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Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Why Advent?

Waiting can be hard, and not just for children. But I do love Advent: this four-week time when the Christian church prepares for Christmas.

Maybe I like Advent so much because it involves active waiting, not thumb-twiddling. It is a gift the church offers the world, to be active (which isn't the same as busy) in ways that open our hearts — and the hearts we touch — to the true meaning of Christmas.

Mother Teresa said, "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and

servng others with God's own love and concern."

When I take time during Advent to remember in prayer and with gifts of money and time those who have less food than I do, those who are lonely, those without a home; when I pause to share love with a child or an elder, or gratitude for a healthcare worker, pastor or teacher; when I wait for justice to replace oppression but, while I wait, find ways to work for that result ... the Spirit's warmth fills my waiting heart. I am ready to welcome Jesus.

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FROM THE PASTOR

The year 2020 is coming to a close. There is less than one month left. We all have mixed feelings about letting go of this year.

The pandemic has changed everything. We have had to continuously adjust our plans to gather as a congregation. In last month's Chapel News, I informed everyone that the Council and I had decided to have an indoor service once a month during the winter season. However less than a month after that decision, cases of Covid 19 started skyrocketing, and our Bishop sent out a letter to all congregations saying that she does not advise indoor services at this time. So the Council and I decided to honor our Bishop's advice and not worship indoors right now. As people of God and as Christians, our role is to help stop the spreading virus. Caring for one another's health is more important than ever.

We hope and carefully pray that the number of cases will go down so that we may reconsider our decision to gather indoors once a month. Until then, all of our services will be done virtually. For those who do not have access to the Internet, a hard copy of the worship bulletin will be mailed to you so that you will be able to worship with the people in your household at the same time as we gather virtually.

People of Christ Lutheran Church, as the winter progresses and the weather gets colder and the nights get longer, it may feel like we cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel. However, the night is always darkest before the dawn, and with recent news of a potential vaccine, we hope we will be able to physically gather once again, sooner than we anticipate. Until then, my thoughts and prayers are with you. The year 2020 may end in darkness, but we have hope for a bright light in the new year 2021.

In Christ, Pastor Hayley



Bible Quiz

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four

Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)



Seasons of Hope

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity — hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory — because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.

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God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Sam Ralston Sr., Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernicke, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
 <p>6 Second Sunday of Advent Virtual Worship Service 10:30am</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
 <p>13 Third Sunday of Advent Virtual Worship Service 10:30am</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
 <p>20 Fourth Sunday of Advent Virtual Worship Service 10:30am</p>	21	22	23	<p>24 Christmas Eve Virtual Worship Service 10:30pm</p>	 <p>25 Christmas Day Church Office closed</p>	26
<p>27 Virtual Worship Service 10:30am</p>	28	29	30	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	 <p>1 New Year's Day Church Office closed</p>	<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>