



Jewels

A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

December Worship Schedule

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays – 9 AM

Advent Worship
Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 4 PM

Christmas Cantata
December 13 at 4 PM
December 14 at 9 AM

Christmas Eve
Dec. 24 at 4 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day
December 25 at 10 AM

New Year's Eve
with communion
December 31 at 4 PM

From Pastor Mark

Hurry Up and Wait! Each year we wait for Christmas to come. Some start thinking about next Christmas right after the decorations and lights are packed away. The preparations seem to be starting earlier every year. Children want the time to hurry up and Christmas to come quickly because they anticipate getting that special gift. We all enjoy the music and the lights and the decorations. It truly is a celebration of God's love in Jesus.

"Hurry up and wait" is a common military phrase describing the experience of being rushed to complete a task or arrive at a location, only to have to wait for an extended period for something to happen. This occurs because military operations require extensive planning and coordination. While deployed with Battalion Landing Team 1/4, United States Marine Corps, I remember waiting for the commanding officer for three hours, only to have to come back later. It was very frustrating, but a very predictable part of being in the military. My time was not my own.

The entire Old Testament is a record of the people of God waiting on the Coming Messiah. The sin and death and evil in the world begged for a Savior to come quickly. The people of God anticipated His Advent as the Reigning King who would rescue them from their enemies and destroy the power of sin and death. The prophecy begins at Genesis 3:15 with God's Word to the serpent: **"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[e] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."** This was fulfilled at the cross of Jesus Christ, the true promised child of Adam and Eve. He crushed the power of the devil, sin, and death by his dying and rising.

After the birth of Jesus, he was taken to the Temple to present Him to God. Simeon was an old man who was waiting on the Lord to fulfill his promise. It has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Anointed. A sin-sick and death-destroyed world wanted the Savior to come quickly, but he came in God's time, at the right time. Simeon held the infant Lord, the Promised Messiah, and praised God. We know his hymn of praise as the Nunc Dimittis, which is used in our liturgies.

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of
all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

Simeon waited his whole life, faithfully in the Temple, and at last saw what he was promised. The time between a time of desiring Christ to come quickly and his appearance was a time of worship.

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Jesus
IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON

December 2025



Bible Studies

Sundays

**Bible Class 10:15 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Mondays

**Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Wednesdays

**Bible Class - 9:30 AM
(Parish Hall)**

Fridays

**Men's Bible Study -
9:00 AM
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday
(Chapel)**

**Bible Class
10:30 AM (Chapel)**

**No Bible Classes will
meet on December 14,
19, 22, 24, 29 & 31.**



We are called to be faithful, be ready, keep watch for He is coming as reigning King and Lord.

In the time of Advent we anticipate celebrating the first coming of the King at Christmas, but also look to the end of time for his Second Coming. We pray, Come Lord Jesus! Come into our hearts by your Spirit through the Word, and at the end of time come that we may gaze upon the beauty of God's presence with our eyes.

God bless your celebration preparations! We can now depart in peace for we have seen the Lord, the gift of our salvation in Him.

In Christ's love, Pastor Logid



From Tom Mertins COL President

Thanks to all of you who attended, listened to, voted on, and approved all the items presented at the November voters' meeting. Your continued support and love for our congregation is living proof of God's continued presence and guidance in this special place.

It dawned on me after the meeting, that, in voting for the new board nominees so quickly, I failed to introduce them to the assembly. My sincere apologies to each of them. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you who these "newly chosen" few are so you will recognize them when you see them.

- Bob Gaudinier is the new vice president. He was pretty naughty as a child and his dad always made him sit in the front of church as a punishment. To this day he honors his dad by always sitting in the second pew on the center left on Sunday and always looks pious with his bible and hymnal open. He tries to blend in with his white hair but if you look closely, he's there.
- Mark Budensiek, Tim Jehn and Steve Worster are returning elders who have served and will continue to serve the bread and wine at communion. You will recognize them by their brightly lit halos that sit like "cloven tongues of fire" on their holy heads.
- Bettie Ore, treasurer, was the one who dodged all the rolled-up bulletins that were thrown at her when she presented the newly adopted 2026 budget at the voters' meeting. Just look for the lady with a few healing bruises.
- Curt Connolly is a returning trustee who served and will continue to serve as trustee.
- Doug Butner is a newly elected trustee. You probably don't know him – he is hardly ever in church since he spends most of his time in the maintenance closet sharpening tools and waiting for something to break – so, just break something and he will introduce himself.
- Tina Mallonen, new head of Outreach, spends a lot of her time buying sauerkraut and brats at Sam's Club or turkey and stuffing at Safeway since she and her husband head up Oktoberfest and the Christmas dinner. If you are at Sam's Club or Safeway and see someone pushing 5 carts full of food, just say hello because that will be Tina.

So now you know all the new committee members – I feel so good about finally having introduced them to you. We welcome all of them to their new positions.

LADIES OUT TO LUNCH

By Denise Trevarrow

We had a great turn out for "The Ladies Out to Lunch" last month. Seventeen beautiful ladies met at Biscuits for lunch and fellowship. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Check at the Information Desk for next month's location. Hope to see you there!!





Nothing is Impossible with God

Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

The Advent and Christmas season is a precious time, yet it can feel heavy when we are grieving the loss of someone we love. In these holy weeks, the Lord invites us to anchor our hearts in His promises. Each Sunday of Advent draws us deeper into Christ's comfort, pointing us to the Savior who came to heal, redeem, and restore.

Hope – First Sunday of Advent (November 30)

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed (, you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matt. 3:1-2, 11).

Joy – Third Sunday of Advent (December 14)

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand (James 5:8).

Peace – Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21)

*To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:7).*

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Christmas Day (December 25)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7).

God calls us to be patient, trust Him, and align our will with His. We will be with our loved ones again in Heaven.

If you are grieving the loss of your spouse this Christmas, please join us on **Wednesday, December 10, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** for our **"Loss of a Spouse Seminar."** At this encouraging seminar, you will learn:

- How to handle overwhelming emotions
- Where to find the strength to go on
- What to expect in the days to come
- How to grieve in a way that's healthy and suited to you
- Biblical principles that help you deal with your grief.

Our 13-week GriefCare program, **"Your Journey from Mourning to Joy,"** will begin on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. This program will provide ongoing support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. *There is no requirement to share, and those who do not wish to share can benefit greatly from listening to others in the group.* To register for these sessions, please call Christine Escobar at 808.778.1141 or email griefcare@colchurch.com.

God's Blessings of Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace be with you this Christmas.



I want to thank and praise God for sending me such a wonderful supportive COL family of friends during my several stays in the hospital and the speedy unplanned move to Solstice Senior Living Community by my children. Many thanks to Pastor Mirly and Pastor Logid for their loving kindness during this difficult adjustment. They were like angels.

I have learned again that I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength.

Love, in His service, Marilyn Goodnight

December 2025



Join us for our Advent fellowship events!

We'll gather in the Parish Hall each Wednesday from **2:00–3:30 p.m.** for food, fun, and time together:

December 3: Cookout & yard games

December 10: Soup cook-off

December 17: Pizza & cookie exchange

If you'd like to enter a soup in the cook-off or contribute cookies for the exchange, please sign up at the Information Desk (place form in black box), or by contacting the church office.

Our fellowship events are open to everyone, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors! No registration is needed to attend. For the **December 3 cookout**, please let the church office at 623-546-6228 or office@colchurch.com know if you plan to come so we can prepare enough food.

Our elders will be helping at each event, making this a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and get to know your elder. After each gathering, we invite you to stay for **Advent worship at 4:00 p.m.** We look forward to celebrating the Advent season with you!



USHERS NEEDED FOR 2026

It's that time again when your usher coordinators are currently working and arranging the 2026 usher lists. As we truly appreciate all who have stepped up to serve as ushers, we are reaching out to invite you and others to continue to serve in this way or join us. Please know that other than being able to stand for a bit of time, no previous experience is needed. We will gladly work with you or assign you with someone who currently ushers. We will not leave you hanging. Also know that this is such a fun way to serve at Crown of Life and you will make so many new friends. If you are interested, please contact one of us so we can get you on the calendar for a month or weeks that would work for you. We look forward to hearing from you by email or phone or contact one of us at a service. Many thanks and blessings to all of you!!

Sunday Services

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Wthay1@hotmail.com

Carol Friday 412-335-9822
fridaycj@aol.com

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Kathy Beilstein 623-523-3156
kathyb3156@gmail.com

PROCEDURE FOR ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS & PRICE INCREASE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

Sign the flower book (located in Narthex by Parish Hall) with your name on the line on the week you want the flowers on the altar. If you have a color preference, please note that, and the purpose for your flowers (such as anniversary, birthday or in memory of) **Your order must be written in this book before the 15th of the month before the date needed. This will allow proper ordering and will ensure it will appear in the Jewels.**

The cost for each arrangement is \$60.00 unless you would like special flowers added (ie, roses), then an extra charge will be added. You can pay for your flowers by placing a check in the collection plate. Make sure to write "flowers" on the memo line. The flowers are yours and can be taken home after Sunday service. If you don't attend Sunday service you will be able to pick up your flowers from the church office at your convenience. For questions regarding special orders, certain colors etc., please call Denise at 623-879-2630. Thank you and God bless you! Denise Trevarrow



Set Apart to Serve as the Body of Christ in this World

Christine Escobar, Care Ministry Coordinator



God created us and set us apart for a Holy purpose. Christ has called us together in his church family to represent him in this world. *By this, all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another* (John 13:35).

Care Ministry Blessings – October 2025

- **Our visiting team** visited or called 29 members of our church family.
- **Our meal team** prepared and delivered meals to 6 members of our church family and baked several dozen cookies for our Scholastic students.
- **Our handyman/tech team** helped 10 members of our church family with light handyman or technology needs and **delivered 500 lbs. of food to St. Mary's Food Bank.** Duane Rawson reports that people are currently lined up around the entire St. Mary's Food Bank building to pick up food.
- On November 17, 2025, we received the following letter of appreciation from St. Mary's Food Bank.

Thank you from St. Mary's Food Bank in Surprise!

Your dedication to donating helps us feed over 700 families daily, where we have seen an increase to over 900 families daily. St. Mary's Food Bank operates through volunteerism and is a charitable, non-profit organization. Our ability to serve individuals and families is simply because of your generosity.

Thank you for choosing to support us and your community.

Sincerely, St. Mary's Food Bank Engagement Team

Please join us for an educational session with Hospice of the Valley on Monday, December 15, 2025.

Feel free to invite guests who would benefit from this presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

COME AND JOIN US!

REGISTER AT 623.471.9355



Crown of Life Lutheran Church
13131 W Spanish Garden Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Monday, December 15, 2025
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Guest Speaker:
Hospice of the Valley

Care for the Caregiver

Caring for a loved one can be both rewarding and challenging. Learn how to optimize your loved one's well-being and take care of yourself in the process.



Please contact any of the team leaders listed below with questions, requests, or to volunteer with our ministry.

Homebound/Care Center Visits

Darlene Markle 970 623 9360
Dee Harries 785 562 6801

Love Meal Request/Referral

Robin Coursen 303 249 2644

(Light) Handyman/Technology Services

Duane Rawson (Trustees)
928 925 0453

Community Resources Referral/ Questions:

Christine Escobar 808 778 1141 or
Email GriefCare@colchurch.com



December 6/7

Jim & Suzanne Duncombe in celebration of Jim's birthday and in loving memory of Suzanne's mother.

To sign up for flowers sign the flower book (located in the Narthex by the Parish Hall). Flowers are now \$60.

Assimilation News

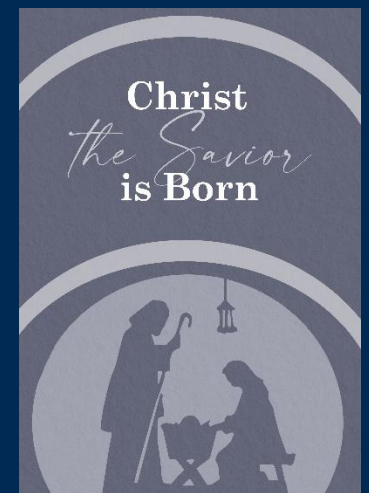
By Judith Axelson, Assimilation

Sign-ups start in December for Dinners for 6 that begins January-March. Sign up at the Information Desk.

Sign-ups have started for the Barleens matinee on February 19th. Cost is \$75 and the bus leaves at 10:15 am. Sign-up at the Information Desk.

Ladies Out to Lunch will be on December 16th - watch the announcements for more details.

Greeter signups for Sunday are available on the Information Desk through August. We Need You!



December 2025



Crown of Life Contribution Statement by Email

Would you prefer to receive your Crown of Life contribution statement by email instead of mail? Just fill out the form below to receive your contributions statements by email. Form must be submitted by December 31, 2025 in order to received your 2025 statement by email.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you have any questions please contact Holly Gast in the church office at office@colchurch.com or 623-546-6228.

2026 Contribution Envelopes

The 2026 contribution envelopes will be available in the Narthex for pick up starting December 3.

Please remember that ALL contributions received **PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, 2025** will be reflected on the **2025 contribution statement**. All contributions made **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2025** will be recorded in **2026**. This applies regardless which envelope you use.



Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Formula

Canned Fruit
Rice and Beans
Baby Food

Canned Soup
Cereal

Canned Protein
Pasta

HELP THOSE IN NEED! Crown of Life's Outreach Committee will be hosting a Christmas Food Drive from November 23rd all the way through December 14th. Your donations will help benefit West Valley Food Bank, as well as St. Mary's Food Bank. We are accepting non-perishable food items, as well as brand new, un-opened hygiene products. Some of the most requested items from foodbanks include:

You can bring your donations to the barrels in the Church Narthex on the weekends, or the Church Office during the week. Thank you for helping those in need during this Holiday Season!



A Special Invitation for You...

You are invited to explore the COL library located in Parish Hall. Whether you are a new or a frequent visitor to the library shelves, we hope you will enjoy the many interesting books generously donated by your fellow COL members. If you have a book to donate, please place it in the basket marked "donations" on the shelf of the case in front of the windows. Three new subject areas that need books are: Large Print, Christian Fiction, and Kid's Readings. When you borrow a book, returns may be placed in the "returns" basket in the same case, as we are pleased to re-shelve it for you. There is no sign in/sign out sheets and no "due dates" for borrowed books. If you love a book, feel free to share it with a friend or family member.

You are also invited to select a **free book(s)** to keep for your own library (or to give away) from the table in the narthex before or after the CANTATA performance on **December 13/14**.

Questions? Or if we can help, see Janet Wenk or Judy Manell. Happy Reading!

"THANK YOU" TO YOU

Diane Hammann, Mission Board

The definition of "Thank You" is "an expression of [gratitude](#) in response to something done or given. The definition of "Gratitude" is "the state of being grateful; warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor; kindness awakened by a favor received."

Your Board for Missions members feel the "warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor" ... **that's you**, as we read the Thank You letters and newsletter updates from those on Crown's Missions list, locally, nationally and internationally.

Here are the names of **new**, very appreciative students Crown has financially adopted for the 2025-26 school year:

- Scott Preuss, married with family, attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.
- Matt Rochester, a single, first-year student also attending the seminary in St. Louis.
- Andrew Harrill, married, attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN.
- Joshua Gerken, married with daughter Callan, also attending CTS in Ft. Wayne.

And, the names of **new**, deeply grateful missionaries your gifts are sponsoring:

- Rev. Jonathan Anderson, Panama
- Vicar Zachary Turley, Japan
- Vicar Gavin Johnson, Dominican Republic
- Missionary Grace O'Neal, Germany

Thank you from us, too, for the privilege of serving on your Board for Missions: Carl Browning, Jim Drake, Diane Hammann, Karen Murphy, Pat Pritchard, Pam Wehking, and Janet Wenk.



ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Advent By Candlelight

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

WHERE: Sanctuary and Parish Hall

TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

SPEAKER: Damon Bailey from Youth Haven (our Angel Tree Recipient)

Plan to join us and bring a friend, neighbor or family member. Sign up at the Information Desk by Dec. 3rd.





Women in Mission

By Rita Grover



Who and what is LWML? We are women of the Lutheran Church. No "joining" needed. You are a member automatically when you join an LCMS church. Please join us if you are interested in spreading the Gospel. Monthly meetings are the second

Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Chapel. Please consider joining us. Help spread the Good News! THE LEAGUE PLEDGE :

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Praise!

Our group here at Crown of Life has been needing a President and Vice President and we have been blessed with two individuals coming forward to serve in these positions. We welcome Mona Hein as President and Denise Trevarrow as Vice President. We are very grateful for the two of them. Our next meeting will be a celebration of Advent by Candlelight. Please sign up at the Information Desk before Dec. 3rd.

Mites are received on the first full weekend of every month. The box is on the Information Desk and a reminder is on the screens and in the bulletin each month. Checks can be written to Crown of Life. Please write Mites on the information line. What are Mites? Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box



contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](https://www.lwml.org) and implement the LWML program. 2025-2027 Mission Grant Nov. Highlight #4 The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. \$100,000 Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time pastors and church workers. Supplying the church with church workers is one of the highest priorities of the LCMS, since pastors and commissioned church workers preach and teach the Word of Christ through which the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith. The demand for more pastors, Lutheran school teachers, and commissioned church workers is urgent. This grant will help to cover a part of the expenses of creating resources, travel and presentations at workshops and conferences, and staffing. For more information please go to www.lwml.org



Angel Tree

November 16 – December 7



This year our congregation here at Crown of Life will gather toys for Youth Haven in Eloy, Arizona. Youth Haven needs new, unwrapped toys and gifts for kids between the ages of 7 and 13. Youth Haven will be giving children in need toys this Christmas season as part of their on-site programs, doorstep deliveries, and mailed Christmas care packs. Youth Haven will make sure to let the children know the toys were purchased for them by people who care about them and believe in their worth. And they tell them about the greatest gift anyone could ever receive... Jesus Christ.

Suggested Items:

Backpacks (boys and girls)
Bath & body gift sets
Batteries
Board games
Bracelet/jewelry making kits

Card games (UNO, Skip-Bo, etc.)
Cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox)
Coloring & activity books
Craft kits
Art supplies
DIY project kits for boys
Fleece blankets

Legos
Puzzles
Remote control cars
Spiral art kits
Sport balls/NERF balls
Stuffed animals

Questions? Contact Rita Grover 623-247-9604

December 2025



WORSHIP WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Musical Celebration

December 13th at 4:00 pm
December 14th at 9:00 am

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

December 25th at 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Worship

December 31st at 4:00 pm
with Holy Communion

Advent Midweek Worship

December 3rd, 10th, 17th
at 4:00 pm



"Read Scripture Study" Wednesday Bible Class

With the Advent season upon us, the "Read Scripture" Bible study on Wednesday mornings is beginning a new series. This year's series will follow the Gospel of Matthew, along with supporting Old Testament and Epistle readings. The intent of the series is to better prepare us for the upcoming weekend worship services. Join us in the Parish Hall each Wednesday at 9:30 for an informative and enlightening review of God's Word. Class will not meet on December 24 & 31.

You are invited to a
**KID'S
ENTREPRENEUR**

Event



ALL ITEMS ARE HANDMADE BY KIDS! SOAP,
ORNAMENTS, SWEET TREATS, CANDLES,
SOURDOUGH, AND MORE!

Thursday December 4th 10:30-11:30am

Crown of Life Lutheran Church
13131 W Spanish Garden Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Christmas Pageant & Hymn Sing

Join us for a Festive Hymn Sing & Christmas Pageant put on by Surprise Scholé Academy

Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 PM

Christmas Cookies and Hot Chocolate bar following!

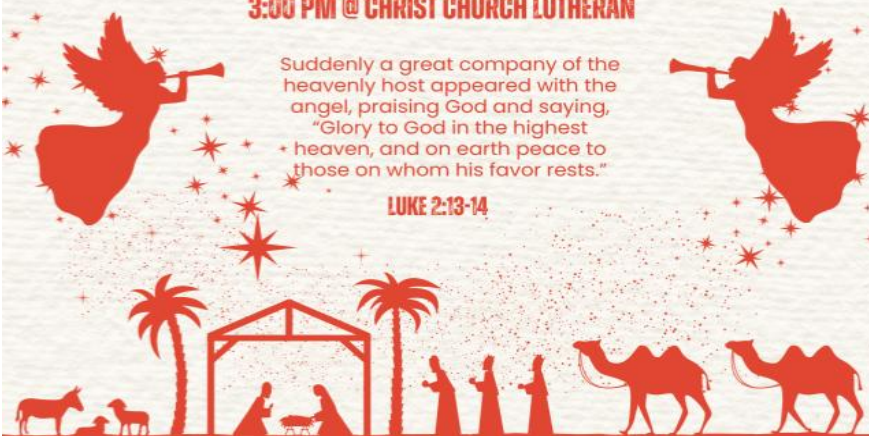


VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
3:00 PM @ CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

LUKE 2:13-14



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Join your friends for a Traditional Christmas Dinner

by Eddie and Tina Mallonen

It's that time of year again! Crown of Life will once again offer the traditional Christmas dinner with a "take out" option where you can pick up your dinner with all the trimmings to eat in the comfort of your own home – OR – we will be providing the opportunity to enjoy the "take-out" meal in the Parish Hall. Seating in the Parish Hall will be limited to the first 95 people that request a reservation. Orders must be received no later than Thursday, December 18th.

- The **menu** isn't changing. **Turkey Dinner** includes roasted turkey, dressing/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy and a King's Hawaiian roll. **Ham Dinner** includes spiral sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, spiced apples and a King's Hawaiian roll. For **Dessert**, you will have a choice of a slice of Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie.
- The **Price** will be just \$12 per delicious dinner, which includes dessert.
- **Sign-Up is easy!** Simply fill out your **order form** which will be available in the Narthex beginning on Saturday, November 29th and in the December Jewels.
- After **completing** your **Order Form**, please place the form with your payment (Cash or check - payable to "Crown of Life Lutheran Church") of \$12 per meal dinner in an envelope and drop it in the **Christmas Dinner Order Box** in the church office when the church office is open and during church services. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE FORM IF YOU WOULD PREFER THE **TAKE-OUT** option or if you would like to **RESERVE SEATING** in the Parish Hall.
- Seating for **RESERVED TABLES** will be in the Parish Hall between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM.
- Christmas Dinner pick up for **TAKE OUT** will be in the Parish Hall with **TWO** time slots – you will designate on your form your preference – 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM **OR** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- As in the past, we will need many **VOLUNTEERS** to help make the Crown of Life Christmas Dinner possible. Volunteers are needed Tuesday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) morning to help with the food preparation. Volunteers are also needed on Wednesday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day) to help with check-in, meal and dessert packaging, order pick-up, meal service, and clean up. **Sign-up** information and forms will be available in the Narthex and in the Jewels.

We hope you will join your friends and Christian family for the Christmas Dinner as we celebrate the birth of Christ with food and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Eddie Mallonen at 414-484-7541.

Crown of Life Christmas Dinner Volunteers Needed!

The Christmas Dinner team needs your help! If you would be interested in assisting us on Christmas Eve **AND/OR** Christmas Day, please complete the volunteer sign-up form below. You can place this sign-up sheet in the Christmas Dinner Order Box in the church office. Once it is received, you will receive an email acknowledgment with your assigned station.

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FOOD PREPARATION:

FOOD PREPARATION will be done in the Church Kitchen and Parish Hall on Christmas Eve – **Wednesday, December 24th -- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

EMAIL: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

We will need Volunteers on Christmas Day – **Thursday, December 25th – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. We will need several people to help check in people who are picking up meals; putting the hot meals into to go containers; and other various tasks throughout the service time.

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

EMAIL: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH CLEAN-UP:

We will need Volunteers on Christmas Day – **Thursday, December 25th – 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM** to assist with clean up as meals are served and picked up.

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT Eddie Mallonen 414-484-7541 or emallonen6662@gmail.com for more information.

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS DINNER - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

RESERVED TABLES Seating in Parish Hall between 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

ORDER FORM

TURKEY DINNER

Includes:

Roasted Turkey
Dressing (Stuffing)
Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Turkey Gravy
King's Hawaiian Roll

of TURKEY Dinners _____

HAM DINNER

Includes:

Spiral Cut Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Spiced Apples
King's Hawaiian Roll

of HAM Dinners _____

PIE CHOICE - ONE PER MEAL:

Pumpkin
Apple

PIE CHOICE - ONE PER MEAL:

Pumpkin
Apple

RESERVED SEATING IN THE PARISH HALL SEATS NEEDED:

CIRCLE ONE:

TAKE OUT - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

TAKE OUT - 12:00 - 1:00 PM

PAYMENT METHOD (Circle One):

CASH CHECK

COST \$12 PER DINNER - AMT ENCLOSED: _____

PLEASE PRINT:

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE PLACE FORM & PAYMENT IN ENVELOPE & DROP IN THE
CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER BOX

Last Day to order Christmas Dinner is THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH

Questions? Call or Email Eddie Mallonen 414.484.7541, emallonen6662@gmail.com



December Servants

Vacancy Pastor Rev. Dr. Mark Logid

Pastoral Assistants Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Mark Hein, Rev. Ray Mirly, Rev. Gary Smith

ELDERS

(4:00) Lowell Janssen, Chris Schmidt, Eddie Mallonen, Paul Brown

(9:00) Tim Jehn, Bob Gaudinier, Lowell Janssen, Randy Schulz

TRUSTEES

(4:00) Larry Lienemann

(9:00) David Koelsch

FLOWERS

Judy Briddle, Florella Denzin, Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Judy Razo, Lynda Rud, Kathe Schmidt, Denise Trevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim, Ellen Wolfgang

TELLERS

Kathy Beilstein, Judy Briddle, Ken Grover, Chris Grundy, Dale Johnson, Judy Manell, Sheila Mecham

GREETERS

Saturday: Donna Dempsey, Arline Orchowski, Ginger Stribling

Sunday: Jill Lienemann, Ginette Janssen, Jean Butner

Guestbook: Jan Sullivan

ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Susie Tomaszewski, Judy Meyer, Bettie Ore

(9:00) Anne Hagen, Joan Thiese, Shelly Donham

USHERS

(9:00) Harold & Lynda Rud, Jim & Carol Friday



1 Donna Braatz

1 Mary Striewing

2 Lynn Weber

3 Jack Coyle

3 Sharon Neff

3 Ginger Stribling

4 Louis Garippo

4 Carol Kleinschmidt

4 Tina Mallonen

6 Ted Manke

6 Rob Senkbeil

8 James Duncombe

8 Lee Gregoire

8 Jean Pohlman

10 Jim Friday

10 Randy Winfrey

11 Rich Bolton

12 Kate Vitulli

12 Patience Williams

13 Marilyn Matz

15 Chris Beck

15 Peter Graumnitz

15 Helen Kohn

16 Bonnie Kimble

16 Cathy Meyer

18 Ken Stinar

18 Steve Worster

19 Judy Razo

21 Robert Barden

23 Caroline Boll

23 Wade Simpson

23 Jan Walker-Barden

23 Dave Wallin

24 Mischa Boesen

24 Gloria Burkhardt

24 Chris Grundy

24 Ginett Janssen

25 Michael Fenske

28 Carol Friday

29 Thomas Bauer

29 Debra Jess

29 Jill Lienemann

29 Barb Simpson

30 Bob Hammann

30 Donna Nusbaum

31 Jonah Boesen

31 Linda Mann

31 John Schalk



1 Paul and Lorna Richardson

3 Bobbie and Bob Gaudinier

5 David and Pamela Sweet

8 Keith and Cathy Warne

9 Gerry and Audrey Harpt

11 Richard and Sharon Mann

16 Lawrence and Victoria Mills

18 Don and Marilyn Swanson

26 Al and Marilyn Waldron

27 Loren and Mary Scheer

27 Merv and Cindy Schmidt

28 Scott and Sharon Michael

29 Dan and Cindy Owens

30 Larry and Mary Bonrud

30 Tom and Valerie VanNess

30 Bob and Kristine Weber

Merry Christmas

From the Church Staff to you!
Have a blessed and merry Christmas

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 9:00am Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15am Bible Class (Parish Hall) | 1 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45am Prayer Team (Chapel) 1:00pm Care Ministry Leader Meeting (Chapel) | 2 8:30am Elders (Chapel) 9:00am Stitches (Parish Hall) 1:00pm Assimilation (Conference Room) | 3 9:30am GriefShare Support (Chapel) 9:30am Read Scripture Study (Parish Hall) 2:00pm Fellowship Event (Parish Hall) 4:00pm Advent Midweek Service (Sanctuary) | 4 7:30am Scholé (Entire Church) 1:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) | 5 9:00am Men's Bible Study (Chapel) 9:30am GriefCare Facilitator Meeting (Conference Room) 10:30am Friday Bible Study (Chapel) | 6 Food Drive (Parish Hall) LWML Mites (Info Desk) 9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 4:00pm Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) |
| 7 Food Drive (Parish Hall) LWML Mites (Info Desk) 9:00am Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15am Bible Class (Sanctuary) 3:00pm Christmas Pageant and Hymn Sing (Sanctuary, Parish Hall) | 8 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45am Prayer Team (Chapel) | 9 9:00am Stitches (Parish Hall) 1:00pm LWML - Advent by Candlelight (Parish Hall) | 10 8:30am Trustees (Conference Room) 9:30am Loss of Spouse Seminar (Chapel) 9:30am Read Scripture Study (Parish Hall) 2:00pm Fellowship Event (Parish Hall) 4:00pm Advent Midweek Service (Sanctuary) | 11 1:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) | 12 9:00am Mission Board Meeting (Conference Room) 10:30am Friday Bible Study (Chapel) | 13 12:00pm Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 4:00pm Cantata Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 14 9:00am Cantata Worship Service (Sanctuary) | 15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45am Prayer Team (Chapel) 2:00pm Care Ministry Seminar (Parish Hall) | 16 9:00am Stitches (Parish Hall) 11:30am Ladies Out to Lunch | 17 9:00am Church Council (Conference Room) 9:30am Read Scripture Study (Parish Hall) 2:00pm Fellowship Event (Parish Hall) 4:00pm Advent Midweek Service (Sanctuary) | 18 1:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 4:30pm Surprise Christian Preschool Christmas Concert (Sanctuary, Parish Hall) | 19 | 20 4:00pm Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) |
| 21 9:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:15am Bible Class (Parish Hall) | 22 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45am Prayer Team (Chapel) | 23 9:00am Stitches (Parish Hall) | 24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary) | 25 Christmas Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Christmas Day Service | 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 27 4:00pm Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 28 9:00am Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15am Bible Class (Parish Hall) | 29 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 1:00 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Parish Hall) 10:45am Prayer Team (Chapel) | 30 CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 1:00 9:00am Stitches (Parish Hall) | 31 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4:00pm New Years Eve Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary) | 1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day | 2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 3 Food Drive (Parish Hall) LWML Mites (Info Desk) 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Music Room) 4:00pm Worship & Communion (Sanctuary) |