

# 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, Immanuel

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

**Christmas Eve** – Bethany, Immanuel,  
 Silver Lake, Winnebago

**Christmas Day** – Winnebago

**Fourth Sunday** – Lunder

## 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 POINSETTIAS

If you would like to share your Poinsettia with  
 Bethany during the Christmas Season, please let either  
 Bonnie Rodberg or Parish Office (567-3550) know.  
 Thank you

### IMMANUEL POINSETTIAS

If you would like to share your Poinsettia with  
 Immanuel during the Christmas Season, please let the  
 Parish Office (567-3550) know. Thank you

### LUNDER POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to be used in the  
 Sanctuary this Christmas Season. Amy Wadding is  
 working on getting the price & deadline for the  
 Poinsettia (*watch your announcements & the sign-up  
 sheet*). 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. Watch your bulletins for the  
 price of the Poinsettias. 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 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please make your check  
 payable to Winnebago Lutheran Church, turn in to  
 Sandy Lindflott, and in the memo – Poinsettia.



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## One in Christ Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Online worship  
 Offering: (*Operation Clothes for Kids*)



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday School Christmas Programs

All the Christmas programs have been cancelled

### Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Worship w/Candlelight & Holy Communion

Bethany 6:00 pm “*Light of the World*”  
 Immanuel 7:00 pm Candlelight  
 Silver Lake 4:00 pm Candlelight  
 Winnebago 4:00 pm “*Light of the World*”

### Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Celebrated w/ Holy Communion

Winnebago 10:30 am  
 “...they will call him, Emmanuel”

### Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Lunder 10:30 am Christmas Worship



## KC NIGHT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Has been cancelled..



## DECEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

	Kermit/Janora/Harlan	Pastor Randy	Pastor Bill
December 6	I	B,W	SL,L
13	I	SL,L	B,W
20	W	SL,L	B,I
24/25		SL,I	B,W
27	B,I,W	SL,L	

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

*Advent Series beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> ...*

## “Prepare Ye”

That is what we are called to do in Advent – Prepare for the Lord! We contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas, taking cues from the psalms of old and from those whom God chose to play a part in the story of our Lord’s birth.

### Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Ponder (Psalm 48:9)

We consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us in this pondering in the Annunciation.

### Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Pray (Psalm 69:13)

We think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to our God through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

### Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Praise (Psalm 30:4)

We celebrate the upcoming arrival of our Savior through songs and shouts of praise as we prepare for him.

Elizabeth, in her greeting of Mary, provides a benchmark for rejoicing with others over the good news of salvation in Jesus, even as we wait.

### Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Proclaim (Psalm 145:6)

We contemplate how we can prepare ourselves and others for the arrival of Jesus through our proclaiming.

John the Baptist stands as the forerunner of all future proclaimers of Christ and gives us the courage to use our own voices to proclaim our devotion to the One who is born to save.

### Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Place (Luke 2:12)

We celebrate the Christ Child placed in a manger. Just as Mary and Joseph prepared a place for the baby Jesus to rest his head in a manger, so we prepare a place in our hearts this Christmas Eve for Jesus to be present with us

### Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Paradise (John 1:14)

This day we celebrate the fact that the Baby Jesus came to dwell with us here on earth this Christmas to point us to the truth that we will one day dwell with him in paradise through his death and resurrection.

Using these themes together - along with Advent resources – calendars, devotions, and Advent wreathes in our homes – we will embrace the Gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Be sure to pick up at your church...*

## Advent Christmas Resources For Home Devotions and Worship

**Advent Calendar**  
**Trivia Card Devotions**  
**Devotional Advent booklets**

Found in your church narthex.

## Lefse fundraiser

*To replace the carpet in Bethany’s Fellowship Hall*



Cost is \$10.00 for 6 Lefse  
Can order through mid-December  
Call Judy Wonsmos (641-588-3526) or

Becky Martinson (641-588-3345)

## A Cup of Christmas Tea

*Has Been Cancelled for 2020*

## PASTORS ON VACATION

**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

*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 Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

## Confirmation

**Wednesdays – Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Both 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Classes with Zoom only**

6:00 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

7:00 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Zoom ID 870 8296 5225

Password 523257

### **November 25<sup>th</sup>**

*No Confirmation Class – Parish-wide Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship Service 7:00 pm @ Silver Lake*

### **December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

*No Confirmation Class – Christmas Vacation  
Confirmation Class resumes on Wed. January 6<sup>th</sup>*



**KC (Kids & Christ) Night  
Has been postponed till January**

## **Adult Education Opportunities**

**“The Bible that Jesus Read” Philip Yancy**

### **Wednesday Mornings**

10:00 am @ Salem Lutheran, Fellowship Hall

*No study on December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>*

### **Thursday Evenings**

7:00 pm @ Winnebago – Fellowship Hall

*Will not meet December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>*

**Zoom participation**

**Meeting ID: 816 6256 2269**

**Passcode: 403345**

**ONE IN CHRIST MISSION CIRCLE**

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**At either 10:00 am**

**@ Silver Lake**

## YOUTH

## Did You Know...

- Caleb Bacon was recognized with All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team Honor for Football
- Brayden Lindeman received Honorable Mention All-District Football
- Caleb Bacon & Brayden Lindeman were recognized with All-District Academic selections.
- Kate Edgerton qualified for the State Swimming Meet  
*Submit information to One in Christ Lutheran Parish,  
40029 210<sup>th</sup> Ave. Lake Mills, 50450  
or [oneinchrist@oneinchristlutheranparish.org](mailto:oneinchrist@oneinchristlutheranparish.org)*



### EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are emailing the Bulletins & Announcements each week – if you would like to receive these please email Sandy at [sandy@oneinchristlutheranparish.org](mailto:sandy@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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

All information needs to be to Sandy.

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

We will put the One Voice together.

*Any and all help will be appreciated.*



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## Community Events...



**LAKE MILLS COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING "TO-GO" MEAL**  
November 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Asbury United Methodist Church, Lake Mills

Anyone wishing to help with a meal item or volunteer to assist on Thanksgiving Day, please contact Lynn Lair 592-5742 or Dave Imler 592-3389 for more information. Volunteers will be limited due to COVID-19 distancing and safety considerations.

**FOREST CITY COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING "TO-GO" MEAL**  
Thurs. November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Home deliveries for the homebound are available (in Forest City only) - call Immanuel Church office at 585-3152.



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

## **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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

All toys are distributed in Mason City by appointment.



### **SHARE THE JOY - CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET**

Each Christmas LM Area Ministerial Association with the help of an area 4H chapter pack Christmas Food Baskets for area families who are food insecure. The baskets include the makings for a "Festive Meal" and "staple food" items. The baskets are available Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you wish to donate to the Christmas Food Basket program, you may mail a check made out to the LM Food Shelf and on the memo line "Share the Joy". Gifts may be sent through your church or directly to LM Food Shelf Treasurer, Rev. Jerry E. Robertson, 506 N. Washington St. Lake Mills, IA 50450

### **OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!**

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Clothes for Kids  
Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District ages birth to 18.

The Operation Clothes for Kids Lake Mills Community Giving Tree has the highest need we have ever had. We have 121 children in need. There are two tags per child, one for clothing and one for socks & shoes so a total of 242 tags that we hope to fulfill this season.



There are physical tags at Singelstad Hardware, Swallow Coffeehouse, and Uptown Fitness & Boutique. There is an electronic sign-up by visiting [tinyurl.com/LMclothesForKids](http://tinyurl.com/LMclothesForKids) Also, cash donations are accepted at MBT & FTSB banks of Lake Mills. Wrapped and labeled gifts are due Sunday, December 13.

- ❖ Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) or go online.
- ❖ Both electronic and physical Tags will be available for pick up starting **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. For electronic sign-up URL: [tinyurl.com/LMclothesForKids](http://tinyurl.com/LMclothesForKids). Just in time for all those Black Friday deals!
- ❖ 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 or any of your churches (let the pastors know that you have dropped off your gifts) by **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to team up and share costs.
- ❖ This year each child's requests have been divided into two tags. One for clothing and the other for shoes and socks. This is an effort to keep costs affordable for the givers and be able to provide for the child's needs.
- ❖ 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



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## Community Events...

### TREE OF LIFE



#### MERCYONE HOSPICE OF NORTH IOWA

Tuesday, December 22, 6:00 pm

Virtual location: wherever you are!

*COVID-19 will make this year's event look and feel a little different than in year's past — but we'll still have the same beautiful memorial service, virtually!*

Our compassionate team at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice invites you to remember your loved ones or honor those living with a light on the Tree of Life. With a donation of any amount, lights are placed on a Tree of Life and "brought to light" symbolizing the presence of those honored and remembered. Names of those remembered and honored are listed at the tree lighting program specified by the donor. In addition, donors will receive a holiday ornament in the mail.

The event link will be available on our [Facebook page](#), the [Tree of Life Facebook Event](#) and on our website. The event link will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

This year's event includes a video featuring live music, the lighting of the tree and a special [surprise](#) from the bereavement staff. Plus, each location will have a special program with the reading of the names and a tree lighting. We'll release the individual videos after the 6 p.m. event.

To participate virtually, [click](#) the event link on the event date and time and enjoy the program from the comfort of your home!

Missed the event? We'll share the video on our Facebook page and website afterward.

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.

### A FESTIVAL OF TREES FUNDRAISER

For Five Sisters Project

Freewill donation

@ Wells Golf Club

December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 8:00 pm

December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Social Distancing will be practiced. If you have any questions e-mail [info.thebetterway@gmail.com](mailto:info.thebetterway@gmail.com)



## Sharing Christmas Gifts with ...

### Good Samaritan Society of Forest City

The "Resident Tree" with tags will be up Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> thru December 18<sup>th</sup> - located in the front entry way – open to the public. You can take a tag and personally shop for a resident or share a cash donation and a staff member will do the shopping for you.

When taking a tag - write your name, phone number and tag number on the sign-up sheet. Return the gift bagged or wrapped with the tag place on the outside of the package. – in the entry way.

If you have any questions, call Tiffany Thomazin at 641-585-2232.

## Service of Remembrance

### Bonnerup Funeral Services

Livestream Only at

[BONNERUPFUNERALSERVICE.COM](http://BONNERUPFUNERALSERVICE.COM)

7:00 pm Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

On the website to view any time after that time.

### 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)

**Check the One in Christ Facebook page and website.**

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**



# THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

According to the legend of the candy cane, this candy was first created back in the 18th century. At that time, in certain areas of Europe, there was said to be a ban on public displays of Christianity. Christians were oppressed and no Bibles or crosses could be owned at the time. One man found this oppression distressing and wished he could share the love of Jesus and the joy of Christmas with the rest of the world. When Christmas came around, children didn't get to see nativity scenes or enjoy learning about the truth of Christmas. As a candy maker, this man prayed to find a way that he could offer local children a Christmas gift that would allow him to .

## His prayer led to an idea--The Candy Cane.

**The Shepherd's Staff:** He chose to make the candy cane in the shape of a shepherd's staff. After all, Jesus is the shepherd to his followers and the Bible notes that the "sheep" would hear His voice and follow him (*Psalm 23:1, John 10:11, John 10:27-30, Isaiah 40:11*).



**The Letter J for Jesus:** Not only was the candy cane in the shape of a staff, but when held upside down, it formed a "J," which stood for Jesus (*Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21*).

**He is A Rock:** The candy maker chose hard candy for the candy cane, which was done to remind children that Jesus was our "rock," dependable and strong (*Psalm 31:3*).

**By His Stripes:** Wide red stripes were added to the candy cane, representative of the crucifixion and the blood Jesus shed for our sins.

**Red-His Shed Blood:** Through his blood, we are given salvation and life (*Revelation 1:5, John 3:16, Luke 22:20*).

**White-Purification from Sin:** There are also white stripes on the candy cane, which represents the holiness, and purity of Jesus, who was sinless (*I John 1:7*).

**Sweet Fragrance of Christ:** Peppermint was the flavor that the candy maker chose for the candy cane. Peppermint was very similar to hyssop, which was used for sacrifice and purification in the Old Testament, reminding us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It also reminds us of the spices brought by the Wise Men when they came to visit Jesus (*Psalm 51:7, John 10:29, Matthew 2:11*).

**Broken For Us:** Of course, when the candy cane is eaten, it is often broken, which the candy maker meant as a reminder that when Jesus was crucified, his body was broken (*I Cor. 11:24*).

**Love of Christ:** The candy cane was also made to be given as a gift, representing the love of Jesus when he gave us the gift of salvation.



Although no one is quite sure if the legend of the candy cane is really true, **the beauty of the legend is such a reminder of God's love for us around Christmas**. In this legend, it was a way that the candy maker could tell the children the story of Christmas and still today, we have candy canes as a reminder of the real reason we celebrate Christmas.