

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**DeForest, WI 53532**  
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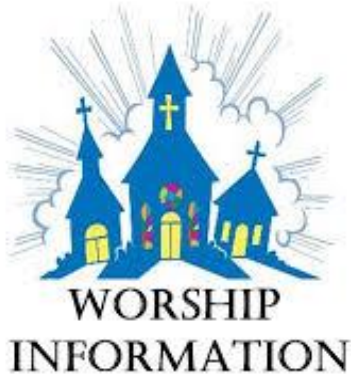
## *The Door Post*

*Ask, and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*  
*Matthew 7:8*

**December 2024**



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**IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Service at 8:00 am

Service at 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:15

[Christlutherandeforest.org](http://Christlutherandeforest.org)

Or [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

\*\* Holiday Hours, see page 5

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**CHURCH OFFICE**

Mon–Thurs 9 am—3 pm

**PASTOR**

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## ***Pastor Sue's December 2024 Newsletter Article***



*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. . . And the Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1: 1-4, 14)*

Rachel Hackenberg, author of Writing to God, writes, "To the One who created humanity and walked among us: Thank you for people—for all people, but today especially I am thankful for those who radiate love and warmth and meaning into my life. The simplest gifts of shared laughter, a warm embrace, and caring conversation make all the difference in how I see the day. It's good to know that you laughed and hugged and talked with your friends. Having a God who was human helps. The good news of the Word made flesh is that the God of the highest heavens, the Creator of light and life, has walked along dusty roads, tasted the fresh warmth of crusty bread, and shared a cup of wine with friends in full humanity. May the Word made flesh be present and real in your day."

The holidays can be filled with joy as well as anxiety, sadness, and grief. I pray that in the midst of all your preparations that you can find time to be with the Word made flesh who lived among us, who was born of Mary and slept in a lowly manger. Stop and breathe deep of God's love for all of us and enjoy the simple times with those you love, those who bring you life and contentment.

Boundaries are important and life-giving, especially if your family causes you more anxiety than you care to deal with. Be gentle with yourself and your loved ones. You can't pour from an empty cup, so take time to step away from toxic people and do things that are life-giving for you.

I pray your Christmas celebrations, no matter how large or small, no matter how many presents are given or received, will reflect the greatest gift of all: Jesus our Savior.

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11)*

God's Abiding Peace,  
Pastor Sue Beadle



# Bible Readings

## Week of December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## Week of December 8

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## Week of December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

## Week of December 22

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

## Week of December 29

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

### ***Year End Reminder***

Remember December is the last month for giving for 2024 tax purposes. Any donations must be postmarked by the end of December 2024. They can also be dropped in the office outside mail box or on Sunday's service.



**70+**

Tonia Boese	Dec. 2
Patricia Schaefer	Dec. 5
Barbara Shigley	Dec. 13
Nancy Nesheim	Dec. 13
Susan Losinske	Dec. 16
Ann Otis	Dec. 17
Carol Brommer	Dec. 18
Char Hanson	Dec. 19
Martha Schultz	Dec. 21
Christine Carter	Dec. 24
Stan Nelson	Dec. 25
LuAnn Guffey	Dec. 28
Dale Breggeman	Dec. 29
John Carter	Dec. 31
Randy Hanson	Dec. 31



*Lilly Louise Geishirt*  
*Daughter of*  
*Andrew and Alicia Geishirt*

*11-03-24*



## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 15th**

8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Children's Program

### **Sunday, December 22nd (one service)**

9:00 am Worship Service

### **Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.**

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00pm

### **Sunday, December 29th (one service)**

9:00 am Worship Service

## Members Who Give Online

Although online giving is convenient, some of you may have had an uncomfortable feeling as the offering plate is passed and you have nothing physically to place in it. Christ Lutheran has a process in place.



For those of you who give online, please take a token before entering the sanctuary. When the offering plate is passed, place the token in the offering plate in lieu of your offering envelope.

- If you are interested in Online Giving, go to <http://www.christlutherandeforest.org>
  - Click on the **Giving** Tab
  - Create a Profile

A list of Ministries Christ Lutheran Supports will appear.

Your Support of Christ Lutheran Church is appreciated  
and affects all in our Community



# Lutefisk Dinner Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped to once again make our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup> a huge success! It was an exceptional day, as we served a delicious traditional Norwegian meal to more than 1,300 guests from all over Wisconsin and our neighboring states of Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and from as far away as New York, Colorado and Washington! This intergenerational ministry, with members of all ages joining together to serve, is a gift to our guests, and a joy to experience. The many happy faces and glowing reports of those leaving the Fellowship Hall spoke volumes for all the hard work that went into this event. Some comments that were shared include:

It's great to see young people working at the dinner – they did a great job!

The lutefisk was delicious; you set the bar higher every year!

The entire meal was delicious – a special treat for us and all our family!

It's such a blessing to see so many of our Church family (over 160) working together, and getting better acquainted in the process, and special thanks to the confirmation students and their parents for a job well done.

It's hard to single out any one individual or group, but I do want to note those who helped to prepare for the dinner ahead of the big day: the lutefisk crew at the Manthe-Paulson farm; those doing promotions and helping with the administrative work involved; all the crews helping prepare rutabagas, meatballs and coleslaw; the set-up group in Fellowship Hall and Norse Corner; and the cold food packing crew for carry-outs. Also, much appreciation to the Edvard Grieg Chorus for their beautiful music and to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center for their donation to help support the dinner and for staff being available to visit with guests interested in exploring their Norwegian genealogy, and to Thrivent, for their ongoing support of Church events. And, of course, a very special thank you to Pastor Sue, Alice, Karen and Burg, who all take on a tremendous amount of extra work throughout our Lutefisk season, and to the decorating team for the many displays that help turn our Church into such a delightful celebration of the harvest season.

David Erickson  
Lutefisk Committee Chair







# Bazarre & Bake Sale





## Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 15



The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 15, during 9:30 a.m. worship service. **There are 2 services that day, one at 8:00 a.m., a regular service and the Children's Program at 9:30 a.m.**

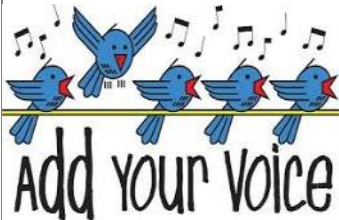
The children are excited to deliver a delightful and uplifting Christmas pageant for all, complete with songs, costumes, and possibly even a few endearing bloopers. Please join us!

### Toys for Tots

Please drop off your donations for Toys for Tots by December 8. A box will be located in the Friendship Room. They accept toys, books, games, sports equipment, hand held electronics, backpacks, but no clothes.



### CLC Choir



Do you enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson

(608)846-0898.

### Giving Tree

The Christmas tree is up with tags on it November 17th. There are tags for boys, girls and older adults stating their Christmas wishes. When you take a tag, please record it on the list that will be located on the table beside the tree. The number that is on the tag is the number you would put your name and phone number by. Instructions will be on each gift tag. Gifts should be returned to the tree unwrapped with the tag attached by December 8th. There also will be a box where you can drop off toys, that we will be collecting for Toy's for Tots. We will also be collecting wrapping paper which is given to the parents for wrapping these gifts. Thank you for making someone's Christmas a little bit brighter.



### Lutefisk Sale Items

Lutefisk -\$8/lb -5lb minimum (\$40)

2lb Brown Sugar: \$2

Potatoes: Idahoan instant 3.24lb - \$14

Lefse: \$4 smaller package (6pc.)

Herring: 8oz-\$6/12oz-\$9/26oz-\$17

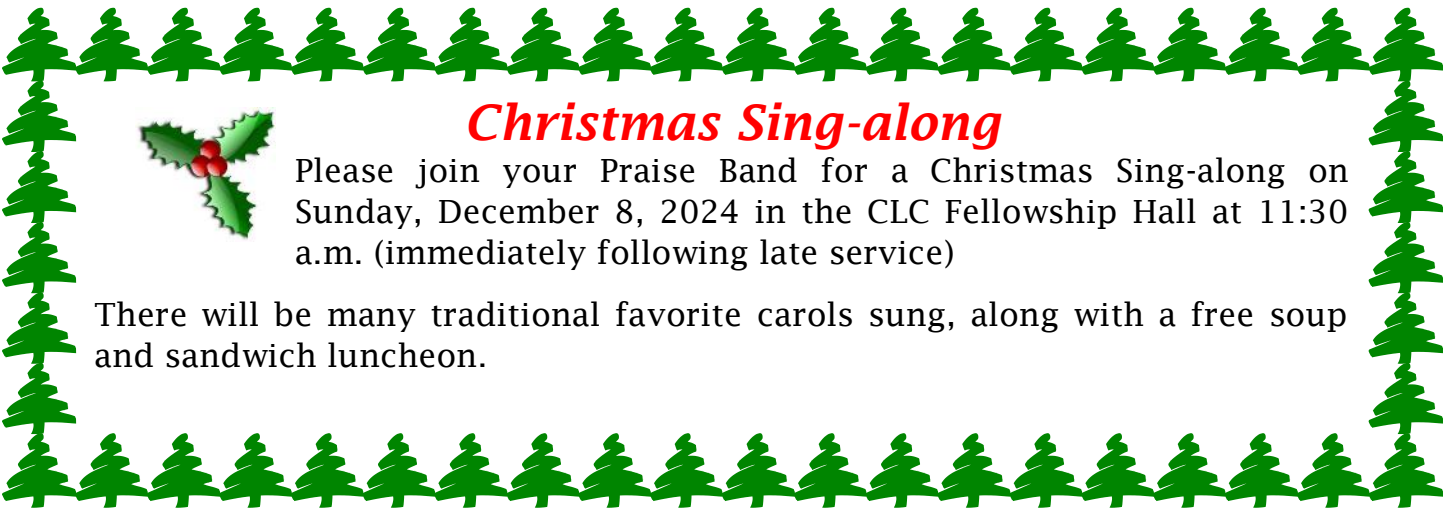
64oz Mayo: \$6

### Thrivent Action Cards

"We all want to give back, but sometimes it's hard to know where to begin. Thrivent Action Teams can help you make a positive impact in your community." Go to:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

or your Thrivent Agent.



## *Christmas Sing-along*

Please join your Praise Band for a Christmas Sing-along on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in the CLC Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. (immediately following late service)

There will be many traditional favorite carols sung, along with a free soup and sandwich luncheon.



## *Décor and Fall Display*

A big thank you to Tracey and Mike Paulson for donating, putting up and taking down the corn stalks for our Harvest display. Also, thank you Sandy and Harley Legried for generously donating the pumpkins. We were pleased to have so many contribute gourds, small pumpkins, Fall decorations, etc. The displays were so beautiful, thank you Decorating Committee and all those who volunteered.

## *2024-25 Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church There's still time! Signup details, dates, and more!*

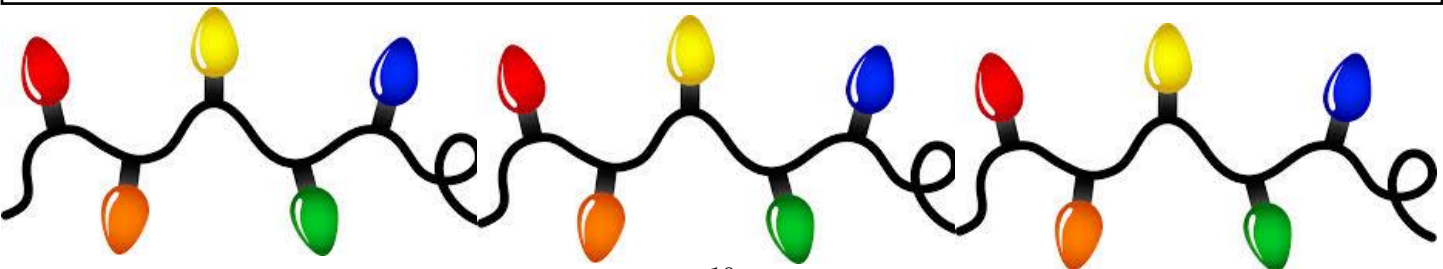
We offer Sunday School lessons for children from preschool to 6th grade. If you're interested in enrolling your child(ren), please see below for important details.

Sunday school takes place Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM, between church services. **Registration forms** are available on line or in the Friendship Room that you can fill out. You can return the form by mail or drop it off at church at the front office or in the offering plate. We strive to make Sunday School an interactive and fun experience for children of all ages! They can expect crafts, games, song time, and snacks while learning about Bible lessons and making new friends.



**Questions? Contact:** Kristy Bergeron ([kroloff@hotmail.com](mailto:kroloff@hotmail.com))

Michelle Gest ([mrippgest@gmail.com](mailto:mrippgest@gmail.com))





Date	Readers	Ushers	Communion	Acolytes
<b>December 1</b>				
8:00 am	Jane Cahill-Wolfgram	Team Nelson	Team Nelson	
10:30 am	Jason Gest	Team Blau	Team Legried	Madisyn Howard
<b>December 8</b>				
8:00 am	Beth Erickson	Team Kvalheim Leighton Vieau	Team Paulson	Mikena Kilbane
10:30 am	Nora Geach	Team Campbell	Team Lockman	Tristan Andorfer
<b>December 15</b>				
8:00 am	Vicki Sobczak	Team Thompson	Team Ursin	Leighton Vieau
9:30 am <i>Children's Program</i>		Team Paulson	None	
<b>December 22</b>				
9:00 am	Jane Cahill-Wolfgram	Team Emerson	Team Cahill-Wolfgram	Graham Midthun Landon Midthun
		Tristan Andorfer		
<b>December 24</b>				
3:00 pm	Beth Erickson	Team Nelson Brinley Schwenn	Team Nelson	Leighton Vieau
5:00 pm	Jane Cahill-Wolfgram	Team Lockman	Team Legried	Tristan Andorfer
7:00 pm	Beth Erickson	Team Blau	Team Emerson	
<b>December 29</b>				
9:00 am	Tim Thompson	Team Paulson Tristan Andorfer	Team Lockman	Leighton Vieau

### *Thank You Sunday Helpers!*

Volunteers who usher, as well as those who read the scriptures, help with communion, and serve as acolytes are a big part of the Sunday services. They not only help get things done, but they add to the feeling of community that is so inviting and makes our church feel like "home." They all serve as our church together.

Those who volunteer regularly find that it is a great way to get to know one another and build great friendships along the way. Please consider volunteering to help during the worship services.





**Christ Lutheran Church was lucky to have**  
**Jean and Elmer McLaughlin**  
**and their family**  
**involved in their music ministry.**

**Learn more about this musical family**  
**on the DeForest Area Historical Society**  
**Website [deforestareahistory.org](http://deforestareahistory.org)**



or scan the QR code

**Back Row:** **Paul McLaughlin**, Mark Waterman, John Thompson,  
Alfred Henschel, Duane Sigurslid, Charles Moore,  
**Elmer McLaughlin**, Director

**Middle Row:** **Jean McLaughlin**, Anne Sachse, Dorothy McConnell, Barbara  
Henschel, Dotty Moore, Linda Peterson, Linda Moe

**Front Row:** Lorraine Thompson, Donna Trelle, Ila Legried, Avis Torgeson,  
**Lynn McLaughlin**, Christine Trelle (Source: Christ Lutheran Church, DeForest)



## Christmas Decorations Order Form

We will be decorating our sanctuary for the celebration of the Christmas Season. We are accepting contributions for Christmas wreaths and decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to make a contribution for decorations, please complete the form below and return to the church office by

**December 16<sup>th</sup> for wreaths and sanctuary decorations**

along with your payment.

Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church (CLC).

\_\_\_\_\_ Amt. enclosed towards wreaths and sanctuary  
decorations

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_





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Deforest

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# Merry Christmas



- TO:** 1 Crisp December Night
- ADD:** A Generous portion of Frosty Air  
A large Handful of Stars
- BLEND IN:** The Fragrant scent of an Evergreen Tree
- MIX:** Into a family circle with a  
large scoop of love  
A Child's smile  
The Sparkle in his eye  
The touch of a Red-nosed Reindeer  
A Sprig of Mistletoe  
Set mixture beside the fire in  
the warmth of that age-old  
tiding "PEACE ON EARTH"
- GARNISH WITH:** The light of the Star in the East
- SERVE:** To the Tune of a Favorite Carol
- NUMBER OF SERVINGS:** Will serve all people everywhere
- COST PER SERVING:** Absolutely nothing!

# DECEMBER





# 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>**Name Tag Sunday</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	<b>2</b> 5:15 pm Praise Band-S 	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study-FR 12:15 pm Defo Study Club 5:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 Cub Scouts-FH/NK 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>4</b> 5:15 pm Praise Band-S 6:00 pm Confirmation-NK 6:30 Choir-FR	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts-FH 6:00 Boy Scout Committee-NK	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Praise Band Decorating FH DO NOT USE FH- REST OF DAY
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 11:30 am -Praise Band Sing-along - FH	<b>9</b> 8:00 am Quilters -NK 5:30 pm Girl Scouts-NK 5:30 pm Stephen Ministry mtg. -CR	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study-FR 6:30 Cub Scouts-FH/NK 6:30 Bell Practice	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation-NK 6:30 Choir-FR	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Boy Scouts-FH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve. Services 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Day 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve. 