

**The Light of Christ Newsletter
Christ Lutheran Church
January 2010**



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING: Sunday January 17
Sunday School 9am
Worship at 10am**

The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church was first chartered on Sunday, January 17, 1965. This year is our 45th anniversary and it falls on a Sunday.

To celebrate our 45th Congregational Anniversary, we will have ONE SERVICE January 17 at 10:00am During that service we will also welcome new members!

Sunday School will meet at 9:00am

The congregational meeting will follow the one worship service at 10am.

Plan to attend to vote on the proposed 2010 budget and receive a copy of the annual report.

After worship, we will gather in the social hall for a punch and cake reception to welcome new members.

Members of Council are reminded that their reports were due on Dec. 31.

**OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY,
January 17th**

The Chancel Choir invites you to join us for a very special anthem. We welcome anyone who has sung with the choir or would like to make a short term commitment to rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:30, January 3rd and 10th as well as Wednesday evenings, January 6th

and 13th at 7:15. We look forward to having you join us for this very special day/!

Choir Festival Invitation!

The Southern Ohio Synod Annual Transfiguration Day Choir Festival will be held this year on February 14, 2010, 4:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg. If you'd like an opportunity to sing Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord" and "Messiah" as well as Lloyd Larson's "From the Mountaintop", please plan to join us. Our Chancel choir will practice these selections during our January and February rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and Sunday Mornings.

**Affirmation of Baptism Sunday
Jan. 10: The Baptism of Our Lord**

We will have an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the gift of our Baptism at each worship service on this day.

FIRST SERVICE USHERS are asked to arrive a bit earlier than usual in the winter months to clear the walkways of ice and snow before Sunday morning worship begins. Volunteers are also needed to clear the walks during the week.



Sunday, January 24: Heath Three Churches Pulpit Exchange at the second service. We observe this pulpit exchange as a part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pastor Kris will go to Heath United Methodist Church to preach at their later morning service. Clergy from St. Leonard Catholic Church will preach at our 10:30 am worship service.

First Holy Communion

Children who prepared to receive their First Holy Communion on Christmas Eve were Bradley Davis, Bryson Davis, Tigan Braskie, Chase Pyle, Robert Calvert Jr., and Jessica Fisher.

We rejoice with them as they grow in Christian faith. We thank them for doing a wonderful job baking the bread for Holy Communion on Christmas Eve.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP REMINDER

The new chart is in the hallway. If you would like to donate altar flowers for a special date, please put the pertinent information on the chart. Cost for flowers is \$12 per vase, or \$24 for two vases.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for 2010 are available. Check for yours on the table in the sanctuary.

2009 Statements of Giving will be placed on the back sanctuary table later this month.

OUR PRAYERS

In November and December we offered prayers for healing and comfort for Joy Williams and her family, Heather Bonner,

Diane Pyle, Betty Meyer, Maary Lou Bradley, Carl Crase, Alice Meagher, Michael Bell, rob Calvert, Jean Downey, Dave Armstrong, Angie Mason, the Fisher Family, Annie Williams, Yvette Van Dyke, Hannah Weaver, and others as requested by our members. Prayers for comfort and peace in grief were lifted for the family of John Annarino, the family of Tyler Gargus, the family of Leland Barclay. We offered prayers for safety and courage for our deployed troops especially Denver Geer deployed to Iraq. Prayers for safety in travel and for special circumstances were also lifted.



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donations of many small quilts. They will be greatly appreciated during the cold winter months to come. We at The Salvation Army thank you for your association with us. May you abide with Christ throughout the new year. God bless you,
Your friends at The Salvation Army

A special thanks to all the people who came to give blood on Wednesday, December 2. The donors expressed their thanks and appreciation for the good food. Many said it's the best place to donate blood.

Thank you to those who donated cookies, chicken, sloppy joes, buns, and orange juice. Thank you to those who helped canteen and register donors before and during the drive. Thanks to Pastor Kris for always being there during the

planning and the drive. We collected 2i6 unites of blood—a great community outreach,

God Bless to all of you,
Bill & Shirley

A BIG THANK YOU to Bill & Shirley Anderson for heading up the entire blood drive.

Dear Christ Lutheran Church members:

Please accept this sincere thank you for your generous support of the Food Pantry Network. Your donation of 118 pounds of food is very much appreciated. Did you know over 43% of the meals distributed are for children who are poor through no fault of their own? In 2008, we provided over 700,543 meals to 131,067 individuals. Your support greatly helps us in our efforts to fulfill our mission of “assuring that no one in Licking County goes hungry.”

Sincerely,
Charles S Moore

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Care Fund at the potluck on November 22, Donations amounted to \$708. With the Thrivent supplement of \$450, the Care Fund will be receiving \$1,158.

God Bless each of you,
Joyce, Arlene, and Denise

WOW! Thank you to everyone who donated clothes, coats, boots, toys, money, and gift cards for our 11 children through Job & Family Services. Miraculously everything fit into my Jeep (it was like stuffing clowns into a tiny car) and was delivered on Monday, December 7. We also were able to give families more than \$100 in grocery store gift cards. Amazing! Thanks also to Chris and Aubrey Fisher, who helped me sort out the gifts and load my car. I really appreciate their

help. Blessings to everyone for a wonderful Christmas ! - Julie Chrislip

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Youth Silver Challenge held through November. A total of \$382.51 was collected for the Food Pantry Network of Licking County. Thank you to our youth for advocating our support for the hungry.

Thank you to all the children who participated in any way in the Christmas Children’s Program held on Dec. 20!

Thank you to Kathy Mehler and Chris Fisher for co-directing the program this year. You all were wonderful!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the gift tags for families from our Giving Tree at church! **And thank you to everyone who donated** to families in need in anyway.

Thank you! to everyone who helped with the food ministry to families in our community who are facing job losses. Together we can make a difference when we share God’s love!



Christian Education News
Sunday School recessed on December 27, but will resume on January 3.
Catechism also resumes Jan. 3.
PLEASE BE SURE TO GATHER FOR THE OPENING AT 9:15am in the social hall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE!
From January through March- the Sunday School classes and the offering from the Opening will go to help a family in need through the ministry of

Heifer International. Heifer International provides a farm animal to a family from around the world, so that they have a way to make a sustainable income.



Sunday, January 17: Sunday School meets at 9:00am
One Worship Service at 10:00am

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin on Thursday, Jan. 21 and run for four weeks. We meet at 7pm. Bring your Bible and join us!

Women's Daytime Bible Study meets again, beginning Thursday, Jan 7, 14, and 21 at 9:45am. We continue our study of Beth Moore's "Stepping Up" a study of the Psalms of Ascent.



Welcome
Our New
Members

New Member's Classes will be held on Sundays, January 3 and January 10 at 9:30am- 10:15am in the social hall.

These are group meetings that will help you become more familiar with the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church so that you can join in and serve with the congregation. **New Members will be received at the 10:00am Combined Worship service on January 17.**



YOUTH NEWS

LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING JANUARY 22-24 will again meet at Camp Kern near Cincinnati. This is a winter retreat for High School Youth.

Group departs from the church on Friday, Jan 22 at 4pm and returns Sunday, Jan 24 in the afternoon.

Congratulations Ken! Ken Calvert was nominated and was accepted to be a participant in "Faith Trek" a youth ministry led by Bishop Cal Holloway of the Southern Ohio Synod. Ken will be working with Bishop Holloway as he learns more about Christian leadership both within and beyond our congregation, and synod. Denney Morris will be Ken's mentor from our congregation, along with Pastor Kris.

We rejoice with Ken's parents, Rob and Alyssa, at his selection into "Faith Trek".

Fellowship News

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8:00 a.m. All welcome!

Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sat. Jan 16 at 8:30 a.m. All welcome!

Fellowship Ministry Team will host the reception at our Congregational Anniversary on **January 17**. Please contact Carol Hughes to help.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Winter Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 31 from 5pm-6:30pm in the social hall. We will need volunteer help to set up, cook, take carry out dinners into the community, and clean up. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the entryway in the next few weeks.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Joy Williams left Friday, December 4, for a long-term treatment program in California for eating disorders and exercise addiction. Thank you for all your prayers and loving support for Joy and for us. We know she will deeply appreciate receiving cards of encouragement from her church family. God Bless you in our Newborn King's Love,
Joyce & Gary

Joy's Address:
Joy Williams
28555 Lake Vista Drive
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Where Did the Evangelism Committee Go?

During a recent research survey of several ELCA churches by author David Poling, he asked one congregation in Minnesota when and where their evangelism committee met. He could not find any mention of evangelism in their organizational framework. Finally one parishioner surprised him when she said it meets every Sunday at 8:15, 9:15, and 10:30AM. After the initial shock wore off, David realized she was not kidding. In their congregation, evangelism and outreach had

matured so much and had become so important that it had permeated every aspect of their congregation's activities and support to the community at large. No longer did this work fall just on a sub-committee, it had become part of the Church's culture and everyone shared in and enjoyed being a part of that core ministry.

What a wonderful idea! It is thus the primary goal of our Evangelism Ministry team here at Christ Lutheran this year. Our primary goal is therefore to foster an outreach approach that facilitates everyone participating in their own way as God has blessed them with gifts. This may be in the form of sharing time, talents, or the financial blessings that the Lord gives to us. Another goal is to identify (and thus budget for) our baseline community outreach finance requirements at the beginning of the year and make them part of our line item yearly budget. In the past, we have funded this need via a special Care Fund that sometimes could not meet our desired monthly contributions to our served agencies. This is more of a change in attitude and philosophy than a new requirement for funds.

The bottom line is that the Outreach Fund will never go below the amount of the monthly budget and prevent us from paying minimum monthly obligations to supported agencies even if other routine expenditures must be deferred or we have to reach into our reserves. This does not prevent special supplemental giving from those persons who would sooner make special periodic bequests via the Care Fund to supplement the budgeted monthly minimum. It does, however, insure that we will always have a check for our Community Outreach partners on a regular basis even when giving is down during summer months. This is simply "first-fruits" giving applied to our Congregation's budget as opposed to individual giving.

Everyone is also encouraged to listen to Mathew West's song "Going through the

Motions” on U-tube asking God to help them live out the words of the Chorus as they stand at the foot of the cross and seek new ways to serve the God who sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior. It really hits home when you consider “paying forward” in the Lord’s name.

“I don't wanna go through the motions
I don't wanna go one more day
without Your all consuming passion inside of me
I don't wanna spend my whole life asking, "What if I had
given everything,
instead of going through the motions?"

By the way, there is a copy of David’s new book “*Discovering HOPE*” which was published as a result of his study in the church Library.

Submitted by Eldon Peterson, CLC Church Council Outreach Committee

BIRTHDAYS

January 1 David Wahl, Sr
January 1 Tyler Marks
January 4 Laura Wilson
January 5 Marilyn Clapp
January 6 David McKitrick
January 7 Yvette Van Dyke
January 9 Bradley Davis
January 11 Dottie Pfeffer
January 12 Don Barnard
January 14 Jenna Vermillion
January 14 Adam Bunyard
January 15 Tim Reed
January 17 Ann Jones
January 21 Shirley Groseclose
January 22 Brandon Llewellyn
January 22 Maci Van Dyke
January 25 Joyce Williams
January 25 Falin Braskie
January 26 Lois Scroggins
January 26 Jean Downey
January 26 Kelci Jarrett
January 29 Janice Seward

ANNIVERSARIES

January 3 Vince & Sue Swinehart
January 27 Dottie & Jim Hitchcock

A NEW YEAR WISH

**Enough happiness to keep us sweet;
Enough trials to keep us strong;
Enough hope to keep us lively;
Enough sorrows to keep us dependent
upon God;
Enough failure to keep us humble;
Enough success to keep us eager;
Enough friends to give us comfort;
Enough wealth to meet our needs;
Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking
forward;
Enough faith to overcome despair;
And enough determination to use every
day and situation somehow for good.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Reminder! Sunday, Jan 17- one service at 10am in celebration of the congregation’s 45th anniversary. Sunday School at 9am that day.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Jan 3 Denney Morris

ALTAR GUILD

Carole Spearman, Mary Redd, Sally Kennedy

HOST FAMILY

Jan 3 8:15 Dave & Lynda McKitrick
10:30

COUNTERS

Jan 3 Swank
Jan 10 Swank
Jan 17 Chrislip One Service 10am
Jan 24 Kretzmann
Jan 31 Rosato

USHERS

Head Usher: Williams Morris
1st 2nd

Jan 3 Communion Schulz Van
Dyke/White
Jan 10 Moody Bodle
Jan 17 One Service 10am HS Youth/Morris
Jan 24 Sheley Peterson
Jan 31 Groff Kraning

ACOLYTES

Jan 3 Jacob Santiago/Jake Brooks
Jan 10 Jacob Santiago/Chase Pyle
Jan 17 10am Kierra Braskie/Olivia
Mirmohamed
Jan 24 Kierra Braskie/Olivia
MirmohamedDec.
Jan 31 Trevor Mye//Bryce Carmer

GREETERS

Jan 3 Doug & Sharon Mye
Jan 10 Eldon & Carolyn Peterson
Jan 17 10am Lee & Becky Wilson
Jan 24 Denney Morris
Jan 31 Marilyn Bodle

NURSERY

Jan 3 Kay Bailey
Jan 10 Becky Wilson
Jan 17 10am Kim Geller
Jan 24 Todd & Susan Falkenberg
Jan 31 Anne & Taylor Carmer

LAYREADERS

Jan. 3 8:15am Joyce Williams
10 30am Craig Holman
Jan. 10 8:15am Karen Schmidt
10:30am Carol Hughes
Jan 17 One Service 10am
10:00am HS Youth
Jan 24 8:15am Dave McKitrick
10:30am Jim Hughes
Jan. 31 8:15am DeDe Dudgeon
10:30am Carol Hill

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jan 3 Puppets D. Krueger/R. White
Jan 10 Eric Santiago/Elisa Santiago
Jan 17 10am Faye Landis/Megan White
Jan 24 Anne Carmer/Taylor Carmer
Jan 31 Chris Fisher/Kaitlyn White

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 3 are given by Paul & Sally Kennedy in
celebration of the New Year.
Jan. 10 are given by Joni Miller to the Glory of
God.
Jan. 17 are given in honor of Christ Lutheran's
45th anniversary.
Jan 24 are given to the Glory of God.
Jan. 31 are given by Diane Pyle in honor of
Lynsey's birthday.

PARISH NURSES

1ST Service
8:15am—Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt
Ross & Pam Shannon
2nd Service
10:30am—Kay Bailey

**Blood pressures will be taken Jan. 10th , the
SECOND SUNDAY of the month, following
each worship service.**

**VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSES WILL
TAKE MEMBERS OR VISITOR BLOOD
PRESSURES ANYTIME ON REQUESST.
PHARMACIST JONI MILLER WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO CHECK
MEDICATIONS.**

**NOTE: The January calendar is published
and available on the web with hard copies in
the office and on the Narthex Information
Screen..**