



Capitol Drive  
Lutheran Church  
*Sounding the Love of Christ*

# WEEKLY NEWS

December 2, 2018  
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<http://capitoldrivelutheran.net> (It's new!)

Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -  
A congregation  
Sounding the Love of Christ  
by caring for the poor  
and vulnerable  
in our community

## Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience in worship today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We'd also be delighted if you sign our guest register located near the church entrance. If your children need a break, they can play in the area in the back right part of the sanctuary.

### Week of November 25, 2018

**Boathouse Attendance: 26**

**SUNDAY Attendance: 25**

**OFFERING: \$494.00 (Sunday collection)**  
**\$180.00 (Automatic deposits)**

**Total: \$674.00**

Kathy Kannass; Patrick Kiley; Marilyn McIntosh (Laura Goeckermann's mother); Lori Mierendorf (friend of Julane Sebastian); Janette Richardson (friend of Dennis Smoody); Donna and Al Eiglmeier (friends of Liz Bollmann); Ardiss Nelson; Daniel Succa (Donna Weis' nephew); Melanie Roberts (friend of Linda Jaeger); McKenzie O'Conner (granddaughter of Neva and Chris Conlon; *per* Kathy Kannass); Ed Six (friend of Linda Jaeger); Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt; Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters); Ron Shikora (friend of Kathy Kannass).



Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her ([glowrm64@hotmail.com](mailto:glowrm64@hotmail.com)) with your requests to send a card.

*It is with deep sadness that we let you know that Frances Timm died Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Frances. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.*

## Prayer for the Week

*In thanksgiving we lift up our souls to your righteousness, O God of all truth. We await your revelation, for we cannot make sense out of life apart from you. Keep us from being paralyzed by our fears. In the midst of our perplexity grant us signs of renewed vitality and the promise of better things you have in store for us when Christ comes to live among us.*

*Direct our attention, O God, above the turmoil of our times, beyond the distress of human greed. We look for signs that your realm is near, that your Word rules the world. Free us from the weight of heavy cares to bear your joyous truth into our relationships. Join us together in a spirit of thanksgiving and earnest prayer. Amen.*

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM Worship</b>
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>10:45 AM Fellowship</b>
<b>Pastor Diane Olson, Guest Preacher</b>	
<u>Monday, December 3</u>	
<u>Tuesday, December 4</u>	9:30 AM Gathering Place
<u>Wednesday, December 5</u>	9:30 AM Gathering Place 10:15 AM YMCA Exercise 11:00 AM SPGP Bible Study 12:00 PM SPGP Meal
<u>Thursday, December 6</u>	7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	
<u>Friday, December 7</u>	
<i>St. Ambrose</i>	
<u>Saturday, December 8</u>	
<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM Worship</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>10:45 AM Fellowship</b>
<b>Pastor Diane Olson, Guest Preacher</b>	

**Monday, December 3 - Psalm 119:73**

*I created you with my own hands.*

In today's verse, the psalmist declares that God's own hands created him. What a glorious thought. Think of the tender creation process when God formed Adam out of the dust of the earth. If God did indeed create each one of us the same way, then God must see each one of us as God's work of art. In Ephesians 2:10, the KJV says "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." We are God's masterpiece. Pray that each of us would know that we are all a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that can never be replaced in the sight of our Father. May faith rise up in our hearts as we join King David in Psalm 139:14: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful."

**Tuesday, December 4 - Psalm 139:14**

*You are fearfully and wonderfully made.*

In yesterday's verse, we saw how God uniquely created each one of us with God's own hands. Today's verse is a declaration from King David that he was the handiwork of the living God and that he was fearfully and wonderfully made. Can you say the same thing about your life? Can you look in the mirror and with a joy-filled heart declare to God "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"? When most people look in a mirror, they only see their imperfections. In the Great Commandment, Jesus tells us that we are to love God with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Loving ourselves from God's perspective is not narcissism but rather just agreeing with how God sees us: fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wednesday, December 5 - Psalm 100:3**

*I am your God and you are the sheep of my pasture.*

In today's verse, we are reminded that we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture. There are many references to us being sheep in the Bible. Jesus said in John 10:27 that his sheep hear his voice and will not follow a stranger. In Psalm 23 we read one of the most celebrated passages that tells us that the Lord is our shepherd. Sheep are pretty dependent upon their shepherd to lead them and to protect them. All they have to do is to listen for his voice and follow wherever he leads. They are not required to make decisions for themselves or manage their life. They simply live under the watchful care of a shepherd that they know would lay down his life for them if it came to that. In a world system that celebrates independence and self-sufficiency at every turn, this might be a thought that offends our mind. We don't want to be led; we want to lead. Yet in Romans 8:14, we read that those who are led by the Spirit of God are the very children of God. We were never created to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. We have a Great Shepherd and Lord and Savior who has already done that for us. All we have to do is listen for his voice and follow him wherever he goes.

**Thursday, December 6 - Isaiah 40:11**

*As a shepherd carries a lamb,  
I have carried you close to my heart,*

In yesterday's verse, we talked about the benefit of having a loving Shepherd lead us and guide us. Today we continue that thought with an amazing illustration of God's love that comes from Isaiah. We see a very intimate picture of how God sees us as God's little lambs. God is the Great Shepherd who feeds us, carries us, and leads us into greener pastures. If you struggle to feel God's nearness, meditate on this Scripture and picture yourself as a little lamb needing to be picked up. God uses many illustrations throughout the bible to help us comprehend how God feels about us. A little lamb is helpless, defenseless, and completely dependent on its shepherd, just like we are. Pray that God will give each of us the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation today (Ephesians 1:17) in greater measure so that we will really know that our God and Father carries us in his arms just like a shepherd carries a little lamb.

**Friday, December 7 - Psalm 27:10**

*If your parents reject you, I will take you in.*

It was King David who wrote in Psalm 27 "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up" (KJV). David was called a man after God's own heart and had a revelation of God's intimate love that was greater than any mother's or father's love. We don't read much about David's relationship with his parents other than the fact that his father Jesse neglected to bring David in from the field when the prophet Samuel was looking to anoint a king from one of Jesse's sons. Was this an indication of the relationship David had with his father? Whatever the reason, David knew that the Lord would always receive him whether his earthly parents did or not. In a generation where nearly 50% of the homes in Western nations will end up in divorce, this promise is really important. No matter what happens in our relationship with our own parents, our God and Father will receive us with his arms open wide. May the Holy Spirit give each of us a deeper revelation of this truth today.

**Saturday, December 8 - Matthew 5:48**

*I am the perfect Father.*

In the Old Testament, God was revealed through over 300 different names (such as Jehovah, El Shaddai, Adonai), but in the New Testament, Jesus reveals God through one name, and that name is "Father." God is all about being a Father. Father is who God is. God is referred to as Father in every book of the New Testament except for one. Perhaps the summary of New Testament revelation can be found in John 20:17, after Jesus comes out of the tomb and meets Mary in the garden. He says "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'" (NIV). Jesus died so that his Father could become our Father. No matter how wonderful our earthly fathers are, we still need the love that comes from the perfect Father in heaven. If the best dad's love is a drop, our Heavenly Father's love is the ocean. Pray that we would all have a deeper revelation of the fatherhood of God today and that God's amazing love would dismantle every misconception that we have of God's perfect Father's heart.

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>December 2 Advent 1</b>	<b>December 9 Advent 2</b>	<b>December 16 Advent 3</b>	<b>December 23 Advent 4</b>	<b>December 30 Christmas 1</b>
<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Matt Short	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Carol Hegland
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Bonnie Lund	Brian Luttamus	David Bartel	Julane Sebastian	Brian Luttamus
<b>Lector</b>	Karla Iseler	Jacob Musil	Jim Katrichis	Linda Jaeger	Jim Katrichis
<b>Musicians</b>	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Marilyn Bauer	Carol Hess	Marlene Smith	Brian Luttamus	Dennis Smoody
<b>Ushers</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>Hospitality</b>					
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Irene Champion	Donna Weis	Irene Champion	Donna Weis	Marilyn Bauer
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Dennis Smoody, Dan Lehenbauer, David Bartel, Chris Kosma, Liz Bollmann, Bonnie Lund, Jan Smoody, and Rose Sorries.</b>				

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**Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM**

**Assisting Minister: Dennis Smoody**

**Lector: O B Beal**

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**Christmas Day - 9:30 AM**

**Assisting Minister: Bonnie Lund**

**Lector: TBA**

**Communion Assistant: Carol Hess**

**Altar Guild: Carol Hess**



**December Birthdays at CDLC**

**December 7**

**Elmer Matter**

**December 9**

**Jill Bebeau**

**December 12**

**Marie Byrd**

**December 13**

**Roy Rockette**

**December 18**

**Marilyn Isbell**

**December 25**

**Pr. Alexis Twito**

Sign up to bring treats and  
share your hospitality at CDLC  
this month!



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December 2 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship  <i>Pr. Diane Olson</i>	3	4  9:30 Gathering Place	5  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 Meal	6  7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast   <i>St. Nicholas</i>	7	8  9:00 AM: Quilting
December 9 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship  <i>Pr. Diane Olson</i>  <b>Stewardship Sunday</b>	10  <b>1:00 PM: Council Mtg.</b>  1:30: Neighbor- hood Captains Meeting	11  9:00 (All Day) Organ Tuning  9:30 Gathering Place	12  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	13	14	15
December 16 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum  <i>Pr. Matt Short</i>	17	18  9:30 Gathering Place	19  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise <b>11:00 GP WORSHIP</b> 12:00 GP Meal	20  7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast  9:00 AM: Quilters  <i>Katherine von Bora Luther</i>	21	22
December 23 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship  <i>Pr. Diane Olson</i>	24  <b>6:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship</b>  <i>Pr. Diane Olson</i>	25  <b>9:30 AM Christmas Day Worship</b>  <i>Pr. Carol Hegland</i>	26  No Gathering Place meeting   <i>St. Stephen, Martyr</i>	27      <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	28      <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	29  10AM : Neighbor- hood Watch Meeting (Lounge)
December 30 <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>  9:30 Worship 10:45 Fellowship  <i>Pr. Carol Hegland</i>	31	January 1, 2019  <b>9:30 Second Annual Prayer for Peace Service</b>  <i>The Name of Jesus</i>	2  No Gathering Place	3	4	5  9:00 AM: Quilting