

December 24th, 2017

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

Prayer: O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – Joint Worship Service with Holy Communion (Musician: Gloria Meyer)

Hymns: 332 vs. 1,2,3,7,8, 380, (632, 624), 367

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. Fran Porteous, Lorraine Kaija
(Next Sunday: Pauline Honey / Bronwyn Goodburn)

ELDERS: Dave Rapp/Glenn Pink

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Susan Honey.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We thank the following people for donating poinsettias to beautify our church for our Christmas Services:

The Reck Family	To the Glory of God.
The Gondosch Family	In honour of their family and in memory of their loved ones.
Lynn Jerchel	In loving memory of her father.
Naomi Hohnberg	In loving memory of her mother, Doris Hohnberg.
James & Wendy Hyatt	To the Glory of God.
The Stark Family	In loving memory of Bill Stark.
The Stark Family	In loving memory of Eugene Suszek.
The Meyer Family	In loving memory of family.
Paul & Judy Mason	In loving memory of John Daye, Harold Mason & Theresa Lock
Pastor John & Linda Makey	In loving memory of their parents, Earl & Jean Makey and Norman Smith
Susan Honey	In loving memory of her parents, George & Evelyn Corman

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Titus 2: 11-14 Wed.: 1 John 1: 1-10 Friday: John 12: 35-43
Tuesday: Acts 7: 54-60 Thurs.: Rev. 12: 1-6 Sat.: John 12: 44-50

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today, Dec. 24th 7 p.m. & 11 p.m. – Christmas Eve Cantata Services
Tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship

NEW YEAR'S EVE: The New Year's Eve Service this year will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, Dec. 31st at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome

NEW YEARS LOCK-IN: Be sure to set aside Tuesday, Jan. 2nd at 7 p.m. to Wednesday, Jan. 3rd at 9a.m. for our traditional **"YOUTH—Holiday Lock-In"**.

Bible Study at Luther Manor will resume Tuesday, January 9th.

TREE TAKE DOWN AND FELLOWSHIP: **Saturday, January 13th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** We will go out for dinner afterwards to Fresco's, Ridley Heights Plaza, 100—4th Avenue Louth at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Narthex for reservation numbers.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: The next time we will get together will be January 16th. We encourage you or those you know with a pre-schooler to join us in the Church Nursery from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome to join us!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS—Facebook Update: We now have over 100 followers on Facebook! If you do not yet "Like" our Facebook page, please consider doing so. Many of our members continue to share our community events with friends on their Facebook walls. This has been a great help in spreading the word about what is happening at Christ Lutheran. Also, if you indicate that you are "Going" or "Interested" in one of our events, this action will show up in your friends' feed; again sharing with others what we are doing. Thanks for your support in this! Finally, committee heads, if there are any upcoming events for the fall/winter please email me in advance so I can get a head start on the graphics for our Facebook page. Email: lisa_thiessen@yahoo.ca Subject Line: Christ Lutheran Facebook.

<u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> (Dec. 17th, 2017) 9 a.m. – 47 11a.m. – 130 Total: 177 ('16 – 177)					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ / (-)</u>
Current:	265,688.00	5,012.98	3,585.75	219,504.45	(36,157.53)
Missions	25,000.00	471.70	419.00	23,529.55	(527.15)
Property Improvement			116.00	12,121.00	

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT): Going south this Winter?? We still need to keep the bills paid while you are gone. You can help by making your donations via EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) so while you are gone, you can rest assured that your donations continue. Enrolment forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex (entryway). Your donation can be modified or stopped at any time. Please see Heather Simons or Karen McCumber.

A MEMORIAL DONATION has been given in loving memory of Nick & Ida Moskaluk by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS have been given in memory of Florence Brunsch to Christ Lutheran Church Property Improvement Fund and The Lutheran Hour by Paul McKean and Linda Roepke; to SOUL by Susan Honey; and to Christ Lutheran Church by Aaron & Marg Pfeffer and Alice Martens. Also, to Christ Lutheran Church in memory of Ernie Schappert by Marilyn Robinson, Marilyn Teuber and to SOUL by Glenn & Carole Pink

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

Church Organist: Christ Lutheran is currently seeking a music director to play at both our Traditional and Contemporary services. If you are interested, please email your resume to: business.manager@christlutheransc.ca. Thank you

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Doris Harmer and Val Rapp for decorating our bulletin board at the back of the church. What a wonderful Christmas message!

A Special Thank You to the many individuals from our congregation, who are stepping up to play for our services. Thank you to the congregation for being understanding and patient during this time. Please continue to keep our search for a new music director in your prayers.

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.

SAVE FOR SOUL: Please save your **milk-bags** for SOUL. We are cutting them for mats for Haiti. Please leave them on the SOUL counter downstairs.

A Note from Pastor John Makey:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Christ, it has been a challenging Fall for all of us during this period of vacancy. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the staff and members at Christ for all the support you have given me these past few months. We especially thank you for your prayers. Linda and I have enjoyed getting reconnected with many of our friends from 28 plus years ago, as well as, meeting new brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the guidance of our heavenly Father's hand life makes many twists and turns. Who would have thought last Christmas that we would be celebrating Christ's birth with you this year? I was looking through my Christmas files and came upon this written by our daughter Sarah when she was 7 years old: "Christmas is a beautiful thing most best thing about Christmas is that Jesus is born and the second thing is we celebrate Jesus birth." How beautiful is the faith of a little child. It is as Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." It was a joy last Sunday to see the children of our congregation proclaim, **"God's promise come true! ... Two tiny hands, wrinkled and curled, Christ Child so tender and small, these little hands are mighty to save; these hands will stretch out for all! ... God's promise to love us, and save us, God's promise came true!"** As we receive God's gift to us, the greatest gift we can give to others is a loving witness to the truth of His Word. Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever your mood, whatever your problems, whatever your need, this Babe of Bethlehem was sent for you. It is the Babe of Bethlehem who joins us together as brothers and sisters in Christ. As we come together to celebrate his wondrous birth Linda and I thank God for the blessings He has given us through you, as our brothers and sisters in Christ in past years and in the past few months. God bless you and your family with the message of Christmas:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

*With Love from our home to yours,
Pastor John & Linda Makey*

*May the
Miracle of
Christmas
fill your heart
with joy*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (Dec.31st) ***"Children of Promise"*** (Galatians 4: 4-7) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tony Cook – Our identity as God's children encourages us to live in His grace, to embrace the freedom Jesus won, and to resist the ways of the world that strive to keep us captive.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

10 a.m.—Joint Worship Service (No S.S.)

7 p.m. & 11 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Cantata Service

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25th

10 a.m. -- Christmas Day Worship with *Holy Communion*

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st

10 a.m.—Joint Worship Service (*NO Sunday School*)

7 p.m.—*New Year's Eve Service at Grace Lutheran Church—All Welcome!*

Take Down the Tree and Decorations

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JOIN US AND LEND A HELPING HAND



Saturday, January 13th

meet at the Church at 4:30 p.m.

We will go out for dinner afterwards

at 6:00 p.m. to "Fresco's"

Ridley Heights Plaza, 100—4th Ave. Louth

(To help with reservation numbers, please sign up in the Narthex if you are planning to go out for dinner.)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

The LWML and Fellowship Committee
Invite you to our annual



Congregational Birthday Party



12 Tables

12 Months

Birthday cake

Coffee



Celebrate a year of Birthdays in one day!

Enjoy some fellowship with fellow members
who share your

Birthday Month



Sunday, January 7th, 2018
between Services

COMING IN FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, February 3rd

****Skating** 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

****Fellowship** 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**



**Meridian Credit Union Arena Ice Pad
1565 Four Mile Creek Road
Niagara-on-the-Lake (Virgil)**

Bring your friends!!

Bring your hockey sticks!!

*(we'll have one section of the ice separated from the skaters
for those wishing to play a bit of hockey)*

Sponsored by our Fellowship & Parish Ed Committees