

# 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 May 19, 2019—Fifth Sunday in Easter



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

When I was engaged to be married, a friend recommended the book *Hard Questions: 100 Essential Questions to ask before you say 'I do'*. The author points out that when we are in relationship, the life we create together is

something altogether new. It's not just 'my life' and 'your life,' but also 'our life.' Failing to recognize and tend to that third reality can lead to major difficulties. This book addresses questions about everything from "Describe the feeling you want to have when you walk into our home." to "What is our ultimate financial goal?" to questions about what you imagine for your future.

As a congregation, we also have this third reality. Each of us carries into the congregation our own stories: our experiences, our hopes and expectations, our fears, our hurts, and our joys. We may recognize that others carry these same stories into the congregation. A healthy congregation depends on the relationship that we create with each other - the third reality. This isn't simply my congregation and your congregation, but our congregation. This community is not built just on experiences and hopes for the future that you and I carry, but the experiences and hopes for the future that we carry together.

So how do we create the kind of life together that we each long for? We start by asking questions, honestly telling our stories, and listening with attentiveness and humility.

This summer, we have a new opportunity to hear some of these stories. Each week during worship, someone will share a piece of their faith story and its connection to CLC. We begin with council members, but if you're interested in sharing a piece of your story, let me know! Each time we listen deeply to another person's life in the congregation, we open the opportunity to build our life together. May we share honestly, listen with attentiveness and humility, and lean into the life together which we can only build together.

*Pastor Erin*

9:00AM

Sunday  
Mornings

Worship  
Time Change

Beginning next Sunday, May 26th, we will start our Summer Worship Schedule. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings with style varying between contemporary and traditional. *Let's embrace this summer schedule and worship together as one church family each week!*

## Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Contemporary

10:15 a.m. Traditional

## Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

7:30 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 the family of **Debbie**, Jim Woodruff's sister who passed away this past week.
- For **Rose Lynn Erdmann**
- For **Pastor Melissa**, friend of the Bergmarks
- For **Don**, Madeline Batke's brother in law

### 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 **Sara**, Luis Giron's mother.
- For **Peter**, friend of the Charlier family
- For the Wolf Family, especially **Rodney**
- For **Beverly Dahl**
- For **The Harren Family**
- For **Lynn**, friend of Ralph Trombello
- **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother.
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandebroucke
- For **Judy Marxhausen**
- **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.
- **Alonso Tamayo**—Jeanette's uncle
- **Howard Beauchamp**;
- **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;
- **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

*Please remember to call the church office and let us know if someone we are praying for has a change in their status.*

## HANDBELLS OPEN REHEARSALS

7:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays in May

With the resignation of Karen Wilberg as the Director of Traditional Music, Jo Chiko stepped into

the role of Interim Handbell Director in January of this year. This means that Jo isn't ringing bells anymore and the choir has been left with fewer ringers than in the past. Even though the church owns 4 octaves of bells (that's 49 individual notes), we are only playing 2-octave music right now (a mere 25 notes). *We miss our other 24 bells, but we can't use them without more help.* As part of our recruiting efforts, the handbell choir has decided to hold open rehearsals in May. **Every Tuesday night (the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) at 7:30**, we invite all who are interested in joining - or just curious - to observe our rehearsal as we work on our music for the June 2nd service. There are no requirements for attending one of these open rehearsals: You don't have to commit to the choir or even read music, Even rides to rehearsal can be arranged. Talk to Jo or email her at [kjochiko-01@yahoo.com](mailto:kjochiko-01@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Pet Blessing

Sunday, June 9th  
2:30 p.m.

St. James Lutheran Church  
5129 Wolf Road  
Western Springs, IL

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## Sunday, May 19

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library  
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
Common Life Team Meeting 9:30AM  
Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary  
Darren Dragons 4H Plant Garden 1:00PM

## Monday, May 20

Church Council Meeting 6:30PM—Library

## Tuesday, May 21

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

## Wednesday, May 22

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 23

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

## Friday, May 24

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, May 25

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

## Sunday, May 26

Bible Study 8:00AM—Library  
Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary  
All-Church Picnic 10:30AM—Fellowship & Grounds

## Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

## Tuesday, May 28

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

## Wednesday, May 29

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

## Thursday, May 30

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00  
Troop 51 Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00PM-Library  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

## Friday, May 31

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

## Saturday, June 1

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

### Serving in Worship This Sunday

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Erin Clausen  
**Sound Support:** 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15: Glen Orton  
**Projection** 8:30: Lori Ball 10:15: Open  
**Communion Assistants:** Steven Dickens and Dan Cramer  
**Assisting Minister:** Steven Dickens  
**Communion Bread:** Mary Satchwell  
**Bakers:** Avery Hancock, Debra Joslin & Evelyn Reed  
**Mowing Team:** this weekend: Portschy, Johnson, Hancock



### **Communion Assistants**

We are looking for people who would like to serve as Communion Assistants for the Traditional Worship service over the summer. If you would like to help out, there is a sign-up in the Welcome Center. If you have never assisted before, someone from the Worship Team will be happy to meet with you beforehand .

### **TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church**

- ✝ Sign up to Water and Weed the Community garden over the summer
- ✝ Count me in at the All Church Picnic on 5/26!
- ✝ Sign me up for the Church Crafting Event
- ✝ Bring my pet to St. James Lutheran Church in Western Springs for the Pet Blessing on June 9.



In time for Flag Day and 4th of July, the Christian IMPACT team would like to invite you to a crafting event where we will make a patriotic wreath door hanging. Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the fellowship hall. No cost to you, just make sure to sign up so that we have the appropriate amount of materials.



The Spiritual Growth team is gearing up for summer!

Children's Church will be offered each Sunday during the summer for children up to Middle School .

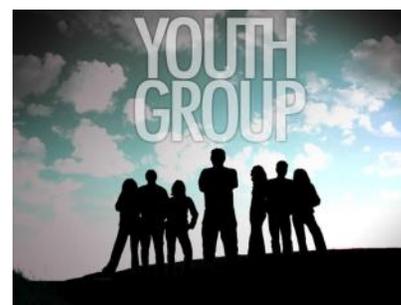
For Children's Church, Ms. Micki Llewellyn will be using a one-room curriculum, *At Home with God*. It incorporates Bible stories, science experiments, arts and crafts and active games to help children discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus, serving as disciples in the classroom, the local community, and the world.



Vacation Bible School is always a fun way for kids to keep busy in the summer, make new friends, and stay constantly reminded of God's love for them. Check out the site below to find a VBS that fits your schedule!

[www.mykidlist.com/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.mykidlist.com/vacation-bible-school/)

Looking forward to Fall 2019, Youth and Family Ministries are planning on forming a Youth Group for middle- and high-school students. Planned activities for the group will include pure fun bonding experiences, as well as service opportunities.



*Blessing of the Wheels*

*Bring your bikes, rollerblades, scooters, walkers and wheelchairs*

On Memorial Day Weekend we will kick off the summer with an all-church picnic. **It will be the first Sunday of our single-service format, so our congregation will be all together for the first time in awhile.**

The hamburgers and hot dogs will be donated by the Children's Ministry Team, and we ask that everyone bring a side dish or salad to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center.



It is with sadness that we will say goodbye to our beloved organist, Richard Kochel today. Richard has secured a full-time position at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westmont, a position that will start in two weeks. We will be lifting up Richard's ministry this Sunday during the Traditional worship service.

**We will miss you Richard!!**