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Living Christ Lutheran Church's Vision:



*Embracing Hearts —
Transforming Lives —
Sharing Jesus' Love*

**Join us for our Christmas
Sing-ALong**
Saturday, December 6th
Time: 2:00 PM



Advent

Advent Services
December 3rd,
10th and 17th
7 pm

Christmas Eve Service
In Sanctuary and Online
Wednesday, December 24th
7 pm



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The Living Letters

December 2025

EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the crèche. Then on Christmas we will focus on the decorated presents which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

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MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 1 EVERGREENS

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of evergreens—from Christmas trees to pine garland. The evergreen decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent—a season of preparation. Today we will consider how evergreens point us to the coming of Christ and the eternal life that He brings.



MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 2 LIGHTS



We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of lights—from candles to twinkling LEDs. These luminous decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent, a season of preparation. Today we will consider how lights point us to the coming of Christ and the glory He brings.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 3 CRÈCHE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of the crèche—the miniature model of the nativity scene. The crèche is a distinctively Christian decoration in that it depicts the characters involved in the nativity of Christ: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the angels, the stable animals, and—most important of all—the infant Jesus. As we view this manger scene, we recall the timeless story of God coming to earth as a baby to redeem us from our sins.



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Come Worship with us

December 7, 14, 21 and 28
At 10 am
In Sanctuary and Online



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December 24 Christmas Eve
Service
7pm In Sanctuary and Online

Worship Notes and Previews

12/7: Second Sunday in Advent Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

12/14: Third Sunday in Advent Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 11:2-15

12/21 Fourth Sunday in Advent Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

12/24: Christmas Eve 7 pm Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 1:18-25



12/25 No Worship Service

12/28 First Sunday after Christmas Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14
Galatians 4:4-7
Matthew 2:13-23

Advent Services

December 3rd, 10th and 17th
7:00 pm

Light supper at 6 pm



Join Us at
Advent Worship



The year ends soon and a new year begins. Let's start out the New Year by partaking of an opportunity to sign up for Altar Guild for a week or a month in 2026.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator.

Thank you for your participation. We'll be happy to help you learn or to assist in any way.

Please call Laura or Lynne H. (847)577-7133 if you have a question.



Those Serving us this Month

Altar Guild: Smitha

Pastoral/Communion Assistant:

12/7 Art
12/14 Marty
12/21 Art
12/24 7 pm Marty
12/28 Art

Lay Reader

12/3 7 pm Marty
12/7 George R.
12/10 7 pm Gilda
12/14 Smitha
12/17 7 pm Becky
12/21 Marty
12/24 7 pm George R.
12/28 Smitha

LCD Projector:

12/3 7 pm Patty
12/7 Smitha
12/10 7pm Lynne H.
12/14 Patty
12/17 7 pm Smitha
12/21 Lynne H.
12/24 7 pm Patty
12/28 Lynne H.

Live Streaming

12/7
12/14
12/21
12/24 7 pm
12/28

Ushers:

12/3 7 pm Art
12/7 Fred and Jack
12/10 7 pm Marty
12/14 Smitha and George
12/17 7 pm Art
12/21 Marty and Jack
12/24 7 pm Smitha and George R.
12/28 Jack and Fred

Welcomers:

12/3 7 pm Gilda
12/7 Nancy
12/10 7 pm Gilda
12/14 Laura
12/17 7 pm Nancy
12/21 Laura
12/24 7 pm Nancy
12/28 Laura



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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD WRAPPED PRESENTS

We decorate for Christmas. Our decorations include wrapped presents—gifts in colorful boxes and bags that are placed under the Christmas tree. But these gifts all pale in comparison to the gift that started it all at Christmas—the gift of God’s Son, whose birth brings us regeneration, renewal, and eternal life. On Christmas [Eve], we consider how the gifts under the tree point us to God’s indescribable gift in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bill

Christian Service

The **Ministry of the Month** for December is Lutheran Church Charities. Lutheran Church Charities’ logo says “Making a Difference”, and their goal is to show the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to a hurting world. Donations given to LCC for specific needs are passed along 100%, whether it is for a person needing a car to get to work, a pastor needing help with large medical expenses, a church needing a roof, or comfort dogs traveling to the site of a recent disaster. The money we are giving to them this month will be for their administrative costs which are not paid at all from these designated donations.



Please pray for Lutheran Church Charities and all they do for our community.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE AT LCLC



Mites will be collected Sunday, December 7th. Mites are collected the 1st Sunday of the month every month by the Women’s Guild. \$70.50 was collected for mites in November. The mites collected go to the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, which supports many international mission projects. Thank you for your support. For more information, see www.lwml.org or see Nancy.



Here is the first Mission Grant accepted at the National LWML Convention for 2025-2027.

About This Mission Grant

Millions of people around the world are blind or visually impaired and are seeking to strengthen their Christian faith but find it difficult to access scripture-based reading materials. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is committed to providing Christian materials in braille and specialized large print world-wide at no cost.

With a part of the grant funds, LBW will establish five new Ministry Production Centers in the United States. LBW will hold five related servant events at LWML conventions, Lutheran universities and schools, and district youth gatherings. Service opportunities provide young people with the chance to grow in their God-given gifts and share the Gospel.

This grant will allow LBW to produce and freely distribute approximately 10,000 additional volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials. This grant will be used to purchase specialized paper, card stock, braille plates and equipment, and for training and shipping costs.

Nancy

OUTREACH

Thank you for once again showing such generosity to the foster children under the care of Lutheran Child and Family Services. They and their foster families will be blessed because of you. As donations are being accepted through November 30th, I don't have a total yet for our giving, but I'll get back to you next month.



It's almost here! Our annual Christmas SingAlong is Saturday, December 6 at 2 pm. There'll be lots of singing of Christmas favorites, and light refreshments will be served. It's free, so bring your friends and get your hearts prepared for Jesus' birthday!

Don't forget to begin inviting friends and neighbors to the Feed My Starving event on Saturday, January 17 at 4:45. Our neighbors love getting together to pack meals for hungry children around the world, and yours may too. If you have questions, talk to Patty or Marty.



Becky

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We plan to meet on December 4th. Watch the calendar for dates in January. Please join us as we knit and crochet items for those in need. We meet on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. For more information, contact Judy.



An altar flower sign-up sheet for 2026 will be on the bulletin board next to the elevator. Please sign up for 1 or 2 arrangements for a Sunday. More than 1 family may sign up for the same date. The price for the coming year will be: \$70 for 2 arrangements or \$35. for one. Please let the office know if the flowers are in celebration or memory of someone or for a special occasion. Any questions, see or call Laura or Lynne H. at (847)577-7133.

Newsletter Assistants—Below is the schedule for the next several months.

Month	January '26	February '26	March '26
Articles due	12/15	1/15	3/15
Ready to proof	12/20	1/20	3/20
Proofer	Becky	Gilda	Karen
Ready to collate	12/27-28	2/23-24	3/23-24
Collate team	Linda	Kathy	George



Thank you to Gilda and George R. for your help with the November newsletter.

CHRISTMAS in NOVEMBER

Thank you for donating your time and gifts to make Christmas in November again so successful this year.

Many helpers worked Saturday filling hygiene/gift bags and matching kids coats with hats and gloves. We were thankful for the **54 new** kids coats.

So many handmade items and dish cloths wrapped over bars of soap 45 bags filled with toiletries, puzzle books, candy and calendars

The 12 coats were given to School District 21 plus 10 gift bags

The hygiene/gift bags and the rest of the coats, scarves and gloves were given to Partners for our Communities,

Thank you again for everything you do whether you donate items, your time or money to help purchase the necessary toiletries we need.

A big thank you to **Thrivent Financial** for the wonderful support through Action Team cards which allows us to purchase so many coats. We could not do all of this without their help.



God Bless you
Arlene



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the November 9th presentation, the focus was on the exciting refresh on the Stewardship program at Living Christ Lutheran Church (LCLC). Key points included:

- Stewardship overview
- Different ministries currently active at LCLC.

Preview of the December presentation

The upcoming December presentation will focus on the Communication Ministry program. The event is intended to be an informational overview learning how LCLC communicates its purpose and connects with its congregation and the wider community.

Sincerely,
Smitha, Director of Stewardship



12/1 Gilda
12/7 Susan
12/9 Darla
12/12 Joe
12/14 Sara
12/18 Seth
12/27 Maddie
12/29 George



Dale and Edward
12/28/74
Eleanor and Gary
12/28/73
Smitha and Pravin
12/28/98



PLANNING AHEAD

Dec. 3 Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 6 Christmas Sing-a-Long
Dec. 7 Mites collected after service
Gift Card Orders placed
Dec. 8 LifeLine Screening
Dec. 10 Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 17 Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service
Jan 4 Mites collected after service
Gift Card Orders placed
Jan. 17 Feed My Starving Children event
Jan. 20 Board of Directors Meeting



Need help with your shopping?

Scrip orders will be placed Dec. 7th. This will be the last order date to be received before Christmas. Cards come in denominations from \$10 to \$100. Begin thinking if there is a gift card or two you could purchase for gifts. For more information, feel free to ask Patty.

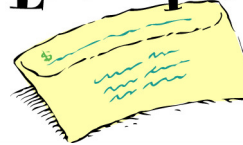
Contact me to place your order and make arrangements for receiving your order.
Patty



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Marty

Offering Envelopes



The 2026 offering envelopes will be ready soon to be picked up in the lobby of the church.

Altar Flowers

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Lifeline Screening: Have You Taken Control of Your Health?

Life Line Screening will be here at Living Christ Lutheran Church on Monday, December 8th, 2025 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. **Three ways to register:**

Call toll-free: 866-229-0469

Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Text: the word **circle** to **797979**



We have some **COMPLIMENTARY SCREENINGS** available. If you are interested, please contact the church office before you sign up.