



December 22-31, 2024
CtL Announcements



Dear Ones,

As we inch closer to Christmas, I feel the flurry of activity growing. From travel plans, tree decorating and gift shopping to worship preparation and planning for the end of the fiscal year, it is a busy time. This dynamic of active waiting may be part of what makes Christmas so special. We plan to slow down and when we do, it is all the sweeter. When we light candles on Christmas Eve and sing Silent Night in the darkness, it can be a blessed relief to have finally arrived. Perhaps our lives are not entirely unlike those early families that travelled to be counted in the census, Joseph and a pregnant Mary among them.

For decades now, scholars have repeatedly pointed out that our translation of the Greek word in Luke 2:7 to “inn” is not the most accurate. Most bible translations have chosen to stick with the words “there was no place for them in the inn,” perhaps due to its cherished place in Christmas pageant scripts. A more accurate translation might be “guest room” or “living quarters.” Mary and Joseph were very possibly staying at the home, perhaps of a relative; and it was so full of other guests!

This changes the nativity scene, in my imagination, to one that more resembles what many homes will be like around our country--filled with family and friends, gathering and sleeping wherever they can. It becomes a story of preparing to welcome, of opening our hearts and homes to each other and to the infant Jesus.

This year at Christ the Lord, we will enjoy both cherished traditions and new things. On **Tuesday, December 24, our Christmas Eve Services at 5pm and 7pm** will both be streamed live. While both services are family friendly, the message at the 5pm service will be crafted for little ones. On Christmas Day we will worship informally at 9am. There will be no bulletin or livestream. You will, however, have the opportunity to call out Christmas carols! The church office will be closed after Christmas and we will be happy to welcome you back for a **Service of Lessons & Carols on the First Sunday of Christmas, December 29.**

As the flurry continues up to and through Christmas, my prayer is that you may find peace, joy and a new openness to the arrival of our Savior. That arrival may come in the form of a stranger turned friend, a moment of stillness or jubilation around the tree, or a simple act of welcoming yourself just as you are this season. May Jesus find you, wherever you go this season.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Anna Riehe

MOVIE NIGHT!!

Date: Friday, December 20

Time: 6:00 pm

Miracle on 34th Street



**FOOTHILLS
FOOD BANK**
& RESOURCE CENTER

DECEMBER WISH LIST

PEANUT BUTTER
BOTTLED WATER

CHICKEN SOUP
CANNED PASTA/RAVIOLI
CANNED FRUIT
PASTA SAUCE

CANNED PASTA (RAVIOLI)
PAPER TOWELS

JELLY
CHILI
TUNA FISH
PASTA
TOILET PAPER
DIAPERS
SIZE 5,6



<https://www.gcsynod.org/news/bishop-hutterer-teranga-hospitalidad-and-the-spirit-of-generosity>

From time to time, we hear from some members their desire to give less in benevolence to the GCS. What a testament to the good of our gifts to our Synod.



Christmas Eve Worship Services

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship Service

9:00 am (In person only, not live streamed)

Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 29, 2024

9:00 am

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER POSITION OPEN

With Sue's imminent re-retirement, the Administrative Manger position is now open. Please spread the news far and wide that CtL needs to fill that position. We thank Sue for her dedication to CtL and her willingness to fill in during our search for a permanent pastor. The job is currently posted on CtL's homepage:

<https://ctlcarefree.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Administrative-Manager-Job-Description-December-2024.docx-1.pdf>

On Craigslist: [Administrative Manager at ELCA Lutheran Church - admin / office - administrative job employment - craigslist](#)

Mission Partners

Foothills Caring Corps
"Grace in the City for Good"
Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Foothills Food Bank
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Parish in Ndengisivili & Watoto Ministry



CtL Prayer List

New Requests in green

Special Intentions

Michael (son)
Donna (Doug's sister)
Sophia Bradley (niece)
Todd Kennedy (brother)
Alexander Deleon (AF) (nephew)
Michael Naber Jr. (AF) (grandson)

Doug & Nancy Besemer

Sal Martello
Mark Kennedy
Gerald & America Naber

Home Bound

Jean Bente

Health Issues

Pete Carpenter	
Keith Kittle	
Nancy Hales (Heart Issues)	
Brent Saunders	
Jason Wright	
Susie Bradstock (friend)	Dave & Gretchen Clark
John Anderson (brother-in-law)	Jerry Graunke
Erika (wife)	Roger Greaves
Jim & Sandy Nelson (friends)	Bonnie Kodis
Scott (father)	Jacob Soulliere
Jan Parilla (friend)	Tom & Luann Spraker
Bill and Patty Coulter (cousin)	
Mike & Jackie Strosnider (friends)	Susan Farrington
Susan & Scott Farrington	
Ken Mulzer (friend)	Bob & Dian Flach
Ron Flanders (brother)	
Marilyn & Krystin Flanders	Marilyn Flanders
Larry & Joyce Vetch (friends)	
Toni Lusk (friend)	Keith & Kristy Hainy
Jaren David Corral (friend's brother)	
Michelle (friend)	Mark & Valerie Kennedy
Brenda Schotter (niece)	
George (cousin)	Skip & Joan McGinnis
Bill (brother)	
Lyn	
Charles	Dan & Diane Nelson's friends
Judy Jones (friend)	
Jim Johnson (friend)	
Shirley Prescott	Brent & Pam Saunders
Helena Harja	
Paula (daughter)	Jan & Carla Skladany

Cancer

Doug Besemer
Ted Pederson (brother-in-law)
Steve Bocchieri (friend)
Pat Miller
Linda Lamphier (friend)
Pat Moran (friend)
LaRoy Luther (friend)
Mary Anderson (sister)
Dr. Ian Akiyama (friend)
Joe Marotta (friend)
Trevor, Charissa (friends)
Nicholas Teknos (family)
Debbie Chevalier (best friend)
Ellen Murphy (friend)
John White (friend)
Marilyn Bennett (sister-in-law)
Chuck Vandenberg (brother-in-law)
Mike Stevens (husband)

Larry Glenn (friend)

Tom McIntyre (friend)
Renaë Hampton (friend)

Karen (daughter)
Travis Brown (family)
Ruth Mueller (friend)

Paul Skoog (friend)
Tom (friend)
Eileen Hovey (friend)
Jamie Smith (friend)
Kirsten Wampler (Dan's sister)
Anna DeLeon (niece)
Steve Chaudet (friend)
Mike Shanklin (friend)
Amy Andrejko (Diane's cousin)
Joel Lassman (friend)

Carol Albers
Doug & Nancy Bessemer
Pete Carpenter
Frances Emerson
Grace Farrington
Owen & Ruth Germundson
Jerry Graunke
Kennedys and Nelsons
Mark Kennedy
Sue Mayfield
Frank & Joan McGinnis
Pam McGinnis
Bill Murphy
Jan Murphy
Brent & Pam Saunders
Tom & Luann Spraker
Dorothy Stevens

Robin Coleman & Kay Krueger

Frances Emerson

Bob & Dian Flach

Dan & Diane Nelson

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