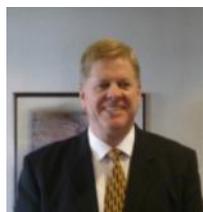


December 16, 2018



Pastor Mark Degner

**Sunday  
Worship  
Dec. 16  
8:30 AM**



**Sunday's Focus**

*Joy is not happiness. Happiness is dependent on earthly circumstances. We that Jesus came to this earth to save us, has won the victory for us, and that we will live eternally in His presence. That gives us lasting joy, no matter what our circumstances. Jesus is our greatest Christmas present!*



**Readings for Sunday.**

**12.16.18**

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

**12.9.18 Worship Assistants**

Greeter: Curt Barr  
Reader: Curt Hougen  
Ushers: Laurids Pedersen  
Duke Clifton

**12.9.18 Hostess**

Sunday School Classes

**Father, bless each one present at worship on December 9 = 72**



**Lease Agreement**

As part of our Sunday worship, we will be signing the lease with Angels Share to occupy the chapel and classroom building (level one) on Transformation Hill. Sunday will be one of the biggest days in our church's history. You need to be there! We will pray over the agreement and place our church's future into the Lord's hands for His direction and blessing. Ed Shada from Angels Share will be our guest.



**Children's Christmas Program**

'Twas the Night Before Christmas" is the title of this year's children's program. This Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. Be there to experience the joy of Christmas and encourage our kids. Thanks to all the kids and the adults who have helped prepare them!



**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 15**

10:00 am Christmas Program Practice (HCC)  
5:30 pm Stephen Ministries

**Sunday, December 16**

8:30 am Christmas Program  
8:30 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Education hour (HCC)  
3:00 pm Single Parent Group (HCC)  
3:00 pm Movie and a Meal (HCC)

**Tuesday, December 18**

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

**Wednesday, December 19**

6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 13**

6:30 pm Cleansing Stream Discipleship (HCC)  
6:30 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Cmte (HCC)  
7:30 pm Benevolence Cmte (HCC)

**Sunday, December 23**

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

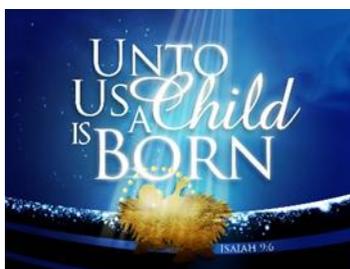
**Monday, December 24**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
10:00 pm Christmas Eve



### Tuesday Advent Worship

We will gather on December 18 for informal Advent worship, at 7:00 p.m. at HCC. You will choose your favorite Christmas hymns. There will be a brief message, and prayer. The theme is "Already - Not Yet." Join us this Tuesday for worship.



### Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00 p.m.

The first of two Christmas Eve candlelight worship services will take place at 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served. Bring your family and friends to celebrate God with us, Emmanuel. The worship will be preceded by special music at 4:30 p.m.



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus the Savior at a candlelight communion worship service, December 24, 10:00 p.m. The worship will be preceded by Christmas music at 9:30 p.m. Worship. Bring a friend. Jesus is worth celebrating!



### Poinsettias for Christmas

Now is the time to order or donate poinsettias for the CLC "Christmas tree" 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. Order by December 16 to have your memorial printed in the bulletin.



### A Special Movie and A Meal

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



### Adopt-A-Family at Christmas

Ours is a generous, giving church. This Christmas, we are adopting **two single-parent families** with young children. On Sunday, we will share what you can contribute to bless the lives of these families. Give generously, as Jesus has given to you. Contact Linda Degner at 402.670.5145 for gift ideas.



### New Year's Eve Party

The annual CLC New Year's Eve Party will be held in the Hillside Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. A Lasagna dinner will be served with all the fixin's provided. The festivities continue with games and fun! Join your church family as we thank God for the blessings of 2018, and look forward with excitement to 2019!



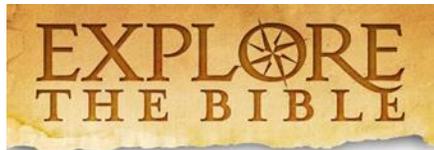
### Single Parent Ministry

A single parenting group is being formed at CLC! The first gathering will be brief ~ this Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m., for 30 minutes. A Christmas card exchange will take place. All single parents are welcome to attend.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., but you can help anytime. Thanks to those who have volunteered at this great mission. Get involved.



### 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.



### Medical Missions

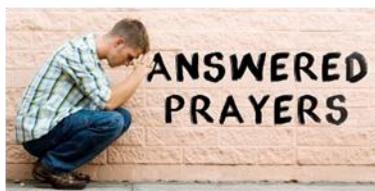
Next Sunday, December 23, Katie Wulf, medical missionary to the Dominican Republic, will share the Kids Message, and then speak during the adult education hour about her calling to serve the Lord in a foreign land. Be sure to attend.



### Jesus Follower Quotes

*"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."*

*"You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift."*



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

*For Angie DiGilio (brain surgery), Carol Lincoln, Jessie Kress, Jess Barr, Erin Lewis, Jim Custard, Grace Branson, Eldon & LaDonna Bucy, Sue Wulf, Eli, 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 the family of Gayle Wiles and Pastor Larry Augenbrecht (both died last week).*

*For 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.*



**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.



**Missional Idea**  
**Invite someone to Christmas Eve worship:** This is the best time of the year to invite friends, family, and others to worship. Christmas Eve worship services will take place at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., each preceded by 30 minutes of Christmas music. Share the gift of 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](mailto:bill.hall@christlutheranblair.org)



**House of Prayer**  
*"You cannot pray for someone and hate them at the same time."*  
 Billy Graham. Don't be a hater. Pray. Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. before Advent worship.



**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.



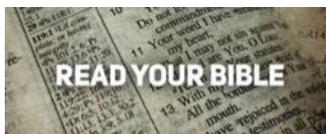
**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>



**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.



**Sharing is Caring!**  
**"Share"** with your friends and family our church's posts and invitations from the **CLC Facebook page** [www.facebook.com/CLCBlair/](http://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.



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