



**Christ  
Lutheran  
Church  
& Preschool**

***Sunday, December 1, is our monthly collection for Deep Well***

***Please use the green shopping lists provided below or on the counter in the Narthex. This sheet includes items needed for both the Deep Well Santa Shop and our 2019 reverse Advent calendar (see more information below).***



***THE DECEMBER BRIDGE 12/01/19***

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**DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR**

***Sunday, Dec. 1- First Sunday in Advent***

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time

***Sunday, Dec. 8- Second Sunday in Advent***

9:45 a.m. **Congregational Meeting - election of 2020 Council -- in Sanctuary**  
 10:00 a.m. One **COMBINED** service- w/Children's Christmas Pageant in Heinrichs Hall  
**BRUNCH** prepared by Christ Loyal Chefs

***Sunday, Dec. 15- Third Sunday in Advent***

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time

***Sunday, Dec. 22- Fourth Sunday in Advent***

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's time

***Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve***

5:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.  
 Worship w/ Holy Communion & Candle lighting

***Sunday, Dec. 29- First Sunday of Christmas***

10:00 a.m. One **COMBINED** service w/Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship

# WELCOME

## New Members



**Carol Benton**

Carol was born in 1959 in Columbus, Ohio but was raised in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. She has two adult children. Her son and his wife live in Phoenix, AZ, and her daughter lives in Washington, D.C. She moved to Hilton Head from the suburbs of Atlanta, GA, where she was affiliated with the Catholic Church of St. Ann.

Before children, she was a legal secretary and a paralegal. While raising her children (one medically fragile, the other dyslexic), she worked part-time as a church secretary. She flourished as a "professional" volunteer, where she served as President or Chair of school and church functions, raised money for worthy causes, served the homeless and underprivileged, and taught religious education. Now retired from being in charge, she currently enjoys being a helper in the pantry at Deep Well and in the St. James Soup Kitchen.

She lives full time in Hilton Head Plantation with her loyal and very protective Miniature Schnauzer, Harry. She loves walking the beach, riding her bike, kayaking, being on a boat and all the wonderful things Hilton Head has to offer. She has been attending the early service at Christ

## Pastor Mary



Dear Church, Dear Families:

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving and that you were able to celebrate the gifts of life whether with a houseful of people or in a quiet place by yourself. At this time of year, we realize that "church time" is different from "cultural time." A Thanksgiving meal is an American celebration. The

Christian community has a celebration meal every Sunday called "The Eucharist", which is the Greek word for Thanksgiving.

As church folk, we are also preparing to celebrate the beginning of a new church year as this one ends with St. Andrew's Day on November 30. The church enters its new year well before the secular calendar does on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In our gospel readings, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, we will move from the Gospel of Luke back to the Gospel of Matthew. While the culture is all glittered-out for Christmas, the Church uniquely enters this more reflective, sometimes somber, season of Advent.

As Christians, we can observe Advent at home as well as at church, even if we have already decorated our homes and have planned holiday parties. I encourage you as I am encouraging the preschool families, to observe Advent at home in the following ways:

- Purchase or make an Advent wreath. Use blue or white candles for the Sundays and weeks of Advent. If making a wreath seems too much, just gather four candles from around your home and put them in a circle.
- Make plans to gather daily, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, for a time to reflect on the gift of love God shared with all people. Continue this gathering throughout the twelve days of Christmas.
- Decide what kinds of things your daily gathering will include. Decide on a time, such as morning, evening, or mealtime, to meet. Suggested table prayers are provided below for gatherings that take place at mealtime. Decide who will light and snuff out the candles.
- For this First Week in Advent, light one candle every day (maybe at your evening meal) and use this prayer and these readings to center your devotion:

### **Week 1 Prayer to accompany the candle lighting**

Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen.

### **Week 1 Table Prayer**

Lutheran and volunteering for quite some time now. After much discernment, Carol says, "I am finally ready to 'throw my whole shelf in!' I have a very active prayer life and am thrilled God called me to be a part of the ELCA here at Christ Lutheran."



**Doug & Elsa Felten**

Elsa and Doug are life-long Lutherans and are transferring their membership from Trinity Lutheran Church in Skokie, IL. In their early years they worked with youth groups in their churches. Later they sang in various choirs and played flute and guitar in more modern services. They started an all-church retreat in our Evanston IL church which continues 37 years later. Doug has been president, call committee chair and building committee chair in our Evanston church. Elsa has worked on many groups effecting children and families and currently co-chairs the Family Promise group at Christ Lutheran Church. They look forward to working on various Christ Lutheran issues in future years. They have been blessed with two married sons and five grandchildren.



**Jon, Maria & Gunnar Ternstrom**

The Ternstroms are transferring their membership from Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church in Richmond Hill, GA. They are an

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blest.  
Keep us ever in your sight; be our joy, our hearts' delight.  
Amen.

**Week 1 Scriptures**

- Sunday, December 1 Psalm 124
- Monday, December 2 Romans 6:1-11
- Tuesday, December 3 Hebrews 11:32-40
- Wednesday, December 4 Isaiah 54:1-10
- Thursday, December 5 Psalm 72: 1-7; 18-19
- Friday, December 6 Acts 13: 16-25
- (This is also St Nicholas Day)
- Saturday, December 7 John 1: 19-28

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
**Pastor Mary Anderson**

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Visit my blog: ponderanewpma.com

**CHRISTMAS PURSE**

Christmas is a time we show love and appreciation to our families through the act of gifting. The Staff at Christ Lutheran are indeed an important part of our Family! We are invited to show our love and appreciation to the Staff of Christ Lutheran Church, by contributing to the "Christmas Purse" Fund. This will be equally divided between Silke, Linda, Mike, Nancy & Jim. We will collect this love offering through Sunday, December 22. You can hand your gift directly to Kathy Reynolds, or place it in the offering plate marked 'Christmas Purse'. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Reynolds at (678) 643-6261. God's Peace to you all!



**December Birthdays**



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- 12/5 Jennifer Lueders
- 12/6 Barbara Fudjack, Wayne Sebulsky
- 12/9 Michelle Olesh
- 12/14 Gary Reynolds, Marion Malcolm
- 12/16 Nancy Conder
- 12/18 Doug Hamnes, Marajeane Zodtner
- 12/21 Joe Putrino

Active Duty military family and relocated to Hilton Head Island in 2018. Gunnar is currently in 9th grade and will be joining the new Confirmation Group this January.

Welcome all! By your presence we are a new congregation as we partner together in the mission we share.

12/29 Kathy Strohmaier  
12/30 Randy Johnson, Christy Marsden

### **December Anniversaries**

12/14 Neil & Kathy Strohmaier  
(51 yrs)

12/22 Herb & Sandy Heins (62 yrs)  
12/27 Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky (50 yrs)  
12/28 Paul & Suzanne Gerhart (57 yrs)  
12/28 Joe & Donna Putrino (44 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the office: [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) with any corrections.



### **God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:**

- Elise Anderson, first pastoral call
- Emmett Kresge
- Ted Gerloch
- Gloria Szymanski
- Jesse Catapano
- William Martens
- Anja Martens
- Patti Soltys
- Sandy West
- Grace Stump
- Marion Malcolm, recovering from surgery
- Steve Alfred, Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia
- Manfred Pyrlik, pancreatic cancer
- Steve Bassford
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- Sandy Heins
- those affected by the devastation of all Natural Disasters
- ALL service personnel

**Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office.**

## **Advent Bible Study Series**

### **How Do Lutherans Interpret the Bible?**

*Part 1 by Pastor Mary Anderson*

It all started with the Easter Egg Hunt at my congregation last year. Some



anxious-looking grandmothers who regularly attend one of the adult Sunday School classes came up to me while the kids were hunting eggs and said, "We're worried about our Sunday School lesson tomorrow." That was odd and unexpected. "Show me," I said. Several went to their classroom and showed me the participant book for the Bible study they were doing. It was a small series on the Pastoral Epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus) and they turned to the up-coming chapter on the text from 1 Timothy 2: 11-15 that says: 11Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. 12I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. 13For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

One of the discussion questions for the class to ponder said this: "Discuss why women should not be pastors and why it can be harmful to the church."

I turned the book over to the back cover to see who the publisher was. As I suspected, it was a series published by Concordia, the publishing arm of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod denomination. As you probably know, the LCMS does not allow the ordination of women and is often reluctant to have lay women in leadership roles of any kind, including teaching Sunday School.

This Advent Bible Study on Lutheran Interpretation of the Bible is an adaptation of a six-Sunday series I prepared and lead in that adult Sunday School class for all of the Easter season in 2019. I used this 1 Timothy text on women's silence as the central piece of scripture for this series. However, it is difficult to speak about a "Lutheran" way of interpreting the Bible since obviously different Lutheran denominations do not agree. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we probably have more in common with United Methodists, Episcopalians and Moravians than we do with our siblings in the Missouri Synod. So, in all honesty, this series represents more of an ELCA Lutheran way of interpreting scripture than it does simply a Lutheran way. Much of this method of interpreting the Bible does come from Martin Luther. This way of understanding scripture is also what guides our discernment and our decision-making around social issues, economic concerns, and ethical questions that are not explicitly addressed in scripture. Obviously, the Bible doesn't directly speak to concerns and dilemmas raised by our advanced technology such as invitro fertilization or cloning or smart phones.

A college freshman once told me she found a brochure on a table in a waiting room with the title, "What the Bible Says About the Internet." She laughed at the very idea and said to me, "I'm pretty sure the Bible doesn't say a thing about the internet!" But inside that brochure were listed several scripture passages that supposedly did just that. I looked up a few of them and could not even imagine what kind of connection was being attempted between those scriptures and possible ethical/moral concerns about communication technology in the 21st C.

But the point is, someone else did. Somebody or some faith community used a method of interpreting scripture so that they made the connection. It's not that scripture is "up for grabs" but it is up for interpretation in every time and place. While fundamentalists seek to be very literal in their interpretation of the Bible and reduce it to a bumper sticker - "The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it", and the secularists are convinced scripture is just a bunch of old myths and irrelevant stories; Lutherans seek a middle way. We believe God's living Word is revealed in scripture and that it is constantly relevant for us and for every age.

So over the following four weeks, I'll be unpacking the following Five Principles and their accompanying questions. These principles are at the heart of our Lutheran interpretation of the Bible:

1. **Law and Gospel** [How does this scripture reveal my brokenness and how does it offer me healing and hope?]
2. **What Shows Forth Christ?** [How do I see Christ in this part of scripture?]
3. **Scripture Interprets Scripture** [How does this scripture connect to the overall biblical story?]
4. **The Plain Meaning of the Text** [How would the first hearers of this scripture have understood it?]
5. **Public Interpretation** [How might someone in a completely different life situation interpret this scripture?]

All through this series, we'll use that Easter-egg hunt scripture from 1 Timothy and apply these

principles to it. Remember that God's Word is a living thing. We may start by asking "what did it mean" but the final question must be "what does it mean for us right now?"

Next week, we'll begin with Principle 4: The Plain Meaning of the Text.

Thanks for giving me your feedback and for sharing your story with scripture along this journey!

## CLC Council Corner

### Congregational Meeting



We invite you to attend a two very important Congregation Meetings that will be held in December.

On **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** before the Preschool Christmas Pageant we will hold a **Congregation meeting** as prescribed by Christ Lutheran Church Constitution to **elect Council members** for the ensuing year. ***Please gather in the sanctuary for this vote.***

There are five Council seats up for re-election for another two year term. Individuals who are standing for re-election are:

- Susan Fidler
- Leslie Heavener
- Gary Reynolds
- Kathy Reynolds
- Phyllis Rowe

On **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00pm in Heinrich's Hall** we will hold our **third Town Hall Meeting** to discuss the process for a Congregation Vote regarding Christ Lutheran Church's affiliation with the ELCA. A package of information that was prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee was mailed out on Saturday, November 23. If you did not receive your copy, please stop by the Church office and our Parish Administrator, Linda Sheetz will be happy to provide one for you.

Your attendance and participation in these two meetings of our Church is very much appreciated

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family,

The Christ Lutheran Church Council met at a regularly called meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30pm. Following is a summary of that meeting:

- Bishop Yoos of the ELCA South Carolina Synod attended our meeting and delivered our opening devotion and prayer. Bishop Yoos spoke to us about reconciliation and asked us to share ways we are experiencing reconciliation at CLC today. Bishop also spoke to us about Abortion and Human Sexuality as social statements, as well as the Sanctuary memorial that was introduced from the floor at the Churchwide Assembly in August. Please note Bishop's letter to our congregation regarding the Resolution and Etter that was mailed to the congregation on September 30, 2019. To read the letter and Resolution [click here](#). Bishop Yoos will be at Christ Lutheran to preach at one service at 10:00am on Sunday, January 12 and visit with the congregation at Brunch to be held directly after the service.
- Council reviewed the results of Consecration Sunday. Current result as of Monday, November 25 is receipt of 54 cards that total \$198,904 in commitments from the congregation. We are hopeful that more cards will be turned in over the next few weeks so that the A&F committee can prepare a budget for our Annual Meeting that will be held on February 2 between services.
- Rita Hungate, chairperson of the Nominating Committee reported that there are no volunteers to fill the two vacant seats on Council. With 5 current members standing for re-election and 5 continuing members, the Council meets our Constitutional requirement C12.01 that the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor, the officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and not more than eight or fewer than five members of the congregation. A Congregation Meeting to elect the 5 members for re-election, which include

Susan Fidler, Leslie Heavener, Kathy Reynolds, Gary Reynolds and Phyllis Rowe, will be held before the Preschool Christmas Pageant at 9:30am on Sunday, December 8 in the Church Sanctuary. Notice of that meeting will be mailed on November 26, 2019.

- Council discussed the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee and noted that the Lutheran Denomination Comparison document and supporting information will be mailed on Saturday, November 23.
- Council discussed the Town Hall Meeting that is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00pm in Heinrichs Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to offer information regarding the Christ Lutheran Church Constitution and By-Law requirements for the process of disaffiliation.
- Council voted to call a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 11:45am in Heinrichs Hall to vote on the ELCA affiliation of Christ Lutheran Church. Notice of that meeting will be mailed in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws.
- Rita Hungate reported that she has scheduled a Security Training session on January 7, 2020 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Heinrichs Hall. Council Members, Preschool Director and Teachers, Choir Members and other interested parties are urged to attend. A light supper of Pizza and Salad will be served.
- Joe reported that our new Parish Administrator, Linda Sheetz, joined us on November 18 and Barbara Klatt will be with her for two weeks for training. Welcome Linda!
- Council approved a flexible work schedule for Silke Pyrlík to care for Manfred.

In Christ's Service,  
Kathy Reynolds  
Council President

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**South Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

November 21, 2019

Ms. Kathy Reynolds, President  
Christ Lutheran Church  
829 William Hilton Parkway  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Dear Fellow Disciples:

On behalf of the South Carolina Synod Council members, we are writing to let you know that your letter was read aloud to our Synod Council members on Monday, November 18, 2019, at our regularly scheduled meeting. We listened intently to your words. We heard your feelings and beliefs. We engaged in a 45-minute conversation about your letter. We prayed for each one of Jesus' disciples in your church community.

We hear you. Your thoughts, feelings, concerns, and disagreement are known by our Synod Council leadership and your letter and statements in full will be sent to the Church Council, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), so that they too can hear you.

We, as a Synod Council, discussed our own differences on the understanding of the term "sanctuary" and we were concerned about the process of this controversial term adopted from the floor of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly at a time when our nation is so divided. Overall, we agree that as the body of Christ means that we can be in different places on an issue; we don't have to agree on every issue. Thus, we can still love one another and be in a Christ centered community and vote differently.

Daily living into our baptismal faith is not always easy, but Jesus did not promise us that. Yet, through listening and living among all of God's faithful people we learn here Jesus' promise to us that he will be with us, he will help us, and he will not forsake us.

We have heard you and we want to continue to listen and live among you as God's faithful people.  
In Christ's unconditional love,

## CLC Preschool

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! You won't want to miss this!**

*DINE OUT FOR CLP*

**Thursday, DECEMBER 5 will be the third annual fundraiser at The SandBar Beach Eats, 101 Pope Ave.**



Our preschool parent and restaurant owner, Erika Waronsky is generous donating her restaurant for this fundraiser. Fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds from all food and beverage sales will go to the preschool.

This includes lunch, dinner and take-out. So grab your family and friends and come support the preschool while having a fabulous time at this great restaurant

### DECEMBER IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR THE PRESCHOOL CHILDREN.

You can see and feel the excitement as Christmas approaches. Our calendar is filled with fun and activities.

The children are practicing for their Christmas Nativity Program which they will perform during our 10:00 a.m. **COMBINED WORSHIP** service on Sunday, Dec. 8 followed by a fabulous brunch prepared by Christ's Loyal Chefs!



## CLC Global Ministry

**ELCA Good Gifts - God's Global Barnyard**



**ELCA  
GOOD  
GIFTS**

**LET'S DO IT AGAIN! LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.**



Our gifts to **God's Global Barnyard** support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. You can pick a farm animal to give: a cow (or a part of it, a chicken, goat or pig).

**OUR YOUTH ARE LEADING AN INITIATIVE  
TO GIVE HOPE AND GIFTS THAT ARE SUSTAINABLE  
AND CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF WHOLE FAMILIES**

## CLC Community Ministry

### LOCAL MISSION:

**ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - every Thursday -- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen **EVERY THURSDAY** of the month! Why not come by and **offer your hands in service** on a Thursday? If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information **Please Contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office.**

### LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES

Back Back Buddies is very busy this time of year to not only ensure that the children have food for the weekends but also extra for when they are out of school for the holidays.

In addition to the food we buy from Sysco, we add fresh fruit every week at the school. We also give each child a special treat at Christmas of gloves and a little candy.

Our church is one of four packing sites to make this program happen with a lot of volunteers.

Our next **SET UP** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 4:15 p.m.** with **PACKING** on **Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m.**



If you would like to help, contact Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710.

### LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL

The CLC Social Service Ministry Team is sponsoring a "**Reverse Advent Calendar**" this year as the way to donate food items to the Deep Well Food Pantry. Everyone in your family can contribute, even those family members who arrive in time to come to Christmas Eve Services.

How it works: each day **add** an item to a box at your home. On Christmas Eve (or anytime prior), bring your box to church. These boxed donations (or add them to the big Deep Well Food box in the Narthex) will then be taken to Deep Well on their next business day (Friday, December 27). The food items on the following list can be used year around for Deep Well clients. Questions? Call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711 or email her at [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com).



December 1---box of cereal (non sugar coated please)

December 2---peanut butter  
 December 3---cookies  
 December 4---boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped etc.)  
 December 5---macaroni and cheese  
 December 6---can fruit (low sugar, natural juice)  
 December 7---can tomatoes (whole, diced, stewed, sauce)  
 December 8---can tuna  
 December 9---dessert mix (cake/ brownie/ cookie mixes etc.)  
 December 10---jar of applesauce  
 December 11---can stew  
 December 12---jelly  
 December 13---can beans (baked, kidney, black etc.)  
 December 14---box of crackers  
 December 15---bag of rice  
 December 16---oatmeal  
 December 17---package/bag of pasta  
 December 18---pasta/spaghetti sauce  
 December 19---chicken noodle soup  
 December 20---tomato soup  
 December 21---can corn  
 December 22---can mixed vegetables  
 December 23---can carrots  
 December 24---can green beans or peas



### The Deep Well Santa Shop ---

The Deep Well Santa Shop opens on December 9 and runs through December 16. Last year about 560 Hilton Head Island children received holiday items courtesy of the many toy donations from local residents, organizations (like Christ Lutheran), and businesses. Please consider buying some of the following toy suggestions.

**The toys need to be new and donated UNWRAPPED. Bring them to the blue wagon in the Narthex any time by Sunday, December 1 so that they can be delivered to Deep Well.**

#### Gifts across all age groups:

Books, books, books!  
 Stuffed animals  
 Board Games (Pictionary, Monopoly, Twister, Sequence, Scrabble, Sorry, Connect 4, Mouse Trap)  
 Sports Equipment (scooters, baseball mitts, soccer balls, basketballs, skateboards)  
 Batteries (mostly AA's)

#### Gifts for Children ages 1-6:

Baby strollers	Dress up clothes
Ethnic dolls	Construction cars and trucks
Paw Patrol	Small riding toys
PJ Masks toys	Doll houses
LOL dolls and toys	Themed toys (Toy Story, Lion King, Super Hero)
Grocery carts with toy food	Little Live Scruff-a-Luvs

#### Gifts for Children ages 6-12:

Skateboards	Science Kits
Books	Jewelry
Pre-Teen make-up	Craft kits
Magnetic dart board	Walkie talkies with batteries
Scooters	Lava lamps

## CLC Faith Formation

### Faith Formation for children (K to 5th) & Faith Formation for youth (6th to 12th grade)

Youth and children will meet this Sunday 12/2 at 9:45 a.m. in the youth room to practice for the 12/8 Preschool Christmas nativity program where we will participate in leading the worship portion of the morning.

After 12/8 we will be on Christmas vacation.

We resume classes on January 12, 2020.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 9:45 a.m. in Heinrichs Hall on Sunday mornings**

December is a busy month both at home and at church. So many Sundays are already filled with unusual events: the Children's Christmas pageant is part of our 10:00 a.m. worship on Dec. 8 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, falls on a Tuesday this year and we will have our traditional 5:00 and 10:30 p.m. services.

Soooo -- our class will regroup on January 5, 2020. Hope you can join us!

### *Why not join us for stimulating discussion!*

**Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.**  
(We will not meet on Dec. 8)



**In this faith formation class, we tackle challenging questions about our Christian faith by having an open discussion about a different video each week. These videos offer contemporary theologian's insights on the Bible, spirituality, and the challenges of living in the 21st century using writings and traditions that are 2000 years old.**

### **The creators of this video series state:**

*You're not alone! Countless others have moved beyond the traditional religious conventions of the past - but still value the challenge and spirit of the teachings of a prophetic, compassionate Jesus. But how does one express this deeper, more enriching understanding?*

***Living the Questions* provides the theological grounding, rationale and vocabulary to help you articulate the foundations of Christianity.**

**Our class is open and welcoming to all who struggle with Christian theology and scripture that seems out of synch with the rest of the Bible and with how we in the 21st century attempt to walk faithfully with God and all of creation. Please come join us in the Sales Building. We're not hard to find.**

Questions? contact David Kuhlmann -- buckeye81@me.com

## CLC Fellowship

**DINNERS FOR SIX PLUS TWO**

**2020 SIX PLUS TWO DINNER GROUP SIGN UP IS UNDER WAY...**

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Sign-ups will continue until the first week January. Next year's groups will be formed in mid-January. The groups consist of 3 couples and 2 singles. The group meets 3 times a year at the couple's homes. Singles do not need to entertain. The host couple prepares the entree and asks others to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert. If you are unable to entertain in your home, you can arrange a Dutch-treat lunch at a restaurant. It's a great way to get to know others at Christ Lutheran.



**Dinners for Six Plus Two**

**Don't miss out on the fun!** Call Elsa Felten for more information: 847-830-6348

**Events Happening at CLC**

**Assisting in Worship this Week, Sunday, December 1**

**Altar Guild:** Jo Ann Sebulsky

**Coffee Fellowship:** Barbara Bethman **Floral Guild:** Wendy Dickes

**8:30 a.m. Lector:** Doug Felten

**Ushers:** John Babbitts

**Music:** Elsa & Doug Felten, Kirk Taylor, Alice Graeb, Tami & David Kuhlmann

**Communion:** Kirk & Cherie Taylor

**10:30 a.m. Lector:** Rita Hungate

**Ushers:** Larry & Janet Hicks; Gary & Leslie Heavener

**Communion:** Chalices: Alan & Deanna Coyne

Friday, 11/29	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group
<b>Sunday 12/1</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>
		<b>Faith Formation Classes</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>
Monday, 12/2	10:00 a.m.	CLC Quilters
Tuesday, 12/3	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 12/4	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
	3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	4:15 p.m.	Back Pack Buddies Set Up
	5:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Practice
Thursday 12/5	10:15 a.m.	Back Pack Buddies Packing
	Noon	Soup Kitchen
	All Day	Sand Bar Restaurant Fundraiser



