



**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE

QUARTERLY NEWS **2016: October, November,** **December**

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

Throughout the month of November, we provided the opportunity for you to give to the world around us. And you responded in a big way!

The Faith Growers classes brought in loose change each week to show that even our youngest members can help support others. A mere \$2.25 funded a Thanksgiving meal for someone at Wheeler Mission. Through donations from the children and from our adult members, we raised **\$171.97 for Wheeler Mission**. That's over 76 Thanksgiving meals!



Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) provided ingredients for Thanksgiving meals for eligible families, and they rely on donations to cover the cost of the turkeys. The turkeys cost about \$10 each and you gave \$488.66. That's over **48 turkeys for LCFS clients!**

Every year our high school youth ask you for ingredients to bake pies for The Caring Center in Lebanon. The pies are given out with Thanksgiving meals for the needy. You donated enough ingredients for **54 pies for The Caring Center!**

Twice a year, we host a blood drive. At our fall drive, you donated **16 + 2 double units of blood for the Indiana Blood Center**.

This year, MOPS has chosen to support Helping Hands of Boone County, a domestic violence emergency shelter. One way in which we could support them was to donate items to be sold at the garage sale portion of the fall Shopping Night. Through the sale that night and ongoing sales online, you and our MOPS moms have raised **\$560 for Helping Hands of Boone County**.

Each year, we put up our Giving Tree, which helps provide gifts for the Christmas Store at LCFS. Eligible families are able to "shop" for gifts, household items, and gift wrap. You gave **74 items from the Giving Tree for LCFS** (27 books, 12 games, 8 dolls, 9 baby items, 4 stuffed animals, 3 towel sets, 4 teen items, 7 hat/glove sets, and a big bag of wrapping paper).

What an incredible outpouring of generosity for our community!

MEDITATIONS AND MUSIC

Once again, Christ Lutheran Church offered to the community and congregation the opportunity to step away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season by attending one of the Meditations and

Music concerts. This series is an opportunity for area musicians to share the music of advent in a beautiful and serene setting for the reflection of the audience. Our series this year featured The Brownsburg High School Madrigal Singers, Matthew Masko, The Celebration Bells and Heidi Schmidt. As in years past, a light refreshment was offered after each concert. This year members of the Sanctuary Choir signed up to assume set up and clean up responsibility for the receptions. Meditations and Music has become a popular event for area retirement centers. Hoosier Village, especially has supported the series, sometimes bringing a bus load of residents to enjoy the evening.



BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS



On Saturday, December 3rd, Christ Lutheran Church hosted a free Breakfast with St. Nicholas. This event was offered to the congregation, community, Preschool and MOPS as an alternative to the secularized Santa Claus events that have become popular for families with little ones. The event was organized by Kathryn Singer, Jacki Kane, Debi Prather and Pastor. The Narthex was set up as a photo spot for the kids to visit the stable, complete with costumes and stuffed animals. Other activities occurred in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor played the role of Saint Nicholas, the historic character upon which the modern day

Santa is based. He offered stories and gifts to the children from the stage in the Fellowship Hall while the parents enjoyed breakfast. There was also an area for crafts and a place for cookie decorating. While the families were enjoying the events at the Breakfast, the children's shoes were filled with treats, following the tradition of the Bishop of Smyrna, Saint Nicholas. We also had a book fair in the old Narthex for parents to do a bit of Christmas shopping for their kids.

This event was a big success and allowed many of the members of Christ Lutheran to be a part of the festivities. About 25 people participated in some way and 120 attended the event. Breakfast with St. Nicholas was featured in the Current with both an article and a picture. It was placed on several Facebook pages and publicized in the Preschool with flyers and info in the weekly newsletter. This was a return to Breakfast with St. Nicholas, the last one being held in 2013.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



The sanctuary was generously colored with blue reminding us during December that Advent was here while we waited for Christmas. Each Sunday an additional candle was lit on the Advent Wreath and more ornaments were hung on the Jesse Tree, each reminding us of a promise that was fulfilled by the birth of Christ. (Thanks to Bob Russell, Debi Prather and Stephen Enz for the “new” Jesse Tree this year.) Each Sunday, Mary and Joseph, later followed by the Wise Men got closer to the stable of Bethlehem. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, all ages participated in the Christmas Cantata “Come Ye Faithful.” This year we were especially blessed by a beautiful orchestra of youth and adults directed by Matt Masko. At the Christmas Eve Family Service the Christmas story was told with “sound effects” by the children. Everyone got to sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus. At the candlelight service the choir, bells and congregational song rejoiced in the Nativity of Christ and the angels’ glorious assurance “Fear Not” because Christ the Savior is born. Thanks to all who contributed to this year’s spectacular display of poinsettias!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 18, 2016 was a special day in the worship life of our congregation. The Sanctuary Choir, joined by many talented Christ Lutheran Church instrumentalists and readers, presented Hal Hopson’s *Come Ye Faithful: A Service of Carols*. Hopson’s cantata consists of a wonderful blend of both familiar and unfamiliar carols. The cantata also places an emphasis on a variety of global perspectives on Christmas, consisting of carols from many different cultures all throughout the world.

We are blessed at Christ Lutheran Church with so many talented, hard-working musicians! A cantata such as this takes hours of dedicated preparation from the choir, instrumentalists, and readers. If you happen to be in conversation with one of our many musicians (you know who they are!) before or after worship, or out in the community, or wherever you may find yourself, please thank them for their dedication in singing praises to God—not just in preparation for this cantata, but also for the many ways they sing and play a joyous song throughout the year!



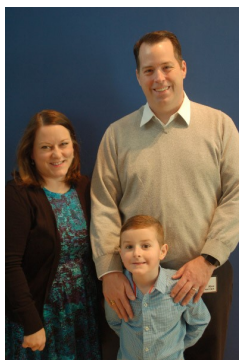
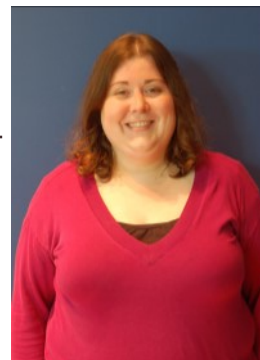
WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Three new families joined our church on Sunday, December 11.

Amy and Brad Holtz enjoy spending time with their two dogs, Rusty and Albert, and their son Beck. They also have a keen interest in music; both work in the radio industry. Brad is originally from Texas and Amy from Michigan. They now reside in Indianapolis and are fond of trying new restaurants around the city.

Kathryn Singer is our very own preschool Director. She was baptized at Resurrection Lutheran Church (Madison, IN) and decided to now join our congregation. Kathryn enjoys cooking, crafting, watching football and basketball, as well as spending time with family and friends. She is, without say, passionate about early education.



Meredith and Alex Therrien joined us in December 2016 along with their son Fletcher. They previously lived in New Hampshire but now reside in Zionsville. In their free time they enjoy tennis, movies, and reading. The Therriens are excited to be a part of our community and look forward to our fellowship events

HERE WE COME A CAROLING!

On Sunday afternoon December 11 children, youth and adults from Christ Lutheran Church sang Christmas carols and brought the joy of the season to the community and various members of Christ Lutheran Church, the residents of Hoosier Village at our monthly worship service, and friends and members of our church: Dorothy Keller, Glenn and JoAnne Tuffnell, Clara Trapp and Phyllis Jones. It was a great way to bring the music and message of the season to those who cannot always get out of their homes.



ROAD SIGN REFRESH

In the month of December, we were finally able to finish a large piece of our marketing project: the new road sign! Thanks to a generous donation, we received the funds we needed to move forward with refacing the old sign. Since we didn't change the basic structure of the sign, we were "grandfathered" in to Zionsville's town rules and were able to keep the internal illumination and the same size. Thanks to Connie Niessink, who offered her experience in real estate to help navigate the town rules and work with the sign manufacturer. Along with refacing the panels to include both the church's and the preschool's new logos, we chose a nice bright blue for the sign frame and we upgraded the interior lights to LED, which will use less energy and need to be replaced less often. Also thanks to Bill Klittich and Stephen Enz for removing the landscaping that was constantly blocking the sign. We plan on planting some low ground cover in the spring that will complement the sign and also require low maintenance! We are excited that now our new brand is represented outside of our building!



NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



On January 1, Matt Masko began serving as our new Director of Music replacing Debi Prather who retired at the end of December after serving Christ Lutheran Church for over 25 years. Thank you, Debi!!! As Director of Music, Matt will not only continue as accompanist but also direct Choir and Kantorei and supervise the entire vocal and instrumental ministry at Christ Lutheran Church.

Matt most recently was in Fordville, North Dakota, where he was the pastor at Fordville Lutheran Parish. He is a graduate of Wartburg Seminary and holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy from Drake University in Des Moines, IA. He was ordained on July 14, 2011 in Iowa City, IA. His experience includes: Pastor of Fordville Lutheran Parish, Fordville, ND; Music Director of West Des Moines Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Music Director, St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Greendale, WI; Chapel Organist at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, WI and Assistant Conductor of Waukesha Area Youth Orchestra in Hartland, WI.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL



Now that we have been in school for an entire semester, it is amazing to see how much all of the children have grown since the beginning of the school year! Not only have they grown, but they have also become accustomed to being at school and the school routines, and they have become great friends! It is also amazing to see how much our preschool program has grown as a whole!



Our Toddler 1 class (for children 15-24 months of age) is currently focusing on snow and ice, as well as generosity and sharing. Their current Bible focus is 2 Corinthians 9:7-10. The children have especially enjoyed listening to books about snow and ice, painting with ice, and having a "snowball" fight (with large pieces of cotton)! They have also enjoyed learning about sharing God's love and what He has provided for us!

Our 2/3s class is currently focusing on the season of Winter. Their current Bible focus is "God Gives Us What We Need". The children have especially enjoyed listening to books about Winter, writing and drawing in shaving cream, and acting like polar bears! They have also enjoyed learning about what God has provided for us!



Our 3/4s class is currently focusing on bears. Their current Bible focus is Genesis 1: 24-25. The children have especially enjoyed listening to books about bears, making a class book similar to *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, and going on a "bear hunt"! They have also enjoyed learning about the different types of animals that God created, especially different types of bears!



Our Pre-kindergarten class is currently focusing on music. Their current Bible focus is "God Gives Us What We Need". The children have especially enjoyed looking at books about music/musical instruments, learning how to play different musical instruments, and dancing to a beat! They have also enjoyed learning about what God has provided for us!

All of the children are thoroughly enjoying chapel time each week! In November and December we focused on The Christmas Story, and we are now focusing on the story of The Good Samaritan and what it means to be a friend.

We are looking forward to several upcoming events, including making valentines for the residents of Zionsville Meadows, our Pops at Preschool event, Music Week, and Pet Week!



Christ Lutheran Church

2016-2017 Fiscal Year
Financial Summary Report
(as of December 31, 2016)

	Actual	Mission Plan
Total Receipts to date	194,717	204,217
Total Expenses to date	(192,416)	(204,542)
Net General & Building Fund	2,300	
Avg Weekly Receipts to Fund Mission Plan		6,902

We deeply appreciate the generosity of all who contribute to the church - and we need your commitment to fulfill our vision. Please give to support mission and service in the name of Jesus Christ.



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