



# Cornerstone

## December 2022

## What Child Is This?

*What child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?*

This old Christmas carol was written in 1865 in Great Britain and set to the tune of "Greensleeves" in 1871. There is something about the tune of this song that struck me as a kid and the song has been one of my favorites ever since! It has been recorded and rerecorded by numerous artists over the years and as I have gotten older the song has continued to be a favorite, not just for the haunting tune, but for the question it asks...**What Child IS this?** This is the question that is ALWAYS important for us to ask, not just during the Christmas and Advent season, but daily in our lives. Who and what is this child, Jesus, to me?

This Advent season we will be taking a closer look at that question and the implications of its answer. As we go through each week of the advent season, I hope you will see that the answer to the question is at the same time as simple as "Jesus" and yet so complex that we could spend a lifetime exploring it without exhausting all the answers. During the Sundays in Advent, we will see that the answer to the question "What Child is this?" includes...**The one we've been looking for, The one who came to die, The one we need most, The one who is God in the flesh, and The one who reigns forever more.**

## Church Events

- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Lutefisk Dinner
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Charis Christmas Potluck
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service & Christmas Program
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Worship Service at 4:30pm
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day Worship Service at 9am
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Office Closed (Monday)
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day Worship Service at 9am
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> - Office Closed (Monday)

The most important thing you can do this Advent season is to explore Christ and to come face to face with the knowledge of who He is, what his love means for us, and how He is the most important person that has ever walked the face of this earth. Join us Sundays during advent and allow yourself the time and space to wrestle with the question, “**What Child is This?**” and let Christ lead you into a deeper relationship with Him this Christmas season.



## Review from Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) How to Read the Bible!

Choose a Study Bible in a User-Friendly Translation:  
The New Living Translation (NLT), New Intl. Version (NIV) or English Standard Version (ESV)

Choose Where to Start Reading the Bible.

### One Possible Order to Read:

1. Mark & John
2. Acts - Romans
3. Matthew & Luke
4. 1 Corinthians – Jude
5. Genesis & Exodus
6. Psalms – Proverbs
7. Joshua – Job,
8. Isaiah – Malachi
9. Leviticus – Deuteronomy
10. Revelation

Set aside time everyday to read and KEEP IT!

Take Your Time! It's okay if you need to go back and read portions more than once or if you stop to look something up.

Use Helpful Bible Tools and Resources as Needed  
([biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)) & Bible Apps

### Old Testament Books:

- **Genesis – Exodus:** Bible stories of the first people God created. Easy reading.
- **Leviticus – Deuteronomy:** Long lists of Old Testament moral, civil and ceremonial law. Very difficult reading.
- **Joshua – Job:** Longer, more complicated stories of the Israelites (God's chosen people) and their “on again off again” relationship with following God. Moderately difficult reading.
- **Psalms – Ecclesiastes:** Quick, general Biblical advice for godly living. Fairly easy reading.
- **Isaiah – Malachi:** More stories of the Israelites (God's chosen people) and their “on again off again” relationship with following God with plenty of prophesy mixed in. Fairly difficult reading.

### New Testament Books:

- **Matthew – John** (Also known as the Gospels): Bible stories about Jesus's time on earth. Very easy reading.
- **Acts:** Bible stories about the early church. Very easy reading.
- **Romans – Jude:** Letters from early Christians to the churches, encouraging and instructing them in their faith. Easy reading.
- **Revelation:** A vision of what the end times will be like. Difficult reading.



# Clint & Judy Lueck's Journey



To all our Christ Lutheran Family, Thank You - for your love, your kindness, your support, your prayers. These past few months, our faith journey has been sorely tested and strengthened! We faced so much uncertainty, stress, pain, and isolation. God was with us every step of the way! Dear friends, if you ever doubted the power of prayer, we're here to tell you your prayers were hands-on POWERFUL!!! God was our navigator from day one - nothing short of remarkable and miraculous. We experienced daily how God's fingerprints were showing, too many to name. He made his presence known in some pretty significant ways. Here are a few of your prayers in action:

- Day one Lawrenceburg, Indiana: When transported to local hospital ER, Clint notices something on the wall - a crucifix! We were in a Christian hospital and there was a crucifix in Every room. Clint commented at the get-go "this gives me great comfort."
- The patient database used by this hospital was the same as used by his medical care in Minnesota. This allowed for all medical history to be accessed. Prayers answered!
- Day three: Clint was transferred to a larger regional hospital in

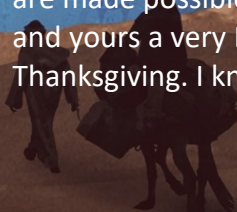
Kentucky, which was in the same group of hospitals. Again, a cross in every room!

- While in the ICU, we learned Clint had a C. Diff infection that if left untreated could be life threatening. It was determined he had this while still in MN (complication of cancer treatment). One wonders if Clint had not landed in the hospital how long this would have gone undetected! Prayers answered!
- God put people in our path at exactly the right moment. At this point, Clint had been intubated, sedated, and was in very critical condition. I was broken. The same day of transfer, Clint's son had an overnight flight to Cincinnati airport (10 minutes from hospital). He was able to be with me. Also, longtime friends who had been on their own road trip, 'happened' to be only two hours away and diverted to be with me. They stayed for 4 days until things were more stable with Clint and I could breathe again. Prayers answered!
- Fast forward 4 weeks to Clints scheduled release date from rehab. How do we get him home? I needed another pair of hands. It so 'happened' our road tripping friends were headed

back to MN and were in Ohio, just across the river. They diverted again, got transfer training along with me from rehab, and Clint rode in their larger, more comfortable car while I followed in my little compact car. Prayers answered!

Back home in Mn for the first time I was a bit anxious about caring for Clint on my own. I think God knew I needed a little more time and He 'arranged' a safe route for me to get that time. That first evening, Clint ended up back in the hospital. He was medically stable but kept for observation. PT recommended transitional care, so we waited for 4 more days to find a bed. Nothing was available. But, 4 more days gave us the extra time for his strength and my readiness to bring him home, with home health services. Prayers answered!

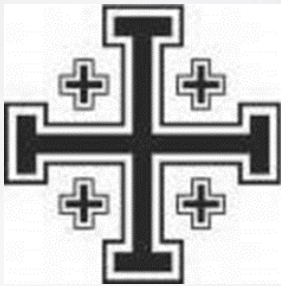
Clint still has a long road of recovery, but I like that word - recovery! We have much for which to be grateful. First and foremost, all praise to God and Jesus, our Savior and Lord by whom all things are made possible. We wish you and yours a very Blessed Thanksgiving. I know ours has been!





# The Purpose of a Logo

Have you ever seen a logo and you knew exactly what the company was and what it stood for? Visual pictures can have a strong impact on us and hopefully serve to point us to what the owner of that logo wants. The logos of Christ Lutheran have gone through a number of changes over the years. The last couple pastors (Pastor Dave and Pastor Ron) each have had their own distinct graphics they used for official Christ Lutheran publications. Remember these?



You may have noticed over the past few months a new logo making an appearance. In case you haven't, check these out!



The new logo has 3 main things that I want to highlight. 1st - The design is simple. Taking cues from the latest in design research this new Christ Lutheran graphic is easy for the eye to see and immediately recognizable. 2nd - The primary color is blue for the Swedish heritage of Christ Lutheran. While the logo is new, it is important for us to recognize where we came from and what the roots of our church are. 3rd - the Cross is the primary image, front and center. The name of our church is CHRIST Lutheran, and Christ is the center of who we are and everything we do. It is vitally important that this be the primary message that is communicated.

I hope you all enjoy the new logos, and they point you to what we find most important; Christ crucified and risen for our sake!

## Memorial Funds - Bell Project Update

*The Bell Project 2023 is a two-year memorial project to raise dedicated memorial funds for a digital carillon system. The congregation approved the plan to support this project at the 2021 annual meeting. As of Dec. 1st we have received memorial gifts totaling \$5,945 with a goal of \$13,000 by November 30, 2023.*

***Memorial gifts can be designated anytime throughout the year. Once we have the funds, we will have the carillon system installed. We will keep you updated on the progress.***