

November 29th, 2020

CHRISMON SUNDAY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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.

Sunday School: <https://youtu.be/UvULkLEywnk> “Fruit of the Spirit #4Patience”

Children’s message: First Sunday in Advent -- <https://youtu.be/tTgkWonttQQ>

Precious Moments Dec. 1st: <https://youtu.be/zOks2iElr7s>

CHRISMON SERVICE 9 & 11 A.M.

Song – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1 & 2

Responsive Prayer & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath song verse

Chrismon service introduction, Isaiah 9:2-7 reading

NATIVITY CHRISMON SYMBOLS

The Manger & Scripture reading

Choir anthem – “Divinity in a Manger”

The Angel & Scripture reading

Song – “Angels We Have Heard On High” Verses 1 & 3

Epiphany Star & Scripture verse, Song – “We Three Kings” Verses 1 & 5

PASSION CHRISMON SYMBOLS

The Sacrificial Lamb & Scripture verse

Choir anthem – “He Became A Lamb”

The Chalice & Scripture verse, Latin Cross & Scripture verse

Song – “In the Cross of Christ” Verses 1 & 4

The Butterfly & Scripture verse, The Dove & Shell with Scripture verse

Song—“Lord, You Give The Great Commission”

VICTORY CHRISMON SYMBOLS

The Shepherd’s Staff & Psalm 23 with Scripture verse

The Fish & Scripture verse, Song—“They Cast Their Nets In Galilee” Verses 1 & 2

The Cross & Orb with Scripture verse, The Crown & Scripture verse

Song – “Majesty!”, *The Circle with IHS & Scripture verse*

Choir Anthem – “Jesus Name of Salvation”

Prayers, Lord’s Prayer & Blessing

Last Song – “God Love’s Me Dearly” Verses 1, 2 & 5

Musician: Susanne Anderson

CHRISMON SERVICE

This morning we have 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.



	<u>9:00 a.m. Service</u>	<u>11:00 a.m. Service</u>
1. "The Manger"	Janice Muller	Sue Honey
2. "The Angel"	Nathan Kuhl	Kathy Dekouchay
3. "The Epiphany Star"	Wendy Shook	Wendy Shook
4. "The Sacrificial Lamb"	Tom Kuhl	
5. "The Chalice"	John H. Gondosch	Greg Jack
6. "The Latin Cross"	Susanne Anderson	Fran Porteous
7. "The Butterfly"	Lorraine Kaija	Gloria Meyer
8. "The Dove and Shell"	Elly Reck	Christina Coughlan
9. "The Shepherd Staff"	Kathy Kuhl	Dave Coughlan
10. "The Fish"	Louise Gondosch	Howard Bogusat
11. "The Cross and Orb"	Sylvio Anderson	Naomi Hohnberg
12. "The Crown"	Don Fretz	Lorraine Kaija
13. "The Circle with IHS"	Tim Reck	Glenn Pink

God bless us in this special service today!

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

Saturday: Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

COVID 19 – PROTOCOL: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church:

As the number of cases of Covid are beginning to rise in the Province, let us not be complacent; we cannot let our guard down. Kindly continue to follow the safety measures and protocols that are currently in place. If you have any of the symptoms outlined by Public Health, please remain at home. Sermons are available online. If attending worship please:

- Wear a mask (covering both your mouth and nose) at all times
- Sanitize your hands frequently.
- Practice social distancing – 2 metres or 6 feet apart.
- Ensure you have a temperature check before entering.
- Ensure that your attendance is noted at the entrance doors



NATIVITY DISPLAY

**You are invited to see the treasured
Nativity sets of our church family!**

When: Sunday, November 29

Sunday, December 6th

Immediately following each service

Process: Descend the stairs to the basement, walk the 1-way route through the display and leave the basement through the other exit.

(We will have a pathway back to the elevator for those who require use of the elevator.)

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TREASURED NATIVITY SET WITH OUR MEMBERS? IF SO, PLEASE BRING IN AND LEAVE IT ON THE TABLE MARKED WITH “**NATIVITY SETS HERE**” SIGN. WE WANT TO KNOW A BIT ABOUT YOUR NATIVITY SET SO PLEASE FILL IN ONE OF THE SHEETS ON THE TABLE. THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL DO SET-UP NOV. 28TH



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

With the continued presence of COVID 19 we would ask that you look forward and start making plans for you and your family to join us for our

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020

7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Kindly confirm your attendance, together with the number of your family attending, by registering either by email or phone call to Pat at secretary@christlutheransc.ca or 905-685-8294 as soon as possible.

Live streaming of the service will be available, details to follow.

BAZAAR NOTES: If you have placed an order with us, you will receive either a phone call or an email towards the end of the month to let you know the total cost of your order and when it will be available---**most likely Dec.5**. There is still time to order but please get them in ASAP. If there is something you are wondering about or that you might like that isn't listed on the form, just ask, as it may be available. ****Things are being made to fill requests that aren't necessarily listed---**
Cash donations are also gratefully accepted and are appreciated. As per the note on the Bazaar insert, an envelope with cash or a cheque for Mary Martha may be given directly to Ivy, or put into the offering basket or the one in the Narthex which collects the forms. *******There are also special envelopes in the narthex for making your donations in. Thank you again for your support for our Missions.**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ / (-)</u>
Current:	272,115.00	5,232.98	1,633.00	161,838.65	(89,344.43)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	102.00	17,279.66	(1,181.88)
Property Improvement			86.00	4,857.66	

GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR to Almighty God on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary to be celebrated December 3rd. *"We always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"*. Eph. 5: 20 Pastor Frank & Mary Silver

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

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:

Some members are hesitant to return to in-person worship during these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate. We have an awesome tool available to us in the form of EFT donations. Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing on Christ's website, (PDF form under "Coming Events" tab -->"Bulletin Board" tab --> LCC-ED-EFT Authorization Form-Parishioner) or follow the link: http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96 and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation,
 275 Lawrence Ave.,
 Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3
 Attn: Darryll Holland

2. BY MAIL: cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church,
 140 Russell Ave.
 St.Catharines, ON L2R 1W1

or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:

Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church. Just visit LCC's website: www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca and click on the "Support My Home Congregation with Online Donations", select "St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ). This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

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, complete Christmas turkey dinner packages. We are asking for confidential referrals from our members. Last year we helped 25 families by making up 25 baskets.

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
Howard Bogusat—905-468-3566
know if you would be willing to help package baskets

- 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!

MARY MARTHA****IMPORTANT NEWS****



OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR obviously can't be held this year as we usually do; however we would still like to offer you the ability to purchase some of the items that you would normally find at the Bake, Deli or Craft Tables. We can individualize your orders and provide you with them 'take out' style.

Do you have a favourite pie, loaf, cookie, square, pickle, jam, preserve, or other baking that you look forward to buying every year? We will get it done for you! Is there something you might have looked for at the Craft Table? We'll see if we can get one of our crafters to make it for you.

Fill out the form on the reverse side and drop it in the basket that you will find in the Narthex. They will be collected each Sunday. If you won't be at church, send it with a friend.

OR email your order to capink@cogeco.ca (different from my gmail one so it will be easier for me to keep things separate.)

Give a form to a friend or friends if they would like to place an order too.

Be sure to include your phone # or email so we can contact you to check any information, give you an order total, and let you know a pickup date.

Contact me if you have any questions.

We will plan 1 or 2 Saturdays when just like a drive through, you can drive up near the basement door, be given your prepackaged order and pay (with the exact amount in an envelope please). If for any reason you are unable to come to the church, please try to have it picked up by a friend; otherwise we will try to make alternative arrangements to get it to you if possible.

Thanks, Carole

AS ALWAYS, you help support MISSIONS:

- Haiti
- Nicaragua
- CLWR
- LBT
- Seminary
- Medical Missions
- SOUL
- & this year - our new Refugee Fund

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Items:

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| 1. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 2. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 3. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 4. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 5. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 6. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 7. _____ | Quantity _____ |

**Please note, as usual, these items come from an uninspected source, but are made by our own ladies with love and care.

Please include any necessary details of your preferences like:

- regular 8” or 9” pie or individual size
- ½ doz. or full doz.
- no raisins or nuts, or, you would like raisins or nuts included
- a tray with mixed squares or cookies or a tray of one specific kind

General pricing:

- **Loaves:** \$6.00 - \$7.50 depending on kind and whether plain or with nuts or raisins
- **Half Loaves:** \$3.50 - \$4.00
- **Pies:** 9”- \$9.00 - \$10.00; 8” - \$8.00 - \$9.00; small 5” -\$3.50 - \$4.00. (depending on kind)
- **Tarts:** 6 for \$4.50
- **Cookies:** \$2.50 - \$3.50 for 6; \$4.75 - \$6.00 for a doz. (depending on kind)
- **Date Squares:** 6 large \$5.50
- **Other Squares:** \$3.50 - \$5.00 depending on size & kind
- **Muffins:** 6 for \$4.00
- **Christmas cake** - \$20 loaf; \$10 ½ loaf
- **Turkey or beef pies** – individual size \$5.00
- **Jams, Pickles, Preserves** – can’t guarantee until I see what kinds have been made by our ladies. We will advertise some specific kinds in a few weeks.
- **Crafts:** again, we will advertise some specific things that have been made at a later date; If you have a request, although not guaranteed, we will see if we can find someone to make what you want, and quote you a price.

A BAZAAR NOTE: Thank you to those who have or are handing in orders. For anyone wishing to make a donation of money to help us in our fundraising efforts this can be done several ways.

1. An envelope can be put into the same basket in Narthex that collects the order forms.
2. A cheque made out to Mary Martha Society can be put onto the offering plate.
3. Cash or a cheque can be given directly to Ivy, our M.M./LWMLC Treasurer

KAREEM & FAMILY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE (Nov. 29th)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Translation of the ID documents and police check from Iraq are now in process. It will cost us \$300 for the translation which will be paid out of your donations to our Refugee Settlement Fund. The Government forms to which the ID documents will be attached have been completed by the hard work done by Jennifer and Muna at CLWR. It is planned that once the translation is completed that Jennifer will forward all of the documents and application to Ottawa and she will receive a registration number which she can give to Kareem and he can submit it to the government of Greece so they will not deport Kareem and his family back to Iraq. Once Ottawa has reviewed the information submitted, the next step will be the interview with the family by our officials in Greece. I have now received from CLWR : Sponsorship Undertaking-Sponsorship Agreement Holders; Sponsor Assessment; Settlement Plan, Sponsorship Agreement Holders, these forms and forward them to CLWR for their records in case the government requests this information at any time. I will have a meeting with our Refugee committee before submitting the Settlement Plan. As of November 22, there has been \$3,450 donated in Sunday morning offerings and the Mary Martha has collected \$205 as at their November meeting. This gives us a total of **\$3,655 to date**. **We need to continue to pray** that CLWR can complete and send the documentation to Ottawa within the next couple of weeks, at least before Christmas. May God who is Lord over everything guide the hands of our government to bring us Kareem and his family. God bless, Pastor John 289-407-7662

The Lutheran Hour: Hear God's Word at the click of a button on Lutheran Hour webpage or on their super convenient app! *(Just hold your "Ctrl" button down and clickbox to follow the link)*

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LHM—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

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Sunday, December 6th: "Seek My Face" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. (Daniel)
Canadian sermons are available for listening on-line on LLL website (www.lll.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts)