Welcome to Christ Lutheran

Welcome to worship! May the Holy Spirit bless and nourish us as we worship together. We hope that you come again soon! If you are worshiping with us for the first time and would like more information about our congregation, please ask Pastor Paula.

First graders and their parents or guardians will be making Yule Logs today in the Large Youth Room during Sunday School (from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.) Pastor Paula will teach a brief lesson on Advent and then the group will be shown step by step how to make a yule log.

Today we celebrate Advent Beginnings from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The entire congregation is invited to get into the holiday spirit making homemade Christmas Cards, Christmas decorations and frosting and decorating Christmas cookies. We are decorating the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and food will be served. A free will donation will be taken to cover the cost. This is a great opportunity for kids to make something for mom and dad or grandma and grandpa. Plan to stick around for this fun event!

Mark your calendars -- No Sunday School next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are decorating the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary this morning. Stop by and hang a few ornaments on the trees or help hang ornaments and lights as a family. We start at 9:45 a.m. following second service and it shouldn't take long. Confirmation students will earn a service hour for helping. Plan to help decorate the tree in the Narthex next Sunday!

Bethel Circle will be selling dish cloths this morning and on Sunday morning, December 8 between worship services. Cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. These dish cloths make great stocking stuffers so get a jump start on your holiday shopping! Cash or check only please.

Stewardship Reminder packets were mailed this week to members who have not turned in their pledge cards; please return your pledge card as soon as possible. You can turn it in at the church office or in the white painted chest on the information desk in the Narthex. Your pledge is important – it will help us plan the 2025 church budget. Please contact the church office if you need a packet.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, <u>there is no Wednesday meal</u>, <u>Confirmation Class or God and Games this week</u>. These activities will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving evening worship will be held on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Covenant Lutheran. Pastor Paula will be preaching with special music provided by the people from St. Anne's, Covenant and Christ Lutheran. All are welcome.

The next **Senior Luncheon** is scheduled for **Monday, December 16**th **at 11:30 a.m.** The **Stoughton High School Madrigal Singers will perform following lunch.** They will be dressed in their madrigal costumes and perform acappella Christmas music. The menu includes meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and squash, lefse and Swedish rye, rommegrot and krumkake, coffee and

milk Cost is \$12. Sign up in the Narthex.



We need your help at the Lutefisk Dinner on Sunday, December 8! Many opportunities and times are available Saturday, December 7 (set up and prep) and Sunday, December 8 (day of the dinner); the sign up board is in the Narthex. Dine in tickets are sold out but carry out reservations are

still available. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$12/children (4 to 12 yrs old), children 4 and under are free. For carry out reservations, call the church office or email office@clcstoughton.org. Tickets will be mailed once payment is received.

Looking for something fun for your kids to do over the holiday break? There will be a Church Lock-In for youth in grades 5-8 on Friday, December 27th from 9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Activities include cosmic bowling with fries and cheese curds, pizza, games, a nerf gun and more. *Sleep is optional*. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday; parents can pick up at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Sign up in the Narthex.

Are you missing a red and black bicycle? A red and black bicycle showed up in the Narthex on a weekday in late October when Church Directory pictures were being taken. No one has claimed it. Help us solve the mystery and find the owner.

Are you missing a silver earring? A silver and orange earring was found in the parking lot recently. If this is yours, you can claim it in the church office.



Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant for the altar this Christmas Season, they are available for \$19.00 each. Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and return to the church office by **Friday**, **December 13**.

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