





Last Midweek Advent Service this Wed., Dec. 19 at 11am. Join us for this expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. Free lunch after the service. Advent Devotions are available for pick up at the Welcome Center


 **Thank you to all those who stopped by the 4th grade craft sale last Sunday!** The students raised over \$600 through your generous donations. They took that money to *Feed My Starving Children* on their field trip on Friday and gave it to the organization as a Christmas gift! Each FMSC meal costs 25 cents, so they were able to fund 2,400 meals! Wow. Thank you for being a part of this project with us.


 **Come and join us at the greenhouse!** This provides hands-on learning for our CLS students and a chance for our church members to connect with our school students. We will have the greenhouse open TODAY from 9:30-10:30am for visitors. The greenhouse is an ongoing project we are in need of a little extra help. If gardening is an interest of yours and you would like to serve in this way, please email Mrs. Ramsey at jramsey@cclphoenix.org.


 **Christmas Poinsettias** Place your order now for poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary and gym for Christmas. Order forms are available in the church office or at the Welcome Center on Sundays. **Each plant is \$10 and must be ordered by TOMORROW.**

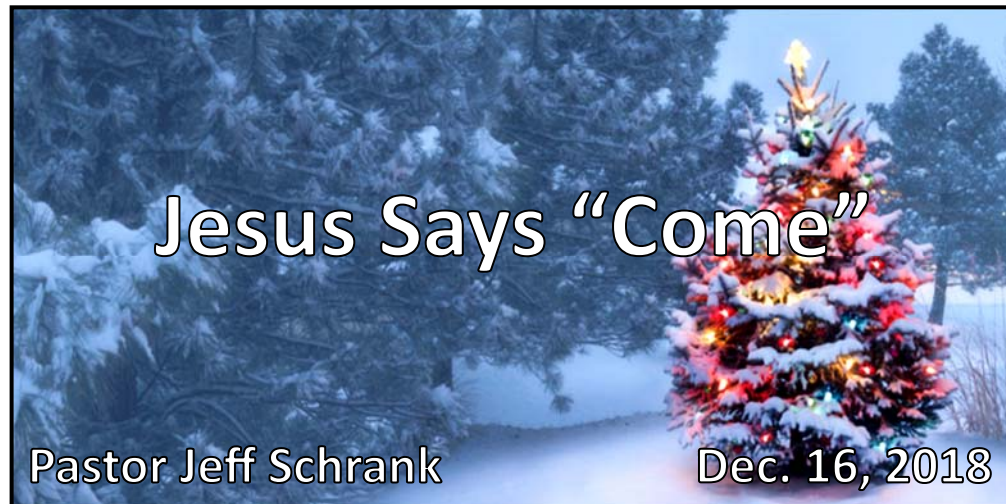
 **Christ Cares for Kids Needs You!** God is growing this ministry and we are in need of your help! If you are looking for a way to serve as a family or as an individual, please consider this ministry! CC4K is open on Mondays from 4:30-7:30pm and Wednesdays from 9-11am. Contact Trish Karpurk at tkarpurk@cclphoenix.org. Help be the hands and feet of Jesus to these families who might not otherwise know Him.

Letter Writing Ministry: If you are a Garuna Kid sponsor and want to write a note to your sponsored child in Cambodia, please leave them in the church office by January 6. They will be translated and hand-delivered to your child! The children are learning about the real meaning of Christmas and celebrating Jesus' birth at their 6 Garuna Christian Schools!

 **Looking for a way to serve?** This winter ALOMA will be hosting the amazing moms and kids from Weldon House from January 5-6th. ALOMA will be providing the facilities and programming to serve these families in recovery. But what we need are the hands and feet of Christ to pour out love on these families. If you cannot attend, but would like to support this ministry, we are in need of winter clothing for children of all ages. Please contact Linda Nixon with any questions at 602-319-2126.

 **Best Practices for Ministry 2019 is Feb 21-23!** We are in need of volunteers to come help make this conference the best yet! We are expecting to reach our maximum possible attendance of 2,500 so the need for joyful, servant hearts is great. You may sign up to volunteer using our special link at <http://signup.com/go/tNUyFMj> or go to our church website (www.cclphoenix.org) and click on the Volunteer Now picture.

 **Support our Youth Attending the LCMS Youth Gathering!** **Golf Ball Sales**—the young people are continuing to sell Golf Balls to raise money over the next few weeks. Stop by their table on the patio. They make great stocking stuffers! **Donation**—you can make a tax deductible donation directly to the team. This can be done online through online giving, by check (memo: NYG Donation), or by dropping cash in our giant Minnesota Sign!



Pastor Jeff Schrank

Dec. 16, 2018

Thirsty?

Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)

¹“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Reason With Me

Isaiah 1:18 (NIV)

¹“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

The Feast

Luke 14:15-24 (NIV)

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁶Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ ¹⁹“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ ²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ ²¹“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ ²²“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

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Christmas Town is on Dec 16!

11:45am-1:30pm

Gyroscope, Petting Zoo, Crafts, Christmas Midway and Prizes
Be sure to dress warmly in case it snows!



 **Living Nativity Tonight!!** Invite your friends and neighbors to look inside the Christmas story like never before with live animals, actors and singers. Performances will start every 20 minutes from 5:30pm to 7:30pm tonight in the CCL parking lot. There will also be free home-baked cookies, and warm drinks to make the evening Merry and Bright.

 **Christ Cares 4 Kids Giving Tree!** Don't forget to pick up a tag for purchasing gifts for the children of this ministry! Please return unwrapped gifts to the Welcome Center by **THIS Wed., Dec. 19.** Thank you to all who have already given so generously!

2018 Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:

10am-Lessons and Carols	3:30pm-Petting Zoo and Camel Visit
4pm-Children's Worship	5pm-Family Christmas Celebration
6:30pm-Spanish Worship (Chapel)	7pm-Contemporary Carol Service
9pm-Traditional Carol Service	10:30pm-Traditional Carol Service

**All services have candlelight except for 10am and 4pm*

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10am-Christmas Day Worship

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday (Contemporary)	5:00pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00am & 10:45am
Sunday (Contemporary)	8:30am & 10:30am
Sunday (Spanish)	12:30pm
Sunday Night Church	5:00pm

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- Nursery care** is available from 8am-noon for children ages 6 months-3 years old in the Nursery at the top of the stairs in the Christian Life Center.
- Please fill out a Welcome Card** and place it in the offering or give it to an usher. Prayer requests can be shared on the back of the card.
- Large print bulletins and hearing enhancers** are available for persons needing assistance in the 8am and 10:45am services.
- Sanctuary Pew Cushions** are available in the Narthex. Pick one up and return it after the service.
- Visit the Welcome Center on the patio** for information about how we can serve you!



Cross Town meets in the nursery during the sermon at the 8:30am and 10:30am services and is for children in **Preschool – 3rd grade**. Children will be brought back to the service after the sermon. **Sunday School helps to build a foundation of faith for young children, and creates conversation starters as you grow your faith at home with your family.** Preschool (starting at age 3½) and Kindergarten meet in Room 12. 1st-3rd Grade meet in Room 14. 4th-6th grade meet in Room 16, with the option of joining “Youth Bible Study,” in the Camelback Room in Grade 6. Sunday School meets every week from 9:40-10:25am. We hope to see your children there!

Sunday Adult Classes 9:30-10:25am

The Early Church
(Gym) Pastor Jeff Schrank
1 Peter
(Chapel) Pastor Dave Schmidt
Christian Caregiving
(Room 10) Pastor Tim Duerr

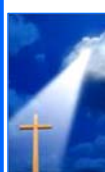
Special Ed. Class
(Phoenix Room) Lucinda Glenn
Youth Bible Study
(Camelback Room) Kyle Bennett



AAM Bible Study led by Pastor Dave, **will not be held** Dec. 19, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The Bible study will commence on Jan. 16. The next program and luncheon meeting will be held Jan. 9 at 9:30am. If you have further questions, please contact Terry or Sandie Ruehs at 602-971-3788.



LWML Seminars Jacob Baumann and Chad Biar will each receive \$750 toward their tuition from the LWML Christmas party offering! Thank you for your generosity!



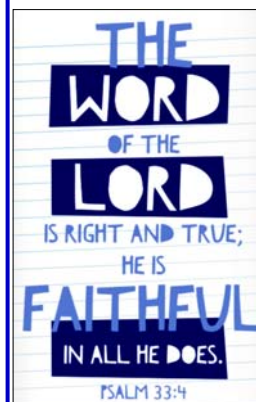
Can you help? The CCL usher teams are looking for **two new ushers to fill existing vacancies**. This will be to serve for communion services, generally twice a month. We will provide training. Please contact Team Captains Ron Buchanan (602-319-0830) or Rick Engelbart (480 948-9034) to assist. Thanks for helping.



For those who requested envelopes may pick them up at anytime. Your name and envelope are printed on the front label, affixed to the box. **Please note your envelope number on your check, as well as the envelope when you turn them in.**

This is especially important for any cash gifts. This will ensure that your gift is noted for tax purposes. If you would like to give online, please visit the church website (www.cclphoenix.org) and click “online giving” at the top. We thank you so much for supporting our ministries!

Christ Lutheran School



Welcome today to our 3rd and 4th grade students and their families. These students are helping us worship at the 10:30am service under the direction of their teacher, Miss Elena Fox. We thank the students for their beautiful praises to God! We hope your family will visit us again at any of our worship services.

CLS Christmas Program: Our fourth and final program will be this Wednesday evening, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary and will feature our 5th-8th graders who are in the choir, band, praise band, and handbell programs. We invite you to join us that evening as we worship together with our

oldest students.

Christmas Break at CLS: Students and teachers will finish school for the year (2018) on Fri., Dec. 21. School dismisses after chapel at 11:30am. School will resume on Tues., Jan. 8. There will be no extended care services provided during this time. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas break, celebrating the real reason for the season---the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Chapel Offerings: Our next chapel offering focus for the months of December and January is through the Pacific Southwest School District's (CLS is part of this district) Hearts for Jesus program, with this year's focus on **Hope and Care for Children, Inc.** We are challenging each class to bring in \$40 (roughly \$2 per student), \$1,200 as a school. These offerings will be used to help families needing medical care in Liberia. Want to know more? Visit www.hopeforchildrenorphanage.com.

Support Christ Lutheran School at No Cost to you!

“I am writing this to shed light on the impact that your donations have had on our child and our family as a whole. First and foremost our son loves Jesus, and has developed character and integrity through the partnership of our parenting and the reinforcement of the same biblical principles he learns at home being taught at school. That is for us the greatest impact of all that our son is in an environment everyday where he is loved, respected and taught the love of Christ and how to share the love of Christ with everyone around him. We are also extremely grateful for the high quality of education he is receiving at CLS.” Parent of current CLS student.

*Please refer to the AZDOR website for the most updated allowable contribution amount. An STO cannot award, restrict or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of donor recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. CLSTO gives scholarships solely based on need. Student recommendations are not accepted.

Christ Lutheran School Tuition Organization! A donation to the Christ Lutheran School Tuition Organization allows donors to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit while funding scholarships for children who could not usually afford to attend Christ Lutheran School. If you would like to contribute please go to <http://www.clsphx.org/clsto>.

Taxpayer(s)	2018-Single	2018-Married	2019-Single	2019-Married
AZ Form 323*	555	1110	569	1138
AZ Form 348*	552	1103	566	1131
Total that may be claimed*	1107	2213	1135	2269

This Week

Dec. 16 — Dec. 23, 2018

TODAY

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:45 AM Christmas Town
- 12:30 PM Misa en Español
- 3:30 PM 3 & 4 Grade Youth Group
- 5:00 PM Sunday Night Church
- 5:30 PM 5-8 Grade Youth Group
- 5:30 PM Living Nativity

Monday

- 4:30 PM Christ Cares for Kids
- 7:00 PM PALS Meeting

Tuesday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Motet Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Christ Cares for Kids
- 9:30 AM AAM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Advent Service
- 6:30 PM 5-8 Grade Christmas Celebration

Thursday

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

Friday

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Contemporary Service

Saturday

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Classes
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:30 PM Misa en Español
- 3:30 PM 3 & 4 Grade Youth Group
- 5:00 PM Sunday Night Church
- 5:30 PM 5-8 Grade Youth Group

Bulletin request deadline: Tuesdays at noon



Prayers

If you have a prayer request please connect with Beverly Rasmussen at 602.992.2147 or email bevarasmussn@gmail.com.

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| Denise Bauer | George Regas |
| Lon Bendler | Martie Reith |
| Monika Butzbach | Brent Ringle |
| Marie Davis | Mary Ann Schaff |
| Dan Dunbar | Jan Schirtzinger |
| Bob Elliott | Lois Sikorski |
| Helen Genuit | Brie Spencer |
| Susana Guido | Dick Steinke |
| Nancy Hatfield | Winifred Steinke |
| Debbie Hemminghaus | Sue Stephens |
| Brian Herndon | Marjorie Tardiff |
| Dick Herkert | Kay Trusheim |
| Randy Huber | Wally Voight |
| Ray Jivery | Kim Walton |
| Erin Loher | Shoan Zeleke |
| Ardyth O'Hair | All Shut-in members |
| Alice Peel | |

Our Nation and the World

- *Peace through Christ in our world
- *Our President and government leaders
- *Protection for our Armed Forces & First Responders

Our Church Community

- *Persecuted Christians throughout the world
- *LCMS and CC-L Leadership
- *Altar Guild
- *Women's Ministry
- *Christ Cares Ministries
- *Sunday School
- *College Students
- *Lutheran Hour Ministries
- *Persons suffering from depression
- *Sims family, for the loss of their daughter, Tina, on 12/7
- *Friends and family of George Bellas, who passed away on 12/8
- *Praise and thanksgiving for the baptism of Hunter Olsen on 12/22

Contributions 12/09 Actual Budgeted

Last Week	\$33,129	\$33,855
FYTD	\$756,000	\$901,665
Capital Improvement Fund FYTD		
	\$6,425	\$16,800

Parking Lot Project

Funds Raised \$210,265 Needed \$450,000

Total Worship Attendance

Dec. 3 — Dec. 9, 2018 1,597
Dec. 2 — Dec. 8, 2018 103 Jail/Prison



Altar Flowers

To place flowers on the altar, please sign up at the Information Center on Sundays or in the office during the week.