

O Holy Night



CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
EUREKA, KANSAS

December 2025

NEWS & EVENTS

As I'm sitting here writing my article for December's newsletter, tomorrow is Thanksgiving. I believe I have told you before that Thanksgiving is my favorite Holiday. There are no pretenses, no elaborate gift giving, and not a lot of fabulous decorating (which I'm not very good at, anyway). It's just delicious food, wonderful family and friends gathered around the table. There are games, laughter, and a lot of catching up.

It makes me remember what I am truly thankful for. First of all, I am thankful for God's love for us all. His forgiveness and His constant care. I'm thankful for family and friends, and I'm especially thankful for God sending me here to love, guide, and lead all of you to Him.

I'm also thankful for the upcoming seasons of the church year. Advent, as we await the coming of the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is because of His birth that we are able to live our lives knowing just how much God loves us. The coming birth that reminds us that through His birth, we are free to live our lives through Him, and with Him. It is through His birth that we are more closely united with God.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us be thankful for all of the blessings that God has freely given to us this past year, and the greatest of these blessings is the gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and God's blessings to you all.

Pastor Sue Ellen

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



**December 24th
at 6:30pm**

December
First Offering Ministry
All loose money and designated checks received will be given to the Ministerial Alliance for food and hygiene products. Dalton Evenson will receive \$305 this includes WELCA's \$100.
Thank you to everyone that that was able to contribute+

Centered on Christ + Love One Another + Care for All God's People

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 20, 2025

Greetings from the church council!

Opening prayer was from Pastor Sue Ellen and we began our inspirational time with "God's reign" from Christ in Our Home.

This week marks the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King. Before we enter a new church year, we pause to declare our first allegiance to the crucified and risen Lord, who is seated at the right hand of God. Jesus, who "shall execute justice and righteousness in the land, if the head of this realm.

In scripture, shepherd is a metaphor meaning "king". Both the shepherd and king are charged with care and protection of the flock. Jesus, our shepherd and king, came into this world to reveal God's vision of justice and love for all people. We live in the "already and not yet" of God's reign. This vision shapes our hope and action for a better day.

The Lord is our righteousness+

Youth- we look forward to the Christmas Nativity skit on Dec. 14th at Christ Lutheran. Their last Wednesday on Dec. 17th will be their Christmas party. They will resume on January 7th.

Property- heater at UFR church is being worked on, Lawrence has begun sanding and staining the east outside doors of Christ Lutheran. Bruce has been trimming trees, along with other numerous jobs and updated fire extinguishers are being replaced at Christ Lutheran.

Stewardship- cookies and punch after Dec. 14th worship at CLC

December FOM- Ministerial Alliance "food bank".

Advent bible studies will be Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17th @ noon.

I want to take this time to express my gratitude. I am grateful, I am thankful and I am blessed for each and everyone of you!

Camille Frakes, Council President

2025 Council Members

Camille Frakes, President
Bruce Hawthorne, Vice President
Karla Fowler, Treasurer
Shannon Rockhill, Secretary
& Butch DeHaven



If you would like your poinsettia added to the Christmas Eve bulletin-"in memory of a special loved one" please have it to the church by December 20th and call Camille at (620) 538-0208 Salt Creek Market and Greenhouse will deliver for you to the church call (316) 323-7762

1st- Ministerial Alliance Food Bank noon-2pm @ SDAV church 1710 E. River

3rd- Christ Kids youth group 3:45-5pm "Christmas skit practice"

4th- WELCA meeting and Christmas cookie exchange 2pm @ CLC in the bell tower room

6th- Breakfast w/ Santa 8-10am

7th- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am and 10:30am @ CLC + Harmony Sunflowers mtg @ 5pm

8th- Ministerial Alliance Food Bank noon-2pm @ SDAV and Music Club @ 2pm in bell tower room



10th- Christ Kids youth Christmas Skit practice 3:45-5pm

13th- Sandwich Quilt Guild 9am-Noon in the bell tower room

14th- Worship service at UFR 8:30am and 10:30am at CLC including youth

17th- Christmas nativity skit, Cookies & Carols at UFR 4pm

17th- Christ Kids youth Christmas party 3:45-5:15pm

18th- CLC Council Meeting at noon in the bell tower room

21st- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am & 10:30am @ CLC
Harmony Sunflowers 4H Christmas Party @ CLC in basement

24th- Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30pm with special music at 6pm

25TH- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

28th- Sunday worship at UFR @ 8:30am & 10:30am @ CLC

& 5pm

All women who attend Christ Lutheran are invited to participate in WELCA's monthly gathering . Come join us for caroling and Christmas cookie exchange!

SAVE your receipts! We are collecting G&W Foods receipts for USD 389 schools.

Thursday, December 4th
at 2:00pm



BIRTHDAYS

5 Wesley Moots
12 Evelyn Moody

A D V E N T
BIBLE STUDIES
WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAYS
DEC. 3,10,17th
AT NOON
IN THE BELL TOWER
ROOM AT CHRIST
LUTHERAN+

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

WARD BAHR
PASTOR BRIAN BAUER
JEAN BOOTH
LACEY BREECH
JANELLE CASTLE
MORGAN CRAPSER
CHARLES CURNUTT
DOLORES CURNUTT
DALTON EVENSON
JAY FOWLER
LAURETTA FRAKES
STEVE FRANCIS
BOBBI (ZENISHEK) FRANK
BILL GARRETT
PEGGY GILLEN (Margaret Spires daughter)
DIANNE GRAVES
RON GULICK
ALLEN & SHERI HALL
DIXIE HINMAN
VANESSA HOGAN
SHARON KREGER
MINNIE JOHNSON
TERI LEVIEUX
SHANNON LEWIS
JAMES MOODY (Son of Cayla & Evan Moody)
KRIS OLSON
ERIC REYNOLDS
EMILIE RYAN
MARGARET SPIRES
BERKELY TEICHGRAEBER
(daughter of Nathan Teichgraeber)
SUE WILLIAMS



Hope you can join us for Cookies & Carols!

Sunday, December 21st
4:00pm at
Upper Fall River Church

Bringing Christmas spirit to you with country caroling fun and cookies!

December WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: Altar flower given by-Pat Surber & Family

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SCRIPTURE READER	CAMILLE FRAKES	SYBIL ROCKHILL	CINDYÆÈ	CINDY H.	PASTOR SUE ELLEN	ÔÇF ÇŠÔ
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GREETERS	BRUCE & TAMI HAWTHORNE	FRAKES	LARRY & CINDY HAYES	BUTCH & CINDY DEHAVEN	HUGHES	6 FI 79/ 'H5 A= <5 K H<CFB9
ACOLYTE	SYLVIE FRAKES	ÖÜÖŸ ÜÜÔSPÇŠ	ÜWÖÜÁ ÜÔPUWÖþ	CINDY	KAREN	SYLVIE
COMMUNION	CAMILLE	SHANNON	CINDY D.	CINDY D.	KAREN	CAMILLE
SOUND TECH	BUCK FRAKES	CAMILLE	BUTCH DEHAVEN	BUTCH DEHAVEN	ANDY HUGHES	BUCK FRAKES



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Join us!

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24th

6:00pm-Special Music & 6:30pm Service

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Upper Fall River
Lutheran Church

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Christ Lutheran Church


Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

If you are in need of Pastoral care
please contact Sue Ellen Wenthe
@ (785)-346-6491

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A BIG thank you to everyone that was able to help with the Thanksgiving dinner, the annual bazaar and decorating the church for the anticipation of Christ the newborn King+