

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning March 17, 2019—2nd Sunday in Lent



Today the church – and society – commemorates St. Patrick, a 5th century missionary to a bishop in Ireland. On behalf of the Roman Catholic church, he preached the gospel of Jesus, and is generally said to have brought Christianity to Ireland.

In the United States, many people associate green with St. Patrick's day. This may be because the color used in Ireland to represent Catholicism is green. In Ireland, Catholics wear green on St. Patrick's Day. In contrast, protestants wear orange. As Lutherans, were we celebrating today in Ireland, we would probably be wearing orange. However, given the intense politics between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland, making such a statement could be dangerous.

Our celebrations today – whether corned beef and cabbage, green beer, watching the Chicago river turn green – are intended to bring us together as communities. The faith that St. Patrick brought to Ireland calls us to love God and neighbor, and to live out of Christ in every moment. The choice to wear green or orange might be a reminder that throughout the world, Christians are not united. Christians around the world still argue and fight, in spite of our common dedication to a God whose love comes to us through Christ.

During this season of Lent, Christians around the world are invited to examine ourselves and our lives. We are invited to consider in what ways we are living out our Christian faith and commitment, and to recommit to those. We are also invited to consider where we are not living out our Christian faith, with an invitation to alter our thoughts and behavior to more closely match the love of God through Christ.

So consider today an invitation. Have fun with friends and family. Enjoy your siblings in Christ. Celebrate with gladness. And also, remember who you are in Christ. Be aware of the ways you live out your faith... and those ways you don't. Watch how you love your neighbor... and the times and places you don't. Notice where you find Christ...and where you don't.

As you notice, carry with you this blessing, an excerpt from the famous prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate. May you notice Christ in all you do, in every place where you are, and in everyone you meet:

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

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

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Dolores Kondraschow**
- For **Marcia Lung**, Rob Sorensen's aunt
- For **Russell Orton**, Glen's brother.
- For **David Jon** and **Lori Ball's** nephew
- For the family of **Rolf Larson**, Steven Dickens' uncle who passed away.

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 **Ed Borsuk**
- 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 **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**.



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 is scheduled to preach. Festivities will follow the service. Don't miss it!

During the season of Lent we will be using wafers for Communion as a reminder of the Lenten journey. We will resume our practice of homemade Communion Bread on Maundy Thursday.

MISSED A SUNDAY?

CHECK OUT OUR
SERMONS ONLINE!



Did you miss the sermon last week? Go to www.yourchrist.org, page down, and click on the orange Sound Cloud icon in the middle part of the home page. You can listen to last week's sermon, and the last several sermons. It's a great way to stay connected when you're out of town, or you cannot make it to church.



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 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
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern
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 Away 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

Sunday, March 24 - 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

Monday, March 25

Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, March 26

Dartball Away Game 7:00PM
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 29

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Saturday, March 30

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



- ✚ 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.



We will be taking orders for Easter Lilies in the coming weeks. These beautiful plants from Goers Greenhouse are \$13.00 apiece and you

may take yours home following Easter Worship. Plant it in your yard or bring it to a friend!



February's Common Life Table resulted in rich discussions about:

1. How might we more effectively communicate the connection between our budget, our organizational structure and our ministry. The desire to have more information on all our funds - where the money in each fund comes from and what the money is being spent on.
2. More consistent and ongoing communication from each ministry quadrant and council about what has recently been accomplished and the current immediate focus of each ministry, including specific

prayer requests for the various ministries.

The content of all Common Life Table discussions is forwarded to the Church Council and related committees for consideration.

Monthly Update

1. Each week, the *Christ Connection* will include an update from one of the ministry quadrants. This decision was made in response to ideas about how to lift up all of the ministries at CLC so that, as a community we are aware of ministry happenings, needs, and opportunities. This stems from a desire for everyone in the community to hear and experience what the Holy Spirit is accomplishing through us as we live out our faith with one another.
2. The church council is learning about narrative budgeting and thinking through how we can more clearly communicate the alignment between Christ Lutheran Church's values, mission, goals, organizational structure, and ministries.

Communications

One focus of the Common Life Ministry is communication and its impact on our culture, relationships, and work. In February we met with Nancy Woodruff, Director of Communications to gather information about CLC's current communication structures with an aim toward clarifying their purposes and uses, and to explore collaboration opportunities.

We are also developing guidelines to further equip Common Life Table facilitators and participants. Please let us know if you would like to be trained to be a Common Life Table facilitator. We request that you pray for our common life at CLC - that our interactions as we live, work, and worship together reflect the fruit of the Spirit.

Katherine Burson



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.