



Community Lutheran Church

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38



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OFFICE HOURS:
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Last Sunday of every
month: 10:00 am



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:
Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

The Waiting of Advent and Joy of Christmas

When I was a kid, my family always celebrated Christmas on Christmas Eve. We gathered with aunts, uncles, and cousins bringing our Christmas presents and placing them under the Christmas tree. And we were so excited to open our presents. But the adults said, "We won't open them until everyone has arrived." And so we waited.

When the last of the family arrived and put their wrapped packages under the tree, we were ready to open the presents. But one of the adults said that we were going to eat dinner soon and we'll open presents after dinner. And so we waited.

While waiting, the kids played games together. And we had one person be the look-out to tell us when we will begin opening presents.

We would be called to dinner, and we ate fast so we could get to opening presents. When we were done eating, we were told that others were still eating desserts and then the clean-up would take place after dinner. And so we waited.

We kept playing games while waiting. And about the time we became engrossed in our play, an adult would call us by saying, "What are you waiting for? We are going to open presents now!" We would then run to open our presents.

Today, I don't remember very many of the presents that I received, but I do remember the excitement, the anticipation, the planning with others, and the joy and hope that we had in waiting.

The Season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is a time for waiting, anticipating, and preparing for the most important gift that God gives us; Jesus Christ, the source of God's salvation and

eternal love. The idea of Advent is for us to reflect upon the importance of the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives so our celebration of Christmas can be even more meaningful and joyful.

And this is why the message we constantly hear is “Wait. Christ will come. He is coming. But he is not yet here.” We’ll celebrate Jesus when he is born on Christmas Day.

And so now we are anticipating the coming of Christmas at Community Lutheran Church. Our choir is rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata that will be performed on Friday, December 19th at 7 pm AZ Time and then another performance on Sunday, December 21st at 3 pm AZ Time.

And we will have our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th at 6 pm AZ Time.

And when Christmas arrives, we can be assured that God is with us in our human lives that Jesus shares in. And through Jesus, the love, forgiveness, salvation and hope that God gives is with us every day.

Have a blessed and merry Christmas!

Pastor Tim



I am sitting here contemplating what to write about for the article for December. I thought about our Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church. It reads: “Living Christ’s Love in All We Do.” As we enter the beautiful Christmas season, we need to pause and reflect on the greatest gift of all: the miracle of Christ’s birth. God’s love arriving to the world in the humblest form: that of a baby born in a manger. We need to reflect on the joy and peace Jesus brings to all of us. Christmas is the time for us to open our hearts to those around us who need our love, encouragement, and companionship to remember we are not alone. Jesus is always with us as Christians.

I am thankful for the ways our congregation is always coming forward with their generosity and service in times of need. The true spirit of Christmas comes through our worship, outreach programs, and your simple acts of kindness this congregation shows every day. On behalf of myself and the church council, we wish you a sincere thank you and blessed Christmas that is filled with hope and God’s everlasting love.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peter Wold

Council and Church President



Kitchen Help & Fellowship Snacks

Shirley & Larry Cutler will be taking over the kitchen duties for now. However, if someone would like to take over at any time, please let one of us know.

Also, There is a sign-up sheet for you to pick a Sunday to bring baked goods.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



The next bible study followed by a business meeting will be held on December 9th at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join in. In January, 2026, there is going to be a workshop to make posters for the next February "Anything Chocolate event ". So if you're creative you might like to join the fun.

Women Supporting Women



Thank you for your generous support of WestCare. We are truly grateful.

The Women's Shelter is currently full and caring for many women, men & 16 children, including 2 newborns.

There is a great need for sweaters, coats, jackets and shoes for men, women and children of all ages.

If you are able to give, please consider donating new or gently used items to help keep these families warm and supported during this time of need.

Thank you for opening your hearts and continuing to show Christ's love in action. Toni Wold



Christmas Cantata

The dates for the cantata are Friday, December 19th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 pm.



The Gift of Giving

By Jennifer Hockenbery

The best stewardship talk I ever heard came from a woman who loved giving gifts. She had the means to give generously to her friends, and she did so often. Whenever she gave a lavish gift, she would say, "Oh, this is fun! This is my kind of fun!" as she watched her friend's face fill with delight.

The year she was chair of our congregation's stewardship committee at our congregation, she led the "temple talk" with a story about watching her mother wrap the gift of new white stockings for a neighbor's baby. This was during the 1930's when money was tight for everyone. Thinking her mother was being impractical, she whispered to herself, "Mama is giving that baby new white stockings!" She herself hadn't had new stockings for a while. She knew how hard it was to keep white stockings white. How would a baby Manage?! Why give a baby something so lavish? However, she remembered the neighbor opening the package and smiling. She remembered the baby wearing the stockings in church, while looking warm and sweet. Our stewardship committee chair learned from this experience what a delight it is to give someone a present and lavish a gift upon them. She had learned to make giving generously part of her budget. Filling out the pledge card and filling in each check filtered her, in turn, with joy. She loved being able to give.

As I listened to her talk, I thought about gifts I'd given. I remembered how proud I had been as a young teenager when I used my babysitting money to give Christmas gifts to my parents and grandparents. I remembered times I had splurged on a gift for a loved one that I knew they wanted so much. I thought about how the ability to give is a unique and special kind of joy. And I pledged a little bit more than I ever had before on my stewardship card.

We give joyfully and generously to our friends and loved ones. Giving does not feel like paying a bill or paying dues. It feels like freedom and pleasure. We are grateful for the ability to give to those we love.





Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous food pantry donations. Please continue to donate..



Pledge Drive

Our pledge drive has started. There are forms available in the office if you have not received one in your bulletin.

Time & Talent

The time & talent forms will be coming out December 7th. So start thinking about where your talent lies.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be on January 25th, 2026. So if you have any concerns to be discussed, that will be the time. Also, if you feel like you might want to serve on council, please submit your name to a council member. **Please have your reports in by January 15th.**

Church Directory



If you haven't signed up for the online version of the church directory as yet, there are instructions in the narthex on how to do that. If you need help, you can contact the office.

The directory online will always be up-to-date, whereas your printed copy may not. If you absolutely need a paper directory call the office and I will print one out for you.



Potluck

They will be on the last Sundays of the month. There will not be a potluck in December or January.

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office closed	2	3 6:00 pm Choir practice	4 2:00 pm Bible Study 9:30 Worship & music committee	5	6
7 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion <i>Time & Talent</i>	8 Office closed	9 9:30 am Women's bible study & business	10 6:00 pm Choir practice	11 2:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Council mtg	12	13 9 am Special Cantata Practice
14 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion	15 Office closed	16	17 6:00 pm Choir practice	18 2:00 pm Bible Study	19 7 pm Cantata	20
21 9 & 11 am Worship Svc /communion 3 pm Cantata	22 Office closed	23	24 6 pm 	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9 & 11 am Worship Svc w/communion	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 2:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Council meeting	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 2—Bucky Buchholz
- 3—Norm Lykken
- 4—Don Dueker
- 15—Peggy Miller
- 21—Don Weyer
- 23—Brad Hoffmeyer
- 25—Ray Christopherson
- 26—Chris Dueker
- 28—Jared White
- 30—Cathy Cochran



December Anniversaries

- 17—Harold & Karen Bouse (65)



Mark your Calendars!

Women's Bible Study and meeting:

Tuesday, December 9th at 9:30 am

Pastor Bible Study: 2:00 pm on Thursdays

Council Meeting December 11th @ 6:00 pm

Choir Practice for Cantata

6:00 pm on Wednesdays

Special practice December 13th @ 9 am

Worship Committee Meeting

January 8th at 9:30 am

Cantata Dates

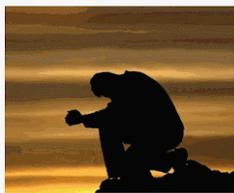
Friday, December 19th @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 21st @ 3:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25

Prayer Corner



Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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