

Youth Group at CC-L is cancelled today and next Sunday, Dec. 30. Have a safe, joyful Christmas and New Year with family! We will see you next year!

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. **We will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will open again on Wed., Jan. 2, 2019.** For more information, contact Trish Karpurk at tkarpurk@cclphoenix.org. Help be the hands and feet of Jesus to these families who might not otherwise know Him.

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.

Caregiver's Support meets every Thursday evening from 6-8pm at Christ Cares Ministries, 4018 N. 40th Street. If you are a hands on care-giver of a loved one or helping parents in transition, this is the group for you. We meet weekly to listen, support, encourage, spend time in God's word and pray for one another. **We will not be meeting this Thursday, 12/27, or next week on 1/3/19. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!**

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!

Our New Member class (101) and our "Getting Connected" class (201) will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27. Anyone wishing to join our church or learn more about the Lutheran Church is encouraged to attend our New Member class from 12:30-4:00 pm. Those who attended the 101 class within the last few years or anyone who has transferred to CCL from another congregation is encouraged to attend our "Getting Connected" (201) class from 12:30-2:30pm. Childcare will be available and lunch will be provided at 11:30am in the Canyon room. RSVP to Grace Turney at 602-363-0475 or gturney@cox.net, or sign up at the welcome center.

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!



Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

John 1:1-18 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.



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 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

Christ Cares for Kids Christmas Tree Thank You!
YOU are the reason that over **135 families** are able to give their children Christmas gifts this year!! Over **300** Christ Cares 4 Kids tree tags were swooped up and **you** went shopping and **you** returned gifts and our CC4K parents are blessed and grateful!! **THANK YOU** for being the hands and feet of **Jesus** to our community! Merry Christmas!

Church Christmas Office Hours—
December 24 – 9 AM to 12 PM
December 25 – Closed
December 26 through December 28 – 9 AM to 2 PM
December 31 – 9 AM to 12 PM
January 1 – Closed
January 2 through January 4 – 9 AM to 2 PM
January 7 – 8 AM to 2 PM
January 8 – back to regular hours (7:30 AM to 4 PM)

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
 3901 E. Indian School Rd.
 Phoenix, AZ 85018
 602.955.4830
www.cclphoenix.org



- 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. 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!



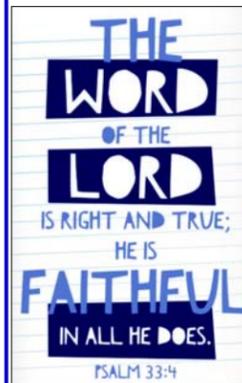
Can you help? The CCL usher teams are looking for **two new ushers to fill existing vacancies**. This will be to serve for communion services, generally twice a month. We will provide training. Please contact Team Captains Ron Buchanan (602-319-0830) or Rick Engelbart (480 948-9034) to assist. Thanks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



Christmas Break at CLS: School will resume on Tue., Jan. 8. 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, \$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.

New Applicants for CLS (2019-2020): Interested in enrolling your child at CLS? Now is the time! Let your friends and neighbors know too! For a tour, please call the school office at 602-957-7010 or visit our Open House on Jan. 10 from 9-11am.

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. 23 — Dec. 30, 2018

TODAY

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

Monday Christmas Eve

10:00 AM Lessons & Carols Worship
4:00 PM Children's Worship Service
5:00 PM Family Worship Service
7:00 PM Contemporary Carol Service
9:00 PM Traditional Carol Service
10:30 PM Carol Service with Motet Choir

Tuesday Christmas Day

10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday

Thursday

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
5:45 PM Celebrate Recovery

Friday

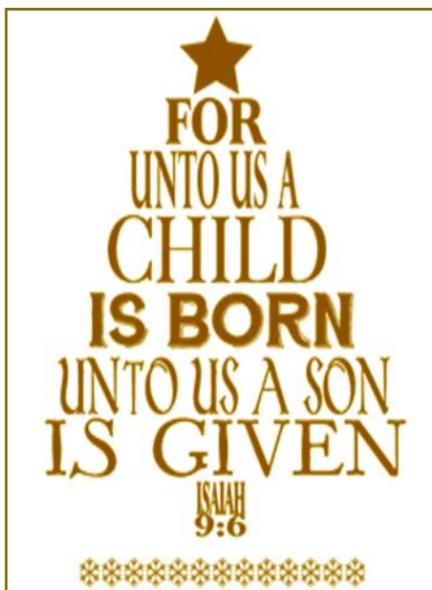
Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10:45 AM Traditional Worship
12:30 PM Misa en Español

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.

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
*Laborers for Christ
*LWML
*Unemployed and underemployed
*International House of Friendship
*Seminary Students
*Families
*Praise and thanksgiving for the baptism of Cameron Denise Baker on 12/23

Contributions 12/16 Actual Budgeted

Last Week	\$29,713	\$33,855
FYTD	\$785,713	\$935,520
Capital Improvement Fund FYTD	\$6,905	\$17,500

Parking Lot Project

Funds Raised \$212,825 Needed \$450,000

Total Worship Attendance

Dec. 10 — Dec. 16, 2018	1,921
Dec. 9 — Dec. 15, 2018	N/A Jail/Prison

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Jerry and Grace Turney, with thanksgiving and praise for the 1st and 2nd coming of Jesus.



The center bouquet is given by the Altar Guild. Glory to God in the highest and praises to the newborn King!