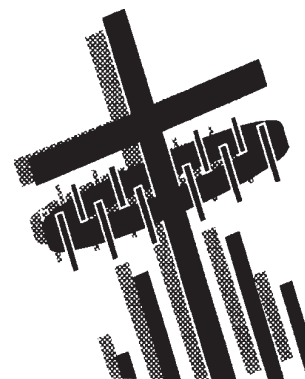


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Advent and Christmas

Advent signals a busy time for individuals, families, and here at church. There are many offerings in December that are designed to enliven your experience of the arrival of the Savior.

To help prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Savior's birth, we are offering devotional materials for your spiritual benefit. Please help yourself to these materials at the table in the narthex. *Hope-Full Living* is for adults who prefer larger print. *Heading for the Manger* is also for adults and teens, containing meditations from great Christian writers of the past. *His Name is Jesus* is for children/families and involves cut out links that make an expanding Advent chain. These resources are available in addition to the regular "Portals of Prayer." If you prefer, "Portals of Prayer," is also available online through www.cph.org. Another good online daily Advent devotional is available through Lutheran Hour Ministries at www.adventdevotions.net

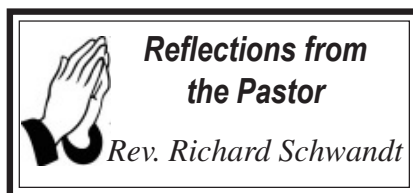
We have wonderful worship opportunities coming up. The Thursday evening service has been discontinued for the remainder of 2019. However, in addition to our two regular Sunday morning services, the following Advent worship services are being offered:

Advent Midweek Worship

'Tis the Advent Season

Wednesday Worship, December 4 at 12:10 and 6:00pm
Soup and sandwich meals at 11:30am and 5:15pm
and

Wednesday Worship, December 11 at 12:10pm
Luncheon at 11:30am



Sunday, December 15

The regular Sunday morning schedule for worship and Sunday School. The Children will present their Christmas Program within the 10:30am service.

Sunday, December 22

The regular Sunday morning schedule for worship and Sunday School. The Adult Choir will present selections from the cantata "Behold the Star" within the 10:30am service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight

7:00pm on Tuesday, December 24
Worship with Holy Communion. Sing "Silent Night" to the flickering light of handheld candles. Enjoy all the special music from the choirs, instrumentals, and brass. Pre-service music begins at 6:45pm.

Christmas Day

There is no worship service this year on Christmas Day.

First Sunday of Christmas

As Sunday, December 29, is a 5th Sunday of the month, we will have one service at 9:30am in the Family Life Center.

There is no "early" or "late" service or Sunday School.

We ask everyone to come together and enjoy the message and songs of the Christmas season for our 9:30am worship.

CLC Notes and News

BOTH LWML groups will meet at 11:30am on **Thursday, December 5th**, for their Christmas luncheon. It will be “A Christmas Special for our Friend, Shelly Baker.” The group will deliver paper goods to the friends in Safe Harbour as our Christmas love.

Please mark your calendar that New Year’s Day, being on Wednesday, our January meeting will be **Thursday, January 2nd**, at 11:30am in the Parish Hall with Anna Newton as hostess and topic leader. Bring mites.

Have a blessed Christmas.



Guiding Through God’s Love

Children’s Christmas program rehearsals begin Sunday, December 1. The annual children’s Christmas program will be held during the 10:30am service on Dec. 15. Rehearsals will be held Dec. 1, 8, and 14. Immediately following the 10:30 service on Dec. 1 nursery–5th grade students will have lunch provided and then rehearse in the FLC until 1:00pm. On Dec. 8 all students (nursery–Senior high) will have lunch and rehearse until 1:00pm. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the dress rehearsal will be from 2:00-3:30pm in the sanctuary. All students will be needed!

The Youth will be selling nuts again this year beginning this Sunday! They have pecans, mixed nuts, chocolate covered raisins, chocolate covered peanuts and chocolate covered almonds. Support our Youth, buy today!



The Board of Evangelism made “Rays of Sunshine” baskets, containing snacks, fruit and an invitation to our church, for several organizations in our neighborhood or who provide services to our church. Baskets were delivered to Griffith Security, Abundant Life Florist, Safe Harbor, Pregnancy Care Center, Patrick Beaver Library, and the Arts & Science Center on behalf of the congregation.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 6:30–10:00am, the Children’s Advocacy and Protection Center will host **Denim & Diamonds**, a fundraising event at The Heritage Barn (2575 Emmanuel Church Rd, Conover). If you would like to help physically & emotionally abused children by volunteering or providing in other ways, contact Adrienne Opdyke, Director (828-465-7665). More info to come!

A Lenoir-Rhyne Christmas 2019

The Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir, College Singers, Brass Ensemble, and String Quartet will present *Peace and Joy: A Lenoir-Rhyne Christmas 2019*. Performances will take place Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30pm. On Saturday, Dec. 7, there will be two performances — 5pm and 7:30pm. All performances occur in Grace Chapel. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Tickets are free of charge for all concert dates and may be picked up at the LR Box Office located in P.E. Monroe Auditorium beginning Monday, Nov. 4. Call 828.328.7206 for ticket information.



The **Zumba Classes** have LOTS of fun! Come join in! Check the calendar, then come check out a class for you!

Dear CLC Family:

Thank you to all who attended the memorial service for my brother, Mike Tucker, on November 2nd. It meant a great deal to our family. Thank you, also, for the memorials received on his behalf. You are all special to us!

Pastor Richard Tucker

--- Altar Flowers ---

November 24: One vase is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary by Jim & Pat Hamby.



O.W.L.S. @ *Sweet Taters* in Conover for their November 13 meeting!

(In attendance, but not seen, is Michael Younghouse, Dan Lail, and Janet Ford.)

The O.W.L.S. will meet at 11:00am on December 11th in the Family Life Center for a brief meeting, then eat at 11:30am with everyone before going to the Advent Service in the sanctuary at 12:10pm. Have a joyous Christmas!



In memory of Evelyn Jarrett

Bea Herman
Martha S. Martin

In memory of Sherry Starks

Libby & Susan Fulbright
Bea Herman
Bob & Nancy Rinehart

In memory of Marcelle Gales

Libby & Susan Fulbright
Bea Herman
Bob & Nancy Rinehart

In memory of Bill Wilson

Nancy Lowrance
Joan & Jane Wilson

In memory of Michael Tucker

Bea Herman
Elaine F. Planzo
Bob & Nancy Rinehart

In memory of Glenn Wilson

Andrea Herbert

THE CHURCH FAMILY

JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

Recovering following hospitalization: Libby Fulbright, Robert Sigmon, Carolyn Smith Lisa Hilton (neighbor of Janet & Allen Ford), Michelle Dehart (d-in-law of Robert & Virginia Sigmon)

Surgery: Allison Godfrey on Wednesday

Undergoing treatments: Wayne Cratty, Michael Baker (son of Judy), Robert Painter, Michelle Hines (friend of Robin Baker), Tammy Fletcher (aunt of Misty Lail), Alice Kopecki (friend of Carmen Divers), Alan Eddelman (friend of Patty Sherrill and daughter, Tracy), Jeff Herman (friend of Linda Sturgill), Angela Cline (cousin of Pat Hamby)

Under doctors' care: Max Baker, Charles Beeker, Brandon Caldwell, Deana Flores, Sonya McLeod, John Sigmon, Randy Smith, Charles Yount, Jason Stephens (son-in-law of John & Karen Sigmon), Catherine Pitts (relative of Tony Lail), Brian Baker (nephew of Judy Baker), Ruby Allmon (mother of Karen Sigmon), Debbie Ball (friend of Jennifer Hughes), Kelly Eckerd (friend of Max Baker), Clayton Baker (brother-in-law of Judy Baker), Sara Helen Moore (mother of Cindy Abromaitis), Ladelle Branch (sister of Linda Gantt), Doris Woody (grandmother of Toshia Phillips), Kathie Albright

Rehabilitation: Marie Deal at TR; Patricia Kraay at home, Bea Kupke at King, NC; Linda McCurdy; Peggy Mays; John Sigmon at home, Carolyn Smith at BC-East; Lee Downs (mother of Roger) at TR; John Depner (cousin of Patricia Kraay) in Michigan; Eugene Hill (brother-in-law of Judy Baker) at home, Ruth Rowland in PA (mother of Dot Grater); Bernadette Wichman at home (sister of Cam Davis)

For shut-ins: Elaine Christianson in TN; Pauline Hefner at Trinity Ridge (TR), Luke Jennings at Springs of Cat.; Shirley Lingle at Cambridge House; Brenda Ritchie at TR; Nell Rudisill in Waxhaw; Carolotta Spruill at Abernethy; Robert Spruill at Hickory Falls; Mike & Diane Urich in MI; Lib Johnson Hobbs at home.

Hospice: Evelyn Ludwig (sister-in-law of Pastor & Kathy Ludwig), Tammy Hines (neighbor of Angie Ewing)

Mission outreach for:

- our ministry of Guiding through God's Love.
- local outreach ministries
- the Little Samaritan Mission in Moldova (orphanages), Joanna Johnson (Taiwan)
- Tim & Beth Heiney with the Muslim Maninka people in Guinea, West Africa



Offerings



November 3: \$12,371.36

November 10: \$3,592.00

November 17: \$4,824.00

November 24: \$4,812.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed:
\$6,094.79.

Capital Improvement Fund
published weekly in bulletin

Total: \$25,599.36

December 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur-
1st Sunday in Advent 1 8:15a Contemporary Service ☩ 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Nursery-5 th Grade Children's Prog. reh. 6:00p Confirmation	2 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	3 	4 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 11:30a Meal 12:10p Advent Service 5:00p Adult Choir reh. 5:15p Meal 6:00p Advent Service 7:00p Adult Handbells	5 Bulletin Deadline 11:30a LWML Luncheon 7:00p CMT	6 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	7 
8 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship ☩☩ 11:30a Nursery-Sr. High Children's Prog. reh. 4:30p Elders	9 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	10 7:00p Church Council	11 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 11:00a O.W.L.S. 11:30a Meal 12:10p Advent Service 6:00p Ad. Choir 7:00p Ad. Handbells	12 Bulletin Deadline 6:30p Bd. of Youth 7:00p CMT	13 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	14 11:30a Secret Santa (FLC) 2:00p Dress reh. for Children's Program
15 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:15a Contemporary Service ☩ 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	16 NEWSLETTER Deadline 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	17 	18 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 10:30a Soup Kitchen 6:00p Ad. Choir 6:45p YMT (FLC) 7:00p Ad. Handbells	19 Bulletin Deadline 7:00p CMT	20 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	21 
22 4th Sunday in Advent 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship ☩☩	23 NO Zumba Class	24 7:00p Christmas Eve Worship	25  Church Office Closed	26 Bulletin Deadline 7:00p CMT	27 NO Zumba Class	28 11:30a Feed the Needy (PH)
29 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30a ONE Service of Worship (FLC)	30 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 6:00p Kenworth Neighborhood Assn. Mtg. at CLC	31 				Holy Communion ☩ - early ☩☩ - late

December 2019 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!

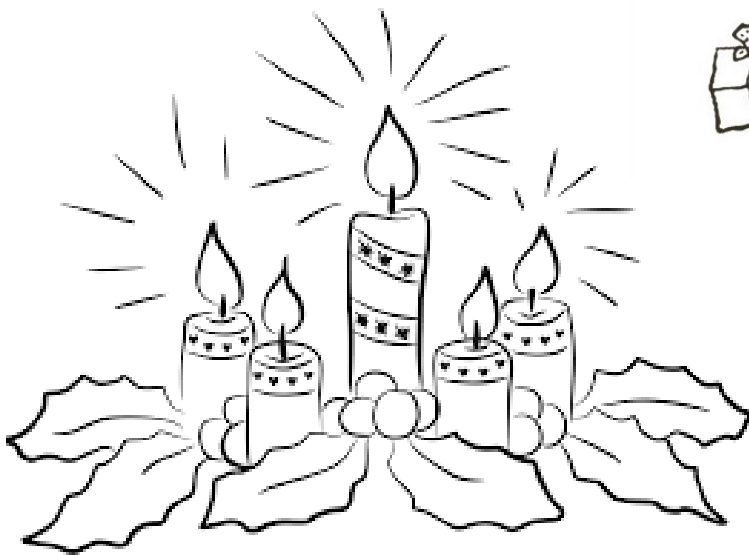
1	Johnathan Griffith	12	Bobby Spruill
2	Keith Lee		Robert Spruill
	Nancy Rinehart	15	John Abernathy
4	James Morton		Brenda Ritchie
	Kelsey Wall	16	Shirley Lee
5	Jack Divers	17	Rick Lail
	Michael Kane	18	Shant' Aaron Bryant
	Sadie Lail	20	Betsy Downs
7	Bill Lail		Pat Hamby
8	Tim Bolch	21	Hudson Hedemark
9	Marie Deal		Juanita Isenhower
	Dylan Kiziah		Annis Shields
	Diana Rink		Eric Yount
11	David Abernathy	22	Mindy Hamby
	Bryan Isenhour		Teresa Mays
	Sonda McFarland	23	Doggy Flores

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
20	Ken & Sue McLeod
22	Michael & Libba Juerges
28	Bernie & Mari Pat Oyaas
29	Tim & Maria Gruppen
31	Christian & Ashley Hicks
26	Tom Shields
27	Calvin Buchanan
	Glenn Roseman
28	Megan Lail
29	Jorge Colato
	Preston Wall
30	Jackson Godfrey
	Cecilia Shoup

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Assistant	Richard Tucker	Deb Kastner	James Deal	Nancy Rinehart	Wendy Wilson
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Acolyte	Madison Childers	Noah Lail	Thomas Bedzinski	Viviann Wall	n/a
Elder	Brian Rose	Deborah Hefner	John Sigmon	Jim Hamby	Romona Reep
Counters	Jim & Lois Hunt	Darryl & Dot Grater	Mark & Deb Kastner	Pat Hamby Angela Watts	Allen & Janet Ford
Sound	Mark Kastner	Jennifer Hughes		Bryan Isenhour	Bryan Isenhour
Media	Annis Shields	Tim Gabe	Susan Fulbright	Rick Lail	Janet Ford
Nursery			Teresa Mays		
Host	Pat Hamby	Betty Link	Brian Rose	Shawn Terry	Linda Crary
Altar Guild	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt
Greeters	Robin Baker	Jane Thompson	Judy Baker	Janet Ford Judy Baker	Nancy Rinehart
Usher	Team #1 John Sigmon	Team #2 Robert Painter	Team #3 Randall Mays	Team #4 Darryl Grater	Team #2 Robert Painter
Security Team	Jason Lail	C.W. Meadows	Chris Mundy	Britt Griffith	Jimmy Gantt

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