

# 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 April 28, 2019—Second Sunday in Easter

## Pastoral Installation



Sunday, April 28th  
10:00 a.m.

This morning we celebrate as Pastor Erin Clausen is officially installed at Christ Lutheran Church. We welcome **Pastor Sarah Stumme**, Associate to Bishop Wayne Miller who will be doing the installation and preaching. All are welcome at the reception following worship where a lovely catered breakfast will be served.



*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

*John 13:34*

Jesus gave this new commandment to his disciples during their final dinner together before he died. We hear these words each year at the Maundy Thursday service, and then again during the Easter season. They are a reminder of Jesus' purpose among his disciples, and our purpose as his disciples. We are to love one another with a love that is beyond our own capacity - a love that we achieve only when God works through us.

This Easter season, the whole congregation will repeat this verse together. Hopefully, our minds will learn the words. God willing, our hearts will also learn the intent: that we would love one another even more deeply and fully and completely than we have loved.

This week as I am installed as the pastor of CLC, I will name my intent to care for, serve, and love this congregation. I do this because God (and you) have called me to care for, serve, and love the people of CLC and the people of St. James. I intend to live into this promise with honesty, hopefulness, and grace. You will always find me open to learning your stories and hearing your ideas. I endeavor to listen well, refrain from judgement, discern carefully, and lead with confidence and grace.

I am hopeful that our shared ministry will also live into love in this way. May we listen to each other first, and respond later. May we refrain from judging each other's motives or actions, and instead regard each person as a beloved child of God. May we use care as we discern God's will for our lives, our congregations, and our shared ministry. May we live the life God has breathed into us confidently and full of grace for ourselves, each other, and our congregations. May we love in spirit, word, and deed, just as Jesus loves us.

*Pastor Erin*

### Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

### Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.

### 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 **Beverly Dahl**
- For **The Harren Family**
- For **Beckie Ziemer**
- For **Judy Marxhausen**
- For **Lynn**, friend of Ralph Trombello

### For our Homebound

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

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother.
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandembroucke
- **Tom Bruckner**
- **Pastor Todd Napoli**
- **Joe Chiko**, Joe's dad
- **Dolores Kondraschow**
- **Marcia Lung**, Rob Sorensen's aunt
- **Russell Orton**, Glen's brother.
- **Chris Luby**, Carl Nodus' brother-in-law
- **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- **Joyce Nelson**, Phil Nelson's sister-in-law
- **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- Guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- **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;
- **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 and Michael Sorensen**, deployed to Kuwait for one year ;
- For encouragement for **Jeff**.
- **Aly Claycomb** studying abroad for a semester



The CLC Quilting Ministry has moved down to the fellowship hall. Thanks to the volunteers who moved all the materials from the Growing Grove to the northwest corner closet so that this ministry can continue to evolve,

*With more space we can accomplish more!*  
Room for more quilters, more tables to lay out quilt blocks for patterns and ultimately more quilts. If you are curious about what this ministry is up to, they meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Do you have old sheets you no longer use? We can repurpose them as quilt backs so they will continue to be useful and a blessing to those who receive the LWR Quilts.



Last Saturday morning, we had a wonderful time at our Easter Eggstravaganza event. So many of you showed up to color Easter Eggs, fill them with Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and participate in our Easter craft.

Thank you to all the parent and grandparent volunteers who came out to make this such a fun event for our children.

*Be sure to check out all the pictures on our Facebook page.*

*Thank you to Evelyn Reed and Lori Sanders who purchase Easter Lilies but were left off the list last Sunday. Our apologies for the mistake.*

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## Sunday, April 28

**Pastor Erin Clausen Installation Service 10:00AM**  
 Installation Reception 11:00AM—Fellowship Hall  
*AMI Recital 12:00PM—Sanctuary*  
*Darien Dragons 4H Club 1:00PM—Library*  
 Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

## Tuesday, April 30

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

## Wednesday, May 1

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary  
 Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 2

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

## Friday, May 3

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

## Saturday, May 4

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



Here is what the church's Administration Quadrant has been working on:

- ✚ Updating job descriptions and completion of a compensation matrix.
- ✚ Reviewing and updating the church's security policy
- ✚ In May, the Finance Team will meet to discuss short- and long-term funding strategies for CLC.

*Finally, the tenants at the Parsonage will be leaving on July 31. If you know of any potential renters, please call the church office and let us know.*

## May Milestones

### BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Dan Cramer  
 Kayla Hefner  
 Lauren Ponto

5/3 Mary Paloyan

5/4 Suzy Vandenbroucke

5/7 Sarah Kraner

5/11 Howard Beauchamp  
 Susan Charlier

5/12 Mike Bartosz

5/13 Jeannette Tamayo

5/14 Barnard Dahl

5/15 Glenn Bergmark  
 Jennifer Chiko-Jones

5/16 Tim Hotton

5/17 Amy Fiedler

5/18 Kim Emry  
 Rose Ramirez

5/19 Betsy Felde

5/20 Al Kondraschow  
 Rachel Krohn

5/21 Claudia Bales  
 Cyndy Wedryk

5/23 Kylie Hong

5/25 Micah Ponto

5/27 Cindy Meding

5/28 Matt Ramirez

5/29 Don Turner

### ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Matt & Heidi Hankey

5/5 Al & Terri Kondraschow

5/19 Ed & Mary Paloyan

5/26 Luis & Trish Giron

5/30 Ron & Betty Zitko

In March 2019 total income at CLC was \$26,416 which was slightly higher than both the budgeted amount and income from March 2018. However, when looking at year to date totals total income is \$3,293 lower than what was estimated in CLC's approved budget for 2019 including a \$10,480 unfavorable variance in giving to the General Fund.

Year to Date				
January - March 2019				
2019 Actual	2019 Budget	Variance to budget fav/(unfav)	2018 Actual	Variance to 2018 fav/(unfav)
43,772	54,252	(10,480)	41,565	2,207
28,988	21,801	7,187	26,142	2,846
<b>72,760</b>	<b>\$ 76,053</b>	<b>\$ (3,293)</b>	<b>\$ 67,707</b>	<b>\$ 5,053</b>

# Treasurer Updates

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, thank you for the generous people that give of their time, talents, and gifts that support our vision of leaving Christ's footprint whenever and wherever we can. Let us continue to be the light to the world that you want us to be. Amen.

I would like to share some **weekly** numbers with the congregation and church family on incoming donations and actual outgoing average weekly costs for the first three months for our vision to keep moving forward.

Worship Expense	\$ 164.00
Office Expense	\$ 555.00
Utilities Expense	\$ 662.00
Bldg. Upkeep/Maintenance	\$1,493.00
Salaries	\$4,126.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>

Our General Fund is what we use for budgeting purposes. There is a part two to the budgeting process in which we also use the Space Sharing Revenues that we receive from the Preschool, AMI, Parsonage, BAM Theatre, etc. for our budget.

**Our Budgeted amounts averaged by the week for the first three months are:**

General Fund	\$4,521.00
Space Sharing	\$1,817.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$6,338.00</b>

**Our Actual amounts averaged by the week for the first three months are:**

General Fund	\$3,648.00
Space Sharing	\$2,416.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$6,064.00</b>

What this shows is that our actual expenses have exceeded what we received from the actual contributions and Space Sharing revenues. We currently have a budget giving Deficit of (\$10,480) at the end of the first quarter in giving to the General Fund. And the actual operating expenses have gone over the actual total revenues by (\$11,501). As you can see the **General Fund** is in desperate need of our help. Please consider additional help if you can, it would be greatly appreciated.



Holy Week and Easter Sunday were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped make each and every service a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

CLC Church Council

Thank you,  
Jean Schwier-Treasurer of CLC