

THE CHRONICLES

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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Isaiah 11:1 -2 *“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”*

This is the first two verses of one of our Advent readings. Advent is the wonderful time of preparing for the coming of Christ at Bethlehem and coming again. I love the excitement in the air. The lights and many other decorations we see all around us. And, our ongoing prayer that God stir up our hearts, nurture our growth and understanding to the true gift of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

Each Sunday in Advent a candle on the Advent wreath is lit, reminding us of our watchfulness of the coming of the Lord. Connecting us to our story of faith, giving voice to our part of God's unfolding drama. God's great love for us, sending Jesus and an infant reminding us that peace will reign and that the eternal light will shine brightly.

This year, each week in worship you will receive an Advent Meditation. Part of it is a devotional that you can use daily, and, the other part if a mandala that you can color. You will see over the complete picture as you put the pieces together through the weeks of Advent.

Please join us for worship each Sunday, our young people will share their Christmas program on Sunday, December 18th during the service. Christmas Eve we will have a candlelight service at 5:30. Christmas Day there will be no service at LCR but, I invite those who are able to join me to gather at Deer Creek at 3:30 and worship with the residents there.

Blessings to each of you in this season of **Hope – Peace – Joy – and Love,**

In Christ,
Pastor Becky



December Birthdays



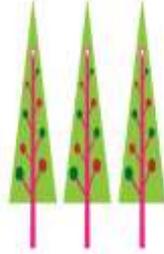
- 6 Robert Sherwood
- 7 Rebecca Heidt
- 9 William Grear
- 17 Christian Sherwood
- 27 Londa Burns
- 28 Claire Valentine
- 29 Dene Burttschell

December Anniversaries



- 30 Jill & Daryl Ready
- 31 Joyce & John Bradshaw

December Events



Sun. Dec. 4 - Church Decorating for the Advent Season will take place after Worship. We will decorate a Christmas tree and other areas while we sing Christmas carols and eat pizza. Come join us while we get in the holiday spirit.

Mon. Dec. 5 - LCR is the host at the Emily Ann Theatre Trail of Lights. We will gather around the Yule Log (near the entrance of the park) while we serve hot beverages and sing Christmas carols. The park will open at 6pm so we will meet at the Yule Log at 5:45 to prepare.

Sun. Dec. 11 – Annual LCR Meeting after Worship – please attend. This will be followed by a Luther 500 planning meeting.

Sun. Dec. 18 – The day laborers gift bags will be put together at 9am by all. The distribution date for these gifts will be announced later.

Sat. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship will begin at 5:30pm.

Sun. Dec. 25 – No Christmas service at LCR but join Pastor Becky and her guitar as she celebrates Christmas with the residents of Deer Creek Nursing Home. This will start at 3:30.

Sun. Jan. 1 – New Year’s Worship will be held at 10am with Pastor John Fox presiding.

AMAZON DONATION

If you like to shop online at Amazon.com please consider using the **Amazonsmile.com** website which allows you to select Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The church receives a donation from Amazon on a quarterly basis that reflects 5% of the amount spent by those who have used this program.

December Worship Helpers

Assistant Ministers

4 Autry Burns
11 Chris Weaver
18 Daryl Ready
24 Blaine Nelson

Acolytes

4 Bella Raska
11 Aiden Boger
18 Claire Valentine
24 Shirley Schliessmann

Readers

4 Chris Weaver
11 Angie Rose
18 Patti Gibson
24 Whitney Cargill

Ushers

4 Merkord Family
11 Travis/Colten Kilpatrick
18 Brandon Merkord/Don Isler
24 Vincent Gordin/Danny Hickman

Altar Guild

4 Shirley Schliessmann
11 Dianne Kilpatrick
18 Ann Fox
24 Shirley Schliessmann

Greeter

4 Angie Rose
11 Arturo Flores
18 Al Stobel
24

Counters

4 Brandon Merkord
11 Arturo and Tamela Flores
18 Jason Valentine
24 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

4 Mary Rodgers
11 Angie Rose
18 Enid Isler
25 Shirley Schliessmann



TRASH AND TREASURE SALE UPDATE

The Trash and Treasure sale repeat on 11/5 netted \$99.50. With a generous gift of \$150 from a parishioner, the total amount from the sale was \$689.90. This is a big step towards purchasing our Wimberley boot. Many thanks to those that donated and organized and worked the sale.

LCR Annual Meeting – Sunday, Dec. 11

After worship on Dec. 11, we will have our annual congregational meeting, please try to attend; we value everyone's input on our journey of Redevelopment. We will be approving the 2017 budget and appointing a male and female voting member to the Synod Assembly.

Year End Donations

The last day to make a 2016 donation to LCR will be on Wed. Dec. 28th. All donations for 2016 must be received in the office by that day. After that, donations will be recorded for 2017. Thank you for your understanding with this.

GRAB A TAG & FILL A BAG!



DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: AMIGOS DE JESUS

LCR will again provide Christmas bags filled with daily essentials (toiletries, hankies, work gloves, socks) for the day laborers who gather daily at the Catholic Church hoping for work. Here's how you can help:

Take a tag (or two or three) from the tree in the narthex, purchase those items, and bring them to church before 9:00 am on Sunday, December 18. The total purchase on every tag is limited to about \$5-\$6 (General Dollar store prices). Monetary donations are also welcome—we'll buy the items for you. Place your donation-cash or check payable to LCR- in one of the envelopes provided on the display table, seal the envelope, and put it in the gift box on the table.

Everyone is invited to help assemble the gift bags at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 18. All are also invited to help distribute the gifts to the men early on a weekday morning (to be determined) before December 24.



December 2015: Helpers of all ages worked together to assemble the gift bags.



Deer Creek Christmas Bazaar

Deer Creek Nursing Home holds an annual Christmas Bazaar which allows their residents to select items as Christmas gifts for loved ones or themselves. They need donations from the community to make this possible. They are looking for items for both men and women such as: *jewelry, nice soaps, lotions, shampoo, scarves, caps, socks, wallets, purses, adult coloring books and their supplies, 2017 wall calendars, blankets, throws, and gift bags (medium and large)*. They cannot accept: candy, candles, glass or ceramics. They ask that all donations be dropped off in their front lobby before Friday, Dec. 9th.

Prayer List

Mary Rodgers
 Estelle Hill
 Tyler Proue
 Melinda Pace
 Robert Sherwood
 Shane Whitaker
 Michael Thurman
 Dub Pool
 Patricia Melton
 Trey Aldridge
 Carol Peregoy
 Alex Little
 Diane Cowart
 Marty Taylor
 Ken Cargill
 Sarah
 Ford Curtis
 Ginnie Groda

Thank you !

Thank you for the November altar flowers donation from Jill and Daryl Ready and thank you to all who provided for the pot luck at the anniversary luncheon.



“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” - James 1:17