

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 26, 2019—Sixth Sunday in Easter



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

The theme "Grounded in the Body of God" defines the time I will spend away from our covenanted congregations during my sabbatical. Sabbatical is intended for rest, renewal, and regeneration for both the pastor and the

congregation. This is a time to be intentional about how we are church together, grounded as one body of Christ. The congregation is not 'without a pastor' or 'without direction.' Rather, our ministry together continues, even while we are apart. (More about that next week!) See below my general itinerary for my time away. While I am away, I invite your prayers for me, and I will be praying for you!

June 16	Pastor Erin's last worship service before sabbatical
June 17-23	Pastor Erin at home, preparing for international travel
June 23—July 7	Pastor Erin in Italy and Romania
July 8-12	Pastor Erin at home
July 15-21	Pastor Erin and children visit Ohio grandparents
July 22-Aug 4	Pastor Erin at home
Aug 5- 10	Pastor Erin serves at Churchwide Assembly (Milwaukee)
Aug 11- 18	Pastor Erin and family vacation in San Diego
Aug 19 - Sep 26	Pastor Erin at home
Sept 27 - Oct 13	Pastor Erin and Tom serve at Habitat for Humanity Global Village (Malawi)
October 16	Pastor Erin returns to the congregations
October 20	Pastor Erin's "welcome back" worship service

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

Contemporary

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

8:00 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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Special Congregational Meeting

June 9th

A Special Congregational Meeting is being called for Sunday, June 9th following the worship service for the purpose of voting on releasing congregational funds for maintenance of the parking lot and parsonage. Sealcoating the parking is a planned expense that requires congregational approval. This project may cost up to \$14,000.00. The CLC Finance Committee was tasked with performing a financial analysis to evaluate our options with the parsonage. At the May Council Meeting, the

analysis was reviewed with the recommendation to find new tenants and keep renting out the property. A house inspection was also performed which identified several items in need of repair and those repairs are estimated to cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. These repairs are needed before we list the parsonage for rent. Should these expenditures be approved by the CLC Congregation, the funds will be comprised of \$10,000 from the Gift and Memorial Fund, \$15,000 from Facilities and the remainder from the parsonage budget.

In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For our confirmands, **Autumn Bartosz and Bryce Giron**.
- For **Beverly Dahl**
- For the family of **Debbie**, Jim Woodruff's sister who passed away last week.

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 **Rose Lynn Erdmann**
- For **Pastor Melissa**, friend of the Bergmarks
- For **Don**, Madeline Batke's brother in law
- For **Sara**, Luis Giron's mother.
- For **Peter**, friend of the Charlier family
- For the Wolf Family, especially **Rodney**
- For **The Harren Family**
- For **Lynn**, friend of Ralph Trombello
- **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother.
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandembroucke
- 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 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 26

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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

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

Sunday, June 2

Bible Study 8:00AM—Library
 Traditional Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary

Monday, June 3

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00
 Worship Team 7:00PM—Fireside Room

Tuesday, June 4

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Wednesday, June 5

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00
 Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, June 6

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00
 AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, June 7

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
 JULIETS 12:00PM—Blueberry Hill

Saturday, June 8

Church Craft Day 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Serving in Worship This Sunday

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Erin Clausen
Sound Support: Open
Projection Lori Ball
Communion Bread: Dan Cramer
Mowing Team: this weekend: Wolfram, Orton, Emry



Trumpet, Timpani Keyboard Recital



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.

Friday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Classical Recital featuring Mike Brozick (trumpet), Elizabeth Waldon (piano & organ), Joseph Cisar (piano) and Craig Felde (timpani). The recital will be held at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 4501 Main Street in Downers Grove**. This event is free. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Gloria Dei's music fund and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.



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.

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- ✝ Sign up to Water and Weed the Community garden over the summer
- ✝ 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.

The conversations at the Common Life Table continue to be rich and productive! Recent discussions at the Common Life Table include.

- The coffee hour ministry - ways to better support and distribute the work. Importance of equipping several people to work and clean the machine. There is an immediate need for volunteers to assist Dietrich as a new more permanent system is developed. If you can help, please contact Rachel at the church office.
- A new ministry idea for our homebound.
- Outreach strategies to make sure that all who want to experience the fellowship provided by the bowling ministry are included and can join the fun. If you would like to find out more about the CLC bowling league, please contact Jim or Marie Friedag or let Rachel know at the church office.
- Potential ministry partnerships with our covenant congregation at St. James.
- Inquiries about coverage for Pastor Erin during her sabbatical. Pr. Erin and the covenant team are interviewing candidates.



The content of all Common Life Table discussions is forwarded to the Church Council, and related committees for consideration. Updates are reported back to the congregation through the Christ Connection. This month, these updates are:

- Issues around donations and staffing for PADS, especially the desire to have more people involved, will be discussed at the next Christian IMPACT meeting.
- A new lawn mower was purchased. If you would like to be a mower, please call Rachel at the church office.
- A Common Life Table discussion for Children and Youth to express their interests and give feedback will occur in August.
- Training of Common Life Table facilitators and note-takers will begin in June.

At the Common Life Table everyone has an opportunity to find out what is going on and to shape our shared life and ministry. Come join us at the Table! All are welcome!



Blessing of the Wheels

Bring your bikes, rollerblades, scooters, walkers and wheelchairs



Congratulations Pastor Erin, who was honored by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry last weekend. Pastor Erin was one of 30 recipients under the age of 40 who was chosen to receive the "30 Under 40" award. Winners are a representative sample of young professionals in various stages of their careers, from different fields and different communities the chamber represents, including La Grange, Western Springs, Indian Head Park, La Grange Park, Brookfield, Hodgkins, McCook and Willow Springs. **Congratulations Pastor Erin!**