

Christ Connection

Empowered by God's love and following in the ways of Jesus Christ, we LIVE, GROW and SHARE AS Disciples of Christ.

For the Week Beginning March 24, 2019—3rd Sunday in Lent



Beginning in January, CLC entered into a covenant relationship with St. James. A covenant is a sacred promise, a kind of promise that is set apart by its nature and intentions. We believe that God has called us into relationship as congregations by shar-

ing a pastor. This relationship enables both congregations to continue sharing the good news of Jesus, as both congregations are supported by and served by one pastor.

As your pastor, I am extremely excited about this relationship. I believe that we are called by God into this new way of doing church. I believe that this expands the ministry of God in our communities. I also believe that we are on the forefront of the next wave of what churches will look like in the coming generation.

Recently, St. James voted to move their Sunday worship time to 2:30. They extend to CLC a warm invitation to check out the community and worship in Western Springs at 2:30 beginning on April 7. Likewise, CLC extends a warm welcome to folks from St. James who desire to worship on Sunday mornings. My hope as your pastor is that you will begin to understand each other's congregations as an extension of your own ministry. We pray for each other and our covenant because God has called us into ministry together.

While worship time is changing at St. James, things are also shifting at CLC. On March 31 and April 7, Pastor Nic Peñaranda will preach and preside at CLC. I will be away from both congregations from April 3 – April 8 as my family travels to my grandmother's internment. During those days, CLC is in the capable hands of our own ministers, and Pastor Kate Spelman of All Saints Episcopal, Western Springs, will also be available for emergencies. The Sunday of the Passion, April 14, is the first Sunday that I will serve both congregations. On Easter, April 21, CLC celebrates together at 10am. The next week, April 28, we again celebrate together at 10am as I am installed as pastor of this congregation.

Each week, I am intentional about being in the CLC office on Wednesdays from 10-12 and being in the St. James office on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30. Please come by either church to visit with me! If those times aren't good for you to drop in, let me know and we'll schedule a time to visit. I am excited to continue to get to know each of you, your passions, and how you notice God showing up in your life.

Change is difficult, and the transition that gets us to that change can be even more difficult. This transition time has held both joys and challenges. You have joyfully embraced me and my leadership both in worship and in congregational life. You have also had to manage some difficult Sunday mornings with pastors who are unfamiliar with CLC's worship traditions. You are managing this transition with grace and hope.

We know that we cannot tell the future. We also know that the future is sure, because it is held in God's hands. God promises, *"for I know the plans I have for you... to give you a future and a hope."* (Jeremiah 29:11). We give thanks to God in the joys and the challenges, as we live into this future together.

Pastor Erin

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,
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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke
- For **Patrick**, Carol Toman's cousin
- For **Keith Groenwald**, friend of Jean Schwier.
- 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 **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



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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 24 - Pastor Clausen presiding

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Common Life Table 9:30AM—Fellowship Hall
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

Saturday, March 30

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, March 31 - Pastor Nic 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
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Monday, April 1

Worship Team Meeting 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, April 2

Food For Thought 7:00PM—Satchwell Home
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
JULIETS 12:00PM—Blueberry Hill
Craft Fair Set-Up 4:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 6

Spring Craft Fair 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



BIRTHDAYS

- April 2 Pastor Erin Clausen
Marge Kleist
April 5 Jason Gerren
Andrew Kraner
April 15 Ed Llewellyn
April 17 Audrey Sprecker
April 19 Glen Yeater
April 20 April Bartosz
April 24 Eileen Nowak
April 26 Jon Ball
April 27 Andrea Palm
April 28 Brendan Krupp
April 29 Nancy Mizura

ANNIVERSARIES

- April 20 Lee & Trudy Sinderson
April 20 Joe & Diane Emry
April 20 Larry and Patti Cechowski
April 20 Steve and Susan Charlier



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!

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At The March, 2019 Church Council Meeting, our Council:

1. Approved replacement and upgrade of lighting fixtures in upper level to meet electrical code.
2. Approved Mr. Carl Maeder into the membership of Christ Lutheran Church
3. Established commission appointments and duties for three ministry teams: Stewardship, Constitution and Covenant.
4. Discussed the Narrative Budgeting process and plans to incorporate it into our quadrant reports throughout the year.



This past Sunday afternoon our Church Council participated in a special Council Orientation presentation. As a part of this workshop, they were asked to prioritize from a comprehensive list of upcoming projects identified by last year's Council.

The **Administration Quadrant** was tasked with the following priorities for 2019:

Top Two Priorities

- ✚ Funding the church and looking at longer term strategies; 5-10 years out, including what is the role of the Parsonage property.
- ✚ Clarifying the decision-making process among church leadership.

Other Priorities

- ✚ Updating the job descriptions of all church staff members.
- ✚ Updating the security policy and procedures for the church.
- ✚ Identify a process for addressing staff pay increases.



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 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).



Wednesday
Lenten Services

We are holding midweek Lenten worship services at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent, up to Holy Week. Please join us for this informal worship service held in the Fireside Room where we are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal for a service of scripture, song and evening prayers. Lenten devotionals are available in the Welcome Center.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 13
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.