

# Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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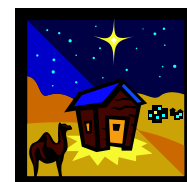
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Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran,

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? There are so many wonderful and miraculous events. One of my favorite parts is when the shepherds learn of Jesus' birth. The second chapter of Luke tells us that the shepherds are the first to hear the angel's announcement, "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord". There are several interesting points concerning this. If you and I were to plan the birth of Jesus and the announcement, I doubt we would have chosen a stable for His birthplace or the shepherds as the first to hear the message. Shepherds were not privileged, wealthy or educated. They were common, everyday people. The way God chose to bring Jesus into this world is a reminder that God's ways are not man's ways. Surely, we would have done it differently.

We should also notice what the shepherds did after hearing this message. "They went to Bethlehem to see this thing that had happened," and "they spread the word about this child", and "they returned, glorifying and praising God." We too need to be like the shepherds. As we enjoy all the fun and traditions of Christmas, let us remember to glorify and praise God for the most precious gift of all, the gift of a Savior.



God's Christmas Blessings!  
Terry Mooney



**CLS CHRISTMAS DINNER** Our annual Christmas Dinner and Program will be on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (dinner starts at 5:00 p.m., program starts at 6:05) and you won't want to miss it. We will have a fried chicken dinner. The cost will be Adults \$5.00, students 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and senior citizens \$3.50, students k-4<sup>th</sup> grade \$3.00 with a maximum family cost of \$20.00. **Bargain alert** – We are asking families to bring a favorite holiday dessert to share. Those who do can take \$1.00 an adult price or \$2.00 off the family price. **Following the dinner we will have a program presented by all our students along with the bands and bell choir.** If you are not attending the dinner, your child needs to be here by 5:45 for the program.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR** The bookfair will be held in conjunction with the Christmas dinner and program. The students will be able to shop at the bookfair during their scheduled library times on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They will also be able to shop after school on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> after school from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The bookfair will be open on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:45 p.m. The teachers will each have a wish list available. Flyers will be sent home with students prior to the bookfair and there will be coloring contest. Prizes will be a gift certificates to spend at the bookfair. Mrs. Magnusson will be the chairperson for this event. Thank you for your support of library events. Have a blessed Christmas.

Mrs. Symonds

**LOST AND FOUND** items will be on display on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during the CLS Christmas dinner. Items not claimed will be donated to the South Side Mission. If your children are missing school clothes, shoes, sweatshirts, jackets, gloves, P.E. clothes or anything else, be sure to look the display over carefully.

**UNIFORM STORE** The uniform store will be open at the CLS Christmas dinner December 16<sup>th</sup>. If your kids have outgrown their uniforms or need more winter uniforms, please consider looking here for some great used clothing. Prices are \$2- \$3 per item. You may donate outgrown items to the store.

### CALENDAR NOTES

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Casual Day

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Taste of CLS

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - \$2.00 Casual Day

Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> -

K-2 Family Day / Dismiss 12:00 p.m. / no lunch

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> - No School

Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Classes Resume

### KINDERGARTEN, 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES

**FAMILY DAY** will be on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to join us at 11:00 a.m. for a brief Christmas program presented by the students. There will be refreshments afterwards with dismissal at noon. Lunch will not be served at school that day.



### CALLING ALL COOKIE

**MONSTERS!** The ladies of Christ Lutheran Church will host their annual LWML Cookie Walk in our church's parish hall community room on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A yummy variety of homemade cookies and candy prepared by some of our congregation's finest cooks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$5.00 per pound. All proceeds go to support the mission activities of this organization. Pre-boxed assortments will be sold between services in the parish hall on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.



### THE ADULT CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR of

Christ Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. The entire service is made up of musical offerings and is sure to be uplifting. Everyone is welcome to join us.



### SPECIAL WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



**SERVICES** Our chapel services become extra special throughout the Advent season on Wednesdays - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Worship times are 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us for worship and lunch following the 10:00 a.m. service.

**OUR COMET CHORALE** has been invited to sing at the Ashland House in Morton on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Drivers are needed – call the school office or Mrs. VonBehren to volunteer.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

at Christ Lutheran will be at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. service.



**AUCTION REVIEW** Two hundred eleven people enjoyed an evening of fun, fellowship, fundraising and bargains as we celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christ Lutheran School Auction. The meal was tasty, the auction items were plentiful (more than 366) and we raised somewhere between \$25,000 - \$30,000.

I was very pleased with the event, especially since this was our first auction. I want to thank both our committee members for their hard work and all who attended or donated and helped make it such a success! Most of all we thank God who richly blessed our efforts!

I will provide final details in our next newsletter as well as the date of next year's auction. You won't want to miss it!

**DECEMBER BRINGS CHRISTMAS AND COLD WEATHER.** We have spirit wear available for purchase in the school office. The sweatshirts are "legal" for school uniforms and would make a great Christmas gift. Also, remember that we publicize information about school closings (snow days) on the three local television stations and WMBD radio.

**THROW-BACK NIGHT** Why not join us for our first every "throw-back night". The games will be held at Christ Lutheran on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30. Not only will we roll back some prices to the "good old days" (popcorn 25¢ and hotdogs 50¢) but we will also have an interesting home uniform.

**OUR SPELLING BEE** is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> along with our annual chili & soup supper, academic fair and open house. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, please call Mr. Mooney.



**BIDDY BASKETBALL** Our committee is working diligently on our biddy basketball program for 2011. If you are interested in helping, please call the school office.

**CLS TRIVIA NIGHT** What is a trivia night? It is an evening of fun and fellowship that will test your knowledge of movies, old TV shows, history, music, the Bible and more. Although final plans have not been completed, the date is tentatively set for Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information call Bonnie Hester at 676-1596. A flier will be sent home with each student as the date approaches.

**THANK YOU** to each of you who volunteered with the Fall Fundraiser, both with truck delivery and when the products were picked up by the families. Thanks again to each child and parent who helped sell. Your support helps CLS to do more for our children! Special thanks to Deb Brown for chairing both the fall fundraiser and our fruit fundraiser.

**HOME GAMES HELPERS FOR DECEMBER** It takes at least 6 volunteers for each game to cover tickets, scoring and clock, hall guarding and snack bar. There are a number of openings for December's home games. Please call Deb Brown (682-5917) or the school office if you can fill some of these slots. Thanks!!!



- Sat Dec 4 1 girls game vs Good Shepherd 9:00
- 2 games Good Shepherd vs Mt. Pulaski 10 & 11
- 1 boys games vs Mt. Pulaski noon
- Mon Dec 6 2 girls games vs Concordia 4:30 & 5:30
- Tue Dec 7 2 boys games vs Limestone Walters 4:30 & 5:30
- Sat Dec 12 8 games vs Trinity & O.S. Springfield start 10:00
- Mon Dec 13 2 boys games vs Good Shepherd 4:30 & 5:30
- Tue Dec 14 2 boys games vs Monroe 4:30 & 5:30
- Tue Dec 21 3 boys games vs Holy Family 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS** Our students and parents have faithfully given generously to our chapel offerings. Money totaling \$280.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was given to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Offerings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are going to Camp Cilca.



**CANNED GOODS** were collected by our students and staff in November and donated to Neighborhood House. A total of 645 items were collected with 7<sup>th</sup> grade donating the most (192 items) and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade second (136 items). We are now collecting for South Side Mission. Keep up the good work and remember Jesus' words, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me."



**WE ARE COLLECTING NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS** for Neighborhood House. There is a collection box outside the school office door.

**SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS** Scrip is available from Mary Ryan during the hours of our before and after school care program. We have certificates for Blockbuster, Gap, Outback, Applebee's, Red Lobster, Barnes & Noble, Joe's Crab Shack, Menards, Kohls, Olive Garden, Macy's, Perkins, Kroger, Cub and many more. Call Mary Ryan or the school office for information on others. You can spend the certificates yourself or give them as gifts and remember that we are offering 1/2 of the profit from the certificate sales to be held in an account that you can put toward tuition, lunch cards, or activity fees.

**DESIGNER TENNIS SHOES** We recently received 12 pair of royal blue Levi's tennis shoes (a great Christmas gift). Sizes range from 8 to 13. You can purchase these for just \$35.00 per pair. They are available in the school office.



**KEEP SAVING CAMPBELL'S LABELS / GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS / INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES / OLD CELL PHONES**

We earn cash for the boxtops and purchase equipment with the Campbell's labels. If everyone works together, the money and the points add up quickly. Ziploc bags and containers now have Boxtops for Education points on them! You can also go online to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) and join the Boxtops for Education Booster Club.



*Glory to God the angels sing,  
Praises to Christ the Heavenly King  
Peace be on earth, good will to men-  
Good Will To Men!*

