



+Christian Symbol+

CIRCLE

The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final coming we anticipate anew during Advent.

CHAPEL NEWS

Return Service Requested

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

REJOICE ALWAYS,
PRAY WITHOUT
CEASING, GIVE
THANKS IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES,
FOR THIS IS THE
WILL OF GOD IN
CHRIST JESUS
FOR YOU.
— THESSALONIANS
5:16-18

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



God's Work Our Hands had another successful collection of diapers and wipes for Children's Aid and Family Services. Huge thank you to the congregation for the generous support. Thank you to Kevin and Tyler Behnke in helping with the delivery.



75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Nov. 16

Please join us after worship service on Sunday, November 16th for a special coffee hour celebrating Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church's 75th Anniversary!



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ANNIVERSARY

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers?

How can we be thankful in the midst of these? Loss and hardship are often the times we need God the most. Through scripture, we are assured that God is with us and alongside us when we encounter trials. God is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Even in the midst of storms, we can be thankful for God too.



BIBLE QUIZ

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James 1:17)



Patrick, Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, The Brooks Family, Charlie Brown, Tony Calise, Karin Carlough, Mike Chapman, John Claehsen, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol DeMott, Carol Doyle, Marge Durdunas, Amber Faison, Al & Barbara Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Cassandra Griffin, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Carol Hodgins, Pat Kelly, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Carol & Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack, Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate, Jennifer Pinto, Doris Robinson, Lynda Romagnoli, Candee Romba, John Schaefer, Tina Smith & Family, Dave Splieh, Marge Tomaselli, the Vega Family, Devin Vega and Janice & Dave Wedderman



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Irma Weishaupt, a long-time member, who passed away on Saturday, October 11th.

ANNUAL ADVENT PROGRAM

Nov. 23

The season of Advent is almost upon us. On Sunday, November 23rd after worship service, we plan to hold our annual Advent Program in the Family Room (a week early).

Lunch will be catered and refreshments and dessert will be served as we make our live Advent wreaths.

If you have your wreath forms from last year, please bring them with you. If someone needs help, we have many hands to make a wreath for you! If you're not interested in making a wreath, come and just enjoy the food and fellowship!

Any questions, reach out to Carrie Ralston in church or at carrieralston@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



CANDLES THAT TELL A STORY

Lighting its candles each Sunday is a treasured tradition during the four weeks of Advent.

Depending on denomination, churches use different color combinations for the candles. Some place four blue candles around the wreath with a white one in the center, while others use all white. Many light purple candles on the first two Sundays, pink on the third, purple again on the fourth, and then a large white candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Each part of the wreath carries symbolic meaning:

The wreath: Its circular shape represents the everlasting love of God, having no beginning or end. The green symbolizes eternal life.

Purple candles: in ancient times, was expensive and was considered the color of royalty and kings. On Christmas, Christ is proclaimed King of Kings. Purple also symbolizes humility and penitence. The first purple candle represents Hope; the second, Peace; and the final purple candle, Love.

Blue candles: Blue is another color often used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use blue candles to symbolize the night sky and the anticipation of the announcement of Christ's birth. Blue also symbolizes the beginning of a new creation as in the waters of Genesis 1.

The pink candle: Lit on the third Sunday, it represents Joy and marks the halfway point of Advent.

The white candle: The large white candle in the center is the Christ candle. Its light symbolizes Christ the Savior — "the light of the world."

The beauty and brightness from the glow of all five candles is a reminder that Christ's life was the light for all earth's people — "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV).

The Advent wreath is more than just greenery and candles—it's a symbol of watchfulness and growing joy as Christmas draws near.

NOVEMBER

Volunteer Schedule

NOV 2	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Lore Braun
NOV 9	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pat Berinato
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
NOV 16	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
NOV 23	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Lori Mercer
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
NOV 30	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
Counter	Chuck Young

BIRTHDAYS

Carol DeMott	11/8
Ralph Braun	11/19
Clark Denicola	11/28



NOVEMBER 2025

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 First Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am						1 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
2 All Saints' Sunday Daylight saving time ends Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am	10	11 Veterans Day <i>Church office closed</i> Canoe and Kayak Club (FR) 6:30 - 9pm	12	13	14	15 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
16 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am 75th Anniversary Coffee Hour (FR) 11:15am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Annual Advent Program (FR) 11:15am	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i>	28 <i>Church office closed</i>	29

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

Pastor	Rev. Jonathan Westerlund	Inward Ministry Team	Outward Ministry Team
Office Administrator	Debbie Geerlof	Christian Education	Pam Sakala
Sexton	Bob Sakala	Shepherd	
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Vice President	Bill Jaichner		
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Treasurer	Chuck Young	Financial	Chuck Young
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