

Christ Lutheran Connections



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool
Meridian Idaho
A Church of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

"Christ Lutheran Church exists to
glorify God, by making disciples
that reach up, reach in, and reach
out."

Gifts for a King

Bring him thy precious things
And lay them at his feet;
The gold of love, the hope that springs
The unknown ways to meet.

Bring him thy lovely things;
The joy that conquers care,
The faith that trusts and sings,
The frankincense of prayer.

Bring him thy bitter things;
The myrrh of grief and fears,
The aching heart that stings
With pain of unshed tears.

These for thy gifts to him;
And for his gifts to thee,
The comfort of his steadfast love,
His tender sympathy.

—Annie Johnson Flint



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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Christmas Gifts

What are you going to give your loved ones for Christmas this year? This is a question that we face every year at this time as we think about the ones we love the most in life and the special gift that we want to give them for Christmas. Well, you give them something practical or something fun? Will you give them a gift that will last for many years or one that will truly fit this particular moment in their life? Will you spend a lot of money on each gift, or will you put yourself into each gift as you make it by hand? These are just some of the questions that will cross your mind in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas as you ponder what gift to give each special person in your life to show them how much you love them.

If you don’t have your Christmas shopping done yet, may I make a suggestion? Consider giving the greatest gift there is, the gift of knowing and growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. It is one gift that will truly make a difference in the lives of those you love. It is the one gift that will last forever – not even diamonds can brag on that one! And it is the most practical gift there is, and it will truly fit every moment of their lives. And it is free!! You can give it to anyone and everyone and it will always be there for you. What a Christmas idea you say? It is the original Christmas gift idea from Him who has given us everything! His only Son, our Savior, our Friend and Redeemer. And He invites us to give this gift to others this Christmas and wherever and whenever we can.

Get your spouse a devotional book that deals with life and the struggles of life and brings Jesus into those. Give your family (kids, cousins, nieces, nephews) the legacy of your faith by using every opportunity that comes to share with them how your faith in Christ applies to your life every day and brings you comfort and peace. Let your kids see and hear you pray as you pray for them, and with them for all things. Invite your unchurched friends to come to church with you and stay with them for Bible Class and fellowship. Let all on your Christmas list know that you love them in Christ and pray for them.

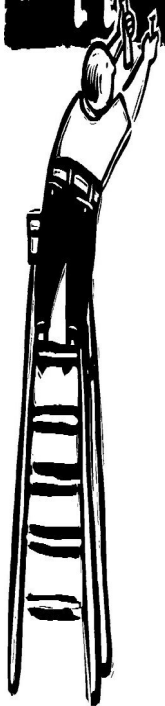
Who knows, maybe someday they will thank you for sharing the real reason for the season, the coming of Jesus to His creation, the greatest gift they will ever receive.

A Very Merry CHRISTmas,

Pastor Dan



Here's what's
happening!



DECEMBER

December 2025 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in December are:

First Day of Winter — December 21

• Christmas Eve — December 24

Christmas Day — December 25

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

ADVENT~ WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

DECEMBER 3, 10, AND 17TH

~ 6PM SUPPER

~7 PM SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE ~

WEDNESDAY

THE 24TH AT 8 PM WITH

HOLY COMMUNION



ADVENT SUPPERS:

will be starting on Wednesday December 3rd at 6 pm. If you would like to provide a meal for this, please contact Kathy or Amy. Others attending, we ask to bring a dessert, salad, or rolls. THANKS!!

SAVE THE DATE:

**Advent by Candlelight
& Men's Mixer**

will be held

December 14, 2025 from 1-3pm



Celebrating Birthdays are:

- 02) Beth Knarr
- 10) Kathy Peterson
- 10) Patrick Whalen
- 14) Cassie Fietsch
- 16) Molly Whalen
- 16) Marcella Spackman
- 17) James Abdel-Monem
- 18) Chris Whalen
- 19) Holly Fietsch
- 27) Elizabeth Petushkov

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:

- 11) Gene and Sandy Brandt~ 55 years
- 19) Rose Ann and Fred Gebert~ 63 years

CHURCH INFORMATION

Caring Ministries

DECEMBER 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO WENDY KEITH FOR WINNING THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT FOR THE BAZAAR! THANK YOU HOLLY FOR MAKING IT!

Bazaar: The bazaar went well and our earnings were about \$2500. Thanks for all the donations to the 2nd Time Around, LWML Table, Sweet Shoppe, and Shepherds Cafe.

Thank you to all who helped set up the bazaar, take down and reset the sanctuary. It was very much appreciated.

City Lights: Many school supplies, backpacks, towels, personal hygiene, and household items were taken to City Lights in August. Thanks Pam & Andy for delivering them.



Shut Ins: Check with Judy to see if she has delivery people to cover all of our Shut Ins. Gift bags need to be delivered before Christmas.



BOISE RESCUE MISSION: FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN TO DONATE 18-36 GRANOLA BARS.

MERIDIAN AND BSU FOOD BANK NEEDS

Through the end of March, we are collecting food donations for the Meridian and BSU Food Bank. Please consider adding something from the list below to your shopping cart.

CANNED VEGETABLES	DRY CEREAL
PANCAKE MIX	SYRUP
CANNED FRUIT	PORK & BEANS
SOUP	CHILI
MEAT RAVIOLI	STEW
PEANUT BUTTER	JELLY
TUNA	DRY BEANS
INSTANT POTATOES	PASTA
DRY RICE	SPAGHETTI
SAUCE	
RAMEN NOODLES	COOKIES/
CRACKERS	
MAC & CHEESE	LG. FRUIT
JUICE BOXES	

Diapers, formula and other things for babies are also needed.

Individually packed items are needed also as 'treats' for the children who accompany their parents to the Food Bank to pick up food.





Christ Lutheran Church's LWML met on November 12, 2025.

We discussed what a success the Fall Bazaar was even though attendance was down from previous years. We always evaluate what worked and what could be improved upon. We discussed the handing out of free water bottles which was well received. The free Raffle Basket filled with donations from the vendors went over well. The Pocket Prayers handed out here and there were a very good community outreach as well.

Thanks to all who donated crafts to our LWML table and treats for our Sweet Shoppe. Thank you to everyone who served to set-up/takedown that day and worked a shift(s) that day. A special Thank You to Mary Murray our Bazaar chairman.

We discussed up-coming holiday shut-in visits. Thanks to all who help with this important outreach ministry.

We finalized plans and volunteers for the Advent by Candlelight Program. A lot of extra work goes on behind the scenes of this special day and we appreciate all who participate and attend.

Upcoming Dates:

- Advent by Candlelight/Men's Mixer will be held December 14, 2025 from 1-3pm.
- Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) UT-ID Trip, El Paso, TX, January 10-17, 2026
- Next LWML meeting January 14, 2026 @ 1pm.
- Utah-Idaho LWML's 40th Biennial District Convention will be held May-1-3, 2026 @ Grace Lutheran Church and School in Pocatello, Idaho.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



RED STOCKINGS REMINDER



LADIES, IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT, DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE CHANGE FROM YOUR RED STOCKINGS. WE ARE COLLECTING THE MONEY FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S PRESCHOOL. THANK YOU.





Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church
DECEMBER News

November we have been about focusing on thankfulness for all of God's blessings. Along with our regular curriculum, we have done many fun fall crafts and activities. The church grounds provided an abundance of fall leaves for our leaf hunt unit, which is so much fun for our little learners. Our preschoolers made Stone Soup during our Thanksgiving celebration. A fun activity that teaches the power of cooperation, sharing, and generosity to create abundance from very little. We have also begun practicing for our Christmas Program, "Jesus has a Birthday!" We welcome all church members who are interested to attend our program on Dec. 19th at 10am.

Also in class news, Amy Werhane and Kathy Whalen will be covering the 2's class while their teacher Mrs. Dexter is on Maternity leave.

Thank you! Caroline Hussmann

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6



Christmas Card treasures



Turn old Christmas cards into beautiful keepsake ornaments! It's a fun, simple way to give new life to cards you've received and add a handmade touch to your tree.

What you need:

- Christmas cards
- Scissors
- Glue
- Circle pattern (cut from cardboard or trace around object)
- Hole punch
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glitter (optional)



What you do:

1. Trace a circle onto two Christmas cards.
2. Cut out the circles and glue the backs together.
3. Decorate the edges with glitter or ribbon for extra sparkle.
4. Punch a hole at the top and thread yarn or ribbon through to hang.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.
— James 1:17 (NIV)

JUST FOR KIDS



Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (1), Shepherd (2), Camel (3), Star (4), Manger (5), Donkey (6), Mary (7), Joseph (8), Jesus (9), Wise men (10), Shepherds (11), Camel (12), Star (13), Manger (14), Donkey (15), Sheep (16), Crib (17), Gift of love (18)

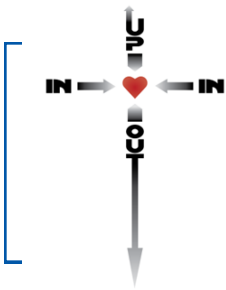
Bible Quiz



Who told Mary that her child would be called "the Son of the Most High"?

- A. Zechariah
- B. Gabriel
- C. Simeon
- D. Joseph

Answer: B (See Luke 1:26-32.)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Preschool Director
Mr. Jake Greenwalt, Preschool Teacher
Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Trinity Dexter, 2 year old class

Worship Schedule:

Worship Service at 10:00am
Fellowship Time follows worship
Christian Education Hour at 11:30am:
Sunday School & Bible Studies for all ages

Church Office Hours:

9 am- 2 pm Wednesday and Thursday
Pastor in office Tuesday-Thursday