

THE PARISH CALLER

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“Made new in Christ, we share the unconditional love of God with each other and the community. We go forward without fear, open to differences, serving a changing world.”

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Where CLC also stands for A Caring and Loving Community!

ADVENT SEASON - A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARING

In a season when life compels us to fill our time with shopping, pageants and parties, and expend our energy to exhaustion, the church calls us to slow down, wait, and prepare for what God is doing and has done. The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd, and is marked by the four candles of the Advent Wreath, each symbolizing our waiting for our coming Lord – waiting with

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

May this Advent Season be a time when we nurture these qualities within our lives. These are the gifts that God brings at the birth of our Lord, and calls us to live out till the end of time. Be with us for all the Sundays of Advent as we wait and prepare for God’s great act of love at Christmas.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Service of Lessons and Carols – 10:00am

This Sunday morning is also the fourth Sunday in Advent and we will be lighting the final candle on our Advent Wreath symbolizing the gift of God’s love to us. It will be a service filled with readings and carols that begin with the great prophecies of old, of the coming Messiah, and will lead us to the stories of the birth of our Lord.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

Early Family Service -7:00pm Late Service – 10:30pm

Join us for one of our traditional Christmas Eve Services that celebrates the birth of our Lord. Both services will be filled with carols and special music. Both will include Holy Communion and end with a candle lighting ceremony. The early service will also include a special Christmas message for children. Join us for one of these special services as we proclaim: “JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!”

YOUTH SUNDAY – DEC. 10TH, 10:00AM

Our youth will be leading our worship service and sharing messages of Advent and Christmas through various skits. A rehearsal time is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 26th, following the worship service. Let’s all be supportive of our youth.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH, 10:00AM

The Chancel Choir Presents “Lord of Glory – A Musical Celebration of Christ’s Incarnation”

Join us this special Sunday as our Senior Choir presents the Christmas story in music and song. The cantata highlights God’s coming into our world as a human being. Invite the whole family and friends to be with us for this special presentation. Let this musical celebration enrich your Christmas preparations.

In Our Prayers

Members in our prayers are: Friends and Family of Ford Andrews, Tom & Myrna Armstrong, Bob & Judy Bates, Carol Becker, Rita Bergsrud, Karen Bolley, Mary Bratun, Bill Bright, Del Brown, Craig Butora, Chuck Charter, Virla Cleasby, Barb Cooperrider, Karen DeRousse, Valna Dow, Dorothy Drussel, Fran Hackewicz, Pam Haab, Lisa Head, Riane Forbing, Janan Horne, Jake & Joanne Jakel, John & Connie Keating, Thelma Kidd, Mark Kush, Stan Larkin, Helen Leece, Shirley Jean Long, Yvonne Lowe, Pastor Wayne & Jean Peterson, Lynn Richter, Lou Seling, Jeannine Shearer, Tom Skirke, Don & Marilyn Smith, Inez Stieve, Madelyn Stobbe, Steve & Lois Szabo, Barb & Scott Thompson, Norm & Terry Tick, Marjorie Wiley, Krystal Wingett, Virginia Woods.

Our Armed Service and support personnel: Aaron Butora; Chris Kummeerl (Mandy Meucci); Bradley & Tom Weber (Marilyn Schulze); Justin Philpot; Christopher & Nicholas Vogler (Del & Carol Brown); Cole Nichols (Fred & Jill Jones)

Also in our prayers are: Friends & Family of Sue Ellen Patrick (Laura Frederickson); Mary Vollrath, Norah McKeachie, Chuck Cole, Sharynne Cleasby (Virla Cleasby); Jim Gibbs (Mary Russell); Stan Kalinski, Joanne Slater (Bill & Barb DeRousse); Stan Kalinski, For residents of Vicinia Gardens Assisted Living (Karen DeRousse); Toby Pitser, Valerie Sinclair, Drew Delke (Jill Jones); Monica Combs and kids, Cindy Buero, Krystal and David Wingett, Kathy McKenna, Lindsay Brownfield, Dwight Keith, Bruce Keith, Carole & Verneil Schockinger, Lynn & Kurt Richards (Cindy Edwards); Linda Goldsworthy (Jane Ives); Debbie Cook (Char Charter); Don & Georgia Maxwell (Annie Chachich); Edith Cross-Beals, Neil Huard, Ginny Makkonen (Joan Cole); Peace (Rita Zettel); Marlene Rudolph (Jamie Schutt)

Please note: Names of family & friends need to be updated on a weekly basis to be included in the prayers. Member's names will stay on until the member asks to be removed.

Prayer Card Ministry -Mary Skirke is sending out cards on behalf of the congregation for those in need, whether sickness or distress. If you would like to have a card sent, please contact her at: 248-618-1300.

Other Activities At Church

Jazzercise

Contact: Carin Burrill (248) 921-7117
8:15-9:15am Monday – Saturday
9:20 – 10:20 am Monday – Friday
6:00pm Monday & Thursday

Karate

Contact: 586-630-8257
6:00pm Tuesday and Friday
10:00am-1:00pm 3rd Saturday of the month.

Oakland County Earth Science Rock Club

7:00pm the 1st Wednesday of the month

Jewelry Club

6:30 pm Thursdays

Beading Club

1:00pm – 4:00 pm Saturdays

TOPS

6:00pm Thursdays

Christ Lutheran Church Welcome Logo –

Adopted by a majority vote at the October 29th special congregational meeting.





RECYCLING

Please remember to drop off your papers, magazines, etc. Now we not only help with the environment but receive a small income. Many thanks!

Another place to recycle Styrofoam has been found. We are once again collecting items in the basement in the room next to the kitchen.

Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday during worship after the children's message. 3yrs - 5th grades are welcome.

Also, there is a class for 5th and 6th grade students led by Lisa Head on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Home study materials are being emailed to parents to use with their children.

Adult Discussion Group

We will not meet in December, but will resume on January 21st at 6:30pm.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS, ETC.

Please have your Annual Reports to the church office by the end of December 2017.

Have you changed your address?

Please let the church office know if you've moved! The church gets charged each time the Parish Caller is sent back to us and it gets expensive.



The YOUTH GATHERING is Wednesday, December 27th through Saturday, December 30th.



BOWLING - There will be no bowling in December due to Christmas but will resume on January

28th. Join us for some fun! We bowl every 4th Sunday, 6:00 pm at Cherry Hill Lanes. \$10 per person will cover 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop.



Please remember to be patient and kind with one another. Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about, so choose to be kind, always!

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

The Community & Global Committee will once again be collecting items for the Adopt-a-Family Program through the Lighthouse for Christmas.

Wish list items are displayed on tags on the small Christmas tree in the fellowship area sometime soon. Anyone wishing to participate can take a tag, purchase the item, and return it to church with the tag included. Due dates will be included in bulletins and announcements before services.

CLC has participated in this program for several years and anything we provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have helped in the past and to all who will help this year.



Christmas Eve Services will be at 7:00 pm and 10:30 pm.

WORSHIP SERVANTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We are in need of volunteers for all worship servant positions for both the Early and the Late Christmas Eve Services. Please sign up on your info slip if you can help fill one of these spots.
Thank you!



POINSETTIAS

We are ordering again for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10 per plant. There are envelopes on the center table in the sanctuary. Please include in whose memory and/or special event you would like included in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. We will be ordering Monday, December 18th to ensure they arrive before Christmas Eve.



THE MITTEN TREE

is up and ready to be filled. These winter items are sent to care organizations throughout the cold months Let's help others stay warm this winter! Your help is greatly appreciated!



GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Join us on Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. This is fun for all ages!! The list of needed items is on the bulletin board by the front entrance. Bring a snack to share if you wish! We can munch while we create! Please be sure to sign up on your Information Slip or call the church office to sign up!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Nadine Keway
Vera Martin

12/2 Kurtis Barney
Kristin Davis
Judy Windler

12/4 Vickie Hill

12/5 Donna Butora
Marsha Fante
Robin Hansen
Dorothy Sjogren
Makayla Villanueva

12/7 Cori Robertson

12/8 Jaclyn Nancekivell

12/9 Robin Davis
Adam Floyed

12/10 Ashtin Davis
Peyton Pollard
Steve Szabo

12/11 John Barnfather

12/12 Karen Kush

12/13 Joyce Hillart

12/14 Steve Cooperrider

12/15 Timothy Schneider
Darrell Taylor

12/17 Kristin Olmedo
Trevor Taylor

12/18 Nena DeArment
Aliisa Mason
Cynthia Schoensee
Patricia Scott

12/19 Ashlynn Anderson
Isabella Catenacci

12/21 Erwin Klopfer
Jaime Pennington

12/22 Kim Arnold

12/24 Maxine Andrews
Andrea Warner

12/26 Marilyn Smith

12/28 Annette Familoe
Catherine Roller

12/29 Carrie Floyed
Barbara Harris

12/30 Edna Leach

12/31 Rick Kugler

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/14 Henry & Virginia Woods

12/19 Don & Annette Drussell

12/21 Bob & Judy Bates

Tech Team

12/3 Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Bruce Jensen
Sound: Dave Warner
Cameras: Larry Cottrell, Emmet Morse

12/10 Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Sue Klopfer
Sound: Chuck Charter
Cameras: Tracey Barney, Larry Cottrell

12/17 Switcher: Bruce Jensen
Projection: Max Thompson
Sound: Chuck Charter
Cameras: Tracey Barney, Emmet Morse

12/24 Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Bruce Jensen
Sound: Sue Klopfer
Cameras: Larry Cottrell, Emmet Morse

12/31 Switcher: Dave Warner
Projection: Chuck Charter
Sound: Sean Martin
Cameras: Tracey Barney, Larry Cottrell

1/7 Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Chuck Charter
Sound: Sue Klopfer
Cameras: Dave Warner, Emmet Morse

Worship Servants for December

Lay Assistants

12/3 Erwin Klopfer

12/10 Mike Mitchell

12/17 Joan Rathbun

12/24 Dave Warner

12/31 Ole Anderson

1/7 Gil Bergsrud

Ushers

12/3 Evelyn Edwards, Pam Haab
Bill & Barb DeRousse

12/10 Dale Folsom, Kris Goezte
Jerry & Carole Scrivo

12/17 Deanna Mitchell, Jeff Swanson
Steve & Marsha Fante

12/24 Linda Jensen, Gerry Cleasby
Norm & Pat Kinnison

12/31 Jill Nancekivell, Jacen Schnitzer
Jake Jakel, Jill Jones

1/7 Pam Haab, Sharon Morse
Jackie Urbaniak, Evelyn Edwards

Communion Assistants

12/3 Margie Gobler, Marsha Fante
Norm Kinnison

12/10 Barb Harris, Gil Bergsrud,
Mary Russell

12/17 Pam Haab, Mary Bratun,
Cindy Edwards

12/24 Hanne & Riane Forbing
Phyllis Folsom

12/31 Debbie Barnowsky, Donna Butora,
Jane Ives

1/7 Linda Greiser, Norm Kinnison,
Julie Zaremba

Nursery

Volunteers needed for all dates in
December

Greeters

12/3 LaVerne Langdon, Char Charter
Gerry and Virla Cleasby

12/10 Jake & JoAnne Jakel
Grace Rockey, Jane Ives

12/17 Julie Zaremba, Terry Young
Jim & Nadine Keway

12/24 Evelyn Edwards, Cheryl Troper
Mark & Karen Kush

12/31 Jerry & Carole Scrivo
LaVerne Langdon, Linda Martin

1/7 Bill & Barb DeRousse
Ron & Kris Goezte

Acolytes

will be scheduled for Festival Services only.

12/24 Ava Farquahar

Coffee Hours

12/3 Youth / Confirmation

12/10 Church Council - Team 2

12/17 WELCA Sunday – Julie Zaremba,
chair

12/24 Men of the Church

12/31 WELCA

1/7 Youth / Confirmation

Diabetic Donations

12/3 Sharon Morse

12/10 Barb DeRousse

12/17 Karen Kush

12/24 Terry Young

12/31 Pat Scott

1/7 Linda Greiser

Counters:

Terry Young*, Mary Bratun
Barbara Harris, Ron Goetze

Altar:

Charlotte Charter,
Jane Ives, Pam Haab

WELCA - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — continues. Please try to join the women as they plan their activities for the upcoming year - **ALL WOMEN** of the church are members!

By mid-December the annual **THANKOFFERING** will be collected, which is used by the national church for a variety of needs around the world. This project usually is done through the year with collection in December.

There will be no meeting at the church in December. All women are invited to Pete's Coney Island (on Waterford Hill) 9:30 am on December 7th, for BREAKFAST. Call the church office or indicate on your Information Slip if you will be coming to breakfast.

MEN'S FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Will not be meeting in December. We will meet again in January on Monday the 15th. Thanks to the Men's Group for providing supper for the Hanging of the Greens!

The **CRAFT GROUP** is moving to Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm for crafting, sharing ideas and fellowship. Bring a snack to share if you like. We hope to see you there!



Confirmation next meets on Saturday, December 16th from 10:30-12:00.

In Loving Memory of Ford Andrews 1924-2017

Ford was born to Ford and Cecilia Andrews on September 10, 1924, in Vernon, Michigan. He was received as a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 1943. His family would later move to Pontiac, where he graduated from Pontiac High School in 1946, following his service in the U.S. Army. Ford married Maxine Hale on June 2, 1946 in Bowling Green, Ohio. They became members at Christ Lutheran in 1981.

Before completing high school, Ford served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945. He completed 14 jumps and one on Corregidor Island.

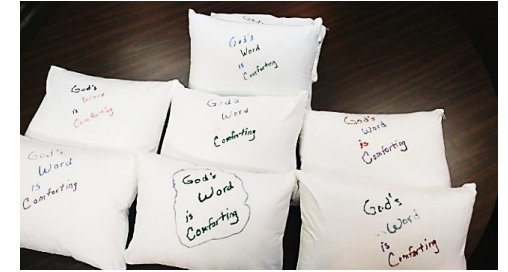
Ford was a member of the Amvets, Elks, Masons and Shriners. He enjoyed golfing, boating, swimming and playing cards. He also had a great mind for calculating numbers. Here at the church, he was in charge of giving hugs.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine and their two daughters, Beth (Dennis) Brown and Kyle (John) Kraft. He is further survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ford will always be remembered for his love of family, his kind and generous nature, his great sense of humor and his abiding faith. Ford departed this life, entering God's eternal rest on November 2, 2017.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PILLOWS

The Sunday School class made pillows sharing God's comforting Word. They were donated to Haven House.



MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

A suspiciously great time was had by all!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div>3</div> <div>10:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Receive New Members 11:15am Christmas Craft Party</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:30 pm Craft Night</div>	<div>5</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm SCSA 8:00 pm AA</div>	<div>7</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 9:30am WELCA at Pete’s Coney 12:00 pm Wtfd Hist. Society lunch 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:00 pm TOPS 6:30 Jewelry Group 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</div>	<div>8</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Youth - Good Samaritan 11:00 am Fred Urbaniak memorial 8:00 pm AA</div>
<div>10</div> <div>Youth Sunday 10:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Noisy Offering 5th/6th grade Sunday School 11:15 Worship & Music mtg</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise 7:00 pm Council</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 9:00am Quilt Group 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>13</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Rock Club Christmas Party 8:00 pm AA</div>	<div>14</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:00 pm TOPS 6:30 Jewelry Group 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</div>	<div>15</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>16</div> <div>8:15am Jazzercise 10am – 12pm Cantata rehearsal 1:00pm Beading Group 8:00 pm AA</div>
<div>17</div> <div>Christmas Cantata 10:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Discussion Group</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise</div>	<div>19</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm SCSA 8:00 pm AA</div>	<div>21</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:00 pm TOPS 6:30 Jewelry Group 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</div>	<div>22</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>23</div> <div>8:15am Jazzercise 8:00 pm AA</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Christmas Eve 10:00 am Lessons and Carols 10:15 am Sunday School 7:00pm Early Family Service 10:30pm Late Service</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day </div>	<div>26</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>27</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 8:00 pm AA</div>	<div>28</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Jazzercise 6:00 pm TOPS 6:30 Jewelry Group</div>	<div>29</div> <div>8:15am & 9:20am Jazzercise 6:00 pm Karate</div>	<div>30</div> <div>8:15am Jazzercise 8:00 pm AA</div>
<div>31</div> <div>New Year’s Eve 10:00 am Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School</div>						