



# OUR DAILY BREAD



*"A place where you can be who you are"*

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**January 2019**

*A "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation*

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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.

SOMETIMES NEW YEAR GIFTS COME IN VERY UNEXPECTED WAYS.  
ENDINGS MAY BE NEW BEGINNINGS. MAY THAT BE OUR  
CONGREGATION'S PRAYER.

Just before New Year's, Pastor Rebecca mailed a letter of resignation to the membership of Christ Lutheran, effective February 28. When the congregation worships and meets together throughout the coming weeks, there will be opportunity to be decisive about the congregation's future. Please be aware of these things which we know:

Those who serve as volunteers and Council leaders are being especially stretched. A precious few volunteers is working hard to meet the needs of the congregation. That is becoming a greater and greater challenge.

The financial gifts to the congregation's ministry are not meeting the need for the ¾-time salary of a pastor or the marks of a healthy and vital ministry. Our congregation is occupied with surviving financially. These recent months have held varied emotions as we consider the challenges before us.

Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, Jan. 20. With it comes the request to ask the level of financial support that our households will provide Christ Lutheran in 2019. It is necessary to have such commitments before we are able to make decisions at the Annual Meeting. The congregation gathers for this Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 11:15 a.m.

Several hundred dollars of donations have been collected, designated for the replacement of our boiler. Three bids have been received. A private party is planning to provide a loan to the church for this anticipated \$20,000 boiler expense.

Bonnie Berry, who is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, is working to provide a Market Analysis of the church building and grounds. She is providing this at no cost to the church.

Potential tenants for the rental of our north annex are difficult to secure because of the tentativeness of the church and congregation currently.

AMONG OURSELVES

Our prayers continue:

- that Christine Coffey would have strength and relief from pain. She recently received difficult medical news.
- that Brenda Mitchell would continue to heal and recover from back surgery on Dec. 5.
- that Mike Rea would continue to gain strength in physical therapy and recovery since his open-heart surgery last month.
- that Willy Elsasser would be free of pain and difficulties that are especially due to neuropathy.
- that Brenda Hein would be sustained as she deals with back difficulties.
- that Mary Richey would gain strength as she consults with specialists to help her contain the respiratory difficulties that she is having.
- that Polly Highland would be aware of our prayers with her and her family upon the death of Polly's brother, Bernie, last month in Texas.
- that Paula Egan Wright would be aware of our deep appreciation for her leadership and inspiration at our worship services during Christmas week.

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—DECEMBER 9 MEETING

All three of Christ Lutheran's Council members were present: Bonnie Baumeister, Lisa Cahoon and Dan Prickett, along with Pastor Rebecca. Additionally, those who attended at the invitation of Christ Lutheran's Council: Christ Lutheran worship visitor Jim Mitchell and Ascension Lutheran President Tim Leberman. Other guests invited (from St. Paul's Lutheran) but not able to attend: Bob Fecht and St. Paul's Council President Audrey Brunner.

Dan reported that all bills are current, with \$200 in the bank.

Pastor Rebecca reported that Pastor Paul Everett will be "on call" for her while she is away Dec. 27-Jan. 10. Paula Egan Wright will lead a non-communion service on Sunday, Dec. 30; Pastor Paul Everett will preach and preside at worship on Sunday, Jan. 6, with Charla Nelson as pianist.

Discussed the need to appoint two new members for the Audit Committee and ask that this trio audit the church books and the Women's Group books for 2017 and 2018. Expressed appreciation to Judy Adams and Lois Prickett who, along with Aina Stoen, were appointed and conducted an audit of the 2016 church books. Two congregational members are needed to replace Judy and Lois in this capacity; Aina will be asked if she is willing to continue on this committee. Jim Mitchell offered to assist the committee. The Council received his willingness to serve as an advisor.

Discussed Christian education and received suggestions from Jim about providing for an active Sunday school.

Set a goal to prepare a 2019 budget for the congregation's membership to review, beginning Sunday, Jan. 13.

Expressed appreciation to all who provided for the soup supper and the Advent worship service at Christ Lutheran on Dec. 5.

Talked about the need to have an active Nominating Committee to prepare a roster of willing volunteers for elections that are scheduled to occur at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 27.

After much deliberation, chose to accept the offer by a member of the congregation who is willing to provide a loan to pay for the church's boiler replacement. Dan and Jim agreed to meet with the member so as to be clear about arrangements and expectations of both the congregation and the member.

Discussed the bids received for the replacement of the boiler. Agreed to accept the \$20,000 bid.

Discussed the hope to secure a tenant to rent the north annex for a Day Care.

Agreed to discontinue pursuing payments of outstanding AKIDemy Preschool tuition payments.

Learned of a bid of \$1200 to install flooring in the north annex. Asked to secure another bid.

Created an agenda for the Jan. 27 Annual Meeting.



The Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be  
Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 – 11:15 a.m.  
Agenda

1. Receive a report about the commitments made to Christ Lutheran for 2019.
2. Receive a report about an available loan and designated giving for the boiler replacement.
3. Paper ballot vote

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I vote for Christ Lutheran to continue as a congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I vote for Christ Lutheran to close as a congregation.

If a majority of members at the Annual Meeting vote to continue as a congregation, the following choices need to be made by those attending the Annual Meeting:

4. "Show of hands" vote

\_\_\_\_\_ vote to retain our building and property

\_\_\_\_\_ vote that Christ Lutheran's congregation gather at a different location, so as to reduce our costs.

5. If the vote is to continue as a congregation in this building:

- A. Must receive commitments from volunteers to fill the positions and do the work of the Council and the committees, as directed by a renewed Council.
- B. Elect Council members and a Nominating Committee member
- C. Approve 2019 budget

6. Understand that the Council will request help from the Office of the Bishop, which will likely include the process of Synodical Administration.

7. Other

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.

**We Give Thee But Thine Own  
Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 is Commitment Sunday  
Christ Lutheran Church, Cheyenne**

Please prayerfully consider your gifts of money, time and talent which you choose to give during 2019 through this congregation, for the sake of our mission and ministry locally, synodically and globally. In order for our congregation to exist, commitment is needed. **On Sunday, Jan. 20, these commitments will be received at worship. (Please mail them or leave them in the church office, if you do not expect to be at worship on Jan. 20.)** These commitments will help the Council prepare for the Annual Meeting that will be Sunday, Jan. 27. These commitments will also help the leadership interpret the commitment or lack of commitment the membership has for the ongoing servant work and labors of love at Christ Lutheran.

Each household in our congregation is asked to make a financial commitment to the work of Christ Lutheran Church during the 2019 calendar year.

I make/my household makes a commitment of providing  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month in 2019 to the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

I make/My household makes a commitment of providing a one-time gift in 2019,  
in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

(It is not necessary to identify yourself when making the financial commitment.)

**Commitments by Servant Workers**

\_\_\_\_\_ (my name) will agree to offer my  
time to serve as:

\_\_\_\_\_ a member of Council

\_\_\_\_\_ a helper on the Property and Grounds Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ a helper on another committee or workgroup of my choice or with  
worship

Some ways I would like to help:

(Please offer these commitments on or before worship on Sunday, Jan. 20)

## January Worship Assistants, Altar Guild, Counters & Coffee

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
<b>Ushers</b>	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Lyle Keto Dan Prickett	Peg & Ray Edwards	Carol Pralle Dan Prickett
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa Cahoon	Bonnie Baumeister	Lois Prickett	Lisa Cahoon
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Dan Prickett	Aina Stoen	Carly Trudel	Aina Stoen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lisa Cahoon	Josh Goerhing	Aiden Padilla	Lisa Cahoon
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea	Stacy Rea
<b>Counters</b>	Bonnie Baumeister Lisa Cahoon	Lisa Cahoon Bonnie Baumeister	Lisa Cahoon Dan Prickett	Lisa Cahoon Bonnie Baumeister
<b>Goodies</b>	POTLUCK	Carol Pralle	Carol Olson	Betty White
<b>Coffee Setup &amp; Cleanup</b>	POTLUCK	Stacy Rea Betty White	Stacy Rea Carol Pralle	Stacy Rea Carol Olson

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](mailto: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.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes to church directory:  
 Anduin Goehring – 2/2/2017 birth date  
 Stephen Martinez – 3/9 birth date  
 Megan Tobin – 7/9 birth date  
 Rebeca Tobin Martinez – Jan. 8 birth date  
 Mary and Rex Richey, 4611 Ontario Ave., 82001



### 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.

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9 am: all committee reports for annual mtg due to Lois	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
Pastor Rebecca out of office until January 11						
<b>6</b> 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Potluck	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Pastor Rebecca out of office until January 11						
<b>13</b> 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11 am-Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b> 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9 am-Adult Forum 10 am-Worship & open communion 11:15 am Annual Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10 am-noon: Prayer Retreat			

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.**

**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: Bonnie Baumeister

**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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