



+Christian Symbol+

Evergreen

These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.

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Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 24 • 8:00pm



Please pray for these loved ones...

Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Bob Chapman, Lois Cockrell, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Maryann Faison, the Fernandez Family, Ken Frank, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane and Fred Hess, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyrityz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Marie Lupinski, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma Murphy, Lionel Ortega, Karen Richardson, Mary Richter, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Carolyn Sidor, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Gary Tomaselli, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Paul Witte, Virginia Yearic and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

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

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

Al and Barbara Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

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Staff Gift

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
For many of us, the Christmas season is a time to thank those who have been so generous and caring to us during the year. Our Church Staff certainly deserves to be honored in this way. You can do this by making a contribution to the "Staff Gift" collection. The funds will be distributed to our staff (Organist, Secretary and Sexton) at the Council's discretion in January.

If you wish to participate in this gift

please put your donation in an envelope marked "Staff Gift" and either place it in the collection plate or mail it directly to the church office.

At this time the Congregation Council would also like to wish you all a wonderful Advent and a Joyous Christmas!

Yours in Christ,
Chris Nilsen
President
Congregation Council



A Season of Waiting

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God's purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven — cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets — we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn't truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had" (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you're in a season of waiting — including Advent! — consider what you're thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you're feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.

Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is not mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Paul and Debbie Witte, as Paul's mother, Eleanor Witte passed away on October 31, 2021, and Debbie's sister, Donna Archer, passed away on November 5, 2021.

Wishing their family strength and comfort in the months ahead.

Dec.

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

DEC. 5

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

10:30am

Bob Denicola
Ralph Braun
Lore Braun

DEC. 12

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

10:30am

Pam Sakala
Linda Polise
Gina Lally

DEC. 19

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

10:30am

Pat Berinato
Linda Comery
Linda Polise

DEC. 24

Lay Assistant
Usher

8:00pm

Altar Guild

Bill Jaichner
Anne Carman
and Ralph Braun
All Hands

DEC. 26

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

8:30am

Carrie Ralston
Anne Carman
Marge Tomaselli

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to the
WORLD!

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage	1	2	3	4 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
 5 Second Sunday of Advent Confirmation Class Field Trip 10:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am	6	7	8	9	10	11
 12 Third Sunday of Advent Confirmation Class (OB) 9:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am	13 Council Meeting (OB) 7:30pm	14	15	16	17	18 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:30am	20	 21 First Day of Winter	22	23	 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm <i>Church Office closed</i>	 25 Christmas Day
26 Worship Service (CH) 8:30am	27 	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve <i>Church Office closed</i>	 1 Start the New Year Right