**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Week at a Glance**

**December 31 – January 7**

**Today, December 31 New Year’s Eve**

**9:30am Worship-In Person & Live Streamed**

**5:00pm OA (Adult Lounge)**

**Monday, January 1 New Year’s Day 2024**

**Preschool and Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, January 2 Pastor Nikki’s First day in the office**

**Preschool and Church Office Open**

**Wednesday,** **January 3**

**9:45am Bible Study (Zoom format)**

**Thursday, January 4**

**No Events Planned**

**Friday, January 5**

***Church office closed***

**No Events Planned**

**Saturday, January 6**

**No Events Planned**

**Sunday,** **January 7**

**9:30am Worship-In Person & Live Streamed**

**11:00am Meet n Greet Coffee Hour for Pastor Nikki**

**11:30am Worship and Music Committee Meeting**

**5:00pm OA (Adult Lounge)**

**Today is Pastor Laurie’s last Sunday with us as an interim pastor.** We thank her for her leadership these last 18 or so months. It’s our belief that she has prepared us well for this new path on our journey**.** We are grateful that the Lord brought her to walk with us.

**Next Sunday, plan to stay after worship** for a little while to have an opportunity to meet Pastor Nikki. We’ll have a special coffee hour so that everyone can say hello and welcome.

**Thank you to everyone** who helped make all of the Christmas worship services special: musicians, technicians, choir members and altar guild. It was a warm and wonderful time to be in church and watching from home as well.

**Please take a moment after worship to sign up** to sponsor altar flowers for the coming year. The new flower chart is up.

**Altar flowers can be sponsored in honor or memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special occasions.** The 2024 flower chart is on the door of the Usher’s Room in the Narthex. Each arrangement sponsored is $40. Please make your check out to *Christ Lutheran* and place in the offering plate. Thank you so much.

**Choir resumes on Thursday, January 11**. Everyone is welcome to come that evening at 7pm to see if this ministry is a good fit for you.

**Remember to save the date** on your calendars, for the Annual Congregation meeting. We gather on Sunday, January 14th at 11am in the social hall. We vote in your new council, hear the proposed budget and learn of ideas for the coming year.

**Saturday, February 3rd** is the day that Pastor Nikki will officially be installed as our pastor. Plan to come witness this great day in the life of Christ Lutheran, Long Beach and celebrate with a luncheon following the service. Details to come.

**This morning’s worship assistants:**

**Assisting Minister:** Greg Koch

**Communion Assistants:** Bryce Bonilla-Haenn, Lisa Cottrell, Lonnie Timney

**Greeters:** Jeanne and Phil Peterson

**Altar Guild:** Valerie Weisel

**Ushers:** Renu Moon, Matt Timney, Heather and Donald Nielsen

**The Healing Power of the Holy Spirit**

**We pray for:**

**Members at Home or in Care Centers:** Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Sydney Nichols, and Frances Willms.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Don Darnauer,

Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Chris and Sheryl Hunter, Kathy Klute-Nelson, Karen Koch, Jeff Rodrigues, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Kurt Weisel, Rich Williams, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**\*Family & Friends**: Carolina, Chad**,** Barrett**,** Michael, Noah, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Jeff Chan, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, Denise Davis, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Gina Barvy Fournier, Daryl Golden, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Ben Kalish, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Ronda Lynn, Dawn Lyle-McBennett, Farnaz Perl, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, Tom Sievers, Marie Spangler, Christina Storm, Von, Vicki Thompson, Jessica West.

*\*Names are included on the prayer list for 30 days unless specific requests are made through the office.*

**We also pray for the ongoing work of:**

**+** Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia

**+** First responders who provide safety, security, and care

**+** Those serving in our nation's military, especially: Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris,

Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael

Navarro.

***Please provide us with names of those you would***

***like to include in these prayers****.*

**+** Lutheran Maritime Ministries, Habitat 4 Humanity, California

Lutheran Homes.

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