



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

December Newsletter

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ADVENT SEASON TO CHRISTMAS EVE

Advent Season has started and already the Sundays are moving by quickly. Soon we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Eve is packed with worship opportunities.

Starting at 5:00pm with a special children celebration of Jesus' birth. The story will be told with participation from our children. We encourage our children to bring their parents along for they will enjoy this memorable experience too. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

7:00pm is the early Candle Lighting Service.

This service is provided for those individuals who prefer not to stay up late. The service will include communion and a special lighting of candles.

10:30pm is our traditional Candle Lighting Service. As we anticipate the coming of Christmas Day and the birth of the son of God. We worship with communion and as we moved towards midnight a special lighting of candles.

Christmas Eve:

5:00am Children's Celebration

7:00pm Candle Light Service

10:30pm Candle Light Service



PRAYER SCROLLS

This year we invite you to write a meaningful prayer for yourself on a scroll. Tie the scroll with a ribbon and then tie it to our Christmas tree, in the Church Narthex.

You can sign it or not. We plan to

publish prayers in our bulletin, newsletter, and offer them as part of our "Prayers of the Church". This way we can all support and celebrate our special prayers together. Please join us in filling the Christmas tree with prayers.

- 2 Birthdays
- 2 Blue Christmas
- 2 Thank you
- 3 Anniversaries
- 3 Sunday School
- 3 R&R
- 4 Wreaths Cemetery
- 4 Cardiac Pillow
- 5 Mitten Tree
- 5 Donations needed
- 6 Calendar
- 7 Alternative Giving
- 8 House of Worship Tours

2 Shirley Hatfield

5 Branson Ousley

6 Hannah Ousley

Liam Feeney

9 Dave King

12 Janet Long

13 Linda Eicholtz

16 Doug Burkholder

17 Mary Burkholder

19 Patty Snyder

22 Alice Cheeks

27 Dan Goldsmith

29 Matt Plank

31 Jennifer Lowery

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I'LL HAVE A BLUE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU!

In December everyone is excited, with planning and anticipation of events. However, when you have lost someone very close to you the season is a constant flood of memories that reminds you, that you will never be able to make more memories with them again.

As Christians, we know the scriptures and feel comfort in knowing our loved ones are in the care of our Lord and Savior. We do not have a clear understanding in what that is like for them but we have faith.

John 14: 2 Jesus said *"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"*

Because we have faith, this does not mean we do not get sad and grieve. There is no define time line for this grief process. Each Christmas triggers a different and unpredictable response.

On top of our grief we have restriction for the processes that support us in our grief.

There are other forms of loss many members of our community have endured. We lean on our Lord but we also need each other.

St. Luke's is holding a special Christmas Service that allows us to acknowledge our loss and help us focus on the good news of Christ's birth. While observing appropriate precautions.

'Blue Christmas Service'
Will be held at St. Luke's, open to the community on December 19th starting at 4pm and reception to follow.



THANK YOU!

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

Thanks to your generous donations to the Thrivent Food Bank challenge, we have not only met our goal of 500 food items but have exceeded our goal with 672 items currently counted and many more on the way.

We look forward to more opportunities to work together to support our community.

Yours in Christ,
Linda Selby



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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

December 26th—no classes

January 2nd 2022—no classes

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:

Caroling December 12th, meet at the church at 2:30pm. Pizza will be enjoyed by all after caroling. Cost \$3 per person.

ANYONE CAN JOIN!

Special Christmas Program planned for Sunday, December 19th at 9:45am

DECEMBER ANNIVERSIERS

**1 Lauren & Brian
Bukszar**

**8 Laura & Keith
Forman**

**15 Bonnie & Wayne
Barnes**

**23 Chris & Jeff
Bangerd**

**26 Sami & Dave
Thilker**



R & R Anniversary and Christmas Party

Date: December 15, 2021

Time: 10:00a.m.

Where: St. Luke's Fellowship Hall

Please R.S.V.P. by December 7th, 2021

Kellie 443-547-4484





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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICAN

ST. LUKE'S CEMETARY

DECEMBER 18TH Starting at 12:00 pm

If you wish to purchase a wreath to remember veterans, go to the web-site. Make sure you identify St. Luke's Cemetery.

www.wreathscrossamerican.org



We were able to send 80 filled boxes to Operation Christmas Child. They will soon be taking flight to other countries around the world.

NEEDED VOLUTEERS TO SEW PILLOWS

We are making therapeutic cardiac pillows for patient's at Carroll Hospital Center, who have had heart surgery. Recovery can be improved by using these pillows to splint the chest wound while moving around.

Contact Mary Ellen Struhar if interested in helping make these pillows. 443-280-3778



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MITTENS, GLOVES AND SCARFSOH! MY

The **MITTEN TREE**, located in the narthex, stands ready to be decorated with your contributions of outerwear. These “ornaments” will be distributed to our guests at Shepherd’s Table through our March rotation.

Thank you for you gifting spirit!



COLLECTING COATS

Blankets and coats needed

Help keep others warm with



AND BLANKETS

for those in our community in need.

new or gently used coats and Blankets.

Collection Box in Church Narthex.



Collecting for Secret Santa Room

Union Bridge Food Panty needs gift items for children and adults.

Last day to donate is Sunday,

December 19th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>9am</u> R&R <u>7:30pm</u> Al-Anon on Meting	2	3	4
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT 5 <u>8:30am</u> Worship with Communion <u>8:30am</u> Worship on FB <u>9:45am</u> Sunday School Pastor's Bible Study <u>9:45am</u> Confirmation Class <u>11:00am</u> Worship Service	6	7 RSVP R&R Party <u>6:30pm</u> Council Meeting	8 <u>9am</u> R&R <u>7pm</u> Pastor's Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Al-Anon on Meeting	9	10	11 3 - 7pm Historic Houses of Worship Tour
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT 12 <u>8:30am</u> Worship Service <u>8:30am</u> Worship on FB <u>9:45am</u> Sunday School Pastor's Bible Study <u>9:45am</u> Confirmation Class <u>11:00am</u> Worship with Communion Service 2:30pm Christmas Caroling	13	14	15 <u>10am</u> R&R Christmas Party <u>7pm</u> Pastor's Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Al-anon on Meeting	16	17	18 12pm Wreaths Across America
FORTH SUNDAY of ADVENT 19 <u>8:30am</u> Worship with Communion Service <u>8:30am</u> Worship on FB <u>9:45am</u> Sunday School Program <u>9:45am</u> Confirmation Class <u>11:00am</u> Worship Service	20	21	22 <u>7:30pm</u> Al-Anon on Meeting	23	24	25
26 <u>8:30am</u> Worship Service <u>8:30am</u> Worship on FB <u>11:00am</u> Worship with Communion Service	27	28	29 <u>7:30pm</u> Al-Anon on Meeting	30	31	

**JANUARY
NEWSLETTER**

DEADLINE:

Wednesday,

December 29th

If you would like information in the next edition please e-mail

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newwindsor.org**

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[\(1\) St Lukes Lutheran Church NW - YouTube](#)

You will find the recorded 8:30am Worship Services

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83602541109>

Pastor Bob's Bible Study series the link does not change. If you can not find this zoom link check out the Website.

**ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS**
C A T A L O G



**ALTERNATIVE
GIVING
(ELCA GOOD GIFTS)**

Items for ALTERNATIVE GIVING are on display in the church Narthex. There are many selections you

can choose from to give in honor or memory of someone special. Your money or checks (made out to St. Luke's) in an envelop labeled "Alternative Giving" and place in our collection box.

OR you can check out the ELCA Website

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Good-Gifts>

Sign in with Username: secretary@stlukesnewwindsor.org

Password: Stlukes@nw

HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR



Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:00pm—7:00pm

Join HSCC and The Shepherd's Staff

Tour 14 Historic Churches in Carroll County

each decorated for the season

Tickets \$15 Adults / Children 12 & under Free

hsccmd.org/event/hhowt