

ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH



WORSHIP TIMES

December

- 9:00 am Bethany
- 9:00 am Silver Lake
- 10:30 am Immanuel
- 10:30 am Lunder
- 10:30 am Winnebago

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED IN DECEMBER

First Sunday – Lunder, Silver Lake, Winnebago

Second Sunday – Bethany,

Third Sunday Immanuel, Lunder,
Winnebago (*walk thru style*)

Christmas Eve – Bethany, Immanuel,
Silver Lake, Winnebago

Christmas Day – Winnebago



One in Christ Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday, November 27th

At Lunder Lutheran Church

Offering: Operation Clothes for Kids
& Christmas Food Baskets

A description of "Operation Clothes for Kids" is under the "Community" section of announcements – we will have

Christmas tags to pick-up at the worship.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday School Christmas Programs

Sunday – December 8th

- Immanuel 10:30 am "Crismons – Symbols of Christianity"
- Winnebago 10:30 am "New Star"

Wednesday – December 11th

- Bethany 6:00 pm "The Christmas Story"

Sunday – December 15th

- Silver Lake 9:00 am "Ornaments of Christmas"
- Lunder 10:30 am "His Name Is Jesus"

Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 22nd

- Lunder 10:30 am Christmas Carol

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24th

Worship w/Candlelight & Holy Communion

- Bethany 6:00 pm "Silent Night, Holy Night"
- Immanuel 4:00 pm Candlelight & Carol
- Silver Lake 7:00 pm Candlelight & Carol
- Winnebago 4:00 pm "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, December 25th

Celebrated w/ Holy Communion

- Winnebago 10:30 am "God With Us"



POINSETTIA ORDERS



Sign-ups sheets are in the Narthexes
When you sign-up please let us know if the Poinsettia is "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of".

BETHANY POINSETTIA ORDERS

The Poinsettias will be \$8.00 each. **Sign-up deadline is Sunday, December 1st.** Please turn your money into Bonnie Rodberg, checks payable to Bethany Altar Guild and in the memo – Poinsettia.

LUNDER POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to be used in the Sanctuary this Christmas Season. *There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex – choose between Red, Pink, & Cream Poinsettia, sign-up deadline Sunday, November 24th.* The price for each Poinsettia is to be \$12.00 w/bow or \$10.00 w/out bow. Please make check payable to Lunder Lutheran Church, give to Amy Wadding, and in the memo – Poinsettia.

SILVER LAKE POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to be used in the Sanctuary this Christmas Season, **sign-up deadline Sunday, December 1st.** The Poinsettias will be \$12.50 each. Please make your checks to Jeanne Loberg and give to her.

WINNEBAGO POINSETTIA ORDERS

The Poinsettias will be \$8.00 each. **Sign-up deadline is Sunday, November 24th.** Please make your check payable to Winnebago Lutheran Church, turn in to Sandy Lindflott, and in the memo – Poinsettia.

DECEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

	<u>Kermit/Janora/Harlan</u>	<u>Pastor Randy</u>	<u>Pastor Bill</u>
December 1	I	SL,L	B,W
8	W	SL,I	B,L
15	L	B,I	SL,W
22	W	SL,L	B,I
24/25		SL,I	B,W
29	B,I,L	SL,W	

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KC NIGHT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM **The Miracle of Jesus** A Christmas Event for the Family **Wednesday, December 11th** **at 6:00 pm**

Everyone is invited. Come hear the KC (Kids & Christ Youth) tell the Good News of Jesus' birth in word and song.

The Miracle of Jesus Christmas Event includes:
Christmas Program - "The Christmas Story" play
A meal for all will be served
Explore and learn about Jesus on the streets of Bethlehem!

Bethlehem Bakery ... The Fisher's Pier ...
The Spice Shoppe ... The Toy Shoppe ...
& The Wool Trader.

At each Shoppe families will learn about some of the miracles that Jesus performed.



Tickets on sale now

A Cup of Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 7th
9:30 am at Bethany

The Bethany WELCA invites you to their Annual Program – "A Cup of Christmas Tea" on Saturday morning, December 7th at 9:30 am. Tickets – Adults \$8.00 Children 12 & under \$5.00. Contact Terry Anonson (588-3129) or Mardene Lien (588-3383).



TAPESTRY SINGERS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm
at Salem Lutheran Church.



NOISY OFFERING

All One In Christ Churches
Sunday, December 1st

Foster Care Clothing & Etc.

Donations will help provide daily needs of foster children. Things like shoes, coats, toiletries, gift cards, diapers/wipes, even duffle bags and suitcases (so kids don't have to use garbage bags or boxes to take their belongings from one family to the next) This trailer is hosted in Albert Lea.



Missionary Kim Katuta

DaySpring School, South Africa

Kim will be sharing about

DaySpring and her experiences

Sunday, December 1st

Bethany & Winnebago

Sunday, December 8th

Silver Lake & Immanuel

Feed My Starving Children

Coffeehouse & Fundraiser

5:00 – 6:00 pm Sunday, December 15th

At 5 Alarm Brewery

Music by Rev. Scot McCluskey

& Rev. Bryan Odeen

Light snacks provided.

Beverages for purchase.

Advent Calendars are available!

All are invited to take an Advent calendar. We have three different calendars – written for children, teens and young adults, and adults. Take the one (or two) that you find the most engaging. Advent calendars are meant to enhance family and personal devotions during the Advent season. Each day open up a new window in the calendar – counting down to Christmas – make Advent a meaningful experience as we prepare for Christmas.

They are in the narthex.

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Confirmation

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 pm
at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice
1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Pizza and 2nd, 4th, & 5th
Wednesdays a light meal is available at 6:00 pm

November 27th

No Confirmation Class @ Bethany
Parish-wide Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
7:00 pm @ Lunder

December 25th & January 1st

No Confirmation Class – Christmas Vacation
Confirmation Class resumes on Wed. January 8th

THANK YOU

Confirmation Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who share food items with our confirmation youth Wednesday, November 6th as they collected for the Lake Mills Food Shelf. Sorry that we did not get to every house.

We collected 1,200 lbs of food in a hour!

KC (Kids & Christ) Night Elementary Youth Education

*This open to “any and all”
families/youth*

**At Bethany Lutheran, Joice
On Wednesday Evenings**

6:00 pm – Light meal

6:15 – 7:15 pm Class time

7:15 -7:30 pm Closing Worship

Parents – great time to join your children in worship!

No KC Night – Wednesday, November 27th

Christmas Vacation December 25th & January 1st



Adult Education

Opportunities

Wednesday Mornings

“The Book of Acts”

Wednesdays at 10:00 am @ Mills Harbour

No study on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st

Thursday Evenings

“The Book of Acts”

Will not meet in December. Meet again January 9th

ONE IN CHRIST MISSION CIRCLE

Wednesday, December 11th

At either 9:00 or 10:00 am

@ Main Street Eatery, Albert Lea

Watch the announcements for correct time.



Christmas Party

YOUTH

Did You Know...

- Caleb Bacon was recognized with All-District 1st Team Honor for Football
- Brayden Lindeman received Honorable Mention All-District Football
- Caleb Bacon, Isaac Bergo, & Brayden Lindeman were recognized with All-District Academic selections.
- Kate Edgerton qualified for the State Swimming Meet
- Jessa Gasteiger was recognized with TIC West All-Conference First Team Volleyball
- Olivia Moen was recognized with TIC West All-Conference Second Team Volleyball

Submit information to One in Christ Lutheran Parish,
40029 210th Ave. Lake Mills, 50450

or oneinchrist@oneinchristlutheranparish.org

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES

If you find that either your Birthday and/or Anniversary isn't correct or not listed, please contact the Parish Office with the correct information.

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Community Events...



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 28th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church, Lake Mills

Come for a free meal and fellowship

Menu includes: Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Pie, & Beverage

For planning purposes only, please call with the number of people attending by November 22nd (592-3389 or 592-5742). Please leave a message. Deliveries will be available for shut-ins - call 592-1106 Thanksgiving Day Monetary or food bank donations will be accepted, but are not required. *Anyone wishing to donate items for the meal or volunteer to work, please call 592-3389*

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING BUFFET

Thursday, November 28th come between the hours of 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City

24th Annual Thanksgiving Meal

There is no cost for this meal but there will be an opportunity for a freewill offering for those who wish to give. Please call Immanuel's Church office at 585-3152 for reservations or carryout by Wednesday, November 27th. Home deliveries for the homebound are available - call Immanuel Church office at 585-3152.

Anyone wishing to donate food items or volunteer to help may call Jaci at 585-3152



GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER – Christmas

Gifts

Forest City

Asking for help giving residents gifts for Christmas with a **RESIDENT GIVING TREE** starting November 25th Please pick one or more Resident Tag(s) off the Resident Tree located in the front lobby of the Good Samaritan Center. Please pick up what is listed on the tag and bring back to Good Sam's wrapped or in a bag with the tag placed on the outside of pkg by Tuesday, December 16th.


If you have any questions, contact Tiffany Thomazin (585-2232).



OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!

Tenth Annual Operation Clothes for Kids
Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District.

- ❖ Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from one of the following trees: Salem Lutheran Church between office & Chapel, Winnebago Lutheran Church, Word of Faith Dominion Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, Emmons Lutheran Church, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, or Manufactures Bank and Trust.
- ❖ Tags will be available for pick up starting **Saturday, November 23rd**.
- ❖ Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver/return to the listed locations by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18th**. Feel free to team up and share costs.
- ❖ *Cash donation are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450. Make checks payable to LMCS Clothes for Kids*



Christmas Opportunities ...

Toys for Tots™

Sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. New toys and cash donations (checks payable to "Toys for Tots") for kids from ages 1 yrs old thru high school are being collected at designated collection sites in our congregations. **Please bring all toys/cash in by Dec. 9th**. The week, before Christmas the toys will be distributed for the North Iowa area from Salvation Army, Mason City. To receive toys you need to fill out an application with the Lake Mills School nurse.

TREE OF LIFE



HOSPICE OF NORTH IOWA

Salem Lutheran Chapel – Mon. Dec. 2nd at 6:00 pm

TBS Bank, Forest City = Tues., Dec. 10th at 6:00 pm

Remember your loved ones or honor those living with a light on the tree of life. With your contribution a light will be placed on the *Tree of Life*. Contact Hospice of North Iowa at 641-428-6208 if you would like to add a light to the tree or pick up a form in the Narthex.

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LAKE MILLS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 14th

Meet Santa! Santa is stopping by Lake Mills to find out what Community members want for Christmas. (Location to be decided)

All day: Holiday Scavenger Hunt – pick up your scavenger hunt list at participating businesses and get to searching! Complete your list and get entered into the drawing for a special holiday prize! Winner will be drawn at 5:00 pm.

9:00 – 11:00 am: Kids' Holiday Party at the Rice Lake Golf & Country Club. Activities include craft projects, (indoor & outdoor) games, “build your own snack baggie”, gift bag and more! Parents can stay for the fun or drop off kiddos for the two hours! Cost \$5.00

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Gingerbread House Decorating at the Lake Mills Library. Activities for all ages! Gingerbread House Decorating for kids!

Starting at 12:00 pm: Free Holiday Movies at ‘The Mills’ Theater all afternoon

1:00 – 3:00 pm Operation Gratitude Letters, Thrivent Financial (205 N Mills St) and color a greeting card to send to soldiers who can't be with their families during the holiday season! Include a message of encouragement and Christmas cheer!

1:00 – 5:00 pm Reindeer Dust Making: Marketplace on Mills Street (formerly named Pit Stop Printing). Stop by and stir up some magic.
Dusk: Christmas Lighting Contest

Twilight Tour of Homes

5:00 – 7:00 pm Friday, December 13th

Tour local homes plus the 1901 Victorian House in all their holiday glory!

Tickets are \$15.00 per person

There will be a light supper at the 1901 Victorian House.
Hosted by the Lake Mills Area Historical Society.

January “One Voice” Newsletter

We are in need of volunteers to help put the newsletters together – some of our regulars are no longer able to help anymore. Prayerfully consider helping in this way. We need both walkers & tapers.

Thank you

Monday, December 16th

All information needs to be to Sandy.

Friday, December 20th at 1:00 pm

We will put the One Voice together.

Any and all help will be appreciated.



INCLEMENT WEATHER/ CHURCH CANCELATIONS

When any of the One In Christ Lutheran Parish Church's Worship services and/or activities are canceled due to the weather you will first receive **A TEXT MESSAGE** (if you have not signed up as yet, information on how this is done is listed above)

Or please listen to the following TV Channels/Radio Stations:

KIMT-TV – Mason City – channel 3		
KGLO 1300 AM	KRIB	1490 AM
KIAI 93.9 FM	KLSS	106.1 FM
KIOW 107.3 FM	KATE	1450 AM



If you have a cell phone, please sign-up for ...

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

How?

- 1) Get your phone out
- 2) Prepare to send new text
- 3) Type 51660 besides the “To:” as a phone number or name.
- 4) Type as the message

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Bethany, Immanuel, Lunder, Silverlake, or Winnebago

Confirmation and/or OICyouth

Check spellings and spacing – spell check sometimes makes corrections that are not corrections.

- 5) Tap send.
- 6) Within minutes you will receive a text message asking you to reply “yes” if you want to receive messages from One in Christ Lutheran Parish. Type “yes” as the message and send it back.
- 7) Congratulations! 😊 You are signed up!



PASTORS ON VACATION

Friday, November 29th

If you have a pastoral need please call their cell #

Pastor Randy 641-590-0727

Pastor Bill 641-590-2737

Christmas Season

Pastor Randy will be on vacation from Thursday, December 26th – Friday, December 27th & Tuesday, December 31st.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation Thursday, December 26th – Wednesday, January 1st.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The 12 Days of Christmas are December 25th through January 5th!

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me.



What in the world do leaping lord, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

Today, I found out. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.



The Partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two Turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments.



Three French Hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The Four Calling Birds were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



The Five Gold Rings recalled the Torah of Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The Six Geese a-laying stood for the Six Days of Creation.



Seven Swans A-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The Eight Maids A-milking were the Eight Beatitudes.



The Nine Ladies Dancing were the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The Ten Lords A-leaping were the Ten



Commandments.



The Eleven Pipers Piping stood for the Eleven faithful Disciples.

The Twelve Drummers Drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.