

A NEWS BULLETIN OF

Christ Alone Evangelical Lutheran Church

“To know Christ and to make his love known in our homes, communities, nation and world.”

DECEMBER 24, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

Next Week's Readings Genesis 17:1-7, 10-12, 23, Colossians 2:6-12; Luke 2:21-24

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

Let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Christmas & New Year's Services

December 24 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Christ Alone School *Children's Christmas Service*
6:30 p.m. Carols & Candlelight Service @ Calvary campus
10:30 p.m. Carols & Candlelight Service @ Calvary campus

December 25 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service @ Calvary campus

December 31 8:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Day Service
10:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Day Service
6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service @ Calvary campus

There will be **no worship services** on the following Thursdays & Saturdays at the Trinity campus: **December 23, 28, and 30.**

Christmas Fellowship – Due to the unique scheduling for our children's service this year, there will be no Bible class on December 24. We do invite everyone to a time of Christian fellowship in our gymnasium between services. Anyone wishing to bring samples of Christmas cookies is invited to do so. **(Please note that we are a peanut free school environment)**

School News - Our prayer is that your faith was strengthened in your worship this morning. God works amazing miracles out of the seemingly insignificant. Our students now take a well-deserved break from their studies. Our teaching staff will rest for a few days also. School resumes on Thursday, January 4, 2018. May God bless and keep your families safe in the days ahead. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Christ Alone!

2018 Offering Envelopes for Christ Alone Members – may be found on tables in the Calvary campus' coat room. New envelope numbers have been assigned, please use your 2018 envelopes after the new year. Please contact the church office (262-242-4710) if you are unable to locate your envelopes.

Summer Camping is Just Around the Corner - The WELS Camp Phillip has sent out their early registration forms for next summer. Children in grades K-8 can be camping guests. High school-age children can apply to work as Junior Staff.

If you sign up before the end of the year you can receive the early bird registration discount of up to \$30. Christ Alone is a member congregation so you get a discount of up to \$52 as well. Also in the spring time they may offer a fund raising opportunity to earn money to reduce the cost of camp.

If you have any questions you may call us or visit the camp website. www.campphillip.com

The camp ground is open all year round for fun Christian fellowship. They have cabins and camp sites available. Family Fest weekend is June 15-17, 2018. The delegates and their family's went last summer for Family Fest and had a great time.

Ladies Aid - We welcome all ladies to attend our Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 12:00 noon at our South (Trinity) campus. Please bring your own sandwich or lunch and any extra Christmas cookies to share for our dessert.

WELS Youth Rally: The 2018 WELS International Youth Rally is scheduled for June 26-29 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. Watch the bulletin and your email for more detailed information in the near future.

Tract Focus - Our Bible has 66 books, more than 1000 chapters, and was written by about 40 different authors. Learn how to dig deep into the Word of God with the help of this week's tract from Rose Publishing titled *How to Study the Bible*. Whether you have no Bible experience or have studied the Bible for a long time, this handy pamphlet provides charts, pictures and maps to supplement personal Bible study for families or small groups. The tract is available at the Welcome Center in the narthex of the Calvary campus.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Short-Term Host Families Needed for Costa Rican Exchange Students - KML is asking for your help in hosting Costa Rican students in a cultural exchange from January 17-February 1, 2018. Still needed are host families for 3 boys (ages 13, 15, and 16). The only requirements of families is to provide a room, meals, and transportation to/from KML and to have an interest in sharing their culture and learning about Costa Rican culture. Interested families should fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRhostapp>. The itinerary the students will follow can viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRschedule>. Questions? Contact Mrs. Micah Nelson (micah.nelson@kmlhs.org).

Awake and Alive two-day Christian Conference for young adults-Awake and Alive will be hosting a two-day conference January 5th and 6th at Wisconsin Lutheran College for anyone in the 18 to 25 generation. This year's theme is "Take Hold of the Gift." The book of Philippians is often referred to as Paul's letter of JOY and our theme this year is based on his encouragement in chapter 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." We talk about the "Gift" of God's grace that we have received freely through Jesus Christ, but what does it mean to really "take hold of the gift"? This year's conference will focus on ways we transition from "knowing" Christian information to taking hold of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As we do this, our identity will shift, we'll view shame differently, and be inspired to bring healing to the world. The conference will be filled with great devotions, speakers, breakout sessions, music and community time. www.awakealive.com has the full details. Space is limited, so visit the website soon to register! Not 18-25 but still interested? Contact Jill Dunbar at jilld@awakealive.com or Mike Westendorf at mike@mikewestendorf.com to find out how you can help support this event.

Job Opportunities - Posted on the board in the coat room are many job opportunities for our members.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (CC- CALVARY CAMPUS TC- TRINITY CAMPUS)

Sun 12/24 **Children's Christmas Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**
Fellowship (gymnasium) 9:15 am
Candlelight Worship Service 6:30 pm (CC)
Candlelight Worship Service 10:30 pm (CC)

Mon 12/25 **Christmas Festival Service 9:30 am (CC)**

Tues 12/26 No Bible Classes

Wed 12/27 No Bible Class
Thurs 12/28 **No Worship Service**
No Bible Class
Sat 12/30 **No Worship Service**
Sun 12/31 **Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**
Communion New Year's Eve Service 6:30 pm (CC)

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