

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning March 10, 2019—1st Sunday in Lent



Today is the first Sunday of Lent, the season of the church year that invites us into a repentance that leads to new life, mirroring the journey toward the cross and Easter. This journey begins with ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The ashes remind us of mortality and death, while the symbol of the cross on our forehead reminds us of that same symbol sealing us with the Holy Spirit in baptism. For Christians, death is always tied to new life, and new life is always tied to death. The promise of the resurrection is sure. Yet resurrection always requires death first. In baptism, we die to our old self and then are raised to new life in Christ. As we journey into a new future as church together, in a new pastor sharing relationship, we grieve that which is past. We learn to let go of the way things used to be. And then we look forward to where God is inviting us next. We don't go too quickly. First, we sit with the ashes. First, we sit with the grief. Then we move, together, shedding the ashes with our old ways, as we are raised again into new life through Christ. We may not all be in the same place on the road. The road may have switchbacks and narrow places. That's all OK. Still, in this season, let's be on the journey together.

Pastor Erin

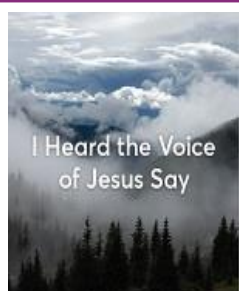


A special invitation to worship this Sunday as we bless our new **Lenten Banners** made from former CLC choir robes. Using the Pentecost/Reformation banners as a pattern, the robes were primarily deconstructed by Diane Emry, pressed by Carolyn Novak, then stabilized and sewn by MariLynn Bergmark into the beautiful banners that now hang in our Sanctuary. Thank you to our talented and dedicated volunteers who took something from the history of our church and repurposed it into something new to enhance our Worship Space.



Wednesday
Lenten Services

We will be holding midweek Lenten worship services at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent, up to Holy Week. We will gather in the Fireside Room Chapel. We will follow the Night Prayer service from the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) Hymnal. *Dinners will not be provided this year.*



The Lenten Devotional, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" from Luther Seminary is available in the Welcome Center. Please take one for your family. If you would like us to print the devotional in large print, please fill out a Connection Card and we will make one available to you. Additionally, you may receive the daily devotion over e-mail. Simply go to :
<https://www.luthersem.edu/lent/> and sign up or go to www.yourchrist.org and click on the link.

Sunday Worship

8:30AM

10:15AM

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study
7:30AM—Library

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor
Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship
Bonnie Bucholz, Interim Traditional Music Director
Jo Chiko, Interim Handbell Director
Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary
Kristina Dickens and Micki Llewellyn Children and Family Ministries Co-Directors
Nancy Woodruff, Dir. of Communications;
Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant
Richard Kochel, Organist
Nicole Claycomb, Nursery Attendant

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Ed Borsuk** who has returned to the hospital
- For **Tom Bruckner**
- For **Pastor Todd Napoli**
- For **Joe Chiko**, Joe's dad
- For **Aly Claycomb** studying abroad for a semester
- For **Chris Luby**, Carl Nodus' brother-in-law
- For our new **Church Council**

For our Homebound

- **Annette Armstrong, Kay Hedborn, Anita Olson, Rose Lynn Erdmann, Ty Johnson, Marge Kleist, Audrey Lowe and Jim Schneider**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- For the **Dunlap Family** of Downers Grove
- For **Dave Gallas**, friend of Bob & Rachel Krohn
- For **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- For **Joyce Nelson**, Phil Nelson's sister-in-law
- For **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- For **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- For guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- For **Max**, grandson of Jan Haas' friend
- **Alonso Tamayo**—Jeanette's uncle
- **Howard Beauchamp**;
- **Carol** – friend of the Charlier family;
- **Michael**—Luis Giron's nephew;
- **Bob Cox** – Tricia Giron's father;
- **Dorothy Eckert** – Loretta Chiko's mother;
- **Parker**—grandson of Bonnie Bucholz' neighbor;
- **Kayla**— Andrea Palm's sister;
- **Charlotte Grace**;
- **Colton** – child of a friend of Dan Cramer;
- **Pastor Melissa**;
- **Jackie** – Nancy Woodruff's mother.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- **Brad Bucholz** deployed to Kuwait for one year ;
- For encouragement for **Jeff**.

*If you would like to have someone added to the prayer chain, please call or email the church office. **Please also remember to contact us when a prayer status***



We are happy to announce that Pastor Erin Clausen will be installed here at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 28, 2019. **We will have one service of celebration at 10:00 a.m.**, and Bishop Wayne Miller will preach. Festivities will follow the service.

Don't miss it!

MARCH

Birthdays

3/4	Amber Pelton
3/9	Roberta Fiedler
3/9	Phil Nelson
3/9	Laura Schueler
3/11	Mike Smith
3/13	Robby Fiedler
3/13	Dennis Fones
3/14	Elena Svoboda
3/14	Ian Svoboda
3/16	Jim Nordloh
3/16	Judy Wolthausen
3/19	Edward Paloyan
3/22	Madeline Batke
3/22	Margaret Blesy
3/25	Erica Emry
3/30	Steven Dickens
3/31	Lida Portschy

Anniversaries

3/17	Ben & Marie Dixon
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The Knitting Ministry would like to extend "Learn to Knit" classes between services in the Study Lounge, beginning at about 9:35 a.m. If you are interested, call Carolyn Novak at (630) 347-2879. The knitting ministry meets the first and third Friday of the month from 10am to noon.

"Give a person a hat, you keep one person warm. Learn to knit, you can keep your whole family warm"

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, March 10 - Pastor Clausen presiding
Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary
4H Embryology Workshop 1:00PM - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 12
Dartball Home Game 7:00PM
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, March 13
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Lenten Mid-Week Service 7:15PM—Fireside Room
Choir Practice 7:45PM—Choir Room

Thursday, March 14
Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Webelos Crossover 7:00PM—Sanctuary
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 15
Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
Middle Schoolers Leave for Confirmation Camp

Saturday, March 16
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, March 17 - Pastor Templeton presiding
Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary
Council Orientation 3:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Wolf Den 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 18
Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 19
Dartball Home Game 7:00PM
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, March 20
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Lenten Mid-Week Service 7:15PM—Fireside Room
Choir Practice 7:45PM—Choir Room

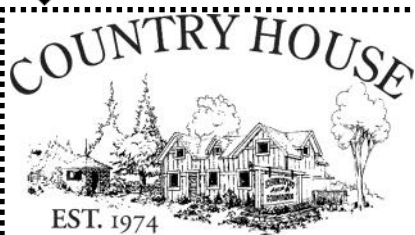
Thursday, March 21
Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 22
Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Growing Grove

Saturday, March 23
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



Today is the last day to participate in the Country House Restaurant Fundraiser!



House Shares

Christ Lutheran Church
Mar. 4th → Mar. 10th 2019



The Country House has teamed up with Christ Lutheran Church for one great fundraiser! When you dine at The Country House during the scheduled dates we will donate 15% of your food purchases back to Christ Lutheran Church.

Promotion only at Country House Clarendon Hills 241 55th St. 630-986-5444

This paper coupon must be presented to ensure donation. Not valid for alcohol. Distribution of coupons at or in front of restaurant is prohibited.



We are looking for people to participate in our Spring Craft Fair, Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9am–3pm.

If you know someone who might like to be a part of it,

please have them go to www.yourchrist.org and click on the rotating ad to download the application form. For only \$40, which is tax-deductible, we will provide an 8 foot table and two chairs and space in our comfortable fellowship hall.

Food will be available for breakfast and lunch provided by Thrivent Financial will be available for a free-will offering.

All proceeds from booth sales will go to the food pantry at Anne M. Jeans Middle School (a division of HCS Family Services).



- ✝ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ✝ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ✝ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ✝ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ✝ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ✝ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ✝ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ✝ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ✝ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ✝ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ✝ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

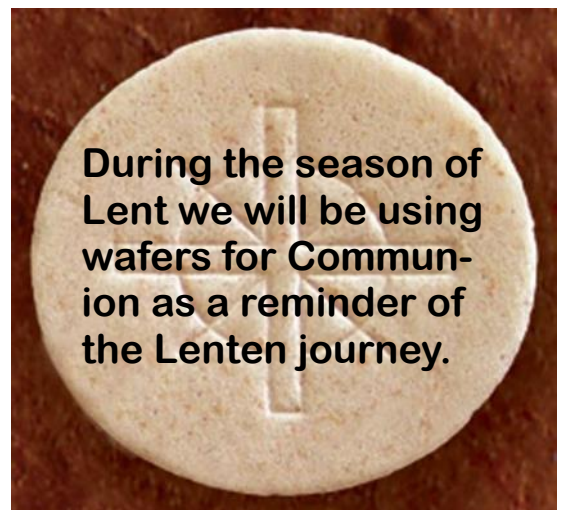


Thank you to all who came out to help with the 2019 Spring Rummage Sale. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to bring in \$2,681.56 to our church to help fund un-budgeted expenses. Many thanks to all who helped!

Mike Bartosz, Bill Bernard, Loretta Chiko, Steven Dickens, Diane Emry, Jan Haas, Lea Hotton, Al Kondraschow, Jane McDonald, Carolyn Novak, Glen Orton, John Portschy, Lida Portschy, Matt Ramirez, Christina Ramirez, Evelyn Reed, Jim Rice, Debra Rice, Dave Reissetter, Mariana Reissetter, Wendy Sanders, Carol Toman, Kathy Turner and Dietrich Wolfframm. Also, Paula from PRC and Bonnie, friend of Bernice Yeater.



Some of our faithful volunteers on Saturday morning before the crowds!



During the season of Lent we will be using wafers for Communion as a reminder of the Lenten journey.