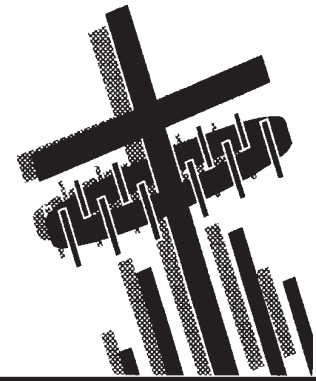


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Comments



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## A Glad New Year

The song lyrics “Christ the Savior is born” proclaim the reason for the gladness of the season and invite us to look to the calendar year with hopeful expectation. (The New Church Year began with Advent back on December 1.)

As the story moves from the angels to the Wise Men, so we move from the Christmas season to that of Epiphany (starting January 6). God the Father has given his Son to repair what sin has broken, to restore our relationship with God. Glory to God! His good will and peace now abide with each of us. It is with this gladness that we begin year 2020.

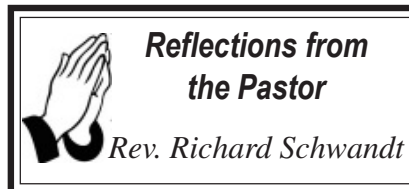
We join the angels in giving glory to God, and we go out with the Wise Men to tell his story.

Looking back at 2019, I give thanks for the selfless, loving service that so many of you have given to Christ’s ministry through our congregation this past year. Much of this service was done through “regular,” ongoing ministries where people willingly gave of themselves — for example — serving on boards, teaching, visiting, giving rides, cooking, ushering, and participating in music ministry. I increasingly hear, too, of our members who individually volunteer with community ministries such as CCM, Soup Kitchen, and Habitat. Other members work for a better community through service groups. In all our

servicing we seek to bring the loving presence of Christ to people. Thank you, too, for your financial gifts during this past year both for our general ministry and for our special funds.

As you will recall from previous newsletters, my work schedule will change now for 2020. I call it “repositioning”. I will be working the equivalent of three-quarter time. Each month I will take a week off. The time that I will be away will be published in the bulletin. During that week, Pastor Tucker will be on call to attend to pastoral care matters. Very soon you will hear

of the establishment of a Call Committee that will do the ground work on the calling of my successor. As of now, I expect to retire around midyear.



We go forward into **2020** with a glad heart in Jesus Christ. There are challenges and opportunities ahead. We go forward with Christ in the strength of His Word and Sacraments. We go forward individually, as families, and as the family of God at Christ Lutheran, asking for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and provision, and praying:

*O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,  
Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year.  
Amen, Jesus hear us.*

(LSB 390, vs. 4)

# CLC Notes and News

## LWML Christmas Luncheon

On Thursday, December 5, we had a Special Christmas party for our special guest, Shelly Baker. Those present were Rita Roseman and her friend Sandy, Pastor and Jean Schwandt, Dave and Kathy Ludwig, Anna Newton, Bea Herman, Alice Yount, Carmen Divers, Janet Ford, Linda Bolick, Judy Baker, and of course Shelly Baker.

There was wonderful food and fellowship.

A beautiful Christmas poem was read by the author, Carmen Divers. And a song was sung by the group and Pastor Ludwig.

(See the pictures!)



**The Sunday Night LWML** begins a new year on January 19 at 6:00pm in the FLC Conference Room. The Bible Study is “Beautiful Marks.” Bring your winter quarterly and mites.

## Guiding Through God’s Love

### 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!



## Not That Long Ago

An incredible number of our members have been called home to heaven over the past fourteen months. It is an unprecedented number at least for the years that I have been here.

When our beloved member Marcelle Gales died in October, I went to my file to review what Marcelle and I had done for her mother's (Vesta Hawn) funeral in February 1999. In those notes I found this anecdote. *When I visited with Vesta Hawn on February 3, 1994, she told me that she remembers going with horse and buggy from Newton to Statesville and fording the Catawba River. She got scared when the water came up to her feet in the buggy.* Vesta was born in 1902. Remarkable, isn't it, to think that the incident which she recalled is now only about 110 years ago and of the progress that has been made with transportation since that time!

Pastor S

**Thank you** for the many expressions of love that we have received during the Advent/Christmas season. We pray that God's richest blessings be with you and your families in the New Year.

The Schwandts, the Ludwigs, Richard, Janet, Danny, Deb, Rebecca, Kat, Nancy R., and Jill.

### --- Altar Flowers ---

**December 15:** Given to the Glory of God by Bob and Nancy Rinehart.

**December 22:** Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Juanita Eisenhower's birthday (Dec. 21) by her family.



*Dear Christ Lutheran Church:*

*Thank you for the basket of fruit and snacks. It was very thoughtful. Our office staff and I really enjoyed all the treats. Very nice gesture!*

*Britt Griffith*

*Griffith Security*

*Dear CLC:*

*Thank you for supporting GHCCM. Your gift makes a direct impact on the lives of those most in need. We could not continue to offer Hope, Help and Healing for all without your generosity!*

*Kathy Wood*

*Executive Director, GHCCM*

*Dear CLC:*

*Thank you for partnering with us in ministering to the needy in our community. Generous gifts like yours make it possible for us to help meet the increasing needs of those who are hungry in our area. We depend upon faithful friends like you to enable us to continue to address their needs. Thank you for putting your compassion into action. Wow! You all are amazing! It's been a great year at the Soup Kitchen. Thank you for making it happen!*

*Sincerely,*

*Austin Pearce, Executive Director  
Hickory Soup Kitchen*

**Our November Harvest Food Table** brought in a lot of food! When delivered, it weighed in at 484 pounds!! Way to go, CLC!!! Our next collection will be during the month of May.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE STUDY & YOUTH NEWS

**January Family Night:** Plan to make Family Night one of your New Year's resolutions! Our next Family Night will be on January 19, with a dinner of chicken casserole at 5:15pm. Activities begin at 6pm and include Confirmation for middle-schoolers, Sunday LWML meeting, Adult Bible Study, and activities for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**New Bible Study Offered:** The Small Group, which meets in the FLC Conference Room at 9:15am on Sundays, will start a new video study on January 5. "The Parables of Jesus" is a series that covers six of Jesus' parables: 1) Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast; 2) Two Debtors; 3) The Prodigal Son; 4) Treasure and Pearls; 5) The Wedding Banquet; 6) Sheep and Goats. Each session is taught by a different biblical expert with specialized areas of knowledge. Join us in discovering the deeper meaning in these parables.

**Among the unchurched,  
55% said they would attend  
church if invited  
by a family member.  
And 51% said they would  
attend church  
if invited by a friend or  
neighbor.**

Thom S. Rainer



**The first 2020 O.W.L.S. meeting** will be Wednesday, January 8, at 11:00am in the church Parish Hall. Austin Pearce from the Hickory Soup Kitchen will be our guest speaker. Austin will speak about new and existing programs that the Soup Kitchen has to offer our homeless and unemployed in the Hickory area. All those interested are invited whether you are O.W.L.S. age (50+) or not. Afterward, we will have a covered dish meal. Conversation, Fellowship and Food! What more could you ask! See you there! Questions?? Call Janet Ford (828-294-0696). Plan to join us!



**The 2019 Altar Flowers calendar** is posted on the bulletin board for all to sign-up for Altar Flowers for the coming year. Flowers are \$25 per vase/\$50 for both and is due by the date. If you desire special flowers (color, type, etc.), please call the church office (328-1483) at least **2 weeks before** because the florist will need to order. Please call the church office for the wording in the bulletin by Wednesday of the week before. Thank you!

# MORE NEWS....

## CAROLING 2019



Caroling to  
Patricia Kraay

We caroled at Trinity Ridge for Pauline Hefner, Brenda Ritchie, Misty Lail's mother and Roger Downs' mother.



# THE CHURCH FAMILY

## JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

**Hospitalized:** Libby Fulbright at Catawba

**Recovering:** Allison Godfrey, Rick Setzer, Lisa Hilton (neighbor of Janet & Allen Ford), Linda Drum at TR (mother of Misty Lail), Greta Putman (sister of Janie Lail)

**For those who mourn** the death of Ethel Lail

**Undergoing treatments:** Michael Baker (son of Judy), Robert Painter, Michelle Hines (friend of Robin Baker), Tammy Fletcher (aunt of Misty Lail), Alan Eddelman (friend of Patty Sherrill and daughter, Tracy), Jeff Herman (friend of Linda Sturgill), Angela Cline (cousin of Pat Hamby), Caitlan Reese (friend of Betty Bolick)

**Under doctors' care:** Max Baker, Charles Beeker, Brandon Caldwell, Wayne Cratty, Deana Flores, Sonya McLeod, Pat Powell, 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), Kathie Albright

**Rehabilitation:** Marie Deal at home; Patricia Kraay at home; Bea Kupke at King, NC; Linda McCurdy; Peggy Mays; John Sigmon at home; 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 Brian Center East; 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; Carolyn Smith at home

**Hospice:** Doris Woody (grandmother of Toshia Phillips), Steve Sigmon (friend of Phyllis Kane)

### **Mission outreach for:**

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



### **In memory of Evelyn Jarrett**

Martha S. Martin

### **In memory of Terri Sigmon**

Brad & Melanie Shinaman

## Offerings



**November 27:** \$ 342.75

**December 1:** \$ 3,834.00

**December 8:** \$ 4,776.25

**December 15:** \$ 3,999.22

**December 22:** \$ 8,264.50

**December 24:** \$2,274.00

**December 29:** \$6,205.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed:  
\$6,094.79.



Capital Improvement Fund  
published weekly in bulletin

**Total: \$ 29,695.72**



# January 2020

# Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Holy Communion</b> † - early †† - late			<b>1</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:30a LWML 6:15p Worship 7:00p CMT	<b>3</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>4</b> 
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> after Christmas</b> 8:15a Contemporary Service † 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 6:00p Confirmation	<b>6</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 11:00a O.W.L.S. 6:00p Adult Choir reh. 7:00p Adult Handbells	<b>9</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 6:30p Bd. of Youth 7:00p CMT	<b>10</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship ††	<b>13</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>14</b> 11:00a Bd. of Evangelism	<b>15</b> 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 10:30a Soup Kitchen 6:00p Ad. Choir 7:00p Ad. Handbells	<b>16</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 7:00p CMT 	<b>17</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany</b> 8:15a Contemporary Service † 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 5:15p Family Night Meal 6:00p Confirmation, LWML, Adult Bible Study, K-5 Act./ Music	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER Deadline</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 6:00p Ad. Choir 6:45p YMT (FLC) 7:00p Ad. Handbells	<b>23</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 7:00p CMT	<b>24</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>25</b> 11:30a <i>Feed the Needy</i> (PH)
<b>26</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> after Epiphany</b> 8:15a Contemporary Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship ††	<b>27</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 6:30p Kenworth Neighborhood Assn. Mtg. at Mt. Zion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:15a Chair Zumba 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 6:00p Ad. Choir 7:00p Ad. Handbells	<b>30</b> <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 7:00p CMT	<b>31</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	

**January 2020 Birthdays and Anniversaries**  
***Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!***

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 3  | Karen Miller     | 16 | Janice Buchanan  |
| 4  | Tanya Sigmon     | 18 | Bea Kupke        |
| 5  | Hannah Fulbright | 21 | Janet Matthews   |
| 9  | James Deal       | 29 | Skyla Walker     |
|    | Shirley Lingle   | 31 | Rachel Abernathy |
| 10 | Thomas Bedzinski |    | Linda Gantt      |
|    | Mark Colato      |    | Deborah Hefner   |
|    | Robin Turner     |    |                  |
| 11 | Patricia Kraay   |    |                  |
| 12 | Jason Lail       |    |                  |
| 13 | Heather Jenkins  |    |                  |
| 14 | Bill Borchardt   |    |                  |
|    | Emma Roseman     |    |                  |
| 15 | Allison Higgins  |    |                  |

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
12	Thomas & Robin Turner
30	Stephen & Amanda Lemaire



	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	
<b>Assistant</b>	Chris Mundy	Tim Bolch	Sarah Nelson	Bob Rinehart	
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<b>Acolyte</b>	Kayli Mathews	Madison Childers	Noah Lail	Thomas Bedzinski	
<b>Elder</b>	Ronnie Cline	Brian Rose	Deborah Hefner	John Sigmon	
<b>Counters</b>	Bill & Pat Powell	Jim & Lois Hunt	Darryl & Dot Grater	Mark & Deb Kastner	
<b>Sound</b>	Mark Kastner	Jennifer Hughes		Bryan Isenhour	
<b>Media</b>	Karla Bolch	Tim Gabe		Susan Fulbright	
<b>Nursery</b>			Teresa Mays		
<b>Host</b>	Mary Puett	Robin Baker	Anna Newton	Pat Hamby	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Fulbright	Susan Fulbright	Susan Fulbright	Susan Fulbright	
<b>Greeters</b>	Robin Baker	Jane Thompson	Judy Baker	Janet Ford	
<b>Usher</b>	Team #1 John Sigmon	Team #2 Robert Painter	Team #3 Randall Mays	Team #4 Darryl Grater	
<b>Security Team</b>	Randalls Mays	Jimmy Gantt	Rick Lail	Tommy Hefner	

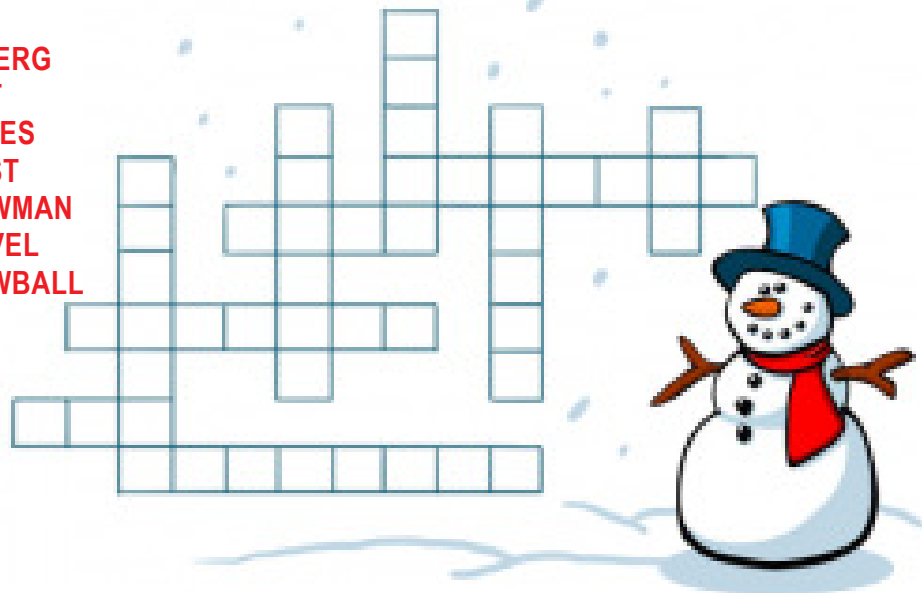


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# Connection

## Winter Crossword

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- HAT
- ICEBERG
- COAT
- ICICLES
- FROST
- SNOWMAN
- SHOVEL
- SNOWBALL



## WINTER THINGS

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