



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Newburgh, New York

CHRIST NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Advent, Christmas



Pastor's Message

In the Nick of Time!

Dear Friends in Christ,

While Lutherans do not pray to saints, we do remember their lives of faith. Most notable for Luther was Mary, the mother of our Lord, whose feast day we do have on Lutheran calendars, August 15.

I mention this because December 6 is the feast day of another notable saint, St. Nicholas of Myra (present-day Turkey in the 300's). While we don't know much about this man, church historians believe he gave away much of his inherited wealth to help the poor.

The title of this article, In the Nick of Time, purposely plays on a pun using St. Nicholas's name. His feast day is close enough to the beginning of Advent, enabling me to join the two ideas, and say that Advent comes in the nick of time. Each year we are tempted to get caught up in the insanity of pre-Christmas preparations. But Advent comes to the church and to our lives to help us set priorities. Through the blue season of the church year, a color that resembles dawn, the break of a new day, Advent calls us to wake from the sleep that commercialism lulls us into. In this season, through prayer, worship and works of mercy, we ready ourselves for the priority – proclaiming that God has come to humanity in Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

And so, by mentioning Mary again, this newsletter article comes full circle. Let Advent be a time when we, like Mary the Mother of Our Lord and St. Nicholas, give of ourselves to the work of the church: the worship of God and care for the poor. Lighting the Advent wreath each Sunday reminds us that this circle of greenery and light resemble the life of Christ -- it has no end. This is the gift he gives us through the cross and empty tomb – things the manger ready us for, if we are alert and sense Christ among us in this season of preparation.

Blessed Advent, and peace to you as we worship Christ on his Nativity in the season of Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 6).



President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present.”

-Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac

Christ's birth is reborn in the celebration within our community, our homes and our hearts each year. If we are distracted from the very real, awesome, holy and divine reality of Christ's coming among us, we are in the spell of the world. Let us take time this year, away from the shopping, cooking, wrapping, baking, and general busyness, and be still. Meditate on the Divine.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10

Yours in Christ,

Laura Kohlmann

Luncheon & Craft Event

Join us **Saturday Dec. 2 at 1:00**



children in your family for a short afternoon of making some Christmas crafts. Or come to enjoy a time of fellowship even if you have no children to bring along!

ADVENT

Wednesdays: Dec. 6, 13, 20

Make ADVENT a special time of preparation: take a break from the hustle and bustle and come to church for a time of confession or conversation with Pastor between 5:00 – 6:00, enjoy a time of fellowship at our soup supper (6:00 – 6:45), stay for vespers from 6:45-7:00 and/or join us after vespers for a brief reflection on that week's readings. Come for the whole evening or whatever part would fit into your schedule.

German Christmas Service



German Christmas Service:

December 17, 2:30 p.m.

Worship Notes

Hymns

There is a lot of planning to worship that may not be entirely obvious. To help us appreciate the depth of the liturgy, I've decided to write a short monthly column about worship.

The first topic is hymns. Hymns are not chosen based on popularity or what we might know or not know. Instead, each piece is chosen based on the theme of the Bible readings for that Sunday. Music underscores the biblical message of the day. For example, if the gospel reading for the day is the feeding of the multitude, the hymns selected would dwell on God's providence, the sacraments, and how creation (crops, rain) sustains humanity.

The Music and Worship committee meets each month to choose the Sunday hymns. We use three manuals to help us: Worship Indexes, Sundays and Seasons, and The Manual on the Liturgy. These books categorize hymns by theme as proclaimed by the scripture readings for each Sunday of the church year.

We choose hymns to give the best voice to the Bible. If a hymn is not well known but follows an easy tune, we will still incorporate it into worship. If it is not entirely easy, we may rehearse it two or three Sundays in the announcements before we use it, or the choir will learn it and sing it as an anthem first. Congregations cannot only use well known hymns, for the message of Scripture will resound in us more often when the word and music resonate together.

In Christ,
Pastor Moss



BOOK CLUB

January 3

The Christmas Sweater

by Glenn Beck

at Eva-Maria Wolf's home

97 Keats Drive, New Windsor

February 7

America's First Daughter

by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

at the Keller's home, 4 North End, Newburgh

March 7

The Other Einstein

by Marie Benedict

at Trudy Patrick's home

3 Rockwood Drive, Newburgh

April 4

We Never Asked for Wings

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

at Dottie Kasello's home

810 Blooming Grove Tpk, Apt 23, New Windsor



Christmas Memorials Form

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2017

In celebration of our Lord's Birth, we are now accepting donations in honor or memory of loved ones, to purchase various items necessary to decorate our chancel and altar for the Christmas Services. Orders should be received **by Sunday Dec. 17th** to guarantee listing in the Christmas Memorial Bulletin. Donations will be warmly accepted after that date but will not be included in the Bulletin.

Make checks payable to **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** and give or mail to:

Carol Hall
161 Mill Street
Walkill, N.Y. 12589
(845) 564-7716

PERSON(s) TO BE REMEMBERED	CHOOSE ONE - HONOR OR MEMORY	GIVEN BY

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Envelope No. _____ Amount enclosed: _____

(Suggested amount \$15.00 or more per person remembered or honored.)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT The Altar Guild

IN OUR PRAYERS

We Pray for:

Carol Boisvert
Barbara Dey
Jennifer Fischer
Marlene Galow
Devin Giordano
Barbara Greco
Vinnie Hamrah
Michelle Heroux
Judy Kennedy
Suzanne Kunda
Caely McCabe
George McGrath, Jr.
Ira Nebrasky
Rebecca Pacella
Ashley Poulin
Mac Rogers
Emma Studtmann
Barbara Trouwborst
Chris Vincent
Doreen Yankee



All military troops, including:

Birgitta Anderson
Chris Caulder
Eric Doss
Steven Scholl

In Nursing Homes & Homebound:

Shirley Delmonica
Orvin Eckert
Maria Mersinger

All those bereaved

The family
& friends of
Bill Huntington

We pray for those working for the Wider Church:

Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton;
Synod Bishop,
Robert Rimbo;
Our Dean, Pastor Mossel,
& our missionaries in
Tanzania.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER

JANUARY

- 1** Barbara Pagan
- 9** MaryAnn Cecconie
- 10** Cindy Starkey
- 11** Michael Brangaccio
- 31** Alicia Olmoz

Anniversaries

- 8** Dan & Irma Madrid
- 16** Scott & Jackie Kunda
- 31** James & Julie Rose

- 2** Lee Gordon
- 3** Linda Childs
- 5** Ingrid Hebrank
- 11** Janis Errichetti
- 15** Susan Surprise
- 21** Anabelle Bohlmann
- 25** William Pillius
- 26** Scott Taylor
- 30** Sandra Miller
- 31** John Courtsunis

Anniversaries

- 1** Scott Taylor & Barbara Pagan

Save the Dates:

[Click here for Website Calendar Page](#)

Luncheon and Craft Day

December 2, 1:00 pm

Christmas Caroling

December 10, 1:00 pm

DECEMBER

2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Crafts Workshop 1:00 pm
3 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> Worship 10:00 am	4 Bible Study 3:00 pm	5	6 Pastoral Confession & Conversation 5-6:00 pm Soup supper 6-6:40 pm Vespers 6:45 to 7:00 pm Bible study 7:00 - 8:00 pm	7 Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm	8 Worship committee 5:00 pm	9 Baby Pantry 10:00 am
10 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Christmas Caroling after worship	11 Bible Study 3:00 pm Church council 7:00 pm	12	13 Pastoral Confession & Conversation 5-6:00 pm Soup supper 6-6:40 pm Vespers 6:45 to 7:00 pm Bible study 7:00 - 8:00 pm	14 Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm	15	16
17 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> Worship 10:00 am German Christmas Service 2:30 pm	18 Bible Study 3:00 pm	19	20 Pastoral Confession & Conversation 5-6:00 pm Soup supper 6-6:40 pm Vespers 6:45 to 7:00 pm Bible study 7:00 - 8:00 pm	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i> Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm	22	23 Shepherd's Kitchen 10:00 am
24 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> Worship 10:00 am Christmas Eve Worship 6:00 pm	25 <i>Christmas</i> Worship 10:00 am	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i> Worship 10:00 am <i>New Years Eve</i>				Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm		

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Serving Christ and Community for 141 Years

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Located at:

Fullerton Avenue and South Street Newburgh, NY

Worship Schedule

Holy Communion every Sunday

Nursery care provided during
the Worship Service.

For additional information call:
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