

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 31, 2017

CHRISTMAS 1

Next Week's Readings Ruth 4: 13-17, Ephesians 3: 2-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

New Year's Services

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 28, and 30.**

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.

Jesus Cares - The visit in December from Pastor Joel Gaertner and his *Jesus Cares* presentation generated a lot of excitement at Christ alone. Twenty-two people indicating they were interested in helping to make possible a Gospel ministry to people with developmental disabilities. I can't help thinking a ministry like this will help us reach many in our communities with God's great message of love!

Our first meeting to explore the issue is coming up *NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY, Jan 3, 6:30pm* at the Trinity campus fellowship hall. Pastor Gaertner will join us again and walk us through the first steps toward training and organizing this ministry. It's sure to be helpful.

Please come if you are able. And if you know someone who might be supportive if they knew more, don't be shy about inviting him or her, too.

Christ Alone Book Club - Join us for the next reading for the book club on Saturday, January 13 at 9:30 am Calvary campus library. The book we will be discussing is *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

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.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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

Sun 12/31 **Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**
 Communion New Year's Eve Service 6:30 pm (CC)

Mon 1/1 No School Christmas Vacation

Tues 1/2 No School or Bible Classes
 Wings of Hope 6:30 pm (CC)

Wed 1/3 No School or Bible Class
 Ladies' Aid 12:00 noon (TC)
 Jesus Cares Meeting 6:30 pm (TC)

Thurs 1/4 **Communion Service 6:30 pm (TC)**
 Bible Class 7:45 pm (TC)

Sat 1/6 **Communion Service 5:30 pm (TC)**

Sun 1/7 **Communion Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**
 Sunday School 9:15 am
 Bible Class/ Teen Bible Class **The Reluctant Prophet-Jonah** (fellowship hall)
 9:15 am
 Public School Catechism Class 9:15 am

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