortgage: The balance as of October is **\$188,649**.

Call committee update: Pastor Joan has put together a survey series of **eight questions** to be put to the congregation each week. Church attendees will find them in the bulletin or members can pick them up in the Narthex and return them to a box after filling them out. Each week will pose a different question.

The purpose is to put together a ministry profile of our church. The questions will help the call committee figure out what kind of pastor we really want.

Something else that can be very helpful is to have **people apply to be on the call committee**. On the application they would write their qualifications. Why do you think you are qualified to be on the call committee? What experience or gift do you bring to the call committee? That can help Council to choose the call committee. Ideally, more people will apply than necessary.

From the questions and application the call committee and profile ministry will be determined.

Be conscientious in choosing the call committee. We need your cooperation and questions answered so they understand where they need to go. The answers to the questions can be submitted anonymously.

Revised directory: Anne does a terrific job keeping up with our directory changes. The new directory will come out in February.

Annual meeting: was held on Sunday, Nov 18 in the sanctuary because the volunteers were in the Fellowship hall. The budget submitted by the Resource committee was approved and six Council members were elected.

They are: Dwight Boucher, Ruth Delvecchio, Ken Kean, Annette Krapf, Dianne Siew and Geoff Wilson.

Submitted by Bob Grecker, Council Secretary

OUR ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER 2018

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 WORSHIP	11:00 WORSHIP	TOTAL WORSHIP
OCT. 28	12	67	88	155
NOV. 4	16	74	98	172
NOV. 11	12	60	98	158
NOV. 18	12	61	107	168
NOV. 25	9	58	87	145

THANK YOU to Thrivent member Dianne Siee for directing her Choice Dollars to our Debt Reduction Fund.



We have received a donation from Barry & Jessica Hatoway in memory of Bob Santors.

We have received a donation from Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association in memory of Nancy Ellis,

WE RECEIVE MAIL --

To the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me with the Elizabeth Bates Handy scholarship this year. It is my honor to accept it and use it toward my educational expenses at Anderson University. You, along with all the members of our church, have been instrumental in my spiritual growth since birth. I believe, with your continued support and prayers, my walk in faith will strengthen and grow at this University.

It was great to see so many of you last Sunday during my fall break. I look forward to seeing more of you during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Please keep praying for me as I work to finish my first semester strong.

Love, Wilson

No **SUPPER CLUB** in November. December Supper Club will be on Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m. at Gulfstream Cafe. A \$ 10.00 gift exchange will be done – not mandatory. Bring a gift – take a gift.

No **PAIRS & SPARES** in December. January Pairs & Spares will be catered by Goldfinch Funeral Home. Reservations are required. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

SAVE YOUR CHANGE – December has five Sundays. Youth will take up their Noisy Offering on Sunday, December 30. Proceeds will benefit a local charity. Please be generous.



The **Christmas Cookie Sale** is coming up fast; December 15th, 10:AM to 2:PM.

Volunteers are still needed:

Dec 6th 10AM to 4:PM to make decorations

Dec 14th 10AM to 4:PM to set up

Dec 15th 9:30AM -4:PM.- one Greeter, three for Check Out. one Rover

Even if you have just a few hours, please join us. Debbie 843-457-3547



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jessica Hatoway
Chip Booker
- 3 Winnie Niemetz
- 4 Donald Pasocello
- 5 Wanda Simmons
- 6 Bobbi Sands
- 8 A.J. Perez
- 12 Leroy Alford
- 14 Jeff Dresch
Bill Slocki
- 15 Sharyn Lackey
Jill Saenz
- 16 Barbara Miller
- 19 Darlene Henderson
Pam Garbett
- 21 Donald Miller
Jackie Altman

- 23 Kayla Alford
Mark Hilb
Tom Hilb
- 24 Ginny Calabrese
- 25 Barry Hatoway
- 27 Jackson Eisenhardt
- 28 Regina Vaughan
- 31 Joyce Metts
Geoffry Deans

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lowell & Judy Ray
- 17 A.J. & Regine Perez
- 18 Keith & Bonnie Van Gundy
- 21 Rick & Joyce Reagan
- 28 Ralph & Ruth Delvecchio
- 30 Tom & Stacey Pardue



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Christmas for Christ

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion	3 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	4 10:00 Prayer 7:00 Handbells	5 10:30 Social MT Noon AA 6:00 Choir	6 Make decorations for Cookie Sale 7:00 Bible Study	7	1 9:00 Church Decoration 8:30 Men's BKFT 5:00 Supper Club
9 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	10 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	11 10:00 Prayer 7:00 Handbells	12 10:00 Prayer Noon AA 6:00 Choir	13 7:00 Bible Study	14 Set-up & Decorate & Deliver Cookies	15 10:00 – 2:00 COOKIE SALE
16 CANTATA 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion 2:00 Cong. Gathering	17 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	18 10:00 Prayer 7:00 Handbells	19 10:00 Prayer Noon AA 6:00 Choir	20 7:00 Bible Study	21	22
23 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 CANDLELIGHT 8:00 SERVICES	25 CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS	26 Noon AA 6:00 Choir	27 7:00 Bible Study	28	29
Noisy Offering Sunday 30 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	New Year's Eve 31		ON THE FIRST SUNDAY of each month you are Invited to bring non-perishable food and Monetary offerings for CAP. Please place food In the CAP box and monetary offerings in the Jar. THANK YOU!			

LAY ASSISTANTS

8:30 Ken Ballington
11:00 Jessica Hatoway

ACOLYTES

Hope Willwerth
Sara Goff

USHERS 8:30

Shirley Dresch
Collette McLachlan

USHERS 11:00

Barry Hatoway
Gayne Wray

GREETERS 8:30

Nellie Cline
Nancy Wrigley

GREETERS 11:00

Frank Ricupero
Elizabeth Ricupero

FLOWERS

Dec. 2 Jill Cox
Dec. 9 Nancy Wrigley
Dec. 16 K & B Van Gundy
Dec. 23 Poinsettias
Dec. 30 Open

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Dresch