



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

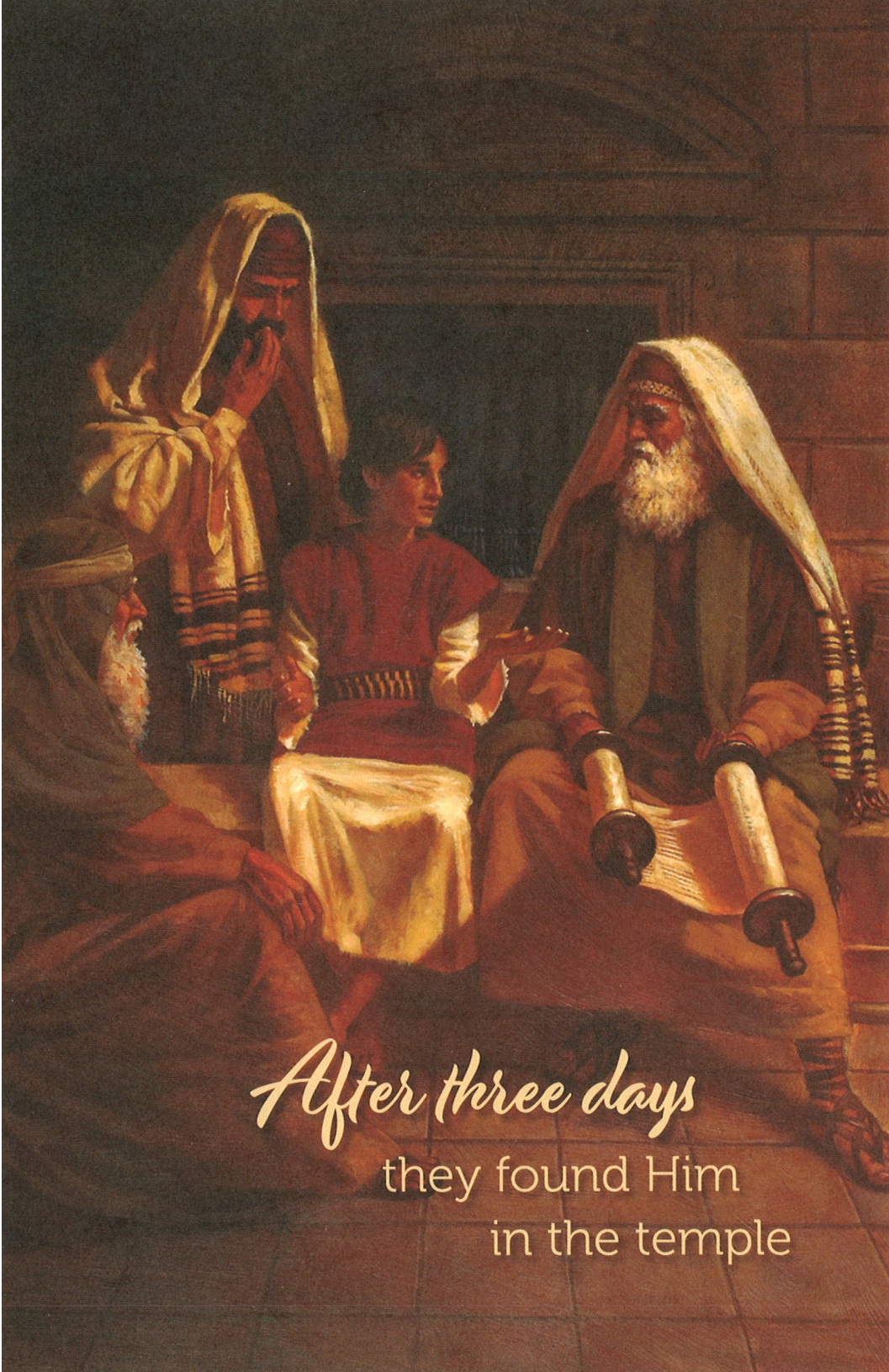
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Second Sunday after Christmas

Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 5 - 8:00 & 10:30 am



After three days

they found Him

in the temple

Worship Leader **Pastor Timothy Denney**
Preacher **Pastor Timothy Gerbing**

Prayer: We thank you, God our Father for revealing your Son to us as our Savior. Our eyes are glad by the gospel light which shines amid the darkness of our sin. May we always see our Redeemer by that light and bow to him in worship. Grant that through our witnessing, prayers and gifts the people still sitting in darkness may see the dawn of Christ's appearing. We ask this in his name. Amen.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN 381 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall o - ver all ex -
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
giv'n, and on his shoul - ders ev - er rests all
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
tend; on judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

To avoid disruptions, please silence your cell phones before worship.

Stand

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

C: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:5-9)

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word. Give us the desire to read, learn and hear it often that the light of Jesus fills every part of our lives and shines for all to see. We pray in his name.

C: Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *1 Kings 3: 4-15*

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 1: 3-14*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who

were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

CHRIST KIDS *(10:30 am Sunday Service)*

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

**Dear Christians, one and all rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arms the vic'try won.
How dearly it has cost him!**

**He spoke to his beloved Son:
“Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,
And bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever.”**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.**

**To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me,
I am your Rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us. (CW 557, verses 1,5,6,7)**

SERMON TEXT *Luke 2: 40-52*

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

SERMON THEME **FROM THE MOUTH OF A CHILD, WHO WAS**

- I. Accustomed to Worship**
- II. Intent on Bible Study**
- III. Obedient in All Things**

Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: God our Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus who humbly came to this earth as a baby, who grew and learned to obey your holy will, never sinning, but dying for the sins of the whole world. Through him we are forgiven and have the sure hope of eternity in heaven. Give us anticipation for that day when he will come again, not as baby, but as the great King who will come to take his people home.

C: Amen.

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.**

C: Amen.

HYMN 343 "Once in Royal David's City"



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en



cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
deem - ing love, for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our
stand - ing by shall we see him, but in heav - en, set at



man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and mean and
Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his chil - dren
God's right hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren



mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
on to the place where he is gone.
crowned, all in white, his praise will sound.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor connection card or sign our guest book and come back and worship with us soon! We are happy to have you worship with us today.

The Lord's Supper: Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's body and blood for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, and as an expression of the common faith we share. What a blessed means of God's grace the Lord's Supper is! Because the Lord's Supper is an important expression of unity in faith, we ask visitors who desire to commune to speak with one of the pastors before the service. Communion Cards can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area.



Offerings can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, scan the QR code, or use the "Online Giving" link at the homepage of our church website, www.christpewaukee.org (or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YK3N/home>).

Available Services: Our ushers are glad to provide **large print bulletins** for those who need them. Our **hearing induction loop system** is functional throughout the sanctuary and works through the T coil function of hearing aid apparatuses. **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Parents are welcome to use the **parents' room** in the corner of our sanctuary. You can hear and view the service there. You will find a **diaper changing station** in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

Call Meeting: We plan to hold the next call meeting for an outreach pastor at our voter's meeting on January 30. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Richard Krause.

Three-Year Daily Bible Reading Program

Here are the daily readings for the next two weeks:

Jan 5	1 John 4:7-5:3	Jan 10	Isaiah 42:1-43:13	Jan 15	Isaiah 7:1-8:15
6	1 John 5:4-21	11	Isaiah 43:14-44:23	16	Isaiah 8:16-10:4
7	2 John, 3 John	12	Isaiah 44:24-45:25	17	Isaiah 10:5-34
8	Isaiah 40	13	Isaiah 5	18	Isaiah 11-12
9	Isaiah 41	14	Isaiah 6	19	Isaiah 13:1-14:23

This Week at Christ Lutheran

- Sunday** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
Christian Education Classes 9:10-10:10 am
Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am
Erin Worship 5:00 pm
- Monday** Lutheran Pioneers 6:30 pm
Parish Nurses Meeting 6:30 pm
- Tuesday** Early Risers 8:00 am
Piecemakers 9:00 am
Decorations Take-Down 5:00 pm
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
 Robe Fitting 7:15 pm
Building & Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm
French Class 6:30 pm
- Wednesday** "Jesus and Me" Playgroup 9:00-11:00 am
Worship Services with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:30 pm
Lambs of Christ Bible Study 4:30 pm
- Thursday** Enduring Word Bible Study 9:00 am
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
 Robe Fitting 7:15 pm
Bell Choir 6:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:15 pm
- Friday** **Lego Night 5:00-7:00 pm**
- Saturday** Card Making 9:00 am
We Need(le) You 9:00 am
Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm
- Sunday** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
Christian Education Classes 9:10 am
Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am
Erin Worship 5:00 pm

Christian Education Classes

Bible Information Class (New Member Class) is offered every Sunday from 9:10-10:10 am in the church office conference room. Contact Pastor Krause with any questions. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class meets on Sundays at 9:10 am in the grand hall with Pastor Gerbing to study “Angels and Demons.”

Sunday School for children 3 years old to 6th grade meets on Sundays from 9:10-10:10 am in the lower level classrooms.

Youth Confirmation for 7th-8th graders meets on Sundays at 9:10 am and Tuesdays/Thursdays at 5:45 pm. Contact Pastor Gerbing to learn more.

The Teen Bible Class meets Sundays at 9:10 am in the lower level teen room.

Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 9:10 am in the lower level fellowship hall. This class is open to all adults, and is especially ideal for parents of Sunday School children as we follow the same lessons and meet at the same time.

Early Risers Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 am in the lower level confirmation classroom to study the book of Revelation with Pastor Gerbing.

The Enduring Word Bible Class meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the lower level confirmation classroom. We are studying the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Gerbing.

Prayer Partners will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 am in the conference room. We study the Book of Psalms and pray for individuals who have requested prayers. All are welcome!

Announcements & Events

Parish Nurses: If you are a nurse or health care provider, please consider attending our parish nurses' annual meeting on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in the church office conference room. You will learn more information about our group, are invited to share your thoughts for how our group can serve our members in the new year, and have opportunity to become involved in what is planned. No commitment will be required of any who attend our meeting. For more information you are invited to call Clara Nettesheim, our head parish nurse, at 262-527-0072, or Pastor Gerbing at 262-691-0720, ext. 220.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Tuesday, January 7 starting at 5:00 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated!

French Classes will meet on Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 6:30 pm in the grand hall. Sue Speidel leads the class. Please contact Pastor Krause to learn more.

Lego Night: All ages are welcome to join us for Lego Night on Friday, January 10 from 5:00-7:00 pm! Legos will be available for all ages on tables in our grand hall. Duplo mats will be set up for the little ones. A light supper will be offered. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Erin Rausch at erin.rausch1@outlook.com.

Card Making will meet next on Saturday, January 11 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm in the lower level confirmation classroom. You can bring your own project to work on or use the provided supplies to make cards for church use. Please park in the lower level lot and use the IFC lower level entrance.

Fellowship Planning: Looking to help in a fun way at church? Please join us Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm to plan family fun events for the year. If you cannot make the meeting, but have an idea for an event, please contact Pastor Krause.



Pickleball meets on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am in the gym at our Pewaukee Campus starting January 18. Use the QR code or link on our church website to reserve your date/time. All guests will need to be accompanied by a member of Christ and that will be noted at sign up. If you have any questions or would like to be a pickleball leader, please contact Sophia Kositzky, at 262-691-0720 ext. 260 or skositzky@christpewaukee.org. Thank you to the Christ members who signed up to be a leader. Pickleball could not happen without them!

Outdoor Chili & Bonfire: All are welcome to join the outdoor Chili & Bonfire on Saturday, January 25 starting at 2:00 pm, held outdoors on the west side of the upper parking lot. Sign up to bring a side and/or chili on the kiosk in the gathering area. We ask that chili is made without noodles, as that will be one of the sides that attendees can add to their chili. All chilis will be combined into a large cast iron pot over a wood fire. Hot chocolate, bowls, napkins, and utensils will be provided. Bring your own chair. Questions? Contact Craig Harstad (262-408-7801 or chharstad@gmail.com).

The Annual Voters Meeting will be on Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm. All voters are encouraged to attend. The **2024 Annual Report** will be presented and available to the congregation the following weekend. This report is not only a recap of the financial aspects of the past year, but also contains much information from the many organizations within the congregation as reported by your fellow members. We plan to hold the next **Call Meeting** for an outreach pastor at our voter's meeting on January 30.

Save the Date! Lutheran Pioneers will be hosting a Father/Daughter dinner on Friday, February 14 from 5:30-8:00 pm in the Grand Hall. This is not exclusive to fathers. Grandfathers, bring your granddaughters. Uncles, bring your nieces. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold by the Pioneers after the Saturday/Sunday worship services starting in January. The cost will be \$12 per adult/teen. \$6 for ages 5-12. Children under age 4 are free. Contact Carrissa Davis to learn more at rissurbanne@gmail.com or 706-464-1693.

Event Monitor Employment Opportunity: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking for one person to serve as a part-time Event Monitor. The Event Monitor reports directly to the Activities Director. Responsibilities consist of, but are not limited to, serving as the on-site Event Monitor for rentals and special events programmed through the Activities Director; being responsible for facility preparations, event supervision, event take-down; providing a welcoming, positive, inclusive environment for participants/renters; and possessing strong communication skills. Must be available to work a flexible schedule including nights and weekends. Experience in event and customer service-orientated environment is preferred. Additionally, a Christ-oriented environment for renters/ participants at all times. For more information about this position or to apply, please contact Sophia Kositzky, 262-691-0720 ext. 260 or skositzky@christpewaukee.org.

SCHEDULES

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee	Screens
Sat. Jan. 4, 5:00 pm	Jerry Stine, Braxton Davis			Wendy Gottschalk
Sun. Jan. 5, 8:00 am	Scott Polzin (O), Alex Grill, Dennis Szymanski, Dan Nitz	Janet Kieselhorst	Katie Weitkunat	Andrew Buss
Sun. Jan. 5, 10:30 am	John Lindner (O), Peter Filber, Gary Zellmer, Blake Lindner, Jayden Bauer	Steve & Gwen Travis		Allison Lovrine
Wed. Jan. 8, 12:00 pm	Tom Lindner			Joel Berth
Wed. Jan. 8, 6:30 pm	Tim Rausch, Tom Eddinger			

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Screens
Sat. Jan. 11, 5:00 pm	Dennis Szymanski, Kristopher Sardina		Kathy Keymar
Sun. Jan. 12, 8:00 am	John Gilbert (O), Mike Laabs, David Fry, Jacob Schilling, Nathan Bilitz	Tom & Jane Eddinger	Braxton Davis
	Coffee Fellowship: Rick & Cindy Eastman, Gary & Dawn Loke		
Sun. Jan. 12, 10:30 am	Gerald Houtler (O), Derek Leopold, Glenn Neumann, Louis Blanc, Doug Bartsch	Glen & Deb Heuer	John Schweiger
	Coffee Fellowship: Van Landeghem Family, Dempsey Family, Kim Seib (bake)		
Wed. Jan. 15, 12:00 pm	Brett Weed		Karen Mulock
Wed. Jan. 15, 6:30 pm	Jordan Nelson, Franz Schaller		

Schedules are available at www.christpewaukee.org/downloads.



Christ Kids is offered for children ages 3-6 during the 10:30 am Sunday worship services. Parents, please fill out this card and give it to the Christ Kids teacher when you drop off your children. Please pick up your children at the end of the 10:30 am Sunday worship service.

Parent(s): _____

Child(ren): _____

Phone: _____

We want to do everything we can to facilitate family worship here at Christ. We also want to enable parents with young children to have the opportunity to listen to the sermon. That's where Christ Kids comes in.

- During the 10:30 am service everyone will worship together until the sermon hymn.
- At the sermon hymn children ages 3-6 years will be invited to meet their Christ Kids teacher in the back of church and will be safely escorted to the Christ Kids room for Christ-centered learning and activities designed just for them!
- Following the service parents will pick their children up from the Christ Kids classroom.

Note: Christ Kids is an optional service offered to families.

Christ Kids Teachers:

1/5 Kate Schleif

1/12 Lizzy Gonzalez

STEWARDSHIP (as of 12-30-2024)		
<u>2024 General Fund</u>	<u>2022-2024 Building on Faith</u>	
Last Week: \$39,933	Last Week: \$20,009	Membership: 1684
Fund to Date: \$1,464,233	Fund to Date: \$2,087,244	Church Attendance: 528

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If we can be of service to you, please feel free to contact one of the people listed below:

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