

# Jewels

## December Church Events

### Worship Schedule

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays – 9 AM

### Advent Worship

December 1, 8, 15  
4 PM

### Christmas Musical Celebration

December 11 at 4 PM

December 12 at 9 AM

### Christmas Eve

December 24  
4 PM & 7 PM

### Christmas Day

December 25 at  
10 AM

### New Year's Eve

December 31  
4 PM

## A New Church Year

by Pastor Phill

The calendar continues to move – and it has brought us to a new Church Year, and nearly to that night in late December that signifies a year with a new number. Before that, we have much to do as people and as a parish.

We will have three Wednesday Advent services, the purpose of which is to remind ourselves that the season recognizes the joyous First Coming of Jesus, as well as the yet-to-happen Second Coming. That's subtle, sometimes. Our very first Advent hymn this year is #334, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You," written by Paul Gerhardt, the Sweet Singer of Lutheranism as he is sometimes known, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Here is the first stanza:

O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly, All that may please You best.

We sing that and realize that sentiment applies on the day we're born, when we're baptized, confirmed, communed, at our end – in short, throughout our lives. And it could also be a part of our prayer looking forward to the end of times: how do we want to greet the Lord of all on that last day? That stanza is a little ambiguous, and, all ambiguity is gone in Gerhardt's final stanza:

He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations, And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

That's not Christmas, that's beyond Easter, that's Come Lord Jesus, that's the end of times! How do we want to greet Him on the Last Day? As people who look to Him in the hope He has given at Christmas and at the Cross, in complete faith in Him, that's how! So this Advent hymn takes us, in that faith, through His life and ours, and even to the end of time.

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## A Few Notes from the Church Office

by Holly Gast

### Help with Bulletins:

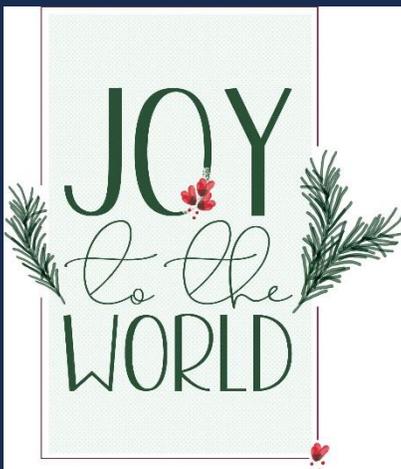
I will need help stuffing bulletins for the Christmas worship services the week of December 13th. If you are willing to help, please give me a call in the church office at 623-546-6228 and we can set up a time that would work for you. Thank you ahead of time for your help!

### January Newsletter Deadline:

The January Newsletter deadline has been moved up to December 10. This will allow us enough time to put it together and get it out in time this holiday season.

### 2022 Contribution Envelopes:

The 2022 contribution envelopes will be available in the Narthex for pick up starting December 1. Please remember that ALL contributions received PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, 2021 will be reflected on the 2021 contribution statement. All contributions made AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2021 will be recorded in 2022. This applies regardless which envelope you use. Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January 2022.



Now don't get me wrong, I'm thinking Christmas through this whole season, and so are you. I love the lights, the decorations, the emotions of the season, more than most, I suppose. And yet I, and you, must not be confused or put off by the long view of Advent, in Scripture readings and in the hymnody of the season. We love celebrating His nativity, and we don't forget His promise to gather us all together in the last Advent. God bless you all in this season of contemplation, of melancholy, of anticipation, of joy!

Pastor Phill

## Thoughts from Pastor Gary

Children sometimes blend fiction with fact as they retell the story of Christ's birth. One youngster confidently told his Sunday school teacher, "Mary and Joseph had to stay in a cheap motel in Bethlehem, because a party was going on in the Holiday Inn, and there was no room for them there."

If fellow travelers that night were singing, laughing, and having a party in the Bethlehem inn, they certainly weren't celebrating Jesus' birth. The event of the ages – the coming of the Son of God in the flesh – at the time made about as much of an impact on the world as a snowflake falling softly on the roof.

But how different it was in the humble Bethlehem stable where shepherds were on their knees! They heard and believed the angel's message that Christ, their Savior and Lord, was born. And they adored Him. Later, the Wise Men also "bowed down and worshiped Him."

Charles Lamb, of English essay fame, wrote, "If Shakespeare would come into this room, we would all rise. If Christ came in, we would all fall down at His feet." Christ has come into our presence; let us fall down and adore Him.

In the mystery of the Word made flesh, God has given us a new revelation of His glory. Above all, He has revealed His grace in the person and work of His Son, our Redeemer from sin. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify His glorious name. We invite one another, "Oh, come, let us adore Him!"

This Christmas season, in fact every day, let us express our joy and thankfulness for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

## Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

	October		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$86,180	\$57,629	Income \$672,216	\$635,254
Expense	\$49,424	\$68,251	Expense \$585,473	\$682,514

We had a very strong October for giving and cost control. Again, thank you for your generous contributions as we continue to be in a strong position to keep the news of Jesus Christ alive.



## God Always Fulfills His Promises

by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

When we are grieving the loss of a loved one, holidays can be very painful. Holidays trigger special memories of the way they used to be and will never be again. We wonder how we can get through the intense pain that overwhelms us. It is helpful to have a plan for these occasions, and God calls us to go to him for strength and wisdom. If we go to God’s Word to refresh our memory of how He fulfills His every promise, we find great encouragement and hope to get through these difficult days.

There are also many practical things we can do to relieve some of the intense pressure of our grief. For example, we can write out or journal our questions concerning how to handle a situation and fill in our options. It is always helpful to express our thoughts, feelings, and concerns by writing them out or talking to a trusted confidante.

Although we miss our loved ones terribly during the Christmas holidays, because of God’s gift of his only Son, Jesus Christ, we can take comfort in knowing that our loved ones are in the presence of the Lord. We can also take comfort in knowing that we will be in the presence of our Lord and reunited with our loved ones when God calls us home to Heaven.

If you feel overwhelmed by your grief this Christmas, remember Jesus’ words, “I am not alone, for the Father is with me.” John 16:32. God is beside us in our grief.

If you are grieving the loss of your spouse this Christmas, please join us on **Tuesday, December 14, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am**, for our **“Loss of a Spouse Seminar.”** At this encouraging seminar, you will gain insight into:

- How to handle overwhelming emotions
- Where to find the strength to go on
- Biblical principles that help you deal with your grief.
- How to grieve in a way that’s healthy and suited to you
- What to expect in the days to come

Our 13-week GriefCare program, “Your Journey from Mourning to Joy,” will start Wednesday, January 5, 2022. This program will provide ongoing support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week, we will cover a different aspect of grief that Christian experts deem essential to address to heal and move forward. There is no requirement to share, and those who do not wish to share can benefit greatly from listening to others in the group.

You will receive workbooks in both the Loss of a Spouse Seminar and our 13-week session that will help you place your life into perspective and determine priorities as you work through this challenging, overwhelming, and often disorienting time.

To register for these sessions, please call Christine Escobar at 623.218.6793 or email [griefcare@colchurch.com](mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com).

***God’s Blessings of Peace, Love, and Joy to you this Christmas***

### Christmas cards for Adopt-a-Chap

Consider adding Chaplain Mallie and family to your Christmas card list this year!

His mailing address is:  
Chaplain Charles Mallie  
USS Nimitz CVN 68  
Unit 100103 Box 2301  
FPO, AP 96620

### Flower Committee

By Florella Denzin

We are so in amazement at the 100 Poinsettias that will adorn our altar Christmas Eve and Day! I, myself, will be in joyful tears at this gracious tribute to our Lord. Rejoice with us in your generosity.

Just absorb the words of the songs and Scripture in this season to experience a true Epiphany and be blessed daily.



## Ladies Bible Study

By Darline Vanderwerf

The Ladies' Bible Study is on a journey through Scripture called **"THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEW HOME—HEAVEN."** On our journey we find many different Scripture passages that are not only interesting, but necessary for the next step on our journey. Many times we discover Scriptures that describe the heavenly home awaiting God's people. We dig deep into these words of truth.

We welcome you to join us on this journey each Monday with three different methods to join the group: (1) We welcome you to join the "in-person" class which meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall; or (2) join us by Zoom where you can come right into the class, make comments or ask questions just as if you were in the "in-person" gathering; or (3) join by a current recording of the class with a link sent to you by e-mail on Monday afternoon or evening. You can join the group by recording at your convenience. All you need to do is click or touch the link and you are right there with us. It is so easy to do.

The Ladies' Bible Class will not meet on December 20 and 27, but will return on January 3 for the new year. If you have any questions, please contact Darline Vanderwerf, [vdarlinev@aol.com](mailto:vdarlinev@aol.com). We look forward to visiting with you.

## Lutheran Women in Mission

By Rita Grover



Lutheran Women in Mission is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenge to share the Gospel message. It has as its "mission heart" thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world.

The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942. It places a major emphasis on the support of mission and ministry throughout the world. Here at Crown of Life, the first weekend of every month the Mite Box is on the Information Desk. Please consider dropping off your loose change as it can be a blessing for many people. Cash and checks are also welcome. Checks should be made out to "Crown of Life Lutheran Church" with "LWML Mites" on the information line. If you use the envelope for "Designated Offering" it will be added to your Church Statement.

On Saturday, November 6, 2021 The Saguaro Zone LWML Fall Celebration met at Crown of Life. There were 8 churches represented with 58 attendees. The Ingathering, of 429 items (diapers, baby wipes, blankets, booties, and caps) along with 17 No-Sew blankets (tied that day), were donated to Choices Pregnancy Center. The Free Will offering, which goes to the Zone, totaled \$271.00. A big thank you goes out to the many ladies for the countless hours of donated time, preparing the blankets, planning the event, and attending that day. The Ingathering and the Free Will Offering will touch many lives!

The month of December is very busy. We have two wonderful opportunities. The Angel Tree will be a congregational offering going to Youth Haven in Eloy, AZ. The Advent by Candlelight opportunity is for all our ladies, please plan to attend. Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Place: COL Parish Hall Time: 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Damon Bailey from Youth Haven

*Father God, May Your Word of love do its work of love in us, so that we may serve You by serving others through Your love. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

## Advent by Candlelight, Come one, Come All

By Rita Grover

Attention All Ladies! You are invited to a special Advent Celebration. There will be singing, praying, and a Celebration for the coming birth of Jesus. We will be meeting in **the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>!** ***Our guest speaker will be Damon Bailey from Youth Haven (the recipient of the congregations Angel Tree).*** Please plan to join us and hear how Jesus' Love and Care is being shared with these special children right here in Arizona. You don't have to bring anything, just come to share a joy-filled time with one another.





## Christ Caring for People Through People

By Ken Grover, Stephen Ministry

***“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy, that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.’”***

*Luke 2:10-11*

As we enjoy our favorite festivities and our favorite traditions of the Christmas Season, let us save our most heartfelt and sincere “thank you” for our awesome, loving, and merciful God. God gave us the reason for the season, His precious Son, the baby Jesus, born in that humble manger more than 2000 years ago. In Luke Chapter 2 an angel announced the arrival of this wonderful gift to all of mankind by saying, “I bring you good news that will cause you great joy, a Savior has been born to you.” Sometimes during the Christmas Season our days will overflow with joyful moments by enjoying the various festivities, gatherings and family traditions. Sometimes during the Christmas Season we will face hardships and sadness. We will remember or face loss, the loss of a child, loss of a sibling, loss of a spouse, or loss of a dear friend, we will experience hurt or feel alone even when we are surrounded by others. But at all times, God promises to be our light in the darkness, offering us help and everlasting hope. We can find peace and solace in knowing that CHRIST is always there as a friend, guide, and our personal Savior.

***Help us, Lord, to give our burdens To your tender, loving care;  
Grant us faith to trust you fully, Knowing that each one you bear.***

**By D.J. DeHaan**

Do you need someone to share your cares? A Stephen Minister is a phone call away. For information about Stephen Ministry contact Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228 or Dee Harries (Referral Co-Ordinator) at 785-562-6801.

May God continue to bless, guide, protect, and keep you in His amazing grace.

**“This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”** Psalm 118:24

A wonder filled life is ours when we know and celebrate – The CHRIST of the Christmas Season. Merry Christmas everyone.



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## Thoughts and Prayers

### Joining the Church Triumphant

Crown of Life members who recently were called home to Heaven are:

Gary Eichstadt, August 20  
Robert Labus, October 30  
Bud Redbud, November 9

We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

## Assimilation

By Judith Axelson

We hope you enjoyed the Advent Dinner.

Upcoming events:

Christmas Dinner

Gypsy on January 23rd

Ash Wednesday Dinner

Barleens Variety Show on March 30th

Easter Breakfast

## Volunteers Needed

**Video Recording:** Want to be a vital part of bringing church to those who can't attend? Consider volunteering to learn the fun and simple video recording system for services. Interested? Contact Tim Gast at [thegasts4@gmail.com](mailto:thegasts4@gmail.com) or 443-866-7676.

**Sound:** We're hoping to have a new, improved and easier to use soundboard installed during the beginning of the new calendar year. We would love to add new hands/ears to help carry the load for managing sound and lights during services. Anyone can do it, no experience needed. Contact Tim Gast at [thegasts4@gmail.com](mailto:thegasts4@gmail.com) or 443-866-7676.

**Saturday Greeters:** We are in need of Greeters for the Saturday services during 2022. We are currently putting together the 2022 schedule and need your help! If you are interested and would like to serve by greeting, please contact Chris Beck at [christopher\\_beck53@yahoo.com](mailto:christopher_beck53@yahoo.com) or (775)882-2653.

**Saturday Ushers:** We are in need of Ushers for the Saturday afternoon church services for the 2022 church year. We are in need of singles and couples. Please contact Dave Sawyer at [Sawyer.David3341@gmail.com](mailto:Sawyer.David3341@gmail.com) to discuss the opportunity with you.



## The Light and Power of Christmas

by Kathe Schmidt, Prayer Team

Mary knew it. The awesome news had been explained to her by the Angel Gabriel. Hearing all that was said, she calmly accepted the momentous message and took it to heart—for she was chosen by God to bear the Savior of mankind. Overwhelmed by God’s grace towards her, she gave humble expression to it in the powerful praise song of the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55.

We Christians throughout the ages, through turmoil and strife, against all evil powers, have been recalling and rejoicing in the same good news Mary was told so long ago. Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, descended from Heaven for our salvation. The Father’s only begotten Son became man, laid aside the glory of heaven to share our lot, and left an imprint of God’s great love on those who believe in His Power and Majesty.

Light, created by God, its power victorious over darkness, is what we are drawn to. We experience it in the glow of candles as we gather around the Word and are blessed by the Sacraments; in light emanating from the eyes of beloved people, in a tiny infant responding to the warmth and closeness of a caretaker; in the orderly rising and setting of the sun, the immense starlit sky, all called into being by God’s spoken word; even in the sparkling lights of the Christmas tree as a joyful reminder of Christ’s birth.

The announcement by the angels of Jesus’ birth to the shepherds broke the dark night sky over Bethlehem and filled it with heavenly Glory. All of Jesus’ ministry represented the power and brightness of God. Recall the event of the Transfiguration, and Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit come true at Pentecost. As we look forward to a new life in heaven, God’s light will surely surround us in all its everlasting glory, beauty, and love. In the meantime, let’s do what Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to the Father who is in heaven” and let’s rejoice as we pray to put all our trust in God as Jesus did.

# WORSHIP WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS

## ADVENT WORSHIP

December 1, 8, 15 at 4:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

December 25 at 10:00 AM

## A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION

*Featuring Harp, Violins, Choir & Handbells*

December 11 at 4:00 PM

December 12 at 9:00 AM

## NEW YEAR’S EVE

*with Holy Communion*

December 31 at 4:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM





## Angel Tree Collection

by Rita Grover

This year our congregation here at Crown of Life will gather toys for Youth Haven in Eloy, Arizona.

**Youth Haven needs new, unwrapped toys and gifts for kids between the ages of 7 and 13.** Every child deserves to have a Merry Christmas! But for many kids right here in America, there won't be presents under the tree this year. They'll spend their Christmas feeling left out and forgotten.

That's why Youth Haven will be giving children in need toys this Christmas season as part of their on-site programs, doorstep deliveries, and mailed Christmas care packs. You can help communicate love to children who may not receive any other gifts this Christmas. **Youth Haven will make sure to let the children know the toys were purchased for them by people who care about them and believe in their worth. And they tell them about the greatest gift anyone could ever receive... Jesus Christ.**

**Some Suggested Items (items in red are currently their greatest needs):**

- Art supplies
- Baby dolls (all ethnicities)
- **Backpacks & school supplies**
- Batteries
- **Bead/jewelry kits**
- Beauty gift sets
- Cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox)
- **Coloring & activity books**
- Craft kits
- **DIY project kits for boys**
- Fleece blankets
- Gloves
- **Legos**
- **Puzzles**
- **Remote control cars**
- Spiral art kits
- Sport balls/NERF balls
- Stuffed animals
- Trucks

**Please find the special Angel Tree display in the Narthex between November 20 - December 12. Gifts will be picked up at 1:00 p.m. during the Advent by Candlelight Celebration on December 14.**

Questions? Contact Rita Grover at 623-247-9604



## Quilters Update

Thank you to all who purchased quilts and other items at the quilt sale. The funds are used to purchase more batting and fabric for the quilts.

We could also use donations of flat or fitted sheets and pillowcases. Colored sheets and cases are appreciated.

We were able to donate 100 quilts to Arizona Sunshine Angels for the foster children.



## December Altar Flowers

- 4-5 Cora Weiss in loving memory of her husband Phil.
- 11-12 Gerry & Audrey Harpt in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 18-19 Tami Karcher in remembrance of what would have been Dennis and her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 25-26 Duane & Ellen Wolfgang in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Duplicate books donated to our library will be offered in the Narthex prior to services on Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12.

The books are free so you, your family and friends can enjoy.



# December BIRTHDAYS

## December Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins  
Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith  
Pastoral Assistants Rev. Vern Ermeling,  
Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirly

### ELDERS

(4:00) Paul Brown, Harry Munzinger, Al Stoudemire, Ron Mara  
(9:00) Ron Mara, Tom Janssen, Paul Brown, Dave Sawyer

### TRUSTEES

(4:00) Dave Koelsch  
(9:00) Larry Lienemann

### FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Kathe Schmidt, Denise Trevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim, Cora Weiss

### SOUND/LIGHT TECHNICIANS

Dec. 1/12: Gerry Harpt  
Dec. 4/24: Joe Jellison  
Dec. 5/19: Mike Krischler  
Dec. 8: Bruce Borchert  
Dec. 11: Tim Gast  
Dec. 15: Kathy Beilstein  
Dec. 18/25: Dave Sawyer  
Dec. 24: Tom Mertins  
Dec. 26: Cathy Meyer

### SCREENS

Dec. 1 & 25: Kathe Schmidt  
Dec. 4 & 31: Deb Christ  
Dec. 5: Neal White  
Dec.8: Ken Coffman  
Dec. 11: Denise Steffens  
Dec. 12: Mike Krischler  
Dec. 15: Cathy Meyer  
Dec. 18: Lou Garippo  
Dec. 19: Tom Johnson  
Dec. 24: Kathy Beilstein / Tom Mertins  
Dec. 26: Bruce Borchert

### TELLERS

Duane & Orv Neal, Don Koepke, Howard Ludden, Wiley McAfee, Sheila Mecham, Sub – Ken Grover

### LIVESTREAM TECHNICIANS

Dec. 1, 12, 26: Darlene McAfee  
Dec. 5, 8, 15: Cathy Meyer  
Dec. 19, 24, 25: Tim Gast

### GREETERS

Saturday/Advent/Christmas: Linda Beck, Joan Byrd, Pat Coyle, Bill & Joyce Nance, Linda Sawyer

Sunday: Michael & Darlene Markle, Cora Weiss, Griff & Pat Pritchard  
Guestbook: Carolyn Ziegler

### Altar Guild

(4:00) Nada Workman, Marlene Peterson  
(9:00) Gail Lindley, Joan Thiese

- 1 Donna Braatz
- 1 Mary Striewing
- 2 Marilyn Dreyer
- 2 Lynn Weber
- 3 Jack Coyle
- 3 Suzanne Gates
- 3 Sharon Neff
- 3 Linda Sawyer
- 3 Ginger Stribling
- 4 Louis Garippo
- 4 Carol Kleinschmidt
- 4 Bob Lohse
- 5 Luther Rasmussen
- 6 Rob Senkbeil
- 7 David Roberts
- 8 George Duffey
- 8 James Duncombe
- 8 Lee Gregoire
- 8 Jean Pohlman
- 10 Randy Winfrey
- 11 Bev Bender
- 11 Ron Wynkoop
- 13 Marilyn Matz
- 15 Chris Beck
- 15 Helen Kohn
- 15 Lydia Thompson
- 16 Bonnie Kimble
- 16 Carolyn Kinney
- 16 Cathy Meyer
- 17 Robert Turk
- 18 Ken Stinar
- 18 Steve Worster
- 19 Beverly Bristow
- 19 Judy Razo
- 21 Robert Barden
- 21 Chuck Eddleman
- 23 Sharel Bartow
- 23 Caroline Boll
- 23 Stephen Sill
- 23 Wade Simpson
- 23 Jan Walker-Barden
- 23 Dave Wallin
- 24 Gloria Burkhardt
- 24 Chris Grundy
- 24 Ginett Janssen
- 24 Carol Sandman
- 25 Michael Fenske
- 25 Marty Irwin
- 29 Jill Lienemann
- 29 Barb Simpson
- 30 Bob Hammann
- 31 Diane Bodjanac
- 31 Jamie Kunzie
- 31 Linda Mann
- 31 John Schalk

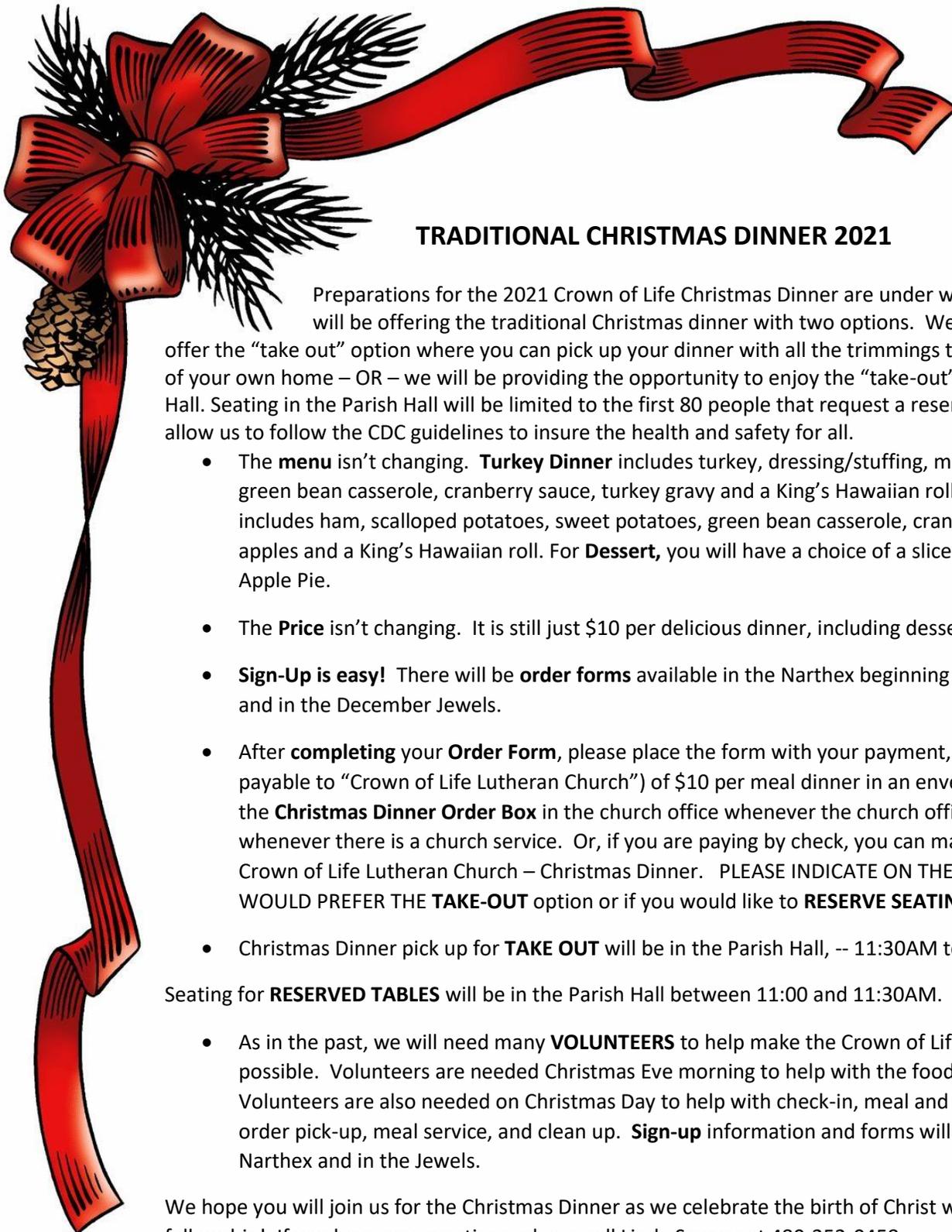


- 1 Paul and Lorna Richards
- 3 Bobbie and Bob Gaudinier
- 8 Keith and Cathy Warne
- 9 Gerry and Audrey Harpt
- 16 Lawrence and Victoria Mills
- 18 Vicky and Gary Mork
- 18 Don and Marilyn Swanson
- 19 John and Gail Lindley
- 20 Ginger and Jim Stribling
- 24 Ellen and Duane Wolfgang
- 26 Al and Marilyn Waldron
- 27 Richard and Marilyn Dreyer
- 27 Loren and Mary Scheer
- 27 Merv and Cindy Schmidt
- 27 James and Barbara Shumate
- 28 Scott and Sharon Michael
- 30 Bill and Becky Schulzetenberg
- 30 Valerie and Tom VanNess
- 30 Bob and Kristine Weber
- 30 Larry and Mary Bonrud



(4:00) Evelin Lackey, Dave Sawyer

(9:00) Bob Turk, Willie Lundquist, Jeff & Gail Holmes, Ed Michel, Paul Naumann, Dave Roberts, Al Stoudemire, Ron Schumann, Byron Brown, Bill Karas, Frank Lohr, Norma Miller, Duane Neal, Julia Schmidt



## TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER 2021

Preparations for the 2021 Crown of Life Christmas Dinner are under way! This year we will be offering the traditional Christmas dinner with two options. We will once again offer the “take out” option where you can pick up your dinner with all the trimmings to eat in the comfort of your own home – OR – we will be providing the opportunity to enjoy the “take-out” meal in the Parish Hall. Seating in the Parish Hall will be limited to the first 80 people that request a reservation. This will allow us to follow the CDC guidelines to insure the health and safety for all.

- The **menu** isn't changing. **Turkey Dinner** includes turkey, dressing/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy and a King's Hawaiian roll. **Ham Dinner** includes ham, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, spiced apples and a King's Hawaiian roll. For **Dessert**, you will have a choice of a slice of Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie.
- The **Price** isn't changing. It is still just \$10 per delicious dinner, including dessert.
- **Sign-Up is easy!** There will be **order forms** available in the Narthex beginning on November 27<sup>th</sup> and in the December Jewels.
- After **completing** your **Order Form**, please place the form with your payment, (Cash or check payable to “Crown of Life Lutheran Church”) of \$10 per meal dinner in an envelope and drop it in the **Christmas Dinner Order Box** in the church office whenever the church office is open or whenever there is a church service. Or, if you are paying by check, you can mail the envelope to Crown of Life Lutheran Church – Christmas Dinner. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE FORM IF YOU WOULD PREFER THE **TAKE-OUT** option or if you would like to **RESERVE SEATING** in the Parish Hall.
- Christmas Dinner pick up for **TAKE OUT** will be in the Parish Hall, -- 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

Seating for **RESERVED TABLES** will be in the Parish Hall between 11:00 and 11:30AM.

- As in the past, we will need many **VOLUNTEERS** to help make the Crown of Life Christmas Dinner possible. Volunteers are needed Christmas Eve morning to help with the food preparation. Volunteers are also needed on Christmas Day to help with check-in, meal and dessert packaging, order pick-up, meal service, and clean up. **Sign-up** information and forms will be available in the Narthex and in the Jewels.

We hope you will join us for the Christmas Dinner as we celebrate the birth of Christ with food and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Linda Sawyer at 480-252-0458.



**CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021**

PICK-UP "TAKE OUT" MEALS IN THE PARISH HALL BETWEEN 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM  
Seating for Reserved Tables in Parish Hall between 11:00 and 11:30 AM

**ORDER FORM**

**TURKEY DINNER**

Includes:

- \*Turkey
- \*Dressing (Stuffing)
- \*Mashed Potatoes
- \*Green Bean Casserole
- \*Cranberry Sauce
- \*Turkey Gravy
- \*King's Hawaiian Roll

**HAM DINNER**

Includes:

- \*Ham
- \*Scalloped Potatoes
- \*Sweet Potatoes
- \*Green Bean Casserole
- \*Cranberry Sauce
- \*Spiced Apples
- \*King's Hawaiian Roll

Pie: Select one (1) per dinner

Pumpkin

Apple

Pie: Select one (1) per dinner

Pumpkin

Apple

# of TURKEY Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

# of HAM Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Take Out \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces in Parish Hall

Please make check payable to "CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH"

Select Payment method:

Check \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10 per dinner

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE FORM AND PAYMENT IN ENVELOPE AND DROP IN THE "CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER" BOX. (LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS DINNERS IS MONDAY, 12/20/21)**

QUESTIONS???

Call or email:

Linda Sawyer: 480-252-0458 or [jislrd4me@gmail.com](mailto:jislrd4me@gmail.com)

**Crown of Life CHRISTMAS DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Christmas Dinner team needs your help. If you would be interested in assisting us with Food Preparation on Christmas Eve **AND/OR** assisting us with "serving" the Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, please let us know by completing the volunteer sign-up form below. You can place this sign-up sheet in the Christmas Dinner Order Box in the church office or you can contact Linda Sawyer if you have questions.

**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FOOD**

**PREPARATION:**

FOOD PREPARATION will be done in the Church Kitchen and Parish Hall on Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION:**

We will need Volunteers on Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We will need several people to help check in people who are picking up meals; putting the hot meals into to go containers; and other various tasks throughout the service time.

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH CLEAN-UP:**

We will need Volunteers on Christmas Day – Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM to assist with clean up as meals are served and delivered.

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT Linda Sawyer: 480-252-0458 or [jislrd4me@gmail.com](mailto:jislrd4me@gmail.com) for more information.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5</b> 9:00a Food Drive (Patio) 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:00a LWML Mites (Info Desk) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:30a Prayer Team (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:30a BD/Elders (Chapel) 9:00a Card Ministry (Music Room) 9:00a Quilting / Stitchers (Parish Hall) 1:00p Assimilation Comm. (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 9:30a GriefCare (Chapel) 4:00p Advent Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 3:00p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00a Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 1:00p Cards &amp; Games (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 4:00p Food Drive (Patio) 4:00p LWML Mites (Info Desk) 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>12</b> 9:00a Christmas Musical Celebration Worship (Sanctuary) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:30a Prayer Team (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30a Trustees (Music Room) 9:00a Church Coun. (Conf. Rm) 9:00a Stephen Ministry (Chapel) 9:30a Loss of Spouse (Parish Hall) 1:00p LWML Advent Celebration (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 4:00p Advent Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 3:30p Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00a Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 1:00p Cards &amp; Games (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>19</b> 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00a Stitchers (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4:00p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary) 7:00p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> 10:00a Christmas Day Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00a Traditional Christmas Dinner</p>
<p><b>26</b> 9:00a Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00a Stitchers (Parish Hall)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 4:00p Worship &amp; Communion (Sanctuary) <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	