



Join Us for Advent at



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
December 3 at 9:30AM**

WORSHIP WITH US

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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Keep
awake

MARK 13:37

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come. ~

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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**

***Use this QR CODE
to give online and do
your part!***



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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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Christmas Present
Give-Away

Please see the flier below for details!
CLC members who wish to contribute or help may pick an ornament off the display in the narthex. However, any unopened toys may be donated! Let Pastor Erin know if you can help organize and set up for the 17th or the 18th!



CHRISTMAS PRESENT GIVE-AWAY

FOR KIDS UP TO 14 YRS. OLD
PARENTS OR FULL-TIME
CAREGIVERS ONLY PLEASE

CALL CLC AT 412-821-4300
TO REGISTER BY DECEMBER 10TH

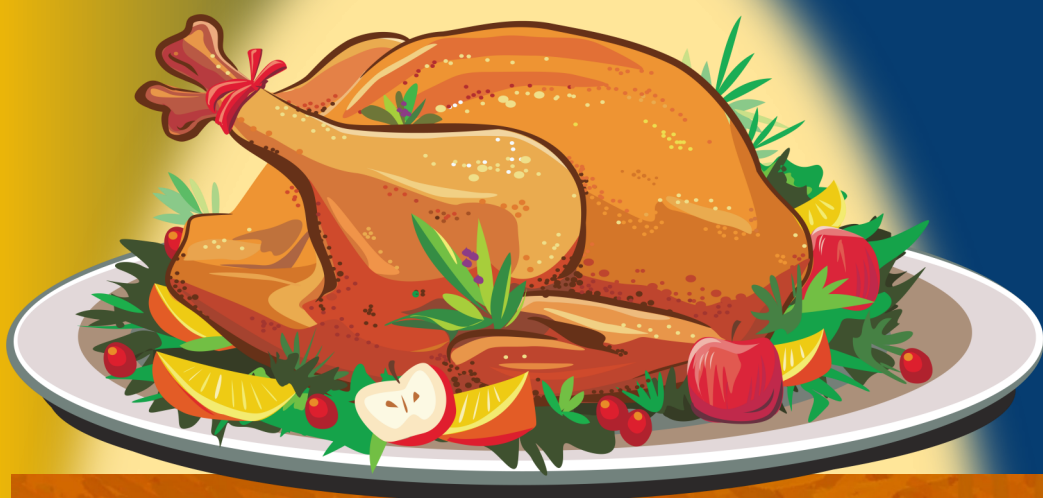
PICK WHICH DAY TO "SHOP"
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 12PM-3PM
OR MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH 5PM-7PM

RECEIVE ONE PRESENT
AND ONE "STOCKING STUFFER"



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THANK YOU

to all who came out to give away 72 turkeys! We also got amazing donations this week! We have the BEST neighbors and partners!

CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

**Spaghetti
and
Spaghetti Sauce**



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

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ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

Craft Fair & Vendor
Show

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

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
917 EVERGREEN AVENUE
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First Sunday of Advent

The Winds of Grace

Have you ever experienced a powerful storm in which the sky grew increasingly dark and winds swirled the clouds or broke branches off trees? Our modern technology often allows us to prepare for storms like blizzards and hurricanes that develop slowly as they move toward us. Perhaps you've taken part in hastily boarding up windows, securing pets or farm animals, and gathering groceries and supplies in anticipation of being shut in or without power for a time.

The coming of the Son of Man will apparently not include advance warnings like those of meteorologists and weather apps, for Jesus says, "About that day or hour no one knows." It may be more like a tornado or thunderstorm, where we see that the conditions are right but can't be sure precisely when or where it will materialize. Our preparations for that type of storm are different, primarily focused on where and how we'll take shelter should lightning or a funnel cloud be spotted nearby. Many of us practiced tornado drills in school as kids; such practices, as well as storm watches and warnings, keep us aware of how to respond and alert about when to do so.

It is easy to hear Jesus' words and sound an alert for the end times. We might even spend time and energy worrying about the end and what it means for us. At the same time, the urgency of this proclamation is focused on the present, on what we can do here and now to be open to God's rule in our lives. This is a different kind of preparation, focused on loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

In the sacraments of baptism and communion we are invited into regular practices of anticipating the presence of God with us. In Advent we bring a particular focus to this expectation. We are invited to think about the ways the winds of grace gather us in, and then send us out for the sake of the world. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

December 3 -

1st Sunday of Advent

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Congregational Meeting

Gathering Place Booked

Monday

December 4 - 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

December 5 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

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

Wednesday

December 6 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

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

Thursday

December 7 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack

162, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

Friday

December 8 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

December 9 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

CLC Craft Show

Sunday

December 10 - **2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Gathering Place Booked

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Upcoming Commemorations



Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Sunday, December 3, 2023

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Monday, December 4, 2023

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.



Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Thursday, December 7, 2023

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.



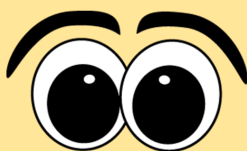
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Men's Reading Glasses,
Dark Frame, left in church or
Toddler Sunday School
Room on Sunday, 11/26.



Have you seen me?



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!

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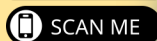
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