

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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### WORSHIP NOTES

Today is the first Sunday after Christmas. We hear Luke 2:22-40: *The presentation of the child*. We welcome the Reverend Tom McKee as guest preacher.

A new feature of worship—beginning in January—is including someone’s favorite hymn during Sunday morning services. Such hymns may be written on the back of attendance cards, one of which will be selected for the following week. If the hymn you submit is chosen, then the church will contact you about it, asking you *why* it’s your favorite. The reason that you give will then be included in the Sunday worship announcements.

Why are we doing this? Well, it’s one way for us to begin sharing more with one another what our faith means to us. It stems from the R3 Program that the congregation joined this past fall. R3 stands for Reform, Renewal, and Revision, and has to do with new ways by which churches can become revitalized. In other words, one purpose of the R3 Program is to help us learn better how to express our faith in more personal ways. Christians who can better articulate their faith, that is, talk about it with others, both renew and strengthen it for the sake of mission.

### END OF YEAR GIVING

To be included on your 2017 Giving Statement, contribution checks must have a 2017 date. In addition, if mailed, the postmark must be Dec. 31, 2017 or before; or, if hand delivered, contribution must be received at the church office today, December 31, by noon.

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The four weeks of January will mark the last month of the "Reformation Roots" DVD series, which the Adult Class began this past fall in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. While the class then viewed and discussed videos about the Lutheran Reformation, this final segment will focus on other expressions of religious changes in Europe in the 1500s. The class resumes in January and meets in Room 21 (second floor) of the Education Building at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Come join us!

### THANK YOU

Adeline Gerz and Ben Thornsberry would like to thank all everyone who bought calendars and cookie mix jars. Your generous support has helped them to raise \$1100 for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in June 2018. Please keep supporting them in their future fundraising efforts.

### GOSPEL IN GLASS

Jay Stevens has recently completed a book project, "The Gospel in Glass." The book features the stained-glass windows of Christ Lutheran Church. For a copy of the booklet, please contact the Church Office.

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Again this year (winter 2017-2018), the church office/staff, Child Care and the Tutoring Program will follow the York City Schools Cancellation Policy (Monday thru Friday). If the York City Schools have a delay, cancellation or early dismissal due to snow/bad weather, then the office/staff, child care and tutoring will do the same.

On snow/bad weather days, the property department will be at the church to supervise the snow removal contractor and to do sidewalk clearing/salt application. Any evening services/activities that are on the calendar when a snow/bad weather day occurs, could possibly be cancelled or delayed. Always check with the pastor/group leader/chairperson/choir director/property dept./church office or any contact person before coming to the church on a snow/bad weather day.

**For Sunday services**, after assessing the Saturday weather conditions, Pastor Watt will determine if the church services are cancelled or delayed. This information will be relayed to WGAL 8 for display on the WGAL 8 website (WGAL.com). This information will also be posted on the church website and the church Facebook page.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

All choirs are actively recruiting and welcoming musicians who love to sing and ring! Come take part in an exciting variety of music, fun, and fellowship. In the coming year, more great music by the great composers will round out the singing schedule as we begin to prepare for upcoming festivals and special services. Rehearsals begin:

Handbell Choir - January 11, 6:30 pm, Nave  
Adult Choir - January 14, 9:50 am, Choir Room  
Children's Choir - January 21, 9:10 am, Choir Room

### COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Meals are on the fourth Sunday of every month and begin at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Visit the church's website, [www.christlutheranyork.com](http://www.christlutheranyork.com), to sign-up to help! Contributions can be made by using the small manila envelopes in the pews, by writing your name, envelope number, checking the 'Special Offering', and writing Community Meal in the lines below. Contributions will be added to your annual giving record.

Donations of clothing, books, and/or other miscellaneous items may be dropped off in the Parish Hall room near the outside doors. The room is unlocked and accessible to leave items. If items are brought in, please do not leave cardboard boxes.

### GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Continue to support our youth by buying Grocery Gift cards to Giant and/or Weis. With each gift card purchase, the youth ministry receives 5% from the purchase. Call or stop by the church office.

### IN-GATHERING OF FOOD

The ingathering of non-perishable food items for the pantry at St. Paul's is collected each Sunday. Place your items for donation in the box located in the upper or lower narthex hallway.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Calvin and Cora Nitchman, Mary I. Wolf, Dorothy Bowen, and Lyle Bowen, Jr., by Lyle Bowen. The basket of flowers is given in memory of Herman and Pauline Richards and John H. Richards, by Jim and Sally Harbold.

### GUYS NIGHT OUT



*When:* January 16, 6:00 pm  
*Where:* Eagles Nest, York  
*Contact:* Church office

### LADIES NIGHT OUT



*When:* January 16, 6:00 pm  
*Where:* Hoss's, West York  
*Contact:* Church office

### DOMINOES



*When:* January 20, 6:00 pm  
*Where:* The home of  
Cathe and Todd Davis  
*What to bring:* Appetizer/Dessert  
*Contact:* Cathe and Todd Davis,  
toddcathe@aol.com

### COMMUNITY MEAL

*When:* January 21, 12:00 pm  
*Where:* Parish Hall  
*Contact:* Cindy Cooley,  
Tom Keller, Church Office

### CAROL'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



*When:* 3rd Wednesday of each month,  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
*Where:* Church parlor  
*Contact:*  
Wanda Stibitz  
741-2473  
(If you know of someone that you  
wish a prayer shawl be given to,  
please let Wanda or one of the  
other Prayer Shawl members  
know.)

### NOODLES PICKUP

*Due date:* January 7

### SOUP KITCHEN BAKERS

*Next due date:* January 14

## DECEMBER 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                    | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---------------------------|---|
|  |   |  |  |   | 1                         | 2<br>2:00 pm - Youth Crafts<br>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Light-Up York Activities |
| 3 The First Sunday in Advent   | 4<br>6:30 pm - Tutoring   | 5<br>10:00 am - Staff meeting          | 6<br>3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Family First Event<br><br>5:30 pm - Bible Study | 7<br>6:30 pm - Handbell rehearsal                       | 8                         | 9<br>8:00 am - Exterminator<br><br>Cookie Carnival set-up                   |
| 10 The Second Sunday in Advent<br><br>Cookie Carnival  | 11<br>6:30 pm - Tutoring<br><br>7:00 pm— Finance Committee meeting                                    | 12                                     | 13<br>5:30 pm - Bible Study  | 14<br>11:00 am - Child Care Staff Appreciation Luncheon | 15<br>Catechetics retreat | 16<br>Catechetics Retreat<br><br>Community Meal preparation                 |
| 17 The Third Sunday in Advent<br><br>Lessons and Carols<br><br>Hanging of the greens<br><br>Baked goods due                        | 18<br>Soup Kitchen delivery<br><br>6:30 pm— Tutoring Christmas party<br><br>7:00 pm - Council meeting | 19<br>10:00 am - Staff meeting         | 20<br>5:30 pm - Bible Study<br><br>10:00 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry      | 21  | 22                        | 23  |
| 24 The Fourth Sunday in Advent<br><br>9:00 am - Worship<br><br>The Nativity of Our Lord<br>5:00 pm - Worship<br>10:00 pm - Worship | 25 Christmas Day<br><i>Office and Daycare closed</i>  | 26<br><i>Office and Daycare closed</i> | 27   | 28  | 29                        | 30  |
| 31 The First Sunday after Christmas<br><br>Noodles pickup  |   |  |  |   |                           |   |

## **PRAYER LIST**

*We strive to keep the prayer list current. Please notify us on an ongoing basis about those in need of prayer and our support.*

### **Members**

Sondra Boyd, Dale Brenneman, Cindy Cooley, Lilliann Coval, June Dusman, Vance Eppley, Richard Fair, Barbara Geesey, Kathleen Heilman, Ron Heilman, Daniel Helwig, Jeanette Hershey, Daniel Hertig, Ruth Holland, Al Kauffman, Pete Kenee, John Long, Jr., Pearl McKee, Jean and Ron Mease, Richard Meckley, Charles Murr, Caroline Olson, Christopher Olson, Adrian Patches, Craig Patches, Joan Patches, Roger Patches, John and Ginny Patterson, Sonja Paules, Joan Richards, Jen Risser, Linda Robbins, Catherine Smith, Ruth Springer, Robert Stibitz, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert, Tina Young, Leona Zeigler

### **Others**

Brooks Argento, Maurice Crews, Richard Carlson, Annie DePriest, Adam Habecker, Sue Hess, Ruthanna Himes, Spencer Jacobs, Kurt Kay, Donald Keith, The Keith family, Jim Moore and family, The Rago family, The Sharon family, Anga Steine, Pam and family, Christina and family

*We pray for those from our congregation serving and who have served in the military. Please notify us of family and friends currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.*

Adam Holland, Giovanni McBride, Christopher Knorr