

December 18th, 2016

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### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**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](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC)

**YOUTUBE:** Listen to Pastor Duke’s sermons on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats](http://www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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### CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Prayer:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Service (*Musician: Jeff Gondosch*)

Hymns: Choir—“Of the Father’s Love”, 331, 345, 356, 341

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Coffee Hour (10:15 children gather to prepare for programme)

11:00 a.m. – Children’s Christmas Programme (*Musicians: Heaven Help Us*)

Hymns: Choir—“Of the Father’s Love”, Children’s Christmas Program

**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. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

#### **WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY’S SERVICES:**

**GREETERS:** 11 a.m. Ray Anderson  
(Next Sunday: Frank Parkhouse)

**ELDERS:** 9 a.m: Carlos Figueroa  
11 a.m. Garth Goodburn

**OVERHEAD MUSIC:** 11 a.m. Adam Meyer

**COFFEE HOUR:** Mary Severy Elly Reck

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Naomi Hohnberg in loving memory of her mother, Doris Hohnberg.

**2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are ready in narthex. Please pick yours up today!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Sunday School children, our dedicated teachers, helpers, and to our Superintendent Sara Fongsamouth for your shining portrayal of the Christmas Story. Thank You also to Samantha & Mackenzie Harmer for playing the handbells, Abby & Cindy Mewhinney for the vocal solo, and to our “Heaven Help Us” band, for using the wonderful talents of music God has given each of you!

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Isa. 45: 1-8                      Wed.: Mark 3: 31-35                      Friday: John 19:25b-27  
Tuesday: 1 Cor. 2: 6-10                      Thurs.: Rom. 1: 1-7                      Sat.: Rom. 5: 12-21

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

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  
Friday: 3:00 p.m. – **Estonians Christmas Service followed by light Dinner**  
**Saturday: 12 noon – Latvians Christmas Service**  
7 p.m. and 11 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Cantata Services**  
**Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – Joint Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion**

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS:** Parents, caregivers and preschoolers are invited to join us Tuesday mornings between 9:30 -11:00 a.m. in the Church Nursery. This is our last week before Christmas. Please join us as we focus on Christ's birth through songs, stories and crafts. Friends are always welcome! (*Please note: after Tuesday we will break for Christmas and return on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*)

**THE NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** this year will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Road December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. here at Christ Lutheran Church. There will be a soup supper after. Everyone welcome.

**Last Sunday Attendance:** (Dec.11th, 2016) 9 a.m. – 78 ; 11 a.m.- 64 Total: 142 ('15 - 160)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Current:	299,246.00	8,029.05	214,566.41
Missions	26,200.00	512.00	23,007.75
Property Improvement		182.00	8,644.50

**A MEMORIAL DONATION** has been given to Christ Lutheran Church by the Moskaluk children, grand-children and great-grandchildren in loving memory of Nick & Ida Moskaluk.

**BAZAAR:** So far, to date, our Christmas Bazaar proceeds are \$9,700. We still have more money coming in and hopefully we will go over the \$10,000 mark. Ivy will post the grand total at a later date.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER:** We can still use your help in providing the funds needed to help out the less fortunate people in our church family and neighbourhood by providing them with a complete Christmas turkey dinner package. How great the Lord provided for us last year! We needed \$1,347 and people gave \$1,335 allowing us to make up 25 baskets. We are hoping to pack these boxes on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**STILL NEED A GIFT FOR THAT HARD-TO-BUY-FOR PERSON**— There are always people that are hard to buy for at Christmas (grandma, grandpa, friends, etc...)???? Why not honour them instead with a special monetary gift to SOUL, Haiti and Nicaragua in honour of that special person for which they would even receive a tax receipt. There are envelopes at the back of the church for these very worthy causes.

**THE LWML/MARY MARTHA Christmas Tree** is 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, so we are concentrating on things for women and children.

**NICARAGUA CHURCH REPAIR & FEEDING PROGRAM:** The church we helped construct in Matagalpa, Nicaragua is in urgent need of repair, and the Nicaragua fund, which also pays for 2 feeding programs, is running out of money. If you can help with this need, the Nicaragua Committee and many Nicaraguan Lutherans would be very grateful.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS—VIA FACEBOOK INFO:** Many of our church activities have been created as events on **Facebook**. If members wish to easily invite family and friends to any of our social events, they can do so by clicking on the event, and then clicking the invite button. Also, if members indicate that they are going to the event, this action could pop up on their Facebook friend's feed, therefore spreading the word about that special event or activity!!  
**ALSO, any committee heads wishing to have their event posted on Facebook are welcome to email me the information and I will post it.** Thanks, Lisa Gall -- You can email me at: [Lisa\\_thiessen@yahoo.ca](mailto:Lisa_thiessen@yahoo.ca) Subject Line: Christ Lutheran Facebook

**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](mailto:chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca)



## **NEW YEARS LOCK-IN:**

Be sure to set aside Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. to Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. for our traditional "YOUTH—Holiday Lock-In".

### **\*\*\*COMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES TO WATCH FOR\*\*\***

#### **Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Latvian's Christmas Eve Service (*note time change from 1 p.m.*)  
7 p.m. & 11 p.m.--Christmas Eve Candlelight Cantata Services

#### **Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

#### **New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m.— New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion  
at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Road

### **JANUARY 2017**

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. to Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

#### **HOLIDAY YOUTH LOCK-IN**

#### **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Take down the Christmas decorations then "Out to Eat" afterwards at  
Asian Legend, 344 Glendale Avenue (next to the Keg)

#### **LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:**

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

**Daily Devotions:** [www.lhm.org/new\\_devo.htm](http://www.lhm.org/new_devo.htm)

**Topical Messages:** [www.lhm.org/topical.htm](http://www.lhm.org/topical.htm)

**Search the Scriptures:** [www.lhm.org/verse](http://www.lhm.org/verse).

**Just for Men! Check It Out:** E-mail Services: [www.lhm.org/email.htm](http://www.lhm.org/email.htm)

**The Men's NetWork:** [lhmomen.com](http://lhmomen.com) About Us: [www.lhm.org/about.htm](http://www.lhm.org/about.htm)

**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR,** Sundays on CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday's topic (Dec. 25th) **"What We Really Want!"** (Galatians 4: 4-5) — Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus – What do you want this Christmas? Jesus is God's greatest gift to a sinful world.

# 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 to distribute, again this year, complete Christmas turkey dinner packages. We are asking for confidential referrals from our members.

## 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,  
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!

*Take Down the Tree  
and Decorations*

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**JOIN US AND LEND A HELPING HAND**



**Saturday, January 7th**

**Meet at the Church at 4:30 p.m.**

**We will go out for dinner afterwards**

**at 6 p.m. to**

**Asian Legend, 344 Glendale Ave.**

**(next to the Keg)**

**Hope to see you There!!**