



# ONE IN CHRIST

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## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

### Advent Mid-week Evenings

Each Wednesday in Advent we use the evening for eating a simple meal together and for singing together the simple, contemporary setting for vespers, "Holden Evening Prayer." The vespers begin at 7:00 p. m.

A simple supper of soup, salad and other goodies leads into the evening at 6:00 p. m. A sign up list is on the bulletin board for you to sign for what you can bring. Meals are by free will offering.

The holiday season can stir deep emotions within us. Children often greet the season with joy and excitement while those who have recently lost loved ones may find sadness in the very same event. God meets us wherever we are. This year's Advent series gives voice to our varied feelings of fear, confusion, doubt and curiosity as we approach another Christmas through a series called "Tidings of Comfort and Joy." Each week we will hear of an angel's message to the people surrounding Jesus' birth story.

The 35-minute service will include an activity for children. The topics for each week are:

Nov. 30 - "The Angel Speaks to Zechariah's Fear."

Dec. 7 - "The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion"

Dec. 14 - "The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt"

Dec. 21 - "The Angel Speaks to the Shepherds' Curiosity"

The evenings begin on November 30. On Dec. 7 Holy Redeemer Catholic Church has been invited to join us for the meal and worship as part of the on-going Lutheran-Catholic dialogs. The meal that evening is a chili supper served by the Christ Lutheran youth.

### Sundays in December

Sundays of Dec. 4, 11, and 18 are Sundays in Advent. We begin each service with the lighting of the Advent wreath. On December 11 the children of the Sunday School will present their Christmas program during the 10:30

service. On December 18 the Christ Choir will perform the cantata, "Once Upon a Night" by Pepper Choplin, at both 8:00 and 10:30 a. m.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, there will be one service only at 10:30 a. m. It will be a simple service of carols, readings, and Holy Communion. The same schedule will apply on Sunday, January 1, when there will be one service only at 10:30 a. m. There will be no child care on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.



*Above: Deacon John Flanagan tells Christ Lutheran members about worship at Holy Redeemer as part of the mutual church tours conducted between our congregations November 16 and 17.*

### Christmas Eve

The first worship on Christmas Eve is at 5:00 p. m. While bringing the meaning of the birth of the Christ to all ages, the service is oriented towards family participation. Carols will be sung and candles will be lit.

The second service is at 11:00 p. m. We sing the rich carols of the season, hear special music, receive the word of the Gospel of Jesus, and receive Holy Communion this holy night.

### Sunday School Performs "A Super Christmas"

We hope you can join us on Dec. 11th at 10:30am for our "Super" Christmas program. Sunday School children are performing a play and singing songs with the help from Confirmation students. Super heroes will meet Jesus and Mary and learn who Jesus is.

# LIFE AROUND CHRIST

## Happy Birthday to You ...

Join us for a celebration of December anniversaries and birthdays on Sunday, December 4th, during Fellowship at 9:00 and 11:35 a.m. We want to celebrate you!

## Dads2 Group to Gather Saturday, December 3rd

The next D2 Group meeting will be a family event at 4 p.m., Dec. 3rd, at the home of Phil and Kate Hoerchler, 937 Robert Place, St. Louis 63122. Dads are going to meet along with their children and Significant Others, which might be a good time for anyone interested in the Dads Group to come and meet the Dads2 attendees. This is a chance to better understand what a Dads Group meeting is like. If you are interested, email Dan Gunther at [dwgunther@gmail.com](mailto:dwgunther@gmail.com), to get more info and a brief overview of what is discussed when they meet.

## Dad's Group 1 & 2 Open Fellowship Night

The Dad's Group will meet informally for fellowship on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Global Brew in Rock Hill just off Manchester. All dads, whether part of Dad's Group are invited to attend.

## Youth Decorate Cookies, Exchange White Elephant Gifts,

### At Cluster Christmas Party December 11

The South Cluster Youth Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8pm. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3600 Hampton Ave., St. Louis 63109. This party is for all middle and high school students. Youth will once again decorate Christmas cookies to be donated to needy senior citizens.

Each participating congregation needs to bring 4 dozen cookies to be decorated (sugar, ginger, etc.) plus whatever they can bring for icing and decorations.

Also, new this year: Each youth should bring a "white elephant" for an exchange (something lying around your house; don't spend money!).

## January 6 is Deadline for Annual MLK Essay Contest for Children and Youth

The Martin Luther King Jr. Community

Planning Committee has announced its annual essay contest for children and youth. The grade categories are: kindergarten, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 8, and grades 9 through 12.

The deadline for submission is January 6. The winner in each grade category will receive funding for a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Please see Pastor Penny for a copy of the essay guidelines.

## Old Newsboys Article

You may have noticed that the front page of the recent "Old Newsboys" edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured an ongoing ministry which is housed at Christ Lutheran's Arden Mead Center. The article entitles, "LEAD Promising Youth Program Helps Lead Youth to Better Lives" was written by Abby Carpenter, a senior at Kirkwood High School. The article explains the program in detail and allows its director, Dotty Tepper, to outline its goals.

## Peter Mayer Christmas Concert

The Peter Mayer "Stars and Promises 2016 - Wings of Angels" Concert is Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7, p. m. at the Sheldon Concert Hall. For tickets call MetroTix at 314.534.1111 or visit the Sheldon Concert Hall on line.

## St. Louis Metro Singers—Gloria! Christmas 2016 Concerts

The St. Louis Metro Singers will celebrate its 30th anniversary in January, 2017. Led by Mark Marting, a CLC member, this volunteer group has been performing in many venues each year and for many functions. Their Christmas 2016 schedule includes: **Sun., Dec. 4** at 4:00 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 3140 Meramec St., St. Louis 63118; **Sat. Dec. 10** at 7:30 p.m. in concert with the St. Louis Priory School Choirs, St. Anselm Catholic Church, 530 S. Mason Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141 and **Sun. Dec. 11** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4556 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis MO 63129.

# December Adult Education

## ADULT FORUM

*The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church building.*

**December 4, 11 and 18: “Embracing Emergency Christianity”** View and discuss a video presentation about the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis Tickle, an authority on religion in America, surveys ten thousand years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500’s, the next is happening now. What are the implications of this “great emergence,” both culturally and spiritually? Where might we be headed next? Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

**December 25 and January 1: There is no education hour.**

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

**Sunday Morning—9:15 a.m. Book and Film**

**Discussion Group** You are welcome to join us for fellowship, conversation and spirit-filled relationship building on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. Please drop in any week for the discussion. Contact Katie Ciorba with any questions.

**Tuesday Morning, 10 a.m.—Fellowship Hall.** The Tuesday Morning Bible study group will be using an Augsburg Fortress “Together in Faith Series” study guide for Advent, “Great Expectations Studies in Isaiah.” The four weeks, corresponding to the four Sundays in Advent, feature lessons in Peace, Hope, Joy and Promise for God’s People. They will use the first lesson during their field trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden on Nov. 29th. Questions? Contact Carolyn at 314-277-2164.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study.** This study meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the 3rd floor lounge of the Laclede Groves senior living community at 701 S. Laclede Station Road. The pastors lead a study on upcoming Sunday lessons. .



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## ANNUAL WOMEN’S ADVENT BRUNCH

During the time between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, angels seem to be everywhere. You can see them on rooftops, printed on Christmas cards, hung on trees, placed in elaborate yard decorations, and even used as symbols for charity fund drives. Angels are woven into the Christmas story and Jesus’ life story, in a way that is both spiritual and dynamic.

Many people grow up with the belief that angels are always watching out for us. This attitude may be due to the way angels were portrayed during that first Christmas. Who wouldn’t want to be around a being with such grace, beauty, compassion, knowledge and power? This is the type of person everyone would want on their team.

This year’s theme is *Angels Among Us*. Please join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The brunch will be held in Arden Mead Youth and Community Center from 10 am until noon. All women of the congregation, their family and friends are invited to attend. We will be collecting donations in the form of diapers (sizes especially needed are NB, 4 & 5) and wipes for Lutheran Family and Children’s Services of Missouri at the brunch.

Cost of the brunch is \$15 per person, payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Scholarship funds are available; contact the church office for details. Tables of 8 are available. Child-care will be provided if arranged in advance (tell of your need when placing reservations).

To make reservations: contact Jadee Lauer at 314-647-6452 or by email at [jadeelauer@yahoo.com](mailto:jadeelauer@yahoo.com).



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## LET'S CELEBRATE!



### CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Your Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you! *Every month we will honor anniversaries and birthdays with a special cake, party fun and decorations* after the service.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
12/26 Joan & Bob O'Brien

**BIRTHDAYS**  
12/01 Gloria Richardson  
12/02 Luther Ciorba  
12/05 Martin Allen  
12/07 Michael Bude  
12/07 Liz Drollinger  
12/13 Thomas Ely  
12/16 Linda Elkin  
12/19 Brett Bussler  
12/20 Jeffrey Kuziel  
12/22 Christopher Lindquist  
12/24 Lorelei Blaser  
12/24 Jodi McCarty  
12/25 Jesse Wood  
12/26 Bernice Trulove  
12/27 Dave Hopper



## BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

Carolyn Crowe, Faith Community Nurse and Director of Senior Adult Ministries, will do blood pressure and blood sugar screenings on Sunday, December 11. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. You can also make an appointment with Carolyn for a blood pressure or blood sugar check up, by calling her at either the church, 314-962-6011, or her cell phone 314-277-2164.

Don't forget to get your FLU SHOT this month—flu is a dangerous disease that can be made less so by a simple shot, which is available at your doctor's office, hospitals and many pharmacies, including ones located in grocery stores.

### Mike Lochmann Visit

Mr. Mike Lochmann of Kansas City recently stopped by the church for a visit. Mr. Lochmann is the son of Russ and Lucille Lochmann who were featured in a recent edition of the newsletter. The late Russ Lochmann was the orphan who was adopted by Christ Lutheran in the 1940's and given a scholarship to Lutheran High School. From there he went on to a successful career and to be a father. Mike is an attorney and is most grateful for the scholarship given on his father's behalf.



# REFLECTIONS

## “Christmas—A time of Darkness and Light”

I’ve heard others express the same thoughts I’ve had this year after the change back to standard time, that the nights seem so long. It takes a while for us to get used to being awake for so many hours of darkness.

Since Christmas has been celebrated for many centuries in the dark time of the northern hemisphere, much of the lore about it revolves around darkness. The story of the birth is set in darkness, with angels appearing to the shepherds as they were “watching their flocks by night.”

Darkness is a time of rest, but it is also a time of uneasiness. We are afraid in the night. We can’t see what’s out there. Sometimes we say we are “afraid of the dark.” This darkness and uneasiness seems to reflect where our society is, also. Not all are fearful, but many are uneasy as questions are asked about the strength of the economy for working people, the care of the earth, how a new administration will progress, how the peoples of the world will get along, and what kind of even more modern world our children will live into.

The music in the air at Christmas dispels

some of the uneasiness of darkness as we fill the space of dark places with voices singing strongly. We know we are not alone in the darkness. Others are with us, singing songs we know. We are together with them. Even if we can’t see them, we know that we carry a common melody with them. We sing of the same Lord and Savior born to us.

The other key element of Christmas is light. Lights are one of the strong symbols of Christmas as we decorate both inside and out. When we sing on Christmas Eve, we hold the candles in the darkness to remind us who is the Light of the World, and the one who lights our way.

The symbols of familiar sound and lights remind us that even when times are uneasy, we have the one who was born into very uneasy times who leads the way. We look to him, the one born in the darkness of a cattle stall, to be the shining light who gives us hope and leads the way. May Jesus be your light this season!

Pastor Keith

### LIVING GENEROUSLY... AGAIN

On Sunday, November 20th, adults and children filled 100 brown bags for lunches to be distributed to homeless people by Gateway 180, an emergency homeless shelter in the City of St. Louis. This year Thrivent Financial provided the funds for all of the supplies. Reminder: All Thrivent Financial benefit members are eligible to lead an “action team” for a fund raiser service activity, or educational event within the congregation or community. For more information go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).



*Photo left: All generations filled the Fellowship Hall during Education Hour, as they made sack lunches to take to Gateway 180.*



# THE SHARING TREE

from your Christian Service Ministry Team

**WEBSTER-ROCK HILL MINISTRIES:** The December Green Envelopes will be used to help offset additional costs incurred by Webster – Rock Hill Ministries during their recent renovations. \$2,400 was designated by the church Council to help defray the additional expenses with the goal of an additional \$1,600 from individual contributions. Please consider giving to assist this important agency which is expanding their services to meet the needs of the community. Make your checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church with “WRHM” on the memo line.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we will be partnering with Provident Counseling to purchase Christmas gifts for some of the children they serve through their afterschool program. Beginning on Nov. 27 there will be a Christ tree in Fellowship Hall with letters to Santa submitted by children ages 5—11. The letters include gift requests from each child. If you are interested in purchasing gifts for one of the children,

please take their letter, purchase one of the requested items, wrap the gift and attach the letter to the wrapped gift. Please return the wrapped gifts back under the tree by Sunday, December 11th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sherry Mitchler at 314-304-6475.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Beginning with the Women’s Advent Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, Christ Lutheran will be **collecting disposable diapers** of all sizes to share with Lutheran Family & Children’s Services of Missouri.

*The Mitten Tree.* Scarves, hats, mittens and gloves can be placed on the Mitten Tree in the Fellowship Hall. These warm items for the entire family but especially the youngest, will be gathered for delivery to Nurses for Newborns. Bring your items on Sundays and hang them on the tree built by the late Merle & Lydia Reischauer.

**WE COLLECT:** *Did you know Christ Lutheran has a number of ongoing collections to benefit local charities that you can participate in ANY time of the year?! Here is the list as a refresher, feel free to drop off items to the designated spots in refreshment hall anytime:*

- Box Tops for Education – local schools
- Meal-A-Month food items – WRMH & Feed My People (see list printed in each newsletter)
- Gently used and new shoes - Get the Word Out



## GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH



### DECEMBER, 2016

Canned Ham  
Plain instant mashed potatoes  
Canned asparagus, low sodium if possible  
Canned fruit in light syrup or own juices  
Powdered milk or ground coffee

**Return to Church by Sunday  
DECEMBER 18, 2016,**

### JANUARY, 2017

Boxed whole grain pasta (penne, spaghetti, etc.)  
Canned spaghetti sauce w/ or w/o meat  
Canned beets, low sodium if available  
Canned fruit in light syrup/own juices  
Powdered milk or shelf-stable boxed milk or soy milk

**Return to Church by Sunday,  
JANUARY 22, 2017**

Small, canned hams are often found at Walgreens, Walmart and Sam’s Club.. A meal a month for you, a meal a month for your neighbor. Please fill a yellow shopping bag or two (available in the Fellowship Hall) with food items and return them to CLC. Any donation is appreciated. Peanut butter, jelly, fruit rolls always welcome.

# WOMEN'S GROUP

*"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel." (which means 'God with us'.) Matthew 1:23*

As we enter this advent (coming) season, preparation becomes time consuming. However, we must remember that "Jesus is the Reason for the season". Our preparations should include preparing and including God in our daily lives. Although we enjoy family and friends, it is the coming of our Savior that is most important.



The Women's Group would like to give an advance thank you to all who visited our booth at the Craft Fair—both those who donated cookies and those who purchased cookies. Proceeds will go to The Special Assistance Fund of the Church. Thank YOU!

As you prepare for the Christmas season, remember to keep Jesus in your preparations!

*See You in Church!*

## Stephen Ministers to Hold Holiday Meal Dec. 15 at Laclede Groves

The CLC Stephen Ministers group will hold their annual Christmas Party at the recreation center at Laclede Groves on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:00 p.m.

## National Lutheran Choir Concert Performs Saturday, December 17

On Saturday, December 17, the National Lutheran Choir will perform their annual Christmas concert held for the second year at First Presbyterian Church, 100 East Adams Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults

(18-61), \$10 for students and children under 17 are free. Order at (612) 722-2301 or online at NLCA.com.

The 64-member choir is under the direction of nationally known conductor, composer and organist Dr. David Cherwien.

Kevin Siegfried's "Angels Hovering Round" provides the theme for this year's message, inviting the listener to ponder a contemporary understanding of Christ's birth with the angels' proclamation to "Have no fear." The story is told through an eclectic array of poetry, exquisite choral music, and carols sung by all, painting a tapestry experience which removes one from a sense of time and space.



## POINSETTIAS ON SALE FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION'

This year we again have for sale beautiful, multi-bloom poinsettias in six-inch pots with metallic pot covers. You can purchase one or more plants for \$7.50 each, which the church will use for decorating the altar on Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24). You may take home your plant(s) after either service for use at home. Or, you can give your plants for our homebound members, to be distributed during Christmas week. Use this form for ordering POINSETTIAS.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking \_\_\_\_\_ home with me. I will be leaving \_\_\_\_\_ for the homebound.

Cost \$7.50 per plant TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## November Council Highlights

At its Nov. 15 meeting the Christ Lutheran Church Council:

- Opened with reflection** on new incidents of racial insensitivity involving teens in local schools.
- Approved the minutes** of the previous meeting.
- Approved updated job descriptions** of church staff recommended by the Mutual Ministry Committee with an amendment to include Christ Lutheran rep on supervisory team of shared youth worker. The committee has conducted a number of interviews and has revised the descriptions in small ways to reflect changes in job expectations and work necessities. The committee recommends a 3% wage hike for staff for 2017.
- Education Committee** reported that plans and preparations are progressing for the Children's Christmas Program
- Christian Service** mentioned the change to the Christmas collection for Provident Counseling.
- Fellowship** is working on the Women's Advent Brunch and had questions about expenditures for decorative flowers.
- Inreach** reported planning is being done for a new member event.
- Outreach** reported that visits have been made to other churches to observe the welcoming process.
- Properties** reported that electrical update work has been completed at Mead Center.
- Worship** discussed the need for new wreaths for Christmas decorating. Money was authorized from the Memorial Fund.
- Youth** reported a good number attended the Central/Southern Illinois Youth Gathering, and requested authorization for up to \$500 for raise for Aaron Elliott to match other sponsoring congregations in the cluster.
- Renovations** group has met and is to meet again in December.
- Pastors** reported in their activity. Suggested that there be one service only on Jan. 1 which was approved.
- Determined to attempt** to draft a revised constitution by Nov. 29 to meet deadlines to have the matter brought to the Annual Meeting in January.
- Set date for Annual Congregation Meeting as January 29.**
- Began to gather names for the Nominating Committee.**
- Treasurer reported** year to date total income of \$366,150 versus budget to date of \$382,267 and actual expenses of \$356,481.

### Using Christ Lutheran's Online Directory

Want to use the online directory? Go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)

- ✦ Click on "church member sign in"
- ✦ On the sign in page go to:
  - First time signing in? Create a login now
  - Type in the email (the one you've provided for church) and create a password; retype the pass word.
- You will then receive a "code" in your email that will allow you to log in to the website using your email and password.
- Want to get the app?
  - ✦ The app is great for being out and about. You can open it up and look up anyone's phone number or address. Find the app "instant church directory" in your favorite app store.
  - ✦ You can have more than 1 app registered per email address.

Want to change your information or picture on online directory? Email Katie Ciorba at [ciorbafamily@gmail.com](mailto:ciorbafamily@gmail.com) to make changes or email Susan Hunt at church

Questions? Contact Katie Ciorba at anytime.

## Treasurer's Report Financial Results through October 31, 2016

Below is a condensed report for the 10-month period for CLC's General Fund:

	Actual	Budget
◆ Income All Sources	\$ 366,100	\$ 346,400
◆ Expenses	\$ 368,500	\$ 382,300
◆ Surplus/<Deficit>	\$ < 2,400>	\$< 35,900>

- \*\* Income is above budget due to faster collection of parking lot rental fees, together with favorable member giving trends as compared to prior year.
- \*\* Facilities repair and maintenance expenses are below budget due to delays in the incurrence of selected work projects. Utilities and property and liability insurance costs are also below budget.
- \*\* All other costs have been kept under control and are 1.5% below budget.
- \*\* We are most grateful for your generous giving to the General Fund, and to the Special Assistance Fund in response to the Roock family tragedy.
- \*\* We are experiencing a very good financial year thus far. We are so very appreciative of your continued generous financial and prayerful support!

### A MODEL TRAIN EXTRAVAGANZA Special Showing Dec. 29th

A special showing of a wonderful model train collection has been arranged for you on Thursday, December 29th at 10:00 a.m. This free exhibit, with a full operation that takes about an hour, has you visiting a train enthusiast's fully-decorated rathskeller, which has been featured on Channel 5's Show Me St. Louis!

This is a fascinating adventure for the kids ... and grown-ups too! This is for a limited number of attendees. Call Joan O'Brien (314-991-4616) to make your reservations and to get directions — the location is near Highway 141 and Manchester Road. Trains and Christmas, what a delightful combination that brings back memories for many of us.



Upper left: Old News Boys Day paper with story of L.E.A.D. Promising Youth story, lower right of front page. Talks of use of Mead Center.

Lower: Sat., Nov. 19, saw the 2nd Annual Lady Grey Holiday Boutique in the Mead Center. Business was good for all.



## December, 2016 "WHO-DO" LIST

### **DATE: Dec. 4th      8:00 a.m.      10:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Advent**

<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Griffith	Mike Hoyer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		John Hoffmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Hannah Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>		Mike Hoyer / Jadee Lauer
<b>Lector</b>	John Hoffmann	Harriet Scholle
<b>Presenters</b>	Sally & Jim Wachtman	Kristin & Mike Hill
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sally Wachtman / Sandra Hoyer
<b>Flowers</b>		Sandra Hoyer
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Dan & Jessica Gunther / Joan O'Brien
<b>Refreshments</b>	Carolyn Crowe / John Hoffmann / Sandra Hoyer	

### **DATE: Dec. 11th      8:00 a.m.      10:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday in Advent—Children's Program**

<b>Key Person</b>	Vic Saeger	Keith Lissant
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Mark Roock
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Sam Allen
<b>Ushers</b>		Brett Bussler / Brandon Cramer
<b>Lector</b>	Vic Saeger	Ed Mansour
<b>Presenters</b>	Flo & Vic Saeger	Larry Neeb / Gale Nunn
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Nancy Lissant / Harriet Scholle
<b>Flowers</b>		Nancy Lissant / Harriet Scholle
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Dave Austin / Susan DeBusk
<b>Refreshments</b>	Angela Bratcher / Harriet Scholle / Sally Wachtman	

### **DATE: Dec. 18th      8:00 a.m.      10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent-Christmas Cantata**

<b>Key Person</b>	Bill Scholle	Matt Bender
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Carolyn Crowe
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Hoffmann	Paige Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>		Becca & Peter Jordan
<b>Lector</b>	Larry Hill	TBD
<b>Presenters</b>	Larry Hill	Sarah & Matt Bender
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Sarah & Matt Bender
<b>Flowers</b>		Sarah Bender
<b>Nursery</b>		Lynnae Tanner Ruff
<b>Counters</b>		Susan DeBusk / Sarah Bender
<b>Refreshments</b>	Alena Horn / Jadee Lauer / Sarah Ringkor / Lynnae Tanner Ruff	

### **DATE: Dec. 24th      5:00 p.m.      11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services**

<b>Key Person</b>	Matt Bender	Mike Hoyer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>		John Hoffmann
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Presenters</b>		TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>		TBD
<b>Flowers</b>	Poinsettias	

### **DATE: Dec. 25th      10:30 a.m. Christmas Day**

<b>Key Person</b>	Joan O'Brien
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sandra Hoyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Neeb / Roger Rose
<b>Lector</b>	Donna Munger
<b>Presenters</b>	Donna Munger / Joan O'Brien
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Roock / Carolyn Lange
<b>Flowers</b>	Poinsettias
<b>Counters</b>	Joan O'Brien / Tore Stole
<b>Refreshments</b>	Angela Bratcher / Harriet Scholle / Sally Wachtman

# December 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			On Dec. 7, 14, & 21, the Fitness Group will meet in the Mead Center, lower level.	1	2	3 10a-12p Women's Advent Brunch—Mead Center  4p Dads2 Group family night at Hoerchlers' home
4 8 & 10:30 a Worship 9 & 11:35a Coffee & Conversation / Birthday celebration 9:15a Christian Education 9a & 11:35a Christmas Craft Fair 11:45a Hanging of the Greens—Sanctuary	5 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Sr. Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group—Fellowship Hall	6 10a Pastors' Text Study 10a Adult Bible study	7 10 Bible study at Laclede Groves  6p Advent Supper 7p Advent Vespers 'Holden Evening Prayer' 7:45p Christ Choir	8 6:30-8:30p Girls' Night Out at Get the WORD Out sale	9 6p Chili supper @ McCarty's 7:45p Carriage ride through Tillis Park Winter Wonderland. Return to McCarty's house	10
11 8 a Worship 9:15a Christian Education 10:30a Children's Xmas program 11L35a Coffee & Conversation 11:45a Decorating of Xmas trees 5-8p SS Cluster Youth decorate cookies—Gethsemane	12 11a Conscious Body Alignment 12p Sr. Fellowship 6p The Fitness Group—Fellowship Hall	13 10a Pastors' Text Study 10a Adult Bible study	14 10 Bible study at Laclede Groves 6p The Fitness Group 6p Advent Supper 7p Advent Vespers 'Holden Evening Prayer' 7:45p Christ Choir	15 6p Stephen Ministers Christmas party @Laclede Groves Recreation Center	16 7p Dads Group 1 & 2 relax at Global Brew, Rock Hill (All Dads invited)	17 11a & 2:30 p National Lutheran Choir concerts 1st Presbyterian Kirkwood
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## **DECEMBER 2016 Highlights**

- 11/03** **10 a.m.: Women's Advent Brunch** to be held at the Arden Mead Center, Upper Room, by reservation Cost \$15 per person, with scholarships available.!
- 12/04** **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.:** 2nd Sunday in Advent—Worship w/ Holy Communion; Lighting of the Advent Wreath; **9:15 a.m.: Education Hour; 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time. After each service :Craftsmas craft and bake sale, celebrate the December anniversaries & birthdays; and Hanging of the Greens.
- 12/07** **6:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent supper—Fellowship Hall. **7:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent vespers "Holden Evening Prayer" . **7:45 p.m.:** Christ vocal choir rehearsal.
- 12/08** **6:30-8:30 p.m.:** **Girls' Night Out : Get the WORD Out**, 10050 Manchester Rd, Glendale, MO w/ hosted by CLC members, refreshments, great sales. Buy Locally Share Globally.
- 12/09** **Winter Wonderland Carriage Rides and Chili Supper:** Get your tickets for chili supper at McCarty's and ride through Tilles Park light display. Return to McCarty's for cocoa.
- 12/11** **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion; **9:15 a.m.: Education Hour; 10:30 a.m.:** Worship with Holy Communion and SS Children's Christmas Program; **9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time and blood pressure screenings..
- 12/14** **6:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent supper—Fellowship Hall. **7:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent vespers **7:45 p.m.:** Christ vocal choir rehearsal.
- 12/15** **6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Christmas Party**—Recreation Center at Laclede Groves
- 12/18** **7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.:** Childcare available; **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion and Christmas Cantata; **9:15 a.m.: Education Hour; 9:00 & 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time
- 12/20** **7:00 p.m.:** Church Council meeting—Conference Room
- 12/21** **6:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent supper—Fellowship Hall. **7:00 p.m.:** Mid-week Advent vespers .
- 12/24** **5:00 p.m.:** **Christmas Eve Service for all ages**—Carols & Candles.  
**11:00 p.m.:** **Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols, Candles** w/Holy Communion.
- 12/25** **Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.: Service of carols, readings and Holy Communion. No child care will be available and no Education Hour. 11:35 a.m.:** Fellowship time