This Week at Christ Community Church

Sunday, November 29
8:30am Sunday Morning Prayer Parlor
9:00am Christian Education Hour Campus-Wide
10:30am Worship Service Sanctuary
7:00pm Sr. High Youth Group Youth Room

Monday, November 30
5:45pm Kids Bell Choir Choir Room
6:30pm AWANA Club Night Chapel Entrance
         Jr. High Youth Group Youth Room
7:00pm GriefShare Parlor

Tuesday, December 1
6:30pm Quilting Group Room E
7:00pm Simply Still Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 2
7:30am Morning Prayer Group Parlor
7:00pm Choir Practice Choir Room

Thursday, December 3
7:00pm Worship Team Practice Sanctuary

Friday, December 4
7:00pm “Pocket Full of Starlight” Christmas Program Christian Arts Auditorium

Saturday, December 5
Noon Minding the Gap Christmas Dinner Waukegan Yacht Club
5:00pm Bus Leaves for Moody Candlelight Carols CCC Parking Lot
First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the season of preparation for a fresh experience of the coming Messiah. CCC elders will open our service each week from the Advent wreath.

“They will call him Emmanuel, which means “God with us.””
(Matthew 1:23)

Prelude
Use this time to prepare your hearts for worship

We light the Advent wreath and praise Emmanuel

Hymns 242-245
Invocation
Welcome and opportunities

We worship through prayer, giving, and song
Pastoral prayer
Offering
Ages 4 and 5 excused during this hymn
for Children’s Church
Songs of praise to Christ our Lord

We hear God’s Word
Sermon, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Song of response, “Join All the Glorious Names”
Benediction and postlude
Elders and pastors will pray with you at the front

“Emmanuel! God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and second advent splendor.”
(Charles Haddon Spurgeon)
December Sundays at CCC
Scripture and music help us celebrate, once again, the best news ever.

December 4, 7:00PM
“A Pocket Full Of Starlight”
Join Afar, the wiseman, as he leads the children of Circle Center on a journey through the Christmas story in the Christian Auditorium.

December 13, 10:30AM
“Sunday School Children’s Christmas Celebration”
Our children perform this holiday classic, followed by festive luncheon.

December 24, 7:00PM
“Candlelight Service”
We come together in the sanctuary for our traditional candlelight service.

December 27
Sacrificial Offering for world missions.

December 31
Once again we provide free family-friendly entertainment for the community & usher in the new year at the Lord’s Table.

9:00pm Daren Streblow in the Christian Arts Auditorium
10:00pm NYE Reception in the Fellowship Hall
11:00pm Watch-night service in the Sanctuary

CCC News and Notes

Thank you For everyone who helped to beautify the Church for the Advent season!

Moody’s Annual Candlelight Carols CCC will take a bus to Moody Bible Institute for the annual “Candlelight Carols” program Saturday, December 5 at 7pm. We have 6 tickets still available in the office. Cost is $12.00 for the concert, transportation from CCC is free and leaves at 5pm. Be sure to eat beforehand or bring a sack lunch for the bus.

Cancer Care Ministry Over 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with cancer every year. Do you know someone battling cancer – a neighbor, friend or loved one? Is your heart moved with compassion and a desire to help these people? CCC is excited to introduce Our Journey of Hope, biblically-based cancer care ministry, open to anyone who is ready to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer. Contact Carl Williamson (224-381-5598) to learn more about this important ministry.

Church Directory Stop by the Welcome Center and take a look at the proof for our church directory to confirm your family’s information is accurate. If you find anything incorrect or an inadvertent omission, please stop by the office this week or next week to let us know.

All-Church Christmas Luncheon Following the service on December 13 we will have an all-church luncheon. Bring a platter of your favorite Christmas treats to share!

Cards & Craft Circle Join us Saturday, December 5 outside of the Chapel from 9am-NOON. Cookie Exchange and 30 gifts needed to be packaged. Sign up sheets and more info for cookie exchange at Welcome Center. Everyone is welcome!

Kids Hope USA Kids Hope USA develops one-on-one relationships through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships. KHUSA mentors spend one hour per week, reading, talking, playing and listening to the child partnered with them. By helping them feel loved and valued, they help that child to learn, grow, and succeed. CCC has partnered with Shiloh Park School. Please consider being part of this important ministry. Prayer is such an important part of this ministry, too, and we need someone to serve as prayer coordinator. Contact the church office for more information.
WAYS TO SERVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Thank you for all of the donations you have already made! We are going to be continuing to collect throughout the Advent season so keep them coming! Containers for socks/food are in the Children’s Wing, office, and narthex.

BE AN ELF Thursday, December 17 at 6:30pm. CCC will host a special dinner in conjunction with the ELF Network. We’re seeking families who will come and sit down for a meal with local families, engage in conversation and work towards establishing a relationship with our neighbors. We also need greeters, servers and others to help with set-up and clean-up. Talk to Pastor Mike for more info.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED If you’d like to donate candy for the CCC Kids to decorate gingerbread houses, drop in the container outside the office by December 6. (No nuts, please.)

SOCKS FOR THE SOUL is collecting packages of new socks for men, women, children and infants...preferably socks designed for warmth.

FOOD DRIVE We are collecting non-perishable food items for a local food pantry that serves, on average, 260 families per week.

CARE MINISTRY

MINDING THE GAP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Let’s join together on Saturday, December 5 at Noon at the Waukegan Yacht Club. Cost is $10/person and includes a mixed salad, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetable, vanilla ice cream and coffee or tea and your choice of either Chicken Divan, Fried Lake Perch or Chopped Steak. Call the office to reserve your spot, for a ride or more info before December 1.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

SIMPLY STILL For one hour on December 1 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, we will take a deep breath and enjoy being Simply Still as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

THE VERGE: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNINGS Young Adults, we have transitioned out of Sunday evening meetings and now join together to dig into the Word every Sunday morning at 9:00am in Room D. If you are not married and are between the ages of 18 and 26, we would love to have you join us.

YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS This year, our youth ministry has the honor of assisting the City of Zion in assembling and picking up gift bags for families in need. We will be heading down to Chicago at 5:30am on Saturday, December 12 to assemble the bags, bring them back to Zion, and then unload them. We will also help distribute those bags at the ELF network dinner on Thursday, December 17 at CCC. This is a great way to make a BIG difference in our community this Christmas.

STAR WARS We have 30 tickets reserved for the 12:30pm showing on Saturday, December 19 at Tinseltown Theater in Kenosha. Tickets are $6. Sign up with Leo at lbarnes@ccczion.org or at any youth event.

MHP CAROLING All Many Hands Project alumni are invited to join us to go Christmas caroling around town on Saturday, December 19 from 4-7pm followed by dinner at Culver’s from 7-8pm.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal & Gingerbread House Decorating from 9:00am - Noon. All children invited.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 Annual Children’s Christmas Program During Worship Service. (Followed by all-church luncheon. Bring a platter of your favorite Christmas treats to share!) Families, please pick up your children’s practice CD if you’ve not already done so.

No Rehearsals Today - You can practice at home and listen to the music at www.ccczion.org/ministries/children