



Jewels

A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

December Worship Schedule

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays – 9 AM

Advent Worship
Dec. 6 & 13 at 4 PM

Christmas Cantata
December 9 at 4 PM
December 10 at 9 AM

Regular Weekend Worship
December 23 at 4 PM
December 24 at 9 AM

Christmas Eve
Dec. 24 at 4 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day
December 25 at 10 AM

Regular Weekend Worship
December 30 at 4 PM
December 31 at 9 AM

New Year's Eve
December 31 at 4 PM

From Pastor Phill

It is a New Year! Nope, not the calendar year but the Church Year is new. What mischief can we all get into in this new church year? We're sure creative about mischief, sinful and fallen folks that we are. And rest assured that however that sin and mischief looks, Jesus has for us a solution and antidote and correction.

That is the benefit of Faith. Try as we might we can't out sin the righteousness Jesus has poured out upon us. Faith beats sin every time, and the poor devil still hasn't gotten used to the fact that he can't have us, Jesus has us. Each new church year takes us through the cycle of our sin and forgiveness and salvation, beginning with the miraculous birth we celebrate this month, proceeding to the empty tomb and the resurrection He promises for us all.

Have you noticed the new signs? They're pretty subtle, not blaring, trying to be instructive without being intrusive. You know how to navigate our property. Not everyone does. Our prayer is we have many people in this glorious season that have not been here before – the signs are for them.

Twice recently I've been asked why we don't have Bibles in our pew racks. The answer is: I don't know. Looking at the racks that hold the hymnals, I think the easy answer is there is not enough room to furnish hymnals to all who might need them, and Bibles as well. And the counter to that point is that the hymns are on the screens – maybe we don't need that many hymnals. But wait! Sometimes I don't know the hymns, and I need to read the music!

A point we need to face on this is that we would not put in the pew racks the NIV Bibles we've had for so long in the Parish Hall, rather, we would purchase English Standard Version books like we use in the bulletins and on the screens. There are funds available for such a purchase, for example, in the Memorial Fund overseen by the Mission Board – it could happen.

Would you like to see ESV Bibles at hand in the pew racks? Would you use them? Talk to us, and by us I mean pastors and Elders and the admin office. Let us know what you think.

At the Voters' Assembly recently some church business was completed. The slate of officers and Elders and Trustees was approved. A resolution modifying our ByLaws was approved as well, which makes the terms of corporate officers (President, VP, Secretary, etc) the same in duration as Elders and Trustees, 3 years. *Continued on pg. 2*



Bible Studies

Sundays

**Bible Class – 10:15 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Mondays

**Women's Bible Study –
9:30 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Tuesdays

**Women's Lineage of
Grace Study - 2:00 PM
(Parish Hall)**

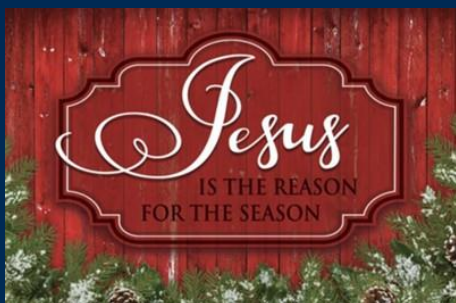
Wednesdays

**Bible Class - 9:30 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Fridays

**Men's Bible Study -
9:00 AM
(Parish Hall;
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday)**

**No Bible Classes on
December 24-27, 31,
January 1 & 2.**



In addition to those approvals, the corporate ministry plan – the budget – for 2024 was passed. As you heard, the budget includes a new full-time position for 2024, establishing a Ministry that oversees all the various technology the church uses in this modern age.

Our goal is to find an individual conversant with that all electronic stuff, guided by a written job description, as well as versed in the ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Needle in a haystack, right? And we have received resumes, some of which seem to answer the need. We are evaluating those now, with an eye to moving on the position by the beginning of 2024. If there are one or more viable candidates that can be issued a Call through the LC-MS system, we will gather as Voters and act. Please pray that God blesses this search!

And pray for our church, its members and friends and visitors. A new Church Year has begun. Christmas is coming, with all the celebration and decoration and yes melancholy too. May God bless us all in these turbulent times, and remind us that the baby born in Bethlehem so long ago brings peace to the hearts of all who receive Him as Lord. Merry Christmas!

Pastor Phill

From Pastor Mark

It's the weekend before Christmas, and Bobby, in Boston, gets a call from his elderly father in Pittsburgh. The father says, "Bobby, your mother's making me crazy. I've had six decades of picking up after her. We're getting a divorce. Don't try to talk us out of it." Dad hangs up, and Bobby immediately calls Geraldine, his older sister in Hong Kong, waking her from a dead sleep. Within minutes, Geraldine, ever the older sister, telephones their parents in Pittsburgh. In a shrill, rushed voice she says, "Dad, you and mom have been together for sixty years! How much time do you think you have left? I will not let you waste your golden years in bitter legal battles. I don't care what the issue is, we WILL work it out. Am I understood? Don't do a thing. Bobby and I will both be there on the first flights we can catch." Geraldine hangs up. The old man smiles at his wife and gently kisses her hand. "Well, my love, looks like they'll both be home for Christmas this year."

At Christmastime, *presence* is so much more important than presents! And that's the beauty of the Christmas story. In ancient times, when our ancestors gazed at the skies and pondered the hard questions of life when they were confronted with the mysteries of birth, and death, and illness, and wonder, they found their best comfort not in tales of conquest and glory, nor in lofty wisdom and rituals, but in a simple account of divine presence: A disgraced pregnant girl, a dreaming carpenter, a disgraceful barnyard birth, and the earthy, simple claim that God is with us; God is among us; God is not far off and unreachable, but around us and within. The message of Christmas is that God does not remain in remote majesty and splendor, but becomes *present* in all our human struggles, sharing our indignities, and outrage, and shame. God is *present* in all our laughter, and love, and in the satisfaction of a job well done. God with us! In that same old story, the angel names the child "Jesus," which means "God saves." And how does God save? By coming to us, being among us, walking beside us...and then commissioning us to go and do likewise.



There still aren't many sure answers to the hard questions of life: when a nation stands bitterly divided, when the doctor's news is bad, when the telephone rings in the middle of the night, when someone you love is angry, or bored, or scared, and you don't know why. We have no easy answers at times like these. But we can do what God does in Jesus; we can "show up" in the flesh. There's a living presence that will not leave us or forsake us...come what may in the years ahead. There's a living presence that might just turn up on your doorstep with a casserole, for that's one thing that is meant when we say that God comes to us in the flesh. It's called "incarnation," this belief that God's presence somehow flooded Jesus' humanity, giving us a glimpse of a human life filled with the Holy. This is really what Christmas comes down to...this belief that God enters into all the shame, and the blame, and the *messiness* of a broken world. God is not far, but near! And we are called to be the same, getting our hands dirty, suffering with those who suffer, walking with the lonely.

And what does it all mean? Well, it's significant that we have the "Soup Supper and Sing-Along", Advent Bible studies and services, our GriefCare Ministry will encourage in "Surviving the Holidays", then our Christmas Cantata and beautiful services for Christmas, isn't it? We'll celebrate God's presence together! We will even sing carols to people that are unable to get out and about anymore. Incarnation means reaching out in love to one another. Merry Christmas to you, Crown of Life Lutheran Church. It's a joy to be walking alongside you!

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Mark

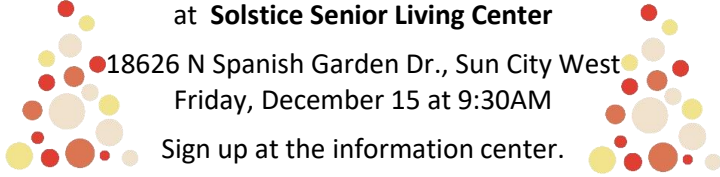
You're invited to come share the love of Jesus

Christmas Caroling

at Solstice Senior Living Center

18626 N Spanish Garden Dr., Sun City West
Friday, December 15 at 9:30AM

Sign up at the information center.



Altar Flowers

December 2/3

In Celebration of Tina Mallonen's 50th birthday

In Celebration of Linda Sawyers birthday

December 9/10

Duncombe Family with thanksgiving for Jim's birthday

December 16/17

Chris Grundy in loving memory of husband Jim's earthly birthday

December 30/31

Elizabeth Young in loving memory of her husband and sons

Cindy & Dan Owens in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

Crown of Life Car Magnets



Crown of Life has car magnets for your car.

They are located on the tables in the Narthex, be sure to pick yours up today!

2024 Contribution Envelopes

The 2024 contribution envelopes will be available in the Narthex for pick up starting December 6.

Please remember that ALL contributions received **PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, 2023** will be reflected on the **2023 contribution statement**. All contributions made **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2023** will be recorded in **2024**. This applies regardless which envelope you use.

OUR KING IS BORN

December 2023



Advent 2023

CROWN OF LIFE

Christmas Cantata

December 9th, 4pm

December 10th, 9am

Featuring: Crown of Life Choir, Violins, Viola, Cello, Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Percussion/Timpani, Piano

Advent Services

November 29th, 4pm

December 6th, 4pm

December 13th, 4pm

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th, 4pm and 7pm

Christmas Day Worship

December 25th, 10am

New Year's Eve Worship

December 31st, 4pm



Duplicate and special books donated to our library will be offered in the narthex on Saturday, December 9, Sunday, December 10 and if any books remain, on Wednesday, December 13. The books, including many previously-owned Bibles, are FREE.

Give them a new home so you, your family or friends can enjoy and grow.

Ongoing Donation Opportunity

There is an ongoing donation opportunity right here at Crown of Life. Heavens Healing Hands works to restore dignity to Veterans while transforming homelessness, bridging services, and creating hope. They are a Human Services organization that is committed to uplifting our *homeless veterans and other brothers and sisters*. We here at Crown of Life may donate clothing and hygiene items directly to this organization. The donation bins are located in the Parish Hall by the kitchen. They take gently used men's and women's clothing, new socks, new underwear, and NEW hygiene products.



We also make mats from recycled plastic bags. Please donate your bags and please come join us on Tuesday Mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. You do not have to stay for the whole time, just come as you are able. We have donated over 350 Sleeping Mats so far and are still going strong. Thank you for all of the plastic bags, as it takes over 700+ bags for each mat. The left-over plastic is also made into pillows. So if you have excess pillowcases, we could use them also. Please come by on a Tuesday and see our "operation"!



Set Apart to Serve as the Body of Christ in this World

Christine Escobar, Care Ministry Coordinator



God created us and set us apart for a Holy purpose. Christ has called us together in his church family to represent him in this world. *By this, all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another* (John 13:35).

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer with our ministry during our Care Weekend on November 17-18, 2023. Our Care Ministry serves our church family in practical ways that show our love and concern for each other. Contact any of our team leaders listed below with questions or requests and to volunteer with our ministry. Serving on our team is a rewarding way to build friendships!

We are a gifted and active church. Our mission outreaches and ministries include the Alter Guild, Assimilation, Bible Study, Choir, Church Council, Flower Committee, Greeters, Grief Care, Livestream, LWML, Mission Board, Prayer Ministry, Quilters, Screens/Sound/Light Technicians, Stephen Ministry, Stitches, Tellers, and Ushers. We learn of ways our Care Ministry can bless members of our church family through our engagement in these activities.

We have scheduled the following educational session: **Dr. Ruchir Gupta of Mountainview Headache and Spine Institute on January 15, 2024.** Feel free to invite guests who would benefit from this presentation. Flyers are available at the information desk and in the office.

Contact the team leaders listed below if you have a need or want to volunteer on our Care teams.

Quilters News

In November, we donated 8 quilts to the American Legion Post 94 in Sun City West which were auctioned off at their Pancake Breakfast.

We also donated 11 quilts to the Orphan Grain Train network and donated quilts to 2 residents in care centers.

On November 14th we donated 125 quilts to Arizona Sunshine Angels which they will gift to foster children for Christmas.

We still have some quilts available for sale.



Assimilation News

By Judith Axelson, Assimilation

Sign-ups start in December for Dinners for 6 that begins January-March.

Sign-ups start in December for the Arizona Broadway Theater on February 1st. The money must be in by January 14th for the matinee of "On the Town". Payment will be required at sign up.

Don't forget Christmas Dinner--- Still only \$10/person. Dine in or take home.

SAVE THE DATE



Crown of Life Lutheran Church
13131 W Spanish Garden Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Monday, January 15, 2024,
2:00 - 3:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Ruchir Gupta
Mountainview Headache
and Spine Institute

Dr. Gupta is double board certified in anesthesiology and pain medicine by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Learn how Ketamine, a non-narcotic is a safe method that provides effective means to alleviate joint and lower back pain discomfort. This approach prioritizes pain relief without the risks associated with opioid medications, offering a secure alternative for managing such discomfort.



(Light) Handyman/Technology Services
Duane Rawson (Trustees) 928-925-0453

Homebound/Care Center Visits
Darlene Markle 970-623-9360
Dee Harries 785-562-6801

Stephen Ministry Request/Referral
Lola Leshney 623-826-9237

Love Meal Request/Referral
Marilyn Goodnight 623-444-7551

Community Resource Referral
Christine Escobar 623-218-6793

Questions: Christine Escobar 623-218-6793 or email Care@colchurch.com

Come and join us!

Upcoming Event



Thank you all for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy during my mother's recent illness and passing. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a warm and caring church family! - Cathy Meyer

Our thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls for healing. Jan felt God's comfort and healing each and every day.

- Merv & Jan Tvinnereim





Nothing is Impossible with God

Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

The holidays can be very painful when grieving the loss of a loved one. Holidays trigger special memories of how the holidays used to be and will never be again. We may fear we can't withstand the waves of pain that overwhelm us. When we don't think we can endure the pain, remember *Nothing is impossible with God* (Luke 1:37). God will get us through this time of grief. *God acts for those who wait for him* (Isaiah 64:4). *He comforts those who mourn* (Isaiah 61:2). *Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy* (Psalm 126:5). *But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* (2 Peter 3:8). The psalmist sings *Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens, you will establish your faithfulness* (Psalm 89:2). God calls us to be patient, to trust Him, and align our will with Him. We will be with our loved ones again in Heaven. Imagine the joy of our loved ones when they welcome us to Heaven, and especially imagine the joy of our Father, our Savior Jesus Christ, our helper, the Holy Spirit, and all the Heavenly Hosts when they welcome us home!

If you feel overwhelmed by your grief this Christmas, remember God is beside us in our grief. Jesus is beside us in our suffering. Jesus experienced every emotion we experience when he took on human form to secure our salvation. If you are grieving the loss of your spouse this Christmas, please join us on **Wednesday, December 13, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** for our **"Loss of a Spouse Seminar."** At this encouraging seminar, you will gain insight into the following:

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

Our 13-week GriefCare program, **"Your Journey from Mourning to Joy,"** will start on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024.** This program will provide ongoing support to those 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 the Loss of a Spouse Seminar and our 13-week session to help you put 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.

God's Blessings of Peace, Love, and Joy to you this Christmas!

Travel with Pastor Vern

As we about to enter a New Year is time to think about where you want to travel in 2024. Pastor Vern has a few suggestions for your list on his new website travelwithvern.com. Check out the website to see the details on the February 13-16 **Valentines Adventure** to California and the April 21-27 **Canyons Tour**, the June 24-28 **Trains, Planes & Halls of Fames tour** to Colorado Springs as well as future trips to **Germany** and the **Holy Land**. He is also working on arranging a trip to **Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum** in 2024. Give him a call if you have any questions: 714-271-6984. From time to time, check the website travelwithvern.com for new trips.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Joining the Church Triumphant

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

- Larry Hieb, November 4
- Alfred Thiese, November 7
- John DeAngelo, November 11
- Edward Pisacich, November 12

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



Women in Mission

By Darlene Markle

As we begin this Advent season, let's ponder the meaning of this child about to be born in Bethlehem. A baby, but a king. A baby, but a savior. A baby born to die for you and me. What relationship is closer than a mother giving birth? The relationship with Jesus Christ is the answer. Mary cradled Him. Mary cared for Him. Mary protected Him. The babe about to be born now cradles you, cares for you and protects you.



He came for you and me. He came to save you from your sins. He came to take you to Himself. Jesus is relatable. We can talk to Him. He's your comforter, your Redeemer and your friend. His is the only relationship that promises eternal life. The second verse of LSB #333, *Once He Came in Blessing* reads, "Now He gently leads us with Himself He feeds us. Precious food from heaven, pledge of peace here given. Manna that will nourish souls that they may flourish."

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Learn The ONE PERSONAL PLAN TO HIS SON



You probably have noticed the small Christmas tree on the table in the narthex. This year the toys donated will be going to the Phoenix Rescue Mission for their Winter Wonderland Toy Drive. If you would like to participate you can bring your new, unwrapped gift and place it in the box designated below the table. You will see a list of gift ideas on the table. Wrapping paper, bows, and tape are also appreciated.

On Tuesday, December 12th we will be hosting an Advent Candlelight at 1pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be a representative from the Phoenix Rescue Mission. All women are invited and we encourage you to bring your friends for an hour of fellowship! We will meet in the sanctuary with music by Mr. Byron Blackmore who graciously agreed to play for us. Pastor Mark will have a brief sermon and then we will head into the Parish Hall for Christmas cookies and beverages and more singing! Jot this date on your calendar, you won't want to miss it!

Please continue to save your Canceled Christmas stamps and place them in the little purple box on the Information Desk. We will send them in to our buyer and money will be added to our mites. Tell your friends to save theirs and thank you for your help.

Next business meeting: Tuesday, January 9th 1 pm. Our speaker will be Christine Escobar from our Care Ministry.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Winter Wonderland Toy Drive Phoenix Rescue Mission

The Ingathering will begin on November 18 and will end on December 12. The toy list will be available beginning November 18 on the Information Desk and on the special Angel Tree display in the Narthex. When the toys are donated, they may be placed in the designated box by the Angel Tree display.

The toys will be presented to Phoenix Rescue Mission at the Advent by Candlelight Celebration on December 12 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.





December Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins
 Associate Pastor Rev. Mark Airey
 Pastoral Assistants Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Ray Mirly

ELDERS

(4:00) Henry Munzinger, Dave Sawyer, Mark Budensiek, Tim Krueger, Chris Beck
 (9:00) Henry Munzinger, Tom Mertins, Dave Sawyer, Tom Mertins, Carl Browning

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Larry Lienemann
 (9:00) Duane Rawson & Ed Kristof

FLOWERS

Judy Briddle, Floella Denzin, Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Judy Razo, Lynda Rud, Kathe Schmidt, Denise Trevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim, Ellen Wolfgang

LIVESTREAM

Dec. 3/6/9/13: Lisa Safago
 Dec. 10/25: Henry Munzinger
 Dec. 17: Tom Mertins
 Dec. 24 9am & 4pm: Henry Munzinger
 Dec. 31 9am: Tom Mertins
 Dec. 31 4pm: Cathy Meyer

SCREENS

Dec. 2/23: Deb Christ
 Dec. 3/10: Ken Coffman
 Dec. 6: Bruce Borchert
 Dec. 9: Kathy Beilstein
 Dec. 13: Judy Brodzeller
 Dec. 16/30: Mila Boesen
 Dec. 17: Neil White
 Dec. 24 9am: Tom Mertins
 Dec. 24 4pm: Eddie Mallonen
 Dec. 24 7pm: Ken Coffman
 Dec. 31 9am: Neil White
 Dec. 31 4pm: Deb Christ

SOUND

Dec. 2/23: Dana Boesen
 Dec. 3/25: Neil White
 Dec. 6: Kathy Beilstein
 Dec. 9/30: Dave Sawyer
 Dec. 10: Cathy Meyer
 Dec. 13: Larry Mills
 Dec. 16: Joe Jellison
 Dec. 17: Gerry Harpt
 Dec. 24 9am: Dave Sawyer
 Dec. 24 4pm: Cathy Meyer
 Dec. 31 9am: Eddie Mallonen
 Dec. 31 4pm: Joe Jellison

TELLERS

Duane & Orv Neal, Sheila Mecham, Ellen Wolfgang, Dale Johnson, Chuck Blakley Sub – Ken Grover



1 Mark Airey	8 Melinda Hildahl	23 Wade Simpson
1 Donna Braatz	8 Jean Pohlman	23 Jan Walker-Barden
1 Mary Striewing	10 Jim Friday	23 Dave Wallin
2 Lynn Weber	10 Randy Winfrey	24 Mischa Boesen
3 Jack Coyle	11 Rich Bolton	24 Gloria Burkhardt
3 Suzanne Gates	13 Marilyn Matz	24 Chris Grundy
3 Sharon Neff	15 Chris Beck	24 Ginett Janssen
3 Linda Sawyer	15 Peter Graumnitz	24 Carol Sandman
3 Ginger Stribling	15 Helen Kohn	25 Michael Fenske
4 Louis Garippo	16 Bonnie Kimble	26 John Wehking
4 Carol Kleinschmidt	16 Cathy Meyer	28 Carol Friday
4 Tina Mallonen	18 Ken Stinar	29 Debra Jess
5 Luther Rasmussen	18 Steve Worster	29 Jill Lienemann
6 Rob Senkbeil	19 Beverly Bristow	29 Barb Simpson
7 David Roberts	19 Judy Razo	30 Bob Hammann
8 George Duffey	21 Robert Barden	31 Jonah Boesen
8 James Duncombe	23 Sharel Bartow	31 Linda Mann
8 Lee Gregoire	23 Caroline Boll	31 John Schalk



1 Paul and Lorna Richardson	20 Jim and Ginger Stribling
3 Bob and Bobbie Gaudinier	24 Ellen and Duane Wolfgang
5 David and Pamela Sweet	26 Al and Marilyn Waldron
8 Keith and Cathy Warne	27 Loren and Mary Scheer
9 Gerry and Audrey Harpt	27 Merv and Cindy Schmidt
9 Pamela and Gary Hjerpe	27 James and Barbara Shumate
11 Richard and Sharon Mann	28 Scott and Sharon Michael
16 Lawrence and Victoria Mills	29 Dan and Cindy Owens
18 Don and Marilyn Swanson	30 Larry and Mary Bonrud
19 John and Gail Lindley	30 Tom and Valerie VanNess
20 Larry and Bonette Copelan	30 Bob and Kristine Weber

GREETERS

Saturday: Linda Sawyer, Rita Grover
 Wednesdays: Ton & Lola Leshney, Rita Grover

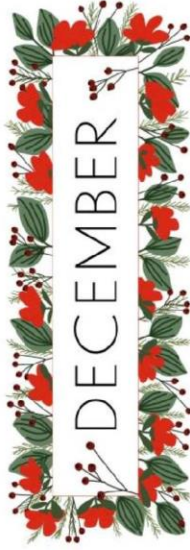
ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Nada McCrea, Judy Meyer, Marlene Peterson
 (9:00) Anne Hagen, Joan Thiese

USHERS

(4:00) Duane & Cookie Rawson, Don & Marlie Abrahamson
 (9:00) Randy & Lorrie Schulz, Todd Schutt, Dave Roberts





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00a Food Drive (Parish Hall) 9:00a LWML Mites (Info Desk) 9:00a Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)	4 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:30a Prayer Team (Conference Room) 1:00p Care Ministry (Chapel)	5 8:30a Elders (Chapel) 9:00a Stitches (Parish Hall) 1:00p Assimilation (Conference Room) 2:00p Lineage of Grace (Parish Hall)	6 9:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 9:30a GriefCare (Chapel) 4:00p Advent Worship (Sanctuary)	7 7:30a Schole (Entire Church) 1:30p Handbells (Sanctuary) 3:00p Choir (Sanctuary)	1 9:00a Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 1:00p Cards & Games (Parish Hall)	2 9:00-12pm Choir (Sanctuary) 4:00p Food Drive (Parish Hall) 4:00p LWML Mites (Info Desk) 4:00p Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10 9:00a Worship -Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary) 10:15a Bible Class (Parish Hall)	11 9:30a Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:30a Prayer Team (Conference Room)	12 9:00a Stitches (Parish Hall) 1:00p Advent by Candlelight (Sanctuary & Parish Hall) 2:30p Lineage of Grace BBS (Parish Hall)	13 8:30a Trustees (Conf. Room) 9:30a Bible Class (Parish Hall) 9:30a GriefCare LOS (Chapel) 4:00p Advent Worship (Sanctuary)	14 1:30p Handbells (Sanctuary) 3:00p Choir (Sanctuary)	15 9:00a Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 1:00p Cards & Games (Parish Hall)	16 4:00p Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
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24 Christmas Eve 9:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 4:00p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary) 7:00p Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)	25 Christmas Day 10:00a Christmas Day Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00a Christmas Dinner (Parish Hall) Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29 1:00p Cards & Games (Parish Hall)	30 4:00p Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
31 9:00a Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) 4:00p New Year's Eve Worship & Communion						



Join your friends for a Traditional Christmas Dinner

by Dave and Linda Sawyer and Eddie and Tina Mallonen

It's that time of year again! Crown of Life will once again offer the traditional Christmas dinner with a "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 95 people that request a reservation. Orders must be received no later than Tuesday, December 19th.

- The **menu** isn't changing. **Turkey Dinner** includes roasted turkey, dressing/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy and a King's Hawaiian roll. **Ham Dinner** includes spiral sliced 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!** Simply fill out your **order form** which will be available in the Narthex beginning on Saturday, November 25th 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 AM 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 Sunday, Dec 24th (Christmas Eve) morning to help with the food preparation. Volunteers are also needed on Monday, Dec 25th (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 your friends and Christian family for the Christmas Dinner as we celebrate the birth of Christ with food and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Eddie Mallonen at 414-484-7541.

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DINNER – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

PICK-UP "TAKE OUT" MEALS IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Seating for Reserved Tables in Parish Hall between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM

ORDER FORM

TURKEY DINNER

Includes:

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

HAM DINNER

Includes:

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

Pie: Select one (1) per dinner

_____ Pumpkin
_____ Apple

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_____ 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 TUESDAY, 12/19/2023)

QUESTIONS??? Call or email: Eddie Mallonen: 414-484-7541 or

emallonen6662@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 (Sunday) Christmas Eve **AND/OR** assisting us with "serving" the Christmas Dinner on (Monday) 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 Eddie Mallonen 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 – **Sunday, December 24th -- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

We will need Volunteers on Christmas Day – **Monday, December 25th – 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 – **Monday, December 25th – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM** to assist with clean up as meals are served and delivered.

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

For more information, contact Eddie Mallonen at 414-484-7541 or emallonen6662@gmail.com.