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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated on Sunday, December 25 and the 12 days following. The schedule of Liturgy for Christmas is as follows:

Saturday, December 24

- 3:00pm*** Vigil Mass of the Nativity
- 7:00pm*** Children's Mass of the Angels
- 11:00pm*** Solemn High Midnight Mass of the Shepherds

** Musical Preludes begin at 2:30, 6:30 and 10:30pm*

Sunday, December 25

- 9:30am** Solemn High Mass of the People

Wednesday, December 28

- 8:30am** Mass for the Holy Innocent Children Martyrs of Bethlehem

Sunday, January 1

- 9:30am** Mass for the Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, January 6

- 10:30am** Mass for the Epiphany of Our Lord at the Keystone Room of the Buchanan Building at Masonic Village

- 7:00pm** Mass for the Epiphany of Our Lord (followed by Family Game Night)

Please note that the usual Saturday evening Liturgy will not be celebrated on December 24 or 31 and that on both Sundays, December 25 and January 1, there will only be one Liturgy.



Don't miss the
Holiday Parade
Saturday,
December 10
preceded by
the
Cookie Bake Sale



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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of disciples called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to receive and share the light of Christ through liturgy, fellowship, education, witness and service.

Picture of the month...



Participants in Trunk or Treat include: Chas Bibleheimer(Grover), Luke Sites(Big Bird), Vicki Yaider(Elmo), Jasmine Bucher(The Count), Kevin Gane(Oscar the Grouch), Albert Domines(Bert), Levi Sites(Ernie), Priscilla Domines(Abby Cadabby), Leah Sites (Cookie Monster), Genna McDonald(Snufflepagus), and Madeline Pelna(Zoe).

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Reflections from the Senior Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Welcome to a new Church Year! With the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany we contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation-- God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. We do not celebrate the birth of a great teacher, philosopher, prophet, healer or miracle worker. Jesus is all of those things, but the gospels are clear that he is God in human flesh. The truth of this season is that in love and mercy, God united himself to our humanity, so that by his grace, humanity may participate in his divinity. This was God's plan all along. It was not something new that God decided to do. Since the very first sin in the Garden of Eden, God promised that one of Eve's own children would crush the serpents head (not without wounds of course). So let's consider the story of our salvation—how God gradually revealed his plan of salvation over time:

God said, "Let there be light," and after a long while an angel knocked at Mary's door. There are two essential points to the Bible's creation story: God made it and it has possibilities, that is, it's good. Not perfect, just good. If it were perfect there would be nothing to do. It would be boring. So it's just good and where humanity is concerned, it's **very** good; we have many possibilities.

These possibilities mean we have choices that range from life to death. We may choose life, which means choosing God, which means openness to all possibilities for human thriving. Or we may choose death, which means choosing our meager company in place of God's hospitality. But God is God; he will not have his hospitality denied. So the angel's mission to Mary is provided.

The angel's journey follows a trajectory. It begins in the promises given to Adam and Eve and in the Noah story where God rejects tantrums as his way of dealing with our deadly choices. The angel's coming shines in Abraham who trusted God's promises of a great people to spring from the womb of his barren wife Sarah. It dazzles in the

stories of Moses and Israel and their liberation from Egypt's slavery to being the worldly blessing it was promised Abraham they would be. Israel's later forgetfulness clouds the angel's brightness, but Israel's prophets pay attention to the light in the clouds and truly forecast Israel's return to her task of blessing all peoples. Finally, the angel arrives... at Mary's door.

Mary hears that she is to bear a son, beginning right now, who will be the surprising fulfillment of all Israel's hopes for a new world where possibilities would be lively ones. She will by God the Spirit, *temporarily* conceive what is *eternally* begotten of God the Father, and thus give God the Son the gift of flesh and blood and human presence in the world. As his Father's incarnate Word and heart he will make the hospitable choices we refuse. Thus will Adam and Eve's family be made new, whole and lively.

As we celebrate the mystery of God's Word-made-flesh during this Advent and Christmas season, Celia, Lydia, Priscilla, Albert and I want to wish all of our family at CELC a blessed season. May your celebration of our Lord's coming, birth and revelation strengthen your faith, increase your hope and fill you with his love.

In obedience to the Gospel,



Pastor A.J. Domines

FYI & THINGS TO KNOW



**RETURN
ANGEL TREE
GIFTS BY
DEC. 11**



**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING &
POT LUCK
SUPPER
Wednesday,
DECEMBER 21
at 6:00pm**



AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

**December 11, 2022
Sunday at 4:00pm**

Based on the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols at King's College in Cambridge, this service features music and scripture focusing on the prophecy and the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Led by the Chancel Choir of Christ Lutheran and featuring guest musicians, this service is the perfect way to begin your Christmas celebrations.



FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOR A NEW YEAR'S EVE

**December 31, 2022
Saturday at 4:30pm**



This year we bring back one of Christ Lutheran's time honored traditions. A celebration of the talents of our youth musicians, this recital will feature not only solo performers but all pieces from our youth choir and hand-bell ensemble. This concert is a part of our Welcome 2023 celebration.

OUT & ABOUT



Jackie & Brian Lewis participate in Trunk or Treat on October 31 with a Harry Potter theme



Jonathan Loomis, Marcia Domines, Ruth Long (above), Jackie Grater and Cheryl Boyd (below) serve at the Loves & Fishes Café. On November 17, 87 persons and 27 households were served.



Levi Sites, Genna and Steven McDonald enjoy Camp Kirchenwald along with other youth in retreat, October 28-30.



Social Ministry Committee members Jackie Grater, Pam Wolgemuth and Jane McDonald pack College Student Care Kits.

Celebrating Birthdays

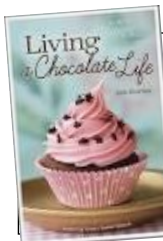
December 1	Andrew Goodman	December 14	Jean Peck	December 22	Joan Ressel
December 6	Hailey Baum	December 15	Doris Ecklund Derek Mathias Thomas Shaud	December 23	Connar Beck
December 7	Dennis Brown		Ronald Shubert Viola Walmer	December 24	Michael Hensel
December 8	Mason Baum Ken Shields	December 16	Patricia Dupes Denny Yaider, Jr.	December 25	Owen Brown Mary Hinish
December 9	Ryan Baum Ben Emrick Carol Faiola Betty Herr Debra Reynolds	December 17	Cathy Krall	December 26	Harold Dovey Don Good
December 11	Helga Dieffenbach Quinn Gingrich	December 19	David Caskey Albert J. Domines, III	December 27	Joan Earhart
December 12	Gregg Hitz, Jr. Richard Marshall	December 20	Amy Duffitt Sue Good	December 28	Tad Kuntz Karen Wynne
December 13	Sarah Chapman	December 21	Greg Marron	December 29	Terry Gehman Joanne Gutshall
				December 30	Ryan Risser
				December 31	Derrick McDonald

Baptismal Anniversaries for December

December 1	Suzanne Lloyd Jeannette Thomas	December 12	Donna Williams	December 24	Stacey Leedom Janice Mills Virginia Moyer Sandy Werkheiser
December 2	Meghan Milici	December 14	Patricia Mantey	December 25	Joanne Hariu Ty Pinkerton
December 3	Marge Sweeney	December 15	Tyler Bixler Ross Buettner	December 28	Greg Gobrecht
December 4	Brian Cozzens Madeline Pelna	December 19	Al Hoehn Kathryn Szymanski	December 29	Emma Brill Emma Buettner Bill Gingrich
December 6	Melanie Hensel Lukas Rebman	December 20	Hailey Baum	December 31	Derrick McDonald
December 7	Joan Leedom Abbegayle Lutz	December 21	Dianna Kishbaugh	December	Connor Chapman
December 11	Sarah Brill	November 16	Colleen Sites		

wednesday
BASIX

Basix Themes For December:
12/7 - St. Nick
12/14 - Angels Everywhere
12/21 - Pot Luck & Decorating
12/28 - No Basix tonight



Women's Bible Study
Mon., DEC. 5 at 7pm
 Book discussion continues
 "Living the Chocolate Life"

Thank you

I would like to say thank you for the cards, phone calls, prayers and flowers following my recent accident. A special thanks to Pastor Domines and Pastor Kliner for their visits and communion. It is good to attend the church services again.

Lorraine Moyer

Church Family

Thank you for remembering me with the altar flowers after the death of my brother Ray Unger. Also a thank you to Dixie Kaley for delivering them. Your thoughts were appreciated.

God Bless,
Anna Mae Levering

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful fall arrangement following my recent hospital stay. I enjoy it every day. Also, I really appreciate Pastor Jerry for visiting with me at the hospital. Glad for your company.

Sincerely,
Beverly Geesey

So grateful for prayer in and around my foot surgery! Thanks to Jackie Lewis for bringing the beautiful white flowers, to pastor Domines for his calls and concern

Janet Burd



Those in need

Nancy Schreffler
Bill Lloyd
Leonard Smith
John Killian
Lori Seaman
Joanne Ferrari
Tina Fultz
Mick Sexton
Harry Druck
Trevor Huntley
Jaima Kishbaugh
Tom Soltzyk

Pastor Paul Baranek
Pastor Jeremy Loesch
Juana Ritchey
Tom Cullen
Deb Morgan
Bunny Ditchfield
Bob Jones
Britney Wagnes
Kristin Dunn
Leann Lawson
June & Charles Dunn
Allen Wood
David White
Joyce Moore

Patricia Kieffer
Vi Soper
Roy Miller
Curtis Clugston
Ken Stolfus
Stephanie Geib
Toney Stewart
Wendy & Joshua
Quattlebaum
Joshua & Wynne
Munn
Ray Hoaster
Rob & Ash Law

Homebound...

Jean Peck
Doris Bitting
Al Hoehn
Sharon Switzer
Nancy Schreffler
Viola Walmer
Ann Dyke
Grace Rhen
Ralph Rissmiller
Amelia Taylor
Ed Warburton
Iva Campbell

Betty Ferraro
Bob Gitt
Barbara George
John & Rosemary
Killian
Betty McNaughton
Robert Emberger

The Departed:

Patrick Munn
Scott Wolgemuth
Barbara Shertzer
Robert Gingrich

At the Masonic Village HealthCare Center

Mary Ellen Bahn, Roosevelt 2
Lester Dupes, Roosevelt 4
Helen Ebersole, Washington 3
Helen Myers, Roosevelt 2
Catherine Plummer
Roosevelt 4
Bette Fischer Transitional Care

Other Facilities

Doris Koppenhaver
Oak Hill Center, Middletown
Helga Dieffenbach
Londonderry Village, Palmyra
Beatrice Troutman
Newport Meadows, Christiana, PA
Geraldine Werner
Juniper Village, Bensalem, PA
Harold & Doris Dovey
Shannondell Village, Audubon, PA

Advent Calendars and Candles

and devotional material is available in the church office and the Narthex.

A \$5 donation for the Advent Candles is appreciated. Any questions, contact Celia Domines, 717-367-2786.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



BE THE DIFFERENCE
DONATE BLOOD

American Red Cross

Tuesday, DECEMBER 20, 2022
Noon—5pm Social Room

Appointments are strongly recommended. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Elizabethtown to schedule an appt.

All donors receive FREE cookies from Rise Bake Shoppe (formerly Country Table Bakery)



Use the Envelope/Order Form with this month's Courier

2022

CHRISTMAS

Gift of Giving

Christ Lutheran Church's Gift of Giving project occurs three times a year, at Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. At Easter and Christmas, seasonal plants are purchased to decorate the church at these festival liturgies and are then delivered to our shut-ins and members of concern. At Pentecost, geraniums are purchased and planted around the church grounds. The monies received over and above the cost of the plants are donated to various organizations in the Elizabethtown area and around the world.

This year's Gift of Giving benefits...



BLESSINGS OF

HOPE

Blessings of Hope is a nonprofit food dissemination center located in Lancaster (and soon in Elizabethtown) created to be a vital link in the

American food chain. Large corporations can efficiently donate food through Blessings of Hope to accomplish zero food waste and give back to the global community. Together with staff and volunteers, Blessings of Hope repackages food into manageable sizes and organizes it for efficient distribution. They produce and deliver the equivalent of 2 MILLION meals every month that empowers regional ministries, churches, disaster relief organizations and food banks to serve their local communities through feeding the hungry and sharing the love of Jesus.



World Central Kitchen

As temperatures across Ukraine drop rapidly, families are preparing for what will be some of the hardest months of the

war to date. Russian attacks have damaged an estimated 40% of Ukraine's power grid, leaving entire communities without access to electricity and heat. For more than eight months, WCK teams have been supporting Ukrainians whose lives have been turned upside down by the invasion. To date they have served more than 175 million meals. Still, more resources are needed—and teams are doing their best to be there for families in their darkest moments. The incredible support World Central Kitchen has received from around the world has made this work possible.

Church Council Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Attendance: Darianne Samples, Priscilla Domines, John Emrick, Vicki Yaider, Terry Thome, Cerrita Reed, Cammy Andersen, Jackie Grater, Pastor Domines, Pastor Kliner, Ken Beard, Cheryl Boyd, Theia Hofstetter

Guests: Deiter Ott, Harold Kristensen

Call to Order/Devotion: The meeting was called to order 7:06 pm. by VP John Emrick. Pastor Domines began the meeting with a reading from the Gospel of Luke, the 19th chapter.

Consent Agenda

September Council Meeting Minutes

Finance Report: Jackie Grater moved to accept as submitted, seconded by Cammy Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2023 Budget was moved for approval by Terry Thome and seconded by Vicki Yaider. Harold Kristensen presented information regarding explanation of funding modifications and changes from prior budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetter Trust Spending Funds Allocation.

Seed money allocation was designated for Worship Space Task Force Architectural Project. 2022 Trust Funds of \$112,000 allocated to Worship Space \$60,000, Carillon \$20,000, and \$32,000 Garage. Jackie Grater motioned to approve, seconded by Vicki Yaider. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Thome motioned to reclassify As Needed Benevolence Funds of \$3,000 for Florida Lutheran World Hurricane Relief. Seconded by Cammy Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Finance-updated Trust information as presented previously.

Property-Nave Ceiling/Steeple repair update.

Fellowship: Updated information on Food Trailer income created by Pam Madonna.

Social Ministry: Angel Tree will be up for Nov. 19/20 services.

Worship: Access has been approved for space for communion services at Masonic Villages James Buchanan Apartments to accommodate our members who reside in that building. Services have been scheduled in the Health Care Center but will alternate on a somewhat monthly basis. Currently services have been scheduled for the first half of 2023.

Youth: Fall Retreat will be held at the end of October at Kirchenwald when the election of the Youth Council Representative will occur as well.

Reminders:

Bank Tellers November: Sat Cammy Andersen: Sun. 8:15 Cerrita Reed Sun. 11:00 John Emrick

Next Council meeting November 8, 2022 at 7pm in the Library.

Special prayers for Bob Gitt and John Killian

Motion to adjourn: Cammy Andersen motioned to adjourn. Pastor Kliner closed with the Lords Prayer.

Crown Making for Christ the King Sunday Sunday School—Kindergarten—3rd Graders



Back l-r: Lincoln Horst, Collin Smith, Drew Goodman, Brooke Goodman, Sofia Paine, Madison Gebhart.
Front l-r: Vivian Heisey, Charlotte Smith, Jacob Sweigart.

CHICKEN BBQ
Lutheran Church
Parking Lot
3-6pm \$12.00
Call 717-367-2786
for tickets

**FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**

FOOD

BINGO

FUN

FIREWORKS

**WELCOME
2023**

at **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
& DOWNTOWN ELIZABETHTOWN**

Sat., DECEMBER 31, 3-7PM

Our community New Year's Eve celebration will include downtown locations as well as Christ Lutheran Church and Heritage House Museum.



Ticket sellers
Pam & Keith Wolgemuth on November 20.

**New Year's Eve
BBQ Tickets
On Sale after
every Liturgy
in the Parlor.**

**Preordered Frasier Fir
Christmas Wreaths and
Window Swags** will be available for pickup **Saturday, December 3** from 9:00am to 11:00am or **Sunday, December 4** after after each Liturgy in the Lodge.



Holy Eucharist Services at Masonic Village for 2023



Beginning in January, CELC will hold communion services on certain festival days, alternating between the Roosevelt Room in the Health Care Center and the Keystone Room in the James Buchanan Apartments. We currently have 14 church members residing in Buchanan, so adding more services and dividing them between both locations will enable more of our members who live at Masonic Village to participate.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND.

The schedule for the first half of 2023 is as follows:

Friday, Jan. 6, 10:30am—Keystone Room in James Buchanan (The Epiphany of our Lord)

Thursday, Feb. 2, 10:30am—Roosevelt Room in Health Care Center (The Presentation of our Lord)

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30am—Keystone Room in James Buchanan (St. Mark, Evangelist)

Thursday, May 18, 10:30am—Roosevelt Room in Health Care Center (The Ascension of our Lord)

Thursday, June 29, 10:30am—Keystone Room in James Buchanan, (St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles)

As of now, there is a visitor sign-in procedure and a mask requirement in the Health Care Center, but NOT in James Buchanan. More services will be scheduled later for the remainder of 2023.

Christ Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Advent 2 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School 5:45pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult H'bells 7:15pm Adult Choir	5 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	6	7 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Children/Youth Music/Bible Study Adult Bible Study 7:45pm Youth H'bells	8 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café 6:30pm Fellowship Committee	9	10 Noon-4:00pm Christmas Cookie Sale 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
11 Advent 3 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School 4:00pm Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols No Choir Rehearsals 6:00pm Youth Party	12	13 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council	14 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Children/Youth Music/Bible Study Adult Bible Study 7:45p Youth H'bells	15 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café	16	17 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
18 Advent 4 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School 5:45pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult H'bells 7:15pm Adult Choir	19	20	21 8:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner and Decorating	22 No Loaves & Fishes	23	24 Christmas Eve 3:00pm Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Holy Eucharist 11:00pm Holy Eucharist
25 Christmas 9:30am Holy Eucharist	26 Office Closed	27	28 8:30am Holy Eucharist	29 No Loaves & Fishes	30	31 3:00-7:00pm Welcome 2023 4:30pm Festival of Music For a New Year's Eve

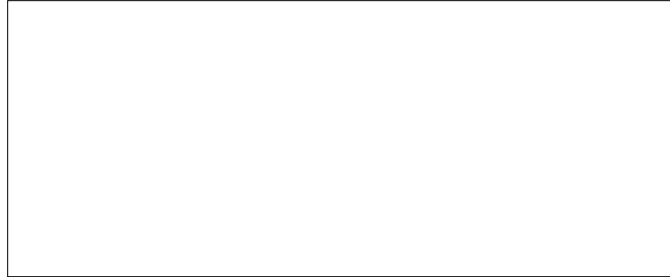
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9th ANNUAL
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FIREWORKS BINGO MUSIC SURPRISES!
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND DOWNTOWN ELIZABETHTOWN
Featuring famous...
KAUFFMAN'S BBQ Chicken
Sat, DECEMBER 31, 2022, 3-7 pm
\$12.00 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Roll & Butter, Apple Sauce & Water
125 E. HIGH ST., ELIZABETHTOWN, PA
717-367-2786

TICKETS NOW ON SALE
FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE
CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE
Saturday, December 31, 3-7pm
after every Liturgy or at the Church Office.

The... The... The... GRINCH is coming!!!
Merry Grinchmas in E-TOWN
Saturday December 3rd
Follow LIV-ETown for more information



You are invited to participate in the 2022 Gift of Giving. 80 Poinsettia plants will be purchased from the funds received and delivered to our shut-ins and members of concern. Monies received in excess of the cost of the plants will be donated to **Blessings of Hope** and the **World Central Kitchen**.

Contributions of cash or checks (payable to Christ Lutheran Church) must be received by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**. If you are able to deliver plants, sign the sheet in the Narthex. Plants may be picked up after the 9:30am Liturgy on December 25.

In Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

A Thankoffering from _____

*Place this form in the offering plate, mail or drop off at the office by **DECEMBER 18***

2022 Christmas Gift of Giving

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