



OUR DAILY BREAD



"A place where you can be who you are"

Christ Lutheran Church

December 2018

A "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight
and Holy Communion**
7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran

**Christmas Day
Non-Communion
Service of Carols**
10 a.m. — Led by
Paula Egan Wright



**See Calendar on page 7 for complete
Sunday worship, meetings & other
events**

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION'S SEASON

This is the season of our Lord's birth! What a joyful light! Mary and Joseph were feeling joy, anticipation of the unknown, stress of being new parents, and the job of raising this little one who will be King. Christ Lutheran also has joy, anticipation of the unknown future, stress of caring, and the future of our church. We have the joy in our church family. We have anticipation of the unknown future. Will we have a house to worship in? Will we succeed as a congregation within these walls? Have we fulfilled our mission? We have the stress of caring because we care for the lives of our congregation and sustaining our future. The future of our church is ours to make and I would encourage action from each and every one of us. Like our holly that shines bright and beautiful outside the church; it has thorns to maybe remind us of the bittersweet work of the council. With heartfelt and thoughtful discernment, we as a flock of Jesus Christ try to guide for the whole of the congregation with a focus on the mission.

It is scary to have everyone's needs in your hands as a council member just like it was being new parents for Mary and Joseph. Our Synod is in prayer along with us and beside us as we go through this journey yet again. Our congregation has gotten smaller, there is less giving, and less participation of congregational members. We are deciding whether we have the strength to go through synodical administration (where the Synod steps in to help us re-evaluate, rejuvenate and, thrive as a congregation again.) We also have the choice to do a Holy Closure and sell the building. In doing the Holy Closure we could merge with another church or find a smaller location to worship in. We can also gift our money from the sale of the building to further our CLC mission. With these options presented, trust in your prayer to God to guide us thoughtfully and lovingly.

We all know that the building is in need of repairs and replacement of major items including the boiler, but even if we were to repair and replace everything in need that would not fix our sustainability as a congregation. We need all members to step up, to come and join in the work of God MORE often and MORE actively. We of Christ Lutheran have stood tall and proud of the house we worship in. Some call it shabby or in ruins, but like a stable it will always be beautiful in my eyes. "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but ANYONE can start today and make a new ending."

Lisa Cahoon, Council President

The congregation will meet on Sunday, January 27 at 11:15 am to make decisions about these many issues. Committee reports are due to Lois by 9 am on January 3 so that the report may be available to congregants on January 13.

WELCOME PASTOR PAUL

We appreciate the leadership of Pastor Paul Everett, who will preach and preside here at our Service of Holy Communion on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 6. Pastor Rebecca will be in Oslo, Norway with Wes and their sons, departing DIA on Dec. 27 and returning on Jan. 10. During that time, Pastor Paul Everett will be "on call", in the event that a pastor is requested. To reach him: (307) 996-6789.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WILLY!

Pat Elsasser and Bonnie Baumeister invite everyone to join them in celebrating their dad's 85th birthday. Willy Elsasser's birthday is December 13; the party for him at Christ Lutheran will be:

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1 to 3 p.m.

Coffee, tea and birthday cake — (no gifts, please)

**The Congregation's Annual Meeting will be
Sunday, January 27, at 11:15 am. Committee reports are
due to Lois by 9 am on January 3.**

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Set our congregation's Annual Meeting for Sunday, Jan. 27, at 11:15 a.m.; met with a prospective renter of our north annex; agreed to sell the copier in the daycare office for \$200 and its toner at 10 percent less than the list price (the machine requires at least a \$250 part); decided to meet with real estate agent Bonnie Berry to receive a market analysis of our property and grounds at no cost; received an update about the application process for a Thrivent Credit Union loan for the \$20,000 estimated boiler replacement cost; learned that the loan application requires information from the market analysis, which we hope to receive from Bonnie Berry before Christmas; considered an offer from a congregant to withdraw personal life insurance cash value to pay for the church boiler; after prior efforts to recruit congregants to serve on Council, asked President Lisa Cahoon to contact Pastor Alison George from St. Paul's Lutheran and Pastor Wes Aardahl from Ascension and request that a volunteer or two from each congregation accompany our Council with voice but no vote beginning Dec. 9; affirmed that we continue to seek additional Council members from Christ Lutheran to serve our congregation.

QUIET TIME IN THE NEW YEAR FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

A newcomer to Cheyenne who is a Spiritual Director and a congregant of St. Mark's Episcopal invites us to participate in a retreat that she is offering, at no charge, on six Wednesday mornings in 2019. Her name is Loretta Barker. She and her husband, Jim have been visitors with us at worship. She invites men and women to a time of spiritual growth and quiet reflection. The six-week mini retreat will begin Wednesday, January 30 and continue each Wednesday through March 13, with the exception of Ash Wednesday, March 6, and will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. To guide the group in this time of retreat, Joyce Rupp's book, *The Cup of Our Life*, will be the centerpiece. Although the group is not a book study, Rupp's book will help guide the participants' time of reflection and refreshment during the rest of the week. For more information, including the Cheyenne location, please call or text Loretta at (307) 760-1091.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Supper and Worship on these Wednesdays

Come together for soup supper at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. on these Wednesdays:

December 5 at Christ Lutheran: Pastor Alison George, preacher
and Shawna Tuttle, liturgist

Dec. 12 at Ascension Lutheran (712 Storey Blvd): Pastor Rebecca Aardahl, preacher

Dec. 19 at St. Paul's Lutheran (218 East 19th St): Pastor Wes Aardahl preacher

Liturgy will be Holden Evening Prayer.

Our worship theme: "The Prince of Peace"



Four Sundays of Advent

10 a.m. — Services of Holy Communion

December 2, 9, 16 and 23

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion

7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran

Christmas Day Service of Carols

10 a.m. — Led by Paula Egan Wright

Followed by lunch and caroling to homebound members and friends

Please know that Paula Egan Wright will accompany worship on Dec. 23 and 24 and lead the services on Christmas Day (non-communion) and on Sunday, Dec. 30.

Thank you, Paula!

SHOES FOR THE HOMELESS

30th annual collection organized by Anderson Podiatry Center

Each year this campaign collects thousands of pairs of shoes to distribute among the needy throughout the holidays. Foot ailments are often the most common health problem for homeless people due to shoes that fit poorly or are worn out. During the month of December, please bring new or gently-used shoes to:

Anderson Podiatry Center

Dr. James Anderson, DPM — Dr. Stephen Silkinson, DPM

1950 Bluegrass Circle, Suite 150 in Cheyenne

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Page 5: Sandi not Sandy Arnold, in her cell phone listing.

Page 5: Correct Coffeys' phone number to (307) 514-9386.

Page 8: Rebeca Martinez. Only one "c" in Rebeca.

Page 8: Megan Tobin, not Toban.

Page 8: Delete Carol Pralle cell phone number

Page 10: Add email address for Arden White: blw3gsa@gmail.com



AMONG OURSELVES

We join prayers with Willy Elsasser, that his hip pain and neuropathy would take a long holiday; prayers for strength and healing are with Mike Rea, who is recovering at home after undergoing open-heart surgery in November. Polly Highland reports that she is feeling better since a medication adjustment last month; Don and Aina Stoen continue to appreciate our prayer support, as Don is a resident in skilled care; we are grateful for Carol Olson's recovery and her presence with us in life and worship after she suffered a stroke and a heart attack in September. We pray for her continued strength; Brenda Mitchell is scheduled for surgery in Laramie on Dec. 5; we pray that this procedure will relieve her back pain; Matthew Mitchell is healing after suffering a fall and concussion in late-November. We remember Andy Wittkorn, who suffers with back pain, and his mother, Doris, who deals with macular degeneration. Our prayers are with Joan Stout's sister in Minnesota, who is in frail health. Our prayers are with Pete Pette, who is dealing with a difficult cancer diagnosis and is with his son in California, where he traveled for the Thanksgiving holiday; during his visit, Pete needed to be hospitalized. Chris and Cliff Coffey continue to appreciate our prayers and sent this note to us all: *I, as well as Cliff, want to say thank you for all your prayers and thoughtful cards. He was sick. Then I was sick. I am trying to attend the services and I'm in real need of prayers. So keep them coming! Again, thanks!*

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Sherry Salmon and Maggie Trowbridge. Both families are friends of the Rea family. Sherry died in an auto accident and Maggie died of cancer in November. Also to Willy Elsasser and family whose nephew, Dallas Thompson, died last month.

Special thanks to Carol Olson and Stacy Rea and all who helped to plan, provide food and clean up after the Advent Soup Supper at Christ Lutheran on Dec. 5.

Special thanks to Dave Adams and Mike Laursen, who spent hours painting at church, giving special attention to the north annex. A job well done!

Elves were busy decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We appreciate each one!



GOOD NEWS!

Gale Anderson and Preferred Management, LLC have agreed to serve as the “go to” first responder on building or maintenance issues at our church, effective immediately and will serve as the congregation's liaison at no cost. Also, Gale Anderson and Preferred Service, LLC will provide snow removal services for the south lot of our property on Sunday mornings whenever snow accumulates 3” or more. To reach Gale Anderson or Bruce Fisher for assistance after hours, please find their cell phone numbers posted on our church hallway bulletin board.

December Worship Assistants, Altar Guild, Counters & Coffee

	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
Ushers	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Dan Prickett	Peg & Ray Edwards	Carol Pralle	Lyle Keto
Lector	Shawna Cahoon	Peg Edwards	Lisa Cahoon	Lois Prickett	Bonnie Baumeister
Communion Assistants	Aina Stoen	Lois Prickett	Carly Trudel	Dan Prickett	Aina Stoen
Acolyte	Carol Pralle	Josh Goerhing	Aiden Padilla	Josh Goerhing	Carol Pralle
Altar Guild	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea
Counters	Bonnie Baumeister Shawna Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon Dan Prickett	Bonnie Baumeister Shawna Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon Dan Prickett	Bonnie Baumeister Dan Prickett
Goodies	POTLUCK	Carol Pralle	Carol Olson	Stacy Rea	Betty White
Coffee Setup & Cleanup	POTLUCK	Stacy Rea Carol Olson	Stacy Rea Betty White	Stacy Rea Carol Pralle	Stacy Rea Carly Trudel

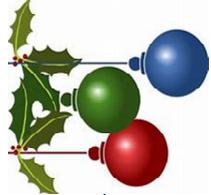
Lois publishes the worship assistants' schedule. If you have definite preferences or conflicts, contact Lois at 307.632.8429 (Thursdays only) or at info@christlutherancheyenne.org. If you are on the schedule and cannot be at a service, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to take your place.



DIVINE DOLLARS!

NOT JUST FOR GIFTS: Use them for everyday purchases. If you spent \$600 on groceries and gas at Safeway each month (4% discount), \$100 on clothing at Penneys (5% discount), \$50 for Applebee's (10% discount), and \$50 at Pizza Hut (8% discount) you would earn \$38 for the church for the month. If 25 people did the same, we would earn \$950 a month for Christ Lutheran.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Decorating the church for Advent & Christmas
2 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Potluck 11:30 Mutual Ministry Committee	3	4	5 6 pm supper and 7 pm worship at Christ Lutheran	6 Pastor Rebecca at synod office	7	8
9 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Council	10	11 2 pm Worship & Music Committee	12 6 pm supper and 7 pm worship at Ascension Lutheran	13	14	15 1-3 pm-Willy Elsasser's Birthday party at CLC
16 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion	17	18	19 6 pm supper and 7 pm worship at St. Paul's Lutheran	20 9 am-Newsletter items due for January issue	21	22
23 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion	25 10 am-Non-Communion Service of Carols, followed by caroling to homebound friends	26 	27 Lois out of the office	28	29
30 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-non-Communion Worship led by Paula Egan Wright	31			Pastor Rebecca out of office		
Pastor Rebecca out of office until January 11						

Pastor Paul Everett "on call" at 307.996.6789

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Pastor Rebecca Aardahl

Church Council

Acting President: Lisa Cahoon

Vice President:

Treasurer: Bonnie Baumeister

Secretary: Dave Adams

Education & Youth: Lisa Cahoon, Erica McColl

Evangelism: Erica McColl, Sandi Arnold

Fellowship: Dave Adams

Property & Grounds: Dave Adams

Stewardship:

Women's Group: Lisa Cahoon

Worship & Music: Lisa Cahoon

Financial Matters

Financial Secretary: Dan Prickett

Contribution Recorder:

Women's Group/Fellowship

President: Lisa Cahoon

Treasurer: Lois Prickett

Secretary:

Other Leadership

Altar Guild: Stacy Rea

Communion Bread Baker: Betty White

Publicity: Carol Olson



Please note: All articles for the Newsletter are due in Lois' mailbox before the third Thursday of each month.

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