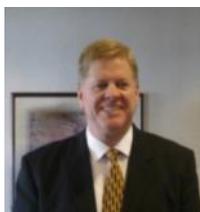


December 2, 2018



**Sunday
Worship
Dec. 2
8:30 AM**

Pastor Mark Degner



Sunday's Focus

In the darkest night, during the most difficult seasons, despair threatens us. But the message of Advent is that there is hope for the hopeless...in Jesus Christ - God with us!

Sunday
Scripture



**Readings for Sunday,
12.2.18**

Lamentations 3:21-26;
Romans 5:1-11;
Luke 21:25-36

12.2.18 Worship

Greeter:
Reader: Daniel Barber
Ushers: Paul Picton
Duke Clifton

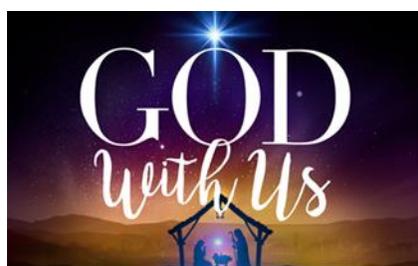
12.2.18 Hostess
Kris Coffey

**Father, bless each one
present at worship on
November 18 = 78**



Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Saturday, December 1st, at 9:00am, for the "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. Listen to readings from the prophets, learn the symbolism behind the decorations, sing some of your favorite Christmas carols, and enjoy fellowship as we kickoff the season.



Sunday Series of Messages

The good news of Advent is that God is with us. He gives us hope, peace, joy, and love. Attend every Sunday in December to explore the life-changing power of God with us in Jesus Christ.



Do You Need Personal Prayer?

If you would like someone to pray with you privately and confidentially, you may approach the front of the sanctuary after our worship.

**This Week at
Christ Lutheran**

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am Hanging of the Greens (HCC)
5:00 pm Prayer for Sunday worship (HCC)

Sunday, December 2

8:30 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Education hour (HCC)

Mondy, December 3

6:30 pm Grief Study (HCC)

Tuesday, December 4

6:30 pm House of Prayer
7:00 pm Advent Service (HCC)

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Fellowship Cmte
7:00 pm Christian Ed Cmte

Thursday, December 6

6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Cmte
6:30 pm Cleansing Stream Discipleship

Saturday, December 8

5:00 pm Prayer for Sunday worship (HCC)

Sunday, December 9

8:30 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Education hour (HCC)

ALREADY BUT NOT YET

LIVING IN THE LAND BETWEEN

Tuesday Advent Worship

We will gather on December 4, 11, and 18 for Advent worship, at 7:00 p.m. at HCC. The theme is "Already - Not Yet." Join us this Tuesday for worship.



Christmas Caroling

Join us on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m., for Christmas caroling. Meet at HCC. Share the joy of Christmas in song. Then, enjoy the dinner that will follow. It will be fun!



Our Future Ministry Center

Recently, our church agreed to a lease agreement for occupying the Chapel and Level One of the Classroom Building at Transformation Hill. May the Lord equip us for our mission and ministry.



Wednesday - Christmas for the Coat - CLC Basket

This Wednesday, December 5th, from 6:30-9:00am, enjoy a buffet breakfast at Fernando's Restaurant. This is a benefit for the Washington County Food Pantry. Listen to live music. Bid on great silent auction and raffle items. Visit with Santa. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. See Pastor Mark for a ticket. All funds raised from the event go to help feed families in Washington County. Christ Lutheran Church **GIVES!** We are donating a basket for the raffle. Our basket theme is "Christmas Holiday Baking." See the box and informational flyer in the foyer or contact Sue Wulf at 402.658.3437 for more information.



Children's Christmas Program

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" is the title of this year's children's program. Sunday, December 16th, 8:30 a.m. Be there to experience the joy of Christmas and encourage our kids.



Give and It Will Be Given to You

Do you want to see God move in your financial life? Make a sacrificial gift to Him and see what happens. **God is the greatest Giver in the universe; He is not going to let you out-give Him.** Do you believe that? Pray now about your commitment to the Arise campaign. Trust God, decide, and act. You will be blessed abundantly.



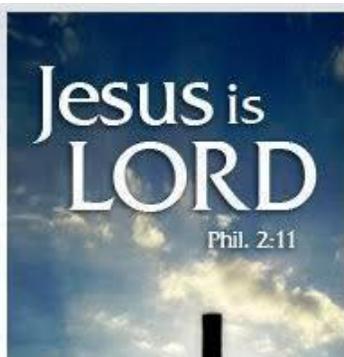
A Movie and A Meal

We are showing an animated Christmas film called "The Star" on Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 p.m. **Kids** will love this film (as well as adults). We are going to watch the kids and feed them while their parents go **Christmas shopping**. We need you to help with childcare. Contact Linda Degner at 402.670.5145.



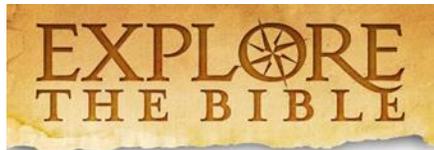
Poinsettias for Christmas

Now is the time to order or donate poinsettias for the CLC "Christmas trees" in the sanctuary. Plants are \$20 each and you may purchase them in memory or honor of someone you love. Please use the order form in your worship folder. Donated plants are tax-deductible.



Arise Prayerful Intention

Offer your sacrificial, confidential, **prayerful intention** for Arise. This is a freewill, over-and-above our regular weekly giving intention to fuel the future of Christ Lutheran Church. Place your card in the offering plate or hand it to Dianne Havekost. Make a difference! Give to Arise!



Sunday Adult Bible Studies

You have choices for adult Bible studies on Sunday. *The Book of Joshua, The Longing in Me* (women), *Heaven, Hell, and Life after Death* (men), *Pilgrim's Progress*, and *Text of the Day*. Grow up! Grow in your knowledge of the Word of God and in your relationship with Jesus.



Giving Tuesday

Christ Lutheran Church was awarded \$500 in on a drawing on Giving Tuesday via Washington County Gives. Many thanks to Fremont Electric and Fremont Electric-Blair for their gift to CLC!



Food Pantry Volunteers

Please volunteer at Joseph's Coat and the Washington County Food Pantry. Our church serves two Tuesdays per month. The next CLC date is Tuesday, December 11th, 10:00 a.m., but you can help anytime. Thanks to those who have volunteered at



Pocket Crosses!

Share Jesus and His saving love through our cross ministry. Pick up a few at the CLC table in the foyer. Give them to others.

community choir

Community Choir

The Blair Area Community Choir will sing on December 2, at 2:00 p.m., in the Blair High School Auditorium. You are cordially invited to the concert.



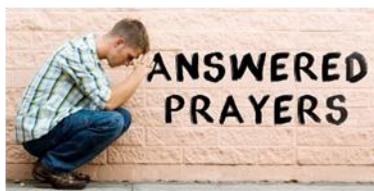
Jesus Follower Quotes

"Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning - not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last."

- Frederick Buechner

"God loves the lowly.... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as His instruments and performs His wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; He loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Answered Prayers

Thank the Lord for the following:

For our church's decision to establish our first ministry center.



Prayer Requests

For God's divine power to be at work in our church.

For forgiveness, reconciliation, and the perfect unity of the Spirit among our members.

For God's wisdom, courage, and generosity to infiltrate our church.

For the overwhelming success of the Arise Campaign.

For our people to serve generously in our church's ministry.

For the Spirit to transform hearts and lives and bring salvation in Jesus.

For the spiritual revival and restored unity of our country.

For protection over missionaries Katie Wulf, Pastor Vijay, and Pat Bentsen.

For Jess Barr, Erin Lewis, Jim Custard, Grace Branson, Eldon & LaDonna Bucy, Sue Wulf, Helga Hanson, Marc Nielsen, Gus Nielsen, Stan & Twila Sass, Jeanette Hanen, Ellen Behrens, Pat Widner, Rick Stinson, Steve Degner, Lindsey Rand, Penny Anderson, Woody Woodring (Linda), Mary Davey, Lisa Madsen, Laura Madsen, Kate Christiansen, Connor, and all who need healing.

For Gail Wiles, Owen Deaver, and Gary Kline (cancer patients) and their families.

For marriages and families in crisis.

For the all victims of abuse (sexual, emotional, verbal, physical, psychological, spiritual).

For children and youth to be protected from suicidal ideation, bullying and substance abuse.

For those with chemical addictions and eating disorders.



Church Choir Practice

You are cordially invited to join Adult Choir on each Wednesday for an hour rehearsal. God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God. *Even if you are rusty or have been away from singing for a long time, you are welcome!* Please contact Diane Fischer at 402.699.5287 or ebonyandivory@abbnebraska.com for questions.



Missional Idea

Invite someone to worship on Tuesday evenings: Advent worship - Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. People are more receptive to invitations to church at this time of year. Share Jesus!



Be Missional

We are called by God to be on mission every day. The Christian life is 24/7/365 and worldwide in its scope. Being missional is not a program. It's not an activity, it's an identity. It's living daily life with a Christ-like mind toward others, reflecting the love of Jesus toward them. It doesn't require that you go anywhere special. Just be God's woman, man, or child in the moment as the Lord gives you opportunity. Live like Jesus.

Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 5 Camron Comstock
- December 10 Bill Hall
- December 14 Julie Bogardus
- December 17 Grace Branson
- December 17 Jay Smith
- December 22 Maddy Kraft
- December 27 Holly Latwaitis

If you know of anyone omitted or incorrect in this list, please email Bill at bill.hall@christlutheranblair.org



House of Prayer

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart." John Bunyan. Let your heart speak to the Lord with us. Pray. Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. before Advent worship.



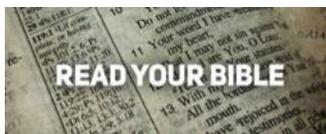
DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 21 Dave & Jessica Barr
- Dec. 31 Doug & Tricia Barber

Please email Bill of revisions or updates!

CHRIST LUTHERAN Benevolence DOLLARS October 2018 \$1,800.00

Cru-Jake Loftis (Monthly)	\$ 150.00
Samaritans Purse (CA Fire Relief)	\$ 500.00
Washington County Food Pantry/Joseph's Coat	\$ 500.00
Open Door Mission	\$ 500.00
Katie Wulf (Christmas Gift)	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,800.00



Bibles Available

If one of our guests needs a Bible, copies are available at our table in the foyer of the church. The Word has power! Share it with a guest to our church or a friend.



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Sharing is Caring!

"Share" with your friends and family our church's posts and invitations from the **CLC Facebook page** www.facebook.com/CLCBlair/. Simply click on the **"Share"** arrow for each post and send an invitation to all your FB friends to **"Like"** our church's page.