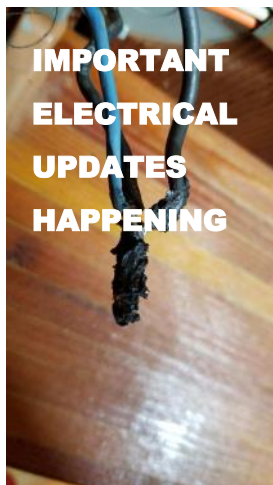


Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning March 3, 2019



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. We will be having two services; the noon service will be held in the Fireside Room. The 7:00 p.m. service will be held in the Sanctuary. We will offer the imposition of ashes at both services.



**IMPORTANT
ELECTRICAL
UPDATES
HAPPENING**

In January, at the direction of the church's insurance carrier, Guide One, Christ Lutheran Church embarked on a project to inspect and upgrade the electrical outlets, switches and wiring throughout the church property. Tim Rodway, from Ace Electrical, is performing the work. To start the work in a room, Tim removes switch plates and outlet covers and examines the wiring behind each. If everything looks good, the switch plates and outlet plates are replaced with new ones and then closed up. If the wiring needs to be updated for a particular reason, then the wiring is traced back to the circuit box and updated so it is up to code. This has involved a lot of work in the attics, where the wiring originates for many rooms in our building, such as the fireside room.

Over the decades since our building was built, we have seen many additions and changes. In our attics, Tim has found many instances of unsafe wiring - where live wires were left on top of wood or left exposed in insulation, as you can see by these photos.

Tim is at CLC for 3 days/week from 7:30 till 3:30, please feel free to drop by and say hello. He is doing an excellent job and is charging us a reduced rate from his normal hourly fee. The other electricians we spoke with before beginning this job wanted to charge us a much higher hourly rate.

This project, while lengthy and expensive is required by our insurance company. We will have a much safer building for our worship, meetings and preschool when the project is finished.

If you have any questions, please see Jane McDonald.



Christ Lutheran Church will celebrate Fat Tuesday a few days early this year. **This Sunday, March 3** we are asking everyone to bring your most decadent desserts to church for fellowship time, following whichever worship service you plan to attend.

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

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Aly Claycomb** studying abroad for a semester
- For **Chris Luby**, Carl Nodus' brother-in-law
- For our new **Church Council**
- For the **Dunlap Family** of Downers Grove
- For **Dave Gallas**, friend of Bob & Rachel Krohn

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** recovering at home
- 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 changes.

To protect everyone's privacy, we will not list details, but simply the name of the person we are praying for.

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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Thank You!

February 25, 2019

So... after two months in two hospitals and much rehab time, I'm finally home continuing to recover from a "quadruple coronary bypass" operation in mid-January. And... thanks to the many wellwishers, Get Well cards, visits, phone calls and prayers to God by my family and you, I'm doing well. I sincerely thank you all and will attempt to return the concerns in the future.

Ed Borsuk

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Save the date! The Scout Troop 51 Annual Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9th from 7:00-11:30 a.m. here at Christ Lutheran Church. This is the troop's big event that brings hundreds of people from the community through our doors, and is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to be ambassadors of Christ Lutheran Church to the community. **Plan to be here to support our fine young scouts and enjoy an all-you-can eat breakfast for the low price of \$5.00!**

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, March 3 - Fat Tuesday Celebration

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, March 4

ROMEOS Breakfast 8:00AM—Blueberry Hill
Worship Team 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Service 12:00PM—Fireside Room
Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM—Sanctuary
Choir Practice 8:15PM—Choir Room

Thursday, March 7

Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Thrivent Retirement Workshop 7:00PM—Library
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 8

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Growing Grove

Saturday, March 9

Scout Pancake Breakfast 7-11:30AM—Fellowship
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, March 10

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary

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

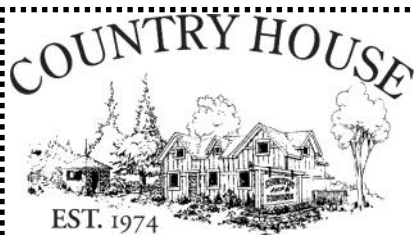
Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Webelos Crossover 7:00PM—Sanctuary
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 15

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, March 16

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



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).



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When: Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Where: CLC Library

Please call 708-326-4750 or email amy.pickert@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest. Refreshments will be served.



Christ Lutheran Church currently has opportunities in the following volunteer positions:

Reviewing the Constitution (multiple people)

We are looking for a few people who are willing to take a good look at the Constitution and Bylaws of Christ Lutheran Church to make sure that this official document is up to date with the recommendations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.

Covenant Team (1 person)

We are looking for one person for a one-year commitment to serve on the Covenant Team. This person, along with Pastor Erin, the presidents and treasurers of both Christ Lutheran and St. James and one lay leader from St. James will oversee the covenant that is in place between St. James and Christ for our Pastor Sharing Agreement. This group agrees to meet twice between now and 12/31/19 to make sure that everything relating to the covenant is working smoothly.

Stewardship Team (multiple people)

The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church has made it a priority that we engage in a stewardship campaign in 2019. The function of this committee will be to evoke and promote the expression of Christian faith in daily living by aligning our church with the mission of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod for Stewardship: *"Called by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, we will inspire and equip congregations to nurture all people to passionately and joyfully share all their gifts throughout God's kingdom."*

To volunteer, please use your Connection Card or speak to Pastor Erin or Dan Cramer, Congregational President.