November 27th, 2016

****

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church: 905-685-8294, Fax 905-685-7661, www.christlutheransc.ca
Pastors: Rev. Gary Kuenzel (905-646-5980), sr.pastor@christlutheransc.ca
Rev. David Duke (1-716-946-9034), associate.pastor@christlutheransc.ca
Parish Assistant: Louise Gondosch (905-646-1939), parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca
Business Manager: Karen McCumber, business.manager@christlutheransc.ca
Secretary: Pat Kimpel, secretary@christlutheransc.ca
SOUL Ministry: Mim Braithwaite, Heather Simons, Kathy Moulds, Jeff Gondosch, Lia Figueroa
Church Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon
FACEBOOK: Like us on Facebook for an easy way to connect with all the latest news and updates.
www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC
YOUTUBE: Listen to Pastor Duke's sermons on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.
Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

****

CHRISMON SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer: Stir up, we implore You, Your power, O Lord, and come that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. - Chrismon Service with Holy Communion *(Musician: Jeff Gondosch)*
Hymns: Choir—"Of the Father's Love", 332, 400, Choir—Divinity in a Manger Bed, (637, 643), He Became a Lamb, The King of Love My Shepherd Is, 571, 525, 341
10:00 a.m. – NO Sunday School, NO CHAT, NO Bible Study, Coffee
11:00 a.m. – Chrismon Service with Holy Communion *(Musician: Jeff Gondosch)*
Hymns: Choir—"Of the Father's Love", 332, 400, Choir—Divinity in a Manger Bed, (637, 643), He Became a Lamb, The King of Love My Shepherd Is, 571, 525, 341

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. If you are visiting and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion please talk to the pastor before the service. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

GREETERS:	11 a.m.	Dwight & Dagnija Clinton
	(Next Sunday:	Pauline Honey, Bronwyn Goodburn)
ELDERS:	9 a.m:	John Gondosch
	11 a.m.	Glenn Pink
OVERHEAD MUSIC:	11 a.m.	Adam Meyer
COFFEE HOUR:	Judy Slingerland	Sue Honey

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Don & Lois Fretz on the occasion of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES go out to the family and friends of Viia Hanright of the Estonian Lutheran congregation who passed away November 17.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BAZAAR, by helping, by contributing items for sale, or by attending and making purchases. It was a great success and we look forward to giving the money earned to our various Mission choices at our January M.M./LWMLC meeting.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 11 Cor. 1: 15-22 Wed.: 11 Sam.7:4-9,11-14a,16 Friday: Heb. 10: 19-25
Tuesday: Mic. 2: 1-2,9,12-13 Thurs.: Isa. 64: 1-3 Sat.: Rev.22:12-14,16-17,20-21

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY: 2:00 p.m. – Estonians Worship with Communion
Monday: 7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments
8:30 p.m. – Heaven Help Us
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo/Sing- Along
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class 7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meetings
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts 11:30 a.m. – SOUL Lunch Group and Bible Study
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)
12:30 p.m. – Staff Christmas Dinner
7:30-9:30 p.m. – Youth at Sky Zone
Saturday: 10-11:30 a.m. – Sunday School Practice (speaking parts only)

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: Parents, caregivers and preschoolers are invited to join us Tuesdays between 9:30 -11:00 a.m. in the Church Nursery. Our time together is spent playing with toys, singing and playing instruments, reading a bible story, having a snack and making a craft. Friends are always welcome.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: next **Sunday, December 4th, 2016.**

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE: Sunday, Dec. 4th, 3:00 p.m. at Concordia Seminary, 470 Glenridge Ave., featuring the Resurrection Choir and the Seminary Chorus. Everyone welcome.

NIAGARA AREA LUTHERAN CHOIR invites you to their Christmas Concert at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Road, St. Catharines on **Sunday, December 11** at **3:00 pm**. Come join them as they sing a few Advent pieces and then go into their new Cantata entitled "***A Thrill of Hope***". Free-will offering!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM takes place **Sunday, December 18th at the 11:00 a.m. service.** Our practices are **Saturday December 3rd & 10th from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** If you are able to help with costumes or set design please speak with Sara our Superintendant or Louise. Our **dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 17th from 10 – noon**. Children are encouraged to stay for pizza lunch, caroling at Luther Manor & then cookie decorating until 2:00. (Families are welcome to join us if they wish.)

PLEASE NOTE: **Thursday, December 1 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Eden High School Open House for Grade 8 students and their families . Come investigate the possibility of enrolment. Applications to Eden High School are due by Dec. 16th at 4 p.m.

Last Sunday Attendance: ***(Nov. 20th, 2016) 9 a.m. – 86 ; 11 a.m.- 70 Total: 156 ('15 - 156)***

	Budget	***Last Sunday***	***Year To Date***
Current:	299,246.00	2,791.65	184,972.86
Missions	26,200.00	295.00	20,685.75
Property Improvement		121.00	8,227.50

2016 ADVENT CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONS "Christmas Memories": There are copies in the church Narthex. You are welcome to take one. You may also visit **www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp** and read the Christmas Devotions online.

THE LWML/MARY MARTHA Christmas Tree is now up in the Narthex and will be throughout December to collect mitts, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. These items will be donated to the Women's Shelter. We are concentrating on things for women and children.

PRAYER REQUESTED for the Familia NICARAUGA Mission Team …….. **Hurricane Otto** (just downgraded this morning to Tropical Storm Otto) is building near the east coast of Nicaragua and is expected to hit landfall in Nicaragua or Costa Rica on Thursday (Nov 24). ***The Familia Mission 2 Team (Kitchener)*** is working with Lutheran Churches in Nicaragua this week. Rev. Warren Hamp will fly out of Managua on Thursday, November 24 and the remainder of the team will follow on Saturday (Nov 26). The team asks for your prayers for God's people in Nicaragua and for the safe return of the Familia Mission Team.

BULLETINS BY E-MAIL: If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please send your email address to Judy at: chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:

Wired With THE WORD: Online tools and services from Lutheran Hour Ministries!!

Daily Devotions:	**www.lhm.org/new_devo.htm**	
Topical Messages:	**www.lhm.org/topical.htm**	
Search the Scriptures:	**www.lhm.org/verse.**	**Just for Men! Check It Out:**
E-mail Services:	**www.lhm.org/email.htm**	**The Men's NetWork: lhmmen.com**
About Us:	**www.lhm.org/about.htm**	

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (Dec. 4th) ***"Wait Until He Comes!"*** (Isaiah 11: 1-10) — Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz –A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality.

Operation Christmas Cheer

To share the joy of Christmas with those in our community who are less fortunate than we are, the "Outreach Committee"
is planning again this year, to distribute, complete Christmas turkey dinner packages.

We need your help by:

- Providing us with confidential referrals which can be placed into a box located in our church narthex
- Donating the funds required for the purchase of perishable and non-perishable food items which will be purchased just before the packages are distributed

Letting the Outreach Committee know if you would be willing to help package baskets:

Judy Mason—905-641-7546
Brian Bogusat—905-468-1355
Howard Bogusat—905-468-3566

- Praying that this project is a success and that those who receive these gifts are touched by the joy and wonder of our Saviour's birth and by His love for each one of us.

(please note that we are collecting "monetary donations" ONLY for this project) - **Thank You!**

CHRISMON SERVICE

(2016) This morning is a very special service remembering the work of our Lord in the symbols we have used in the life of the Church. The Chrismon Tree (white) tells the whole story of the birth, life and salvation of our Saviour. The ornaments were made by the late Linda Duckett of our church, and so we remember her also this morning, as we focus on a number of the symbols. Members *(listed below)* will be invited to come forward to place the ornaments.

		Early Service	**Late Service**
1.	"The Epiphany Star"	Mary Severy	Paul Wachs
2.	"The Manger"	Matthew Bogusat	Lauren Nagy
3.	"The Angel"	Walter Betts	Kate Nagy
4.	"The Chalice"	Lorraine Kaija	Kathy DeKouchay
5.	"The Latin Cross"	Audrey Betts	Jack O'Shaughnessy
6.	"The Sacrificial Lamb"	Heather Simons	Linda Roepke
7.	"The Butterfly"	Stephanie Gall	Naomi Hohnberg
8.	"The Dove and Shell"	Fran Porteous	Fran Porteous
9.	"The Shepherd Staff"	David Figueroa	Nick O'Shaughnessy
10.	"The Fish"	Paul Simons	Howard Bogusat
11.	"The Cross and Orb"	Sue Honey	Gloria Meyer
12.	"The Crown"	Andrew Bogusat	Ethan Nagy
13.	"The Circle with IHS"	Theresa Mason	Glenn Pink

God bless us in this special service today!

(Order of Service on back of this page)

December Family Fun Day !!

Saturday, December 17th

12 noon - 2 p.m.

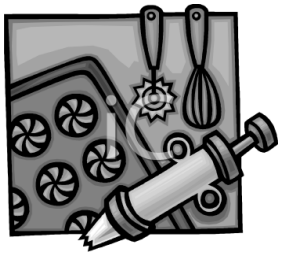
(after Sunday School Program Dress Rehearsal)

You are
invited
to come and
join us for
Pizza Lunch!!

Then,

(after we practice caroling)
we will go Caroling at Luther Manor!!

Followed by some great and fun
"Cookie Decorating".



Please come and enjoy some
"Christmas Fun"