



SUNDAY EXTRA

December 03, 2017
 First Sunday of Advent
 Community Lutheran Church



“Welcoming Others, Growing in Grace, Sharing Christ’s Love”

Sunday
 8:15am Worship
 11:00am Worship

Today at Community Lutheran

Selected Readings

"To wait. To hope. To dream. We share these human longings — we creatures of the Almighty."

- Katerina Katsarka Whitley

"But the ultimate reason for our hope is not to be found at all in what we want, wish for and wait for; the ultimate reason is that we are wanted and wished for and waited for."

- Juergen Moltmann

Luther Quote of the Day

“Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him. In Hebrew, ‘Be silent in God, and let Him mould thee.’ Keep still, and He will mould thee to the right shape

Welcome Advent and a New Church Year!

Our Advent Worship is one of preparation as we await the celebration of our Lord’s coming at Christmas and the end of time. Moments of silence invite us to be still in this busy season and reflect on our discipleship. The Gospel readings this year are from the Gospel according to Mark.

Worship Servants please meet the Pastors in the Narthex for prayer before the service.

Adult Christian Ed: 9:30am
Bible Study: *The Parables* led by Mike Tinman (Granger Room).
Adult Forum: The Spirituality of the 12 Steps with Dean Heistad and Carol Gavin. (Sanctuary)

Dec. Noisy Offering: Benefits LINK providing food and assistance to those in Loudoun Co.

Ministry Team Mtgs and Lunch 12noon Fellowship Hall. Join us as we pray and plan about CLC ministries and mission here, in the wider community, and the world God loves.

CKCP Annual Christmas Book Fair: Today and next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Browse the books, crafts and education items for Christmas gifts for your children.

Council Happy Hour at 4:30 at the Bungalow Lake house.

Upcoming Opportunities

Senior Connection Tues., Dec. 5, 8:30am at Mimi's Cafe. Food, fellowship, prayer, and music. If you missed picking up a stocking for the Salvation Army, a few are still available to pick up, fill, and bring on Dec 5. RSVP to Peggy DeWeese by Dec 2, peggyld@aol.com or 703-338-3199, leave a message.

Wednesday Meals & Ministries: 5:30 – 7:00pm. Come enjoy a meal from Chick-fil-A with your CLC family, join one of our music ministries or another ministry. The meals are \$6.00. Nursery care provided. RSVP to musicdirector@communitylutheran.org.

Youth Calendar

Youth Group, Dec. 6, 5:30-7:15pm for 6th-12th.

Pre-Gathering Meeting, Dec. 17, 12:00pm.

Cold Weather Meals, 11/15-3/31: We provide warm meals for the Homeless of Loudoun Co. on Mondays. Check out the signup board in the Narthex and support this ministry.

Advent Readers: We are in need of a reader for the service on Dec 24th to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus. Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to those who signed up for all of the other services! For more information, contact Peggy DeWeese at peggyld@aol.com or 703-338-3199.

Mitten Tree - The final date for donating toys is Sunday, December 10th. All toys will be given to LINK for the Christmas Holiday Program. Over 2,000 children between the ages of newborn-16 are registered for the Holiday Program. If we have enough, each child will receive two new toys. Thanks for your continued support!

Pizza, Caroling, and Tree Lighting Sunday, 12/10, 4:00pm. Celebrate the season with CLC! We gather, practice singing, disperse to carol to our homebound, return to CLC for pizza and hot cocoa at 5:30pm before lighting out CLC Tree at 6:00pm. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

2018 Offering Envelopes: 2018 will bring a new offering envelope system: you will receive offering envelopes by mail on a bi-monthly basis rather than a whole year of envelopes at the beginning of the year. Those using Simply Giving or credit card will still receive a packet since it also includes offering envelopes for Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas.

Advent Music: Please see the insert for information about the special music during our Advent worship.

Cold Weather Gifts

Thanks to the flying needles of the CLC Stitchers and the Day Stitchers: 11 hats, 13 scarves, and 25 hat & scarf sets have been donated to **Mobile Hope**, the outreach to troubled teens! Thank you, too, to the Women's Breakfast group for the donation of a fleece blanket to Mobile Hope.

Gifts of Hope

Give More Hope:

Give more hope to children.

Give more hope to the homeless.

Give more hope to those who seek work.

Give more hope to those who need food.

Participate in the **Gifts of Hope** program.

Check out the table in the Narthex for more information.

If you have moved or changed your email address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thank you!

Faith5: Isaiah 40:8 – “The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.”

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Mark 1:1-8

Council Meeting Highlights - November 2017

- * Celebrate 11 new Confirmands and welcomed 5 new members.
- * Give thanks for the 500th Reformation year events.
- * Rejoice in the Endowment luncheon attended by 100 people and the \$1500 worth of gifts given to LINK, Crossroads Jobs, Edward Makara, and Loudoun Veterans' Support Group.
- * Enjoyed the recent preaching by our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Paul Opsahl.
- * Celebrate the successful Coat Drive that collected over 150 winter garments.
- * Give thanks for the receipt of 86 pledges and counting for the God's Grace, Your Gifts
- * Our Church Website receives 350-450 Visitors a Day!

Weekly Offering/Attendance Report - November 26, 2017

Attendance:		Offering:	
78	8:15am Worship	\$ 8,984.89	Regular Offering
70	11:00am Worship	\$ 26.00	Benevolence
5	Wed noon Worship	\$ 1,050.00	Building Use
153		\$ 10,060.89	Total Income Received
		Special Purpose:	
		\$ 77.08	Pastors' Discretionary
		\$ 84.72	Noisy Offering
		\$ 250.00	Edward Makara
		\$ 542.39	Other
			\$ 954.19
Weekly "Simply Giving" (included above)			\$3,352.36

Gifts of Appreciated Assets & Stock are welcome and provide tax advantages!

**Have you remembered Community Lutheran in your will and estate plan?
Call the Church Office for more information.**

**In Our Prayers This Week
For Healing and Comfort**

+ Barbara Jean Franklin + Ruth Cook + Bob Hughes + Braedon Becker
+ Laura Steiger + Terry Sayers

Homebound Members

+ Judy Prisley, Falcon's Ldg + Gloria Driessnack, Falcon's Ldg + Tho Bird, Fairfax
+ Maxine Stambaugh + Henry and Alva Nelson, Sunrise
+ Dave and Jane Johnson, Falcon's Ldg + Rosemary Richard, Tall Oaks
+ Nancy Wagner, Cascades Village + Dean Lawrence, Home

Those Serving Abroad

+ The Nation Family

*The Sunday Extra lists the names of CLC Members who wish to be prayed for publicly.
We are certainly aware of the needs of other Family and Friends beyond our parish, and
we encourage you to name others aloud or silently when you are invited to do so.*

**If you would like to send cards and well-wishes to those in our prayers,
please contact the church office.**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday	(12/03)	8:15 AM	Worship
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Lunch and Ministry Teams (FH)
		12:15 PM	Youth Choir (Rm 11)
		4:30 PM	Council Happy Hour (Bungalow LH)
Monday	(12/04)	7:00 PM	Audit (Lib)
Tuesday	(12/05)	8:30 AM	Senior Connection (Mimi's Café)
		5:30 PM	Advent Evening Prayer (Sanct)
Wednesday	(12/06)	9:30 AM	CLC Quilters (Rm 11)
		10:30 AM	Bible Study (Lib)
		12:00 PM	Noon Eucharist (Sanct)
		4:00 PM	Young Pageant Rehearsal (Sanct)
		4:30 PM	Pageant Rehearsal
		5:30 PM	Wed. Meals and Ministries (FH)
		5:30 PM	Youth Group (Youth Rm)
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir (Sanct)
Thursday	(12/07)	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanct)
		10:00 AM	Day Stitchers (Rm 11)
		5:30 PM	Advent Evening Prayer (Sanct)
		7:00 PM	CLC Stitchers (Rm 11)

Giving Options at CLC: Here is a Quick Response (QR) Code created for CLC. By scanning this image with a QR reader on your Smartphone, you will be taken to a secure giving website. Just scan the image and you're free to give our weekly offering! You may also donate using the "Donate Now" button on Community's website: communitylutheran.org.

