

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			30	1 9:00 CTG-Work Day 11:45 PrayNGo 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 Elder Bd	2 6:15am Men's Group 9:00 CTG Work Day 6:00 CTG	3 1:30 Operation Christmas Child—Mpls Distribution Center 6:00 CTG
4 9:00 S School 10:15 Worship 5:00 Prayer 6:00 CTG	5 8:00 CTG—Take Down	6 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Property	7 5:45 AWANA 6:30 20/20	8 11:45 PrayNGo 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Team	9 6:15am Men's Group 7:00 Club 180	10 7:30 Next Man Up
11 9:00 S School 10:15 Worship 5:00 Prayer	12 6:30 Out-reach	13 5:00 Women's Ministry	14 5:45 AWANA 7:00 20/20	15 11:45 PrayNGo 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 Elder Bd	16 6:15am Men's Group 7:00 Club 180	17 7:00 Operation Christmas Child Packing—Youth Activity
18 9:00 S School 10:15 Worship 5:00 Prayer	19	20 10:00 MAKS	21 NO AWANA; 20/20 Youth Christmas Party	22 11:45 PrayNGo 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Team 6:30 Adult Dis	23 HOLIDAY Office Closed	24 5:00 Christmas Eve Service
25 No Sunday School 10:15 Worship 5:00 Prayer	26 HOLIDAY Office Closed	27	28 NO AWANA or 20/20 Student Activities	29 11:45 PrayNGo 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Team	30	31 

Christ Community Church Disciple-making Pathway

Developing people who live God's love by:

Loving God - Loving one another - Loving our neighbors

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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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Incarnation

By Pastor Chris

The heavens cannot hold Your Name,
 The earth cannot contain Your frame,
 Yet as a tiny babe You came.

You were and are and are to come,
 Eternity Your endless tome.
 You made, in bounds of time, Your home.

You are the great Creator Lord,
 By angels lauded and adored,
 Yet emptied Servant, enfleshed Word.

Immortal God, You dwelt on high,
 Transcendent, hid from human eye.
 You came here, mortal man, to die.

Mysterium! Mysterium!
 O Wholly-Other, One-Of-Us!
 Incomprehensible-Revealed!

Awakens now my soul from sleep.
 I give You all my all to keep,
 And still my debt to You is deep.

Christopher Alan Johnson
 December 2016

Welcome to the season of Advent!

What is advent?

Advent literally means “the coming or the arrival”. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and it helps us to identify with those in the Old Testament who waited for centuries for the arrival of the Savior promised to them. We are fortunate that we know who the Messiah is and that we can worship the Christ.

Why celebrate advent?

We also remember that we, too, are awaiting the coming or the arrival of Jesus. We are waiting for Him to come, not as a baby to save us from our sin, but as the King of kings and Lord of lords. We are awaiting His second advent, His glorious appearing in the sky, announcing His Kingdom on earth. We light a candle to count down each week until we celebrate the center of the Season-Jesus. It will be on Christmas Eve that we light the Jesus candle, celebrating the Messiah. Each candle represents a part of our relationship with God through Jesus. The advent wreath and the candles of advent have been celebrated for a long time. Christians have been observing the advent for centuries. We also anticipate the return of the Messiah to come and rule as the perfect King.

What does the advent represent?

The advent celebration is a joyous occasion. But one of the original purposes of Advent was for Christians to repent and confess their sin as they awaited Christ’s return. As we joyously worship God through the lighting of the advent candles, let us in humility, repent of our sins, remembering Jesus came to save us from them. Each candle represents a different idea of the Christmas season—hope, peace, love, joy, and Christ. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, the joy candle. It represents the time in which people were reminded to be in glad anticipation and to be joyful for the coming Messiah, who would come to cleanse the world from sin. We, too, are joyful that He came to save us from our sin. The circle wreath of evergreen reminds us that Jesus came to bring us eternal life and that God is unchangeable.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, let’s remember this advent wreath and its symbols in our worship of Jesus this season. And we encourage you to celebrate your own advent at home to remind your family daily of these things and to help keep your Christmas focused on that which is most important: Jesus.



Saturday, December 3rd
is workday at the Minneapolis
shoebox processing center.

Time: 3:00—7:00 pm

Sign-up at the Info Booth

CELEBRATE THE GIFT

After months of planning and praying, our 20th annual Christmas Candlelight Dinner will be held December 2, 3, and 4. Ashley Koehler has once again designed lovely decorations that will remind us of the Nativity. Each evening is going to be special with beautiful music, great food, good conversation, wonderful servers, laughter, and a heaping helping of God’s blessings. A very special feature this year is Pam Nelson as our speaker. Pam is the woman who first introduced the Candlelight Dinner concept to Christ Community Church.

We hope you have invited your friends and have purchased your tickets. There are tickets still available, but please purchase them soon. And please PRAY:

1. PRAY for our speaker, Pam, as she travels from Colorado. PRAY God will speak through her message.
2. PRAY for decorators and hostesses as they finish their work, and also PRAY that there will be many volunteers to get the decorating done.
3. PRAY that all details will come together.
4. PRAY that all who attend will be blessed and encouraged.
5. PRAY that there will be those who come to Christ.
6. PRAY for good weather.

Please remember that if you decorate a table on Saturday night, leave your tablecloth and centerpiece on your table for the church service on Sunday morning.

LET’S CELEBRATE GOD’S WONDERFUL GIFT!

Christmas



Celebrate The Gift -WORK DATES!

Work dates for
Celebrate the Gift
are every day NOV 28
through DECEMBER
2, beginning at 9 AM
until finished for the
day.



Pray N’ Go

Pray for Waseca,
the US & the
world.

Thursday’s,
11:45 am

Church Library
2200 4th Street NE
Waseca, MN

LIBRARY NEWS

Visit the church library to enjoy
many new books, DVD’s & CD’s
for adults & children.

