



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
November 19th at 9:30AM**

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

**Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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For good.*

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**ENTER  
INTO JOY**

MATTHEW 25:21

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us. ~

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# ADVENT

**Sunday December 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am**

Congregational Annual Meeting at 10:30am  
& Adult Advent Series to follow

**Sunday December 10th: 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am**

Adult Advent Series at 10:30am

**Sunday December 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am**

Adult Advent Series at 10:30am

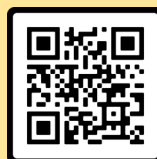
**Sunday December 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30am**

*No Sunday School or Adult Advent Series*



**SUNDAY  
DEC. 24TH:  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP AT  
7:00PM**

*Find your "why" and  
give abundantly! Scan  
me to give online now.*



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## Advent Adult Education

Many of us know the story of Jesus' birth by heart. We grew up hearing the Nativity story, with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi, the donkey, the angel choir, and the stable and manger. Perhaps we have heard the story so many times now that some of the wonder has worn off.

This, then, is a great time to take a step back and explore the story as if we are hearing it for the first time!

Seminarian Lindsie will be leading an adult Sunday discussion series based on Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, in which we will explore the gospel stories of Christmas. **We will meet at 10:30AM** (following the 9:30 Worship Service) **on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.**

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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



## SAVE THE DATE

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd**

to approve the budget for 2024 and elect new council members.

## STEWARDSHIP SPEAKERS

At the beginning of each worship service in November, a member of our council will be sharing congregational financial information, stewardship insights, and their own thoughts on giving to the church.

We hope to spark conversation and commitment for stewardship at CLC - thank you to our council members for being willing to share!

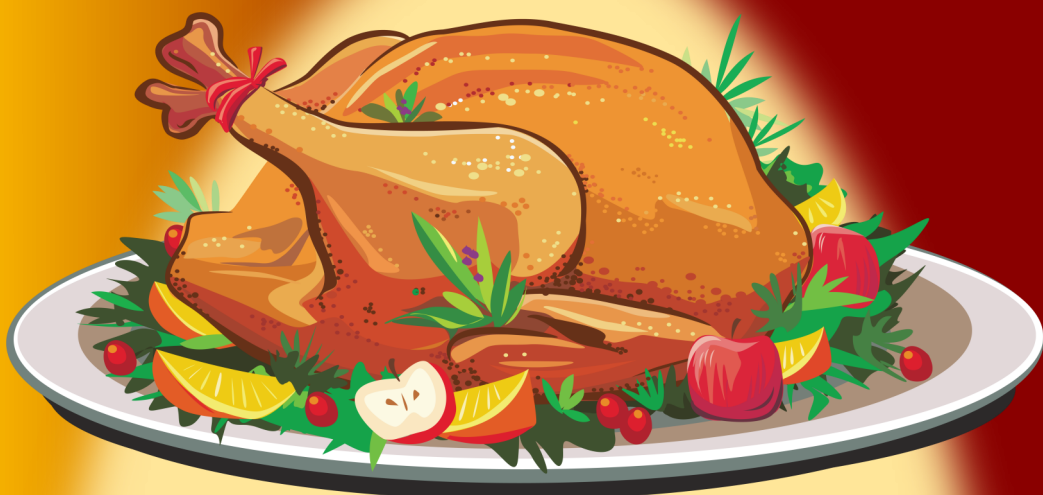
*Our current 2023 Council Members are Erica Strafalace, Kurt Schreiber, Lennie Jansen, Becky Nyren, Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Jean Thens, Bud Worst, Ray Lardin and Joe Imhoff.*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED!

We will be asking for volunteers to be nominated for council! Our council is a two year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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## **Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away**

Tuesday November 21st from 10:00am-  
12:00pm and then from

5:00pm-6:00pm

Let Pastor Erin know if you can help!



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# ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

## Craft Fair & Vendor Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023  
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Who's Got Talent?

Jon Bloom is a cofounder of the Desiring God organization. Speaking to the parable of the talents, he suggests that being given one talent can appear unfair, can wound our pride. He is regularly tempted, he says, to covet his neighbors' talents. And isn't that always the way? Discounting our own gifts, we envy the abilities of others. And yet, Bloom points out, such behavior is, at its core, the sin of pride.

Our love of God can get eclipsed and our loving relationships with others can be damaged by such pride, which costs us any desire to be a good steward of the gifts God has given us. Hence the description of the last servant as "wicked" and "lazy" (Matthew 25:26). Being given a single talent means less of a chance to really impress the master and improve the servant's own position. Therefore, the servant believes, the master is harsh and unjust.

Pride infects all of us, no matter how many talents we have. In a number of parables, Jesus takes aim at people with a generous amount of prestige, wealth, and power. That's why this parable stings so much. Jesus is talking to all of us. We can and must be on the lookout for the sin of pride, which is at the root of so many unhealthy behaviors. Pride takes so many forms, including discouragement, self-pity, and hopelessness.

Every single one of us is a cherished and deeply loved child of God—and God has blessed every single one of us, richly, with talents. Making the effort to be good stewards of the talents we have is a fine way to shut down self-pity and the sin of pride. God has reasons for giving us exactly the talents we have. ~

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## This Week at CLC:



### Sunday

November 19-

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

The Gathering Place is booked

### Monday

**November 20** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

3:30-7:30pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring, 7-9 Pain Clinic

### Tuesday

**November 21** - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

### Wednesday

**November 22** - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

### Thursday

**November 23** - Thanksgiving Day

The Office is Closed

### Friday

**November 24** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Saturday

**November 25** - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Sunday

**November 26** - **Christ the King**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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## Upcoming Commemorations



**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

**Thursday, November 23, 2023**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

**Thursday, November 23, 2023**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"



**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones,**

**died 1852; William Passavant, died**

**1894; pastors in North America**

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

Not only was **Falckner** the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent.

**Jones** was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's).

**William Passavant** helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.



**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.



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The Lord bless you  
and keep you.  
The Lord make his  
face shine on you  
and be gracious to  
you.  
The Lord look upon  
you with favor and  
give you peace. ✝





Donations are requested for  
♦ **PEANUT BUTTER**  
and  
♦ **JELLY**

**The Food Pantry is Open**  
Mondays and Fridays from  
9:30am to 11:30am,  
and on Wednesdays from  
5pm to 7pm.

**In case of emergency....**



**Did you know** we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

**Did you know** we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!



## **CAUTION - SCAM!**

Several members and friends of the church have notified the office that they have received strange texts from a number claiming to be Pastor Erin. These texts do NOT come from Pastor Erin's actual cell # OR the church #. These texts ask for money and favors and are a bit vague. Please do not engage and be assured that Pastor Erin will not randomly text you asking for money, gift cards, or discrete favors. Call the Church Office if you receive anything suspicious.

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