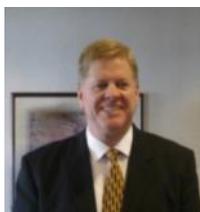


December 9, 2018



Pastor Mark Degner

**Sunday  
Worship  
Dec. 9  
8:30 AM**



**Sunday's Focus**

*The Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, gives a three-dimensional peace - peace with the Father, peace within our hearts and peace with others. The world cannot offer us this peace; it's only available in Jesus. When we share the peace, it is multiplied.*

Sunday  
Scripture



**Readings for Sunday.**  
**12.9.18**

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

**12.9.18 Worship**

Greeter: Eloise Hiemke  
Reader: Jethro Comstock  
Ushers: Eloise Hiemke

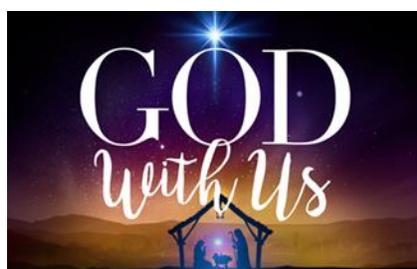
**12.9.18 Hostess**  
Stephen Ministers

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



**Stephen Ministry Sunday**

This Sunday, we will celebrate Stephen Ministry. This is a one-to-one, Christian, confidential, caring ministry. Do you need someone who cares to walk beside you? Also, answer God's call into your life to serve as a caring minister! A new training course begins January 14, 2019.



**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**

**Sunday, December 9**

8:30 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Education hour (HCC)  
4:00 pm Caroling (HCC)

**Monday, December 10**

6:30 pm Grief Study (HCC)

**Tuesday, December 11**

10:00 am Joseph's Coat Volunteers  
6:00 pm House of Prayer  
7:00 pm Advent Service (HCC)

**Wednesday, December 12**

6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 13**

6:30 pm Executive Committee (HCC)

**Saturday, December 15**

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

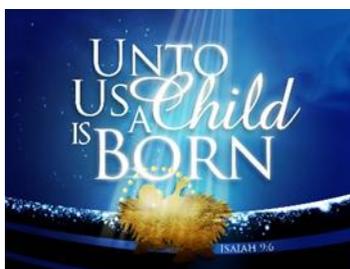
**Sunday, December 16**

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



### Tuesday Advent Worship

We will gather on December 11, and 18 for Advent worship, at 7:00 p.m. at HCC. You will choose your favorite Christmas hymns. 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 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. Order by December 16.



### Children's Christmas Program

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



### 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.



### 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!



### A Movie and A Meal

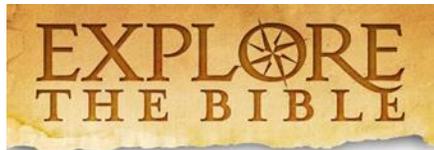
We are showing an animated Christmas film called "The Star" on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. **Kids** will love this film (as well as adults). We are going to watch the kids and feed them while their parents go **Christmas shopping**. We need you to help with childcare. Contact Linda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



### 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!

The annual CLC New Year's Eve Party will be held at HCC at 5:30 pm. Lasagna dinner and fixins provided, followed by games and fun!



### 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.

### community choir

#### Community Choir

The Blair Area Community Choir concert has been re-scheduled for Sunday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m., at First Lutheran Church. You are cordially invited to the concert.



#### 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 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 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.*



#### 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.



#### Jesus Follower Quotes

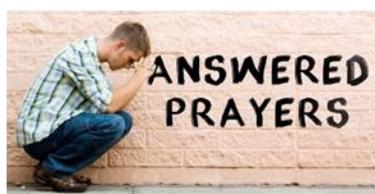
*"At this Christmas, when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Theresa*

*"And then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely stand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that ... God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever others may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



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



#### Answered Prayers

*Thank the Lord for the following:*  
*For our church's decision to establish our first ministry center.*



#### 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.



**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 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!

*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)



**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

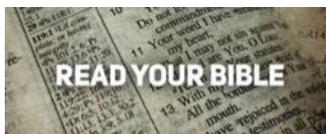
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**House of Prayer**  
*"You cannot pray for someone and hate them at the same time."* Billy Graham. Don't be a hater. Pray. Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. before Advent worship.

**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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