

December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Family Service



Christ's Lutheran Church
700 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Oreland, Pennsylvania

*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.*

Welcome to Christ's Lutheran Church!

May you experience the joy of God's presence as we worship together this evening. We are blessed by your presence!

The Service

~ The assembly responds with those parts printed in bold. ~

Prelude

Selections by Christ's Lutheran Youth

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Litany

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

Joy to the World - A Christmas Pageant

Pageant Cast:

Joey Affleck - Donkey
Hannah Christensen - Angel
Henry Christensen - Shepherd
Penelope Daniels - Angel
Mason Devaney - Cow
Reese Devaney - Shooting Star
Audra Kelly - Shepherd
Charlie Kelly - Wise Man
Joey Kelly - Joseph
Loa Mardt – Shooting Star
Logan Mardt - Wise Man
Cooper Menard – Wise Man
Charlie Myers - Shepherd
Eva Myers - Queen of the Stars
Alice Nussbaum - Shooting Star
Braden Nussbaum - Shepherd
Lucy Nussbaum - Mary
Henry Nydick - Shepherd
Will Nydick - Wise Man
James Sease Kaegler - Sheep
Aiden Seyfried - Wise Man
Dimitri Seyfried - baby Jesus
Peter Seyfried - Shepherd
Cassie Tull - Angel
Nate Tull - Cow

*The congregation is invited and encouraged to sing
along with these beloved Christmas hymns*

ELW # 267 Joy to the World verse 1

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!**

Narrator: Joey Kelly

Gather close, and hear us tell
The greatest story on earth -
Prepare for incredible love as well,
Hear us tell of our Savior's birth!

ELW # 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem verse 1

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above they deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

Narrator: Charlie Myers

The journey from Nazareth wore them out.
The need to rest was infecting.
Joseph searched for an inn thereabout
For his Mary was expecting!

But the inns were all filled
Not a bed to be found.
By the stable they stilled,
Guess they'll sleep on the ground.

Mary's baby will soon arrive
And what a child is this!
God's own son on earth, alive!
What a miracle to witness.

ELW # 296 What Child Is This verse 1

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is
sleeping? Whom angels greet and anthems sweet while
shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Narrator: Will Nydick

The animals came on quiet feet -
Not one brayed, or bleated or cawed.
They did not come to sleep or eat,
But to see the son of God.

Even the animals stood in awe
That God had been able
To send us this child, asleep in straw
God's miracle in a stable.

ELW # 276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly verse 1

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings
bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is
Lord of all!**

Narrator: Aiden Seyfried

Shepherds watch and guide their sheep
And guard them through the night.
But as the flock dozed off to sleep
The shepherds leapt in fright -

For all around them, light!
The shepherds were astonished -
The angels filled the sky that night
And the shepherds, they admonished -

“Go to Bethlehem and see our Lord!
The holy son of God is here!
The son of Mary, beloved and adored
The Lord himself draws near.”

ELW # 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing verse 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners
reconciled.” Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of
the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in
Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the
newborn king!”**

Narrator: Charlie Kelly

It wasn't only shepherds plain
Looking for the lord
The wise ones, weary and travel-stained
Sought also Joseph's ward.

These kings were seeking royalty
One more than up to par,
And on this journey, joyfully,
They were guided by a star.

This star led them straight and true
And at the end they found
Parents, shepherds and animals too,
The Christ-child they surround.

So gifts they offered, these wise kings
Great riches for the child,
To celebrate salvation that he brings
This baby, meek and mild.

ELW # 267 Joy to the World verse 1

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!**

Narrator: Hannah Christensen and Braden Nussbaum

“T’was the very first Christmas and there in the manger,
The Christ-child was born; it couldn’t have been stranger.
Shepherds saw angels; Wise Men, a star.
They came to see Jesus; they came from afar.
They knew he was special - God’s very own son,
He came to the earth to love everyone.
He grew up in time, the Savior, the Lord,
To be worshiped each day, to be loved and adored.
So now at Christmas we all take delight.
In the gift that God gave us that first Christmas night.
In the gifts we receive and the ones that we give,
Let us never forget, it’s in Christ that we live.”

ELW # 292 Love Has Come verse 3

**Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

Musical Interlude

The Christmas Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Prayers of Intercession

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The seas roar, and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence, and a renewed care for all that fills the fields, skies, and seas. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

A child is born for us and light shines on the weary. Watch over those who give birth this night and attend to those who are dying. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.
And his name is the wonderful counselor,
the almighty God, the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace who brings us peace.

The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you
and to greet those who are worshipping online.*

The Offering

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This

Verse 3

ELW # 296



3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Setting Four

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

ELW Setting Four

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Re - deem - er,

through whom you will also make all things new

in the day when he comes to judge the world in righ - teous-ness.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

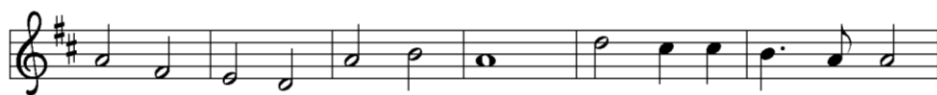
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting Four



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

All who wish to receive Christ are welcomed at his table!

Come forward by the center aisle as directed by an usher.

Pick up an empty glass or one prefilled with juice.

*We will be using pretzel bread for communion
tied in the monastic style.*

Gluten free bread is available on the table if desired.

*The pastor will place the bread in your hand.
He will offer a blessing to children not receiving communion.*

Proceed to your right or left to receive the wine.

*Return to your seat by the side aisles, leaving your empty glass
in the basket, and picking up your glow stick.*

Lamb of God

ELW Setting Four

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW # 283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Communion Hymn

Verses 1 and 4

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

ELW # 282



- 1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
- 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Communion Hymn

Verses 1 and 3

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW # 270



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled,"
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head sec! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings. 1831–1915

Please stand.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

The Post Communion Hymn
Verses 2, 3, and 4

Joy to the World
ELW # 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
 we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
 Strengthened by this goodness,
 send us forth to announce your peace,
 comfort the afflicted,
 and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,
and increase your joy, today and always.
Amen.

Passing the Light

The Light shines out in the darkness.
And the darkness does not overcome it.

Sending Song

Silent Night ELW # 281



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - dian beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God.

As you leave today, children should pause in the Narthex and see Becca for a little Christmas gift from the congregation.

*You may take your glow stick with you
as you depart with the light of Christ.*

*Go in peace and share the light of God's love
revealed in the Christ Child.*

***A very special thank you to our Family Table families for
leading us in worship this evening!***

Online Giving

*To make an offering to support the work of Christ's
Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America, you may use this QR code to access our
site for secure online giving.*



Thank you to the following for sponsoring the Christmas decorations and poinsettias

Karen Bennion	In celebration of the season
Don & Judy Berger	In celebration of family near and far
Bob & Beverly Bortz	In celebration of family
	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Jim & Mary Jane Brenneman	Dedicated to the Glory of God
	In celebration of our family
Leigh-Ann Bussinger	In memory of Eunice and William Pfeiffer
Wes & Marda Craig	In memory of our parents
Sherri Edwards	In memory of Ann and Duck Edwards
	In memory of Evelyn Edwards
Paul & Janet Engstrom	In celebration of our family
	In celebration of Betsy & Ken Selinger and the choir
Ross & Sue Frantz	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Jean & Steve Godsall-Myers	In celebration of our grandchildren,
(Omi and Opa)	Charlie & Eva Myers
Pat & Don Hallman	In celebration of our family
	Kate, Jonathan, Christine, Josiah, Matthias
	In memory of our parents
	The Rev Mr & Mrs Robert A Laubach
	Mr & Mrs Pershing H Hallman
The Hatch Family	In celebration of their children and grandchildren
	In memory of Michelle Hatch
	In memory of their parents and grandparents
Jim Heidler	In memory of Eleanor Heidler, mother
	In memory of Marie Farr, sister
	In memory of Louise Watts, aunt
Marge Holmes	In memory of my husband, Tom Holmes
	In celebration of my children and grandchildren
Andy Manus	In memory of Bob Manus
	In celebration of family
John & Debbie Melnick	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of Jennifer & Daniel
Gail & Jerry Polis	In memory of our parents
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Christian Reynolds	In celebration of children, grandchildren,
	And great-grandchildren
Kim Righter	In memory of Eunice and William Pfeiffer
Ken & Betsy Selinger	In memory of our parents and Ken's brother, Steve
	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Lori Stevens	In memory of parents, Walter and Eleanor Brucker
Dolores Sweeney	In memory of Lawrence Sweeney
Dolores Sweeney, daughter	In memory of Joseph and Elise Dodel
Earl & Allison Uehling	In celebration of family, near and far
Sally Wertz	In memory of family and friends
Paul & Bonnie Zieger	In memory of Hermina and Paul Raser
	In memory of Ruth and Wilbur Zieger
	In memory of Herta Clements
	In memory of Anna Zieger

Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.

Margaret Anne "Anne" Abbott (mother of Elisa Tull's friend)
Don Berger
Beverly Bortz
Bob Bortz
Chuck Brucker (cousin of Karen Greilich, Lori Stevens, and Janine Asher)
Nikki Busch (Becca Shelor's aunt)
Chippy the Clown (long-time friend at CLC events)
Holly Curran (friend of Bob Kelly)
Rev. John Dougherty (Pastor, Trinity Lutheran - Ft. Washington)
Clyde Engle
Paul Engstrom
Jamie and Keith Eyre (friends of Karen Bennion)
Gil Gavish & Family (son-in-law of Elise & Steve Seyfried)
Beryl Gutekunst
Paul & Rose Hill (friends of Shirley & Clyde Engle)
Abbey Koenig (sister of Jerry and Sally Beil's neighbor)
Paul Korinth (friend of Bob Kelly)
Melody Maurer
Jody McClellan (Bob Bortz' cousin)
The Monachino Family (John Melnick's sister's family)
Chris Mudge
Jim Munz
Scott Paris and son, Benjamin Scott (friends of Mary Truppay)
James Polis (brother of Jerry Polis and Diane Polis)
Margie Reiman (Robin Griffin's aunt)
Nancy Renner
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)
Betsy Selinger
Ruth Smith
Marvin and Kara Strossenreuther (family members of Karen Bennion)
Paul Winter (Debbie Melnick's brother)
Nik Zitomer (Diane Polis' nephew)

Stewardship: Bread of Life

In the Gospel of John 6:35, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This year as we reflected on how Bread sustains life; we ask that you also consider how your contributions to Christ's Lutheran sustain our Church, the ministries that feed and enrich our life together and the community around us.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their intent cards. If you have not done so yet, we ask that you return your intent card as soon as possible to help Council prepare the next congregational budget.

2025 Intent Cards can be found in the church lobby and Wednesday e-news.

Family Table

No meeting on December 29. Family Table resumes in January.

Family Table is open to families of all ages and make-ups. Come learn about God, our faith and how we walk in the world as People of God.

Pub Theology

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, January 2** at 7:00 pm at Iron Hill Brewery, 1460 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454
Topic: Twelve Days of Christmas

RSVP to Pastor Kaegler at clcseniorpastor@christs-oreland.org.

Trivia Team

The evening was looking pretty good for the Saints & Sinners during December's Trivia Night. Another First Place win was within reach when they were foiled in the final round by a question about Stephen King novels. Our team ended up with a Fourth Place finish.

The Saints & Sinners are looking forward to the next challenge, **Wednesday, January 8** at Tannery Run Brew Works, 131 E Butler Avenue, Ambler.

Trivia Nights take place on the First Wednesday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Interested in joining the team? Come for fun, fellowship and perhaps a prize or two! Contact Daniel Melnick to RSVP.

PLEASE NOTE: Trivia Night in January will be the SECOND Wednesday.

60 Plus

60 Plus in January 2025. We will be playing a spirited game of teams Family Feud which is always a lot of fun. So bring your lunch and enjoy delicious desserts, coffee and tea. Good fun, good food and good fellowship. Come on out on **Thursday January 9th** at 11:30 AM to the Parish Hall.

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets for breakfast and fellowship on the third Saturday of the month at Halligan's Pub in Flourtown at 8:00 am.

We meet next on **January 18, 2025**.

Wonderful Wednesday

Join us for Wonderful Wednesday on **January 22** at 6:30 pm at the home of Jon and Alice Rasmussen, 1947 Audubon Drive, Dresher, 19025

RSVP to Consy Finney cwinney1@comcast.net or 215-771-5994 by Sunday, January 19.

University Lutheran Feast Incarnate

The Christ's Lutheran sponsored dinner at University Lutheran Church's Feast Incarnate on December 17th was well received by individuals who very much appreciated a warm and delicious dinner.

Thanks to those who worked together at this busy time of year to cook, bake, and donate the dinner components: Karen Bennion, Sue Frantz, Karen Greilich, Robin Griffin, Pat Hallman, Deb Hilbert, Lynnmarie Harkins, Amy Jacoby, MaryEllen Myers, John Needhammer, Sue Ross, Elise Seyfried, and Allison Uehling. Additional thanks to those who contributed plastic bags. The Feast Incarnate leaders use them for "to go" meals and were thrilled to receive so many. Thanks also to those who drove the food down to the city: Steve and Elise Seyfried, Sue Ross, Abby Uehling, and Allison Uehling.

The leaders of the Feast Incarnate, a year-round outreach and hospitality ministry for individuals who are food insecure, asked if Christ's Lutheran could sponsor a few dinners in 2025. Please let Sue Ross and/or Allison Uehling know if you would be interested in helping with future dinners.

Puzzle Exchange

Research shows that puzzles help adults improve memory, enhance problem-solving skills, manage stress, improve visual and spatial reasoning, and develop a more positive mood. If you want to see if the research is correct – or if you just want an indoor activity for cold weather – feel free to borrow a puzzle from the shelf opposite the restrooms in the narthex. Enjoy!

Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** in room 200 with Pastor Kaegler. Please join us as we explore the Book of Daniel.

Home Visits

If you or someone you know would like Pastor Kaegler to visit, please contact him at clcseniorepastor@christsoreland.org or call the office at 215-886-4612.

FAITH IN ACTION

Book Collection

Books Through Bars is a local organization that collects books and sends them to prisoners who request them by letter. Although they get plenty of the latest bestsellers and classic literature, they have a great need for *very specific* books that are often requested but are in short supply. If you have any **paperback** books on the following topics to donate, please put them in the labeled box in the narthex. Thank you!

Art, art instruction (drawing/painting/photography), home repair, building, HVAC instruction, plumbing, masonry, starting a business, real estate, cars, motorcycles, sudoku, crossword puzzles, and how to play the guitar (beginning and advanced). Wildlife, hunting, and sports magazines are also appreciated.

Willow Grove Food Pantry Collection

A box is located in the back of the Narthex by the "Giving Place" for donations of nonperishable items.

Once a month, or more if needed, we will drop off any donations to the pantry. Please consider bringing a nonperishable item to church with you each time you attend. Together we can help our brothers and sisters in need. Any questions please email Jen at community@christsoreland.org.

FAITH IN ACTION

Visitation Ministry

Our newly formed Visitation Team keeps homebound and hospitalized parishioners linked into the life of the Church through prayers, presence, and the sending of Holy Communion.

If you have a heart for our congregation, want to listen to and treasure the lives of our church's elders, and know that Jesus goes to everybody - contact Pastor Kaegler to join in this ministry! clcseniorepastor@christs-oreland.org. Training, prayer and fellowship will be provided.

CLC Community Yarners

We meet next on December 30

Where: 700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland (Room 200) 11 am to 1:00 pm

Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries, all levels are welcomed! All items will be donated to a local charity. (TBD)

Please contact:

Betty Messer: betty.messer508@gmail.com, phone: 267-475-2933 & Marty Frantz: marty.frantz@gmail.com, phone: 215-885-4812

PBJ Sandwich Donations

PLEASE NOTE: PBJs will not be collected December 23, 24, 30, 31

PBJ sandwiches can be dropped off at the following times:

Sunday mornings - Drop off your sandwiches in the narthex fridge when you come to Sunday morning services.

Mondays - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Coolers will be outside the chapel.

Tuesdays - 9:00 am to 10:45 am Coolers will be outside the chapel.

Please make PBJ sandwiches with plain white bread, creamy peanut butter, and grape jelly. Wrap sandwiches in individual sandwich baggies and leave them uncut. Mark your bag with the number of sandwiches enclosed.

Thank you to our volunteers who pick up and deliver the sandwiches! If you'd like to help with delivery, please contact the church office.

**Thanks to your support during 2024,
CLC donated 7,319 PBJ sandwiches!**

Sunday Livestream Viewers

Livestream congregants: Can you let me know who you are? I'd like to have a list of people who regularly watch our church service on the livestream. That's mostly to be able to get feedback about the experience of using the service and any changes or additions that might be helpful. Contact Kathryn Steen (worship & music) at kathryn.steen@protonmail.com or 215-247-5584 (that's a landline with an answering machine) or even snail mail to the church office.

Wine Donations for Communion

Thank you to all the folks who have been donating bottles of wine! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We are happy to accept additional donations at any time from anyone who would like to donate a bottle or two of their favorite wine to help keep us in supply. Any wine can be communion wine!

Christ's Lutheran Preschool

We are presently accepting registrations for our Preschool Programs. All programs meet from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Please contact Sally Mead, director, for more information at 215.886.4612 x 6 or clcpreschool@christ-s-oreland.org.

Digital Sound Board

If you are interest in joining our sound board team, please contact Kathryn Steen (kathryn.steen@protonmail.com), Music Chair, or Rick Daniels (daniels.r@verizon.net).

CLC Evening Meditations

Booklets, printed with the prior month's meditations, may be found in a labeled container in the narthex. You are encouraged to pick up one or more copies to read at home and to share with family, friends and neighbors. If you'd like the Tuesday and Thursday meditations delivered to your inbox, please contact the church office. clcsecretary@christ-s-oreland.org.

If you'd like to join the team of CLC meditation writers, contact John Frantz at johnhfrantz123@gmail.com or call 215-885-4812.

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Monday January 20th
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Parish Hill
Christ's Lutheran Church - Oreland

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE



Make the holiday an especially meaningful one for you and your children! Join us for some afternoon snacks! Then you will be working with your children on a variety of fun service projects!

ADMISSION IS FREE!
WE ASK THAT YOU BRING AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Money for Lutheran World Relief
- Non-perishable grocery items for food bank (no glass and please check expiration dates)
- a dessert to share

This event is designed for families - please plan to stay and experience this Day of Service with your children.

All ages welcome!

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH
to director-spiritualform@christs-oreland.org

