

The Messenger



*Our mission is to
Welcome all into our
fellowship,
Worship and pray together,
Grow in our faith and
Serve God's world as caring
disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Sunday Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am

Christmas 2011 Services

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm, 7:00pm & 11:00 pm
Christmas Day
10:00 am

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A Message from our Pastor



I recently came across a brilliant quote that for me captures the true essence and joy of this Advent season:

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...."

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Seek That Which Is Above*, 1986

My prayer is that you embrace this season of Advent – in all of its planning and preparation – with some intentional time for reflection, captured moments of interior recollection...so that you may, in a refreshingly new way, "discern the star of hope."

May this true beauty of Advent illumine the Christmas joy within your hearts as we celebrate, together, the birth of our Savior Jesus!

God's peace and love,

Pastor David



Christmas Service Schedule

REMEMBER — ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM ON CHRISTMAS DAY!



Christmas 2011 Worship Services

December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

11:00 PM

December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 AM



Children's and Youth Choirs

Children's and Youth Choir will resume for two weeks on Wed Nov 30 and Wed Dec 7 at 6:00 pm for Children and 6:45 for Youth. We will be putting together a piece for the Dec 11th Advent Concert. We will also discuss the plan for the next few months, as I won't be off my crutches until February.

I'm looking forward to seeing and singing with everyone soon!

Thank you for all of your prayers for healing!

Jonel

Praise Dancers

The CTS Praise Dancers are continuing their practice sessions in The Ark on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm on November 30th and at 6:45 on Dec 7th. Performances will be on December 4th at the 10:45 am service and at both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services on December 11th. Check the calendar for possible time or venue updates or contact Angila Allen with any questions at 262-244-1115 All are welcome, grades one and up.



Learning Ministries



IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Please mark your calendars with these important Sunday school dates:

December 3: Christmas program rehearsal from 10:15 until 11:30

December 18: Christmas program during the 10:45 service; Sunday school meets as normal for last rehearsal

December 25: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 1: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 8: Sunday School Resumes

A CALL FOR HELP

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES

We are once again asking all Sunday school families to help provide the treats for the reception on Sunday, December 18, after the children's Christmas program.

We are asking each family to donate 2 dozen cookies for our *Seeing Is Believing* reception. Please bring the cookies to the Ark during the 8:15 church service or during the Sunday school hour on December 18.

Thank you for your support. The success of our Sunday school program is due largely to the help we get from our church family.



LO AND BEHOLD...Seeing Is Believing

You and your guests are cordially invited to ***Lo And Behold...Seeing is Believing***, performed by our Sunday School students Sunday, December 18, during the 10:45 service. Stay after our performance for our *Seeing Is Believing* reception in the Ark. Guests are invited to enjoy treats in the Ark.

Put it on your calendar today!



CTS YOUTH NEWS

the events. the updates. the scoop.

Christ the Servant Youth Group

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find us on facebook so we can send you updates

A HUGE

THANK YOU

to all of our Lock-In Chaperones!

Another fun-filled evening which would not have been possible without you! See you in 2012!



Merry Christmas to All, from your CTS Youth

We're making it a warm Christmas for all:

Donate to the **Hat and Mitten Tree** in the Narthex!

Attach new winter hats or mittens through Sun, December 18th.

Poinsettias!!!

If you ordered poinsettias to enjoy before Christmas, pick them up following St. Nick's Breakfast on Sat. 12/3 around 10:30am.

Please consider purchasing a poinsettia to decorate our church for Christmas. For \$23 you will enjoy the Poinsettia at church and then take it home Jan 8th to enjoy it there!

See the sign in the Narthex today!

Breakfast with St. Nick
Saturday, December 4th
9:00AM in the Ark
Delicious Breakfast
Visit from St. Nick
Storytelling
Great Family Fun
Sign up in the Narthex!

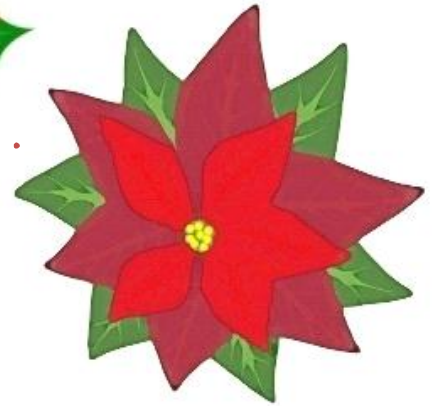
TEENS...DISCUSS.

All teenagers welcome.
Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:30am, between services for **Teen Discussion**. Topics that relate to your life.
Note: There will be **NO** discussion 12/25 or 1/1

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 16th, 7pm
Potluck, White Elephant and Extreme Charades, Oh My!
Bring a dish to share, a gift to give and your festive spirit!
Youth Lounge 6:30PM,
Wed, December 22nd

Help Decorate Our Church
for Christmas-
Purchase a Poinsettia!



Witness its beauty at church for Christmas,
and enjoy it at home after the holidays

7.5" Poinsettia featuring 3 plants,
15 blooms, and 28" across

Special Price for Christmas Service: \$23
(normally \$25-\$30)



20% donated to CTS Youth Group
to attend the 2012 ELCA National
Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA
Sign up in the Narthex.
Please order by Sunday, December 11th

Give payment to the office or place in the offering. Please indicate
"Christmas Poinsettias - Youth" in the memo

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church for Christmas
and can be taken home after service on Sunday, January 8th

Our Community

WAUKESHA FOOD PANTRY

When his disciples asked, "When did we see you hungry Lord?" Jesus replied, "Whatever you do to the least of these you also do to me."

All donated items are taken to the Waukesha Food Pantry Weekly by Roger Redetzke and Larry Wallenslager.

While providing nutritional support is the main focus of the Food Pantry, they also distribute personal care and household supplies. Suggestions include:

- 12/4 Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- 12/11 Specialized or all-purpose cleansers
- 12/18 Can openers
- 12/25 Hand and body lotion



INTERFAITH SENIOR PROGRAMS

Interfaith is seeking volunteers to drive a senior or an adult with a disability who cannot drive to the doctor, grocery store, food pantry or pharmacy. Your time and smile will be so very appreciated by the neighbor you help. You tell us your schedule and preferred community, and we will only call you for those clients and times that match.

Contact Marcia Rupp at Interfaith Senior Programs at 262-549-3348, extension 2409 or MarciaR@interfaithwaukesha.org.

WONDROUS MYSTERY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Jubilate Chorale's annual Christmas concert features traditional carols, new settings of familiar texts, as well as music that celebrates the wonder of the holiday season.

Join the Jubilate Chorale, under the direction of Vicki Taylor, with special guests the Nordic Brass for a concert that will be sure to make your holidays merry and bright!



Saturday, December 17, 2011 7:30pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha

Sunday, December 18, 2011 4pm
St. Jerome Catholic Parish
995 Silver Lake Street, Oconomowoc

Tickets:

Adults: Advance purchase \$12, Door purchase \$15
Seniors: Advance purchase \$10, Door purchase \$12
Students: Advance purchase \$5, Door purchase \$7
Children 12 years of age and younger are free
Visit our website at www.jubilatechorale.org for ticket information, or call 414-403-9338.

THE CHRISTMAS CLEARING COUNCIL of Waukesha County annual Toy Shop is fast approaching. As they have done for over 60 years, CCC continues to promote and coordinate giving to local families in need during the Christmas season so that children are not forgotten. You can help play an important part in this very special event by sharing your time to help assemble bicycles to be given out at the CCC annual Toy Shop.

We will be assembling over 100 bicycles of all sizes starting with unboxing the bikes, assembling the peddles, mounting and tightening the handle bars and wheels and doing a final safety check. Then we inflate the tires and load them onto the biggest sleigh you've ever seen!

This year's assembly event will take place on Saturday December 10th at 578 Elizabeth Street. We will start at 9:00 AM and work until all bikes are assembled (typically around 1:00 PM). Feel free to come for the day or for just a few hours.

Things to bring for the bike assembly:

Warm work clothes - It will be cool in Santa's workshop and a little dirty too. Please come prepared to work.

Tools - ie socket sets, box and/or open end wrenches and metric allen wrenches. We will have a variety of tasks.

An air compressor and tire gages will be supplied. There will be treats and drinks on hand, brought by some of our friends who have helped in years past.

I will also need volunteers to help on Thursday evening December 15th as we transport Santa's sleigh filled with shiny new bikes and unload them at St. Williams church, where the Toy Shop will be held. Please meet at 6:30 PM at the assembly location - 578 Elizabeth Street.

Come experience the true spirit of the holidays by lending a helping hand and doing something really special for others. I appreciate your help in supporting the mission of CCC and our community in this very special way. If you want to learn more about CCC please go the following <http://christmasclearingcouncil.org/>.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Thank you,
Mike Jehn
Cell: (414) 430-1995
Ret. Facilities Director SC Waukesha Soccer Club



Events, Activities and Things to Know

REMEMBER, ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

A NOTE FROM SEASONED SENIORS

We will not be meeting in December, but look forward to reuniting in The ARK on January 5th at 12:30 pm.



Have a very blessed Christmas. We look forward to meeting again in the New Year!

ST. NICK'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, December 3rd, you're invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our youth and watch for visits from an elf, St. Nicholas, and a jolly ol' friend of ours! Kids of all ages will have fun and take home a goody bag. A free-will donation is appreciated. Sign up posters are in the narthex.

Don't forget to pick up your poinsettias following the St. Nick's breakfast.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 4TH

Please join us in the sanctuary following the 10:45 service as we discuss and vote on the changes to our constitution. Treats will be served beforehand and childcare will be provided in the nursery.

MEN COOKING WITH THE GOSPEL

Monday, December 5th

Come join the men's "Cooking With the Gospel" group at 5:30 pm on Monday Dec 5 in the Ark. If you wish to attend there is a signup sheet on the



bulletin board in the narthex.

Each month members volunteer to help with the meal or cook the main course. You do not need to know how to cook to join us! (We need table setters and dishwashers too) Come for the food, fellowship and Bible study. This month we will be feasting on ham, potatoes, veggies, dinner rolls salad and dessert. (If you choose to stay home you will most likely be having leftover lutefisk) Hope to see you there!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will meet on December 8 at 6:30 pm at Saxe's Restaurant on Hwy 18. We will be discussing "Christmas Jars" by Jason Wright.



Our book for January will be "The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts" by Gary D. Chapman.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM

The Social Ministry Team will be meeting at 6:30 pm on December 15th by the fireplace.

LIFE LINE SCREENING DECEMBER 20TH

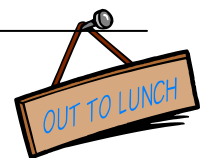
On Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church there will be a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for the risk of stroke and other vascular conditions.

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, and this catastrophic event can strike without warning. In fact, four out of five people who have had a stroke showed no apparent warning signs prior to their attack. But, strokes can be stopped in their tracks.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch bunch will meet on **December 21 at The Family Restaurant on Sunset Drive at 12:15 pm.**

Contact Leah Huse 262-547-4909 or Terry Seidens 262-547-0232 if you have any questions.



JAVA & JABBER 6:30 PM DECEMBER 27TH AT COOPER'S HAWK RESTAURANT

Tuesday, December 27 Java & Jabber will meet at Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant located at 95 N Moorland Rd (Brookfield Square out-lot).



RSVP to Angila Allen by December 9th

262-244-1115
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Our CTS Family

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mitchel Hauser
- 4 Hunter Dargin
- 4 Jared Dutelle
- 4 Jamison Nagel-Crisman
- 5 Lois Wegner
- 6 John Dethloff
- 6 Jayden Kaiser
- 6 Doug Peot
- 9 Ellie Allen
- 9 Karyn Conklin
- 9 Jon Kaiser
- 11 Barbara Garman
- 13 Megan Fournier
- 14 Steven Kuhl
- 14 Matt Reber
- 16 Terri Kunde
- 16 Dale Levinson
- 16 Amy Mulqueen
- 18 Scott Allen
- 18 Adam Kowalczyk
- 21 Teddy Schober
- 23 Avery Cavett
- 23 Joshua Hunt
- 27 Heather Smart
- 27 Jeana Wagner
- 28 Lenny Graffin
- 28 Dave Marley
- 28 Sarah Pietenpol
- 29 Sarah Beck
- 31 Zachary Byrne

Did we miss you? Please let us know so we can be sure to include you next time.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL!

Please give your college or military address to the office. We want to be able to keep in touch with you while you're away from home.



IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the office so our Visitation Ministers and Pastor David are able to visit you. Even though you may list Christ the Servant as your church, the hospital will not notify us of your admission. Give us a call at 262-542-7100.

GOING GREEN FOR THE NEW YEAR? OUR NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE


Just a reminder that our monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*, is available in pdf format from the publications page of our website.

<http://www.christtheservant.org/publications.html>

Please inform the office if you would prefer to stop receiving a hard copy via USPS delivery.



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
27 Advent 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Intergenerational Craft 10:45 AM Worship 3:00 PM Tentative Contemporary Service Rehearsal 6:00 PM Women's AA	28 Offsite Sermon Planning and Prep - Pastor David 7:00 PM Women's Care Group	29 3:00 PM Blood Drive at SJN 6:00 PM Waukesha Choral Union 6:30 PM Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 PM AA	30 Bulletin and Email Articles Due Praise Dancer Practice 6:45 AM Prayer 10:30 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	1 10:00 AM Bible Study at Reformation 12:30 PM Seasoned Seniors 4:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM CODA 7:00 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom	2	3 9:00 AM St. Nick's Breakfast 10:15 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:30 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom
4 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Education Hour - Faith Five 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting 1:00 PM Lutefisk Dinner 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Women's AA	5 Offsite Sermon Planning and Prep - Pastor David 5:30 PM Men Cooking with the Gospel 6:30 PM Evangelical Ministries Meeting	6 7:00 PM AA	7 Bulletin and Email Articles Due Finance Committee Meeting 6:45 AM Prayer 10:30 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Health Board Meeting	8 10:00 AM Bible Study at Reformation 12:00 PM Waukesha Cluster Meeting 6:30 PM CODA 7:00 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom 7:00 PM Book Club	9	10 7:30 AM Breakfast with the Bible 6:30 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom
11  8:00 AM Worship - Advent Songs and Lessons 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship - Advent Songs and Lessons 2:30 PM Music Recitals 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Women's AA	12 Offsite Sermon Planning and Prep - Pastor David	13 6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM AA	14 Bulletin and Email Articles Due 6:45 AM Prayer 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Office Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Chime Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	15 Newsletter Articles Due 10:00 AM Bible Study at Reformation 6:30 PM CODA 7:00 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom	16	17 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with GOD 6:30 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom
18 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship - Sunday School Christmas Program 5:30 PM Confirmation - RAK 6:00 PM Women's AA	19 Offsite Sermon Planning and Prep - Pastor David 6:30 PM IT Committee Meeting	20 8:00 AM Lifeline Screening 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Adult Choir	21 Bulletin and Email Articles Due 6:45 AM Prayer 10:30 AM Office Staff Meeting 12:15 PM Lunch Bunch 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl	22 First Day of Winter 10:00 AM Bible Study at Reformation 6:30 PM CODA 7:00 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom	23	24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Women's AA	26 Offsite Sermon Planning and Prep - Pastor David 7:00 PM Women's Care Group	27 6:45 PM Java and Jabber 7:00 PM AA	28 Bulletin and Email Articles Due 6:45 AM Prayer 10:30 AM Office Staff Meeting	29 10:00 AM Bible Study at Reformation 6:30 PM CODA 7:00 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom	30	31 6:30 PM Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

This calendar changes frequently. An up-to-date version is always available on our website at www.christtheservant.org. A link is located in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

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December Liturgy Schedule and Worship Servers

<u>Deacons</u>		<u>Liturgy Schedule</u>
12/4	Jeff Dohlby	ELW3
12/11	Jennifer Hauser	Advent Carols & Lessons
12/18	Nikki Rees	Now the Feast (1st)/Sunday School Program (2nd)
12/25	10am Roberta Magnuson	

<u>Counters</u>	
12/4	Linda Gatlin & Bruce Dennert (Monday)
12/11	Linda Gatlin & Roger Redetzke (Monday)
12/18	Paul Wegner & Dave Marley (Sunday)
12/25	Patti Marti & Irene Jacobs (Monday)

<u>Sanctuary Plant Donations</u>	
12/4	Irene Jacobs in Memory of Danny
12/11	Cheri Lampe in Memory of Brother Kris's Birthday
12/18	Linda Gatlin in Memory of Bruce
12/25	Schlehein's in Honor of Deb's Mom and Grandma

<u>Altar</u>				<u>Communion</u>
<u>Guild</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>	<u>Bread</u>
12/4	Jessi Braun	Jessi Braun	Nancy Kuhl	Marilyn Schlei
12/11	Jelene Peot	Jelene Peot	Jelene Peot	Sandy/John Demo
12/18	Nancy Kuhl	Nancy Kuhl	Nancy Kuhl	Lois Wegner
12/24	Nancy Kuhl			N/A
12/25	Nancy Kuhl	10 am Nancy Kuhl	N/A	Rosemary Schultz

<u>Advent</u>		
<u>Blessing</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
12/4	The Lemskys	The Swansons
12/11	Volunteers needed—see sign up sheet on bulletin board	
12/18	Volunteers needed—see sign up sheet on bulletin board	

<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
12/4	Olivia Nyman	Tyler Duck-Dennert
12/11	Madelynn Hoehne	Sierra Rocha
12/18	Ben Konrath	Nick Kelly
12/24	4pm Rob Tyndall	7pm Brynn Dutelle

<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
12/4	Sue Wallenslager	Paul Wegner
12/11	Tina Kind	Jo Pirlott
12/18	Jeff Dohlby	Lois Wegner
12/24 — 4pm, 7pm, 11 pm TBD		
12/25 — 10 am Jeff Marti		

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
12/4	Levinson Team	Marti Team
12/11	Kabitzke Team	Pirlott Team
12/18	Morris Team	Braun
12/24 — 4 pm, 7 pm, 11 pm TBD		
12/25 — 10 am Ed & Kathy Boehmke		

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
	Will Tyndall	Luke Dutelle

PLEASE NOTE: No nursery for Christmas Services

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