

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 5, 2019—Third Sunday in Easter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We're "official!" Doesn't it feel nice to have my installation completed? We've been looking forward to this since we began our ministry together in January. I am officially installed as your regular pastor at Christ Lutheran Church. Can you feel the collective sigh of relief, as we bring this long period of discerning and waiting to a close?

At the same time, this ending is really another beginning. Your time without a called pastor is completed, and now our work together begins in earnest. This month will be full of ministry opportunities, and you are invited to live into your faith in new and exciting ways. One of the opportunities that begins near the end of this month is the opportunity to worship together as a community. At CLC, we like two styles of worship – a liturgical style with traditional hymnody and a non-liturgical style with contemporary music. Our covenant congregation St. James worships similarly to CLC's liturgical style with traditional music. Beginning May 26 through September 9, CLC will have one service at 9am and St. James will have one service at 2:30pm. You are invited to attend either of these services, and to stretch into new ways of worshipping God – sometimes the way you're accustomed to, and sometimes with new music or new people or in a different place.

At CLC, this congregation chooses to worship together at 9:00 on Sundays throughout the summer for a couple of reasons. One is logistics – with many families traveling, it is nice to be together and feel that the sanctuary is full. The other is Christian community – we gather in separate services through much of the year based on time or style preferences. However, we do not want to grow apart from one another. Each person thrives on the love, grace, and support of the whole community. We spend the summer catching up with people we may not see often throughout the rest of the year. On Sundays that the style of worship is not your preferred style, sit next to someone who loves that style. Join into worship with them. Consider what about the worship experience fills you, and ask your neighbor what about the experience fills them.

This year also brings a new opportunity to CLC. Our Covenant congregation, St. James, is a small congregation very near CLC (5129 Wolf Road, Western Springs – take 55 East to Wolf Road, and go North 2 blocks. The church is on the East side of the road by the park). Members of St. James have already been attending CLC's morning worship services when those are more convenient than St. James' 2:30pm service time. This summer, I invite you to support this covenant partnership by also supporting St. James' service time. Choose a week to check out how worship goes with our partner congregation. Maybe even go with a friend or two! Learn what is meaningful about the worship experience at St. James. Explore what it means to be in partnership with another congregation. Consider how much it pushes you out of your comfort zone to sometimes worship at a different time or in a different style, and thank people at St. James for their willingness to move their worship time for the covenant, so that CLC didn't have to.

This covenant relationship is an experiment for both of our congregations. Even with God's blessing, this relationship will succeed only inasmuch as each person commits to prayerful support and participation of both congregations – our new covenant congregation. Choose to worship this summer, as often as you can. Choose to worship at a different time, in a different style, in a different place. Revel in that which is comfortable, and stretch into that which is unfamiliar. Enjoy this opportunity to be church. Let worship this summer be one way that you live into your faith in a new and exciting way.

Pastor Erin

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
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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For Al and Terri Kondraschow celebrating 40 years of marriage.
- For the Wolf Family, especially Rodney
- For Beverly Dahl
- For The Harren Family
- 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 Vandenbroucke
- 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 ;

Today's Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Terri and Al Kondraschow's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

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.



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. This ministry has moved down to the Fellowship Hall and now has more room for storage and would love to have your donations.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, May 5

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Dinner Church Info. Mtg. 9:30AM—Fellowship Hall
Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary
AMI Winner's Concert 12:30PM—Sanctuary
Pub Church 12:30PM—Fremont Grill

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, May 11

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, May 12—

Mother's Day/Youth Sunday

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
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern

Monday, May 13

Finance Team Meeting 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, May 14

Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, May 18

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library
Eagle Scout Ceremony 5:30PM—Sanctuary
Beekeepers 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

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:** Rachel Krohn

Communion Assistants: Dan Cramer and Debra Joslin

Assisting Minister: Dan Cramer

Communion Bread: Marrietta Sorensen

Bakers: Mary Satchwell and Sharon Jackson

Mowing Team: this weekend: Rice, Cramer, Tan

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TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- † Attend Dinner Church Planning Meeting May 5th at 9:30 a.m.
- † Help plant the Community Garden May 19th
- † Sign up to Water and Weed the Community garden over the summer
- † Count me in at the All Church Picnic on 5/26!

DINNER CHURCH
everyone is welcome to the table



This Sunday, after the 8:30 service, Local Missionary Craig Felde will hold an informational meeting on the concept of CLC forming a Dinner Church, a type of Pioneer Ministry that has been successful in areas of the country. The meeting is exploratory in nature, with its purpose being to find out who would like to be part of the team that would develop the Dinner Church idea from scratch in a Lutheran context. Come with a curious, prayerful, and open mind if this idea stirs the disciple-making parts of your soul. Let's explore this new concept in ministry to the unchurched together!



The Christian IMPACT Team was excited for April. We kicked off April with our biannual Craft Fair and closed out April with Pastor Erin's Installation Celebration!

The Spring Craft Fair was a huge success. CLC further strengthened its relationship with the HCS Food Pantry by raising \$1800 for the Anne M. Jean's Food Pantry (HCS's second site.) This money was raised through the crafters'/vendors' table donations. The craft fair wouldn't have been nearly as successful, if it hadn't been for the over 30 volunteers from CLC who helped work and plan the event. The Building and Grounds Team was also a huge help by making sure our building looked its best. They had the Fellowship Hall floor waxed prior to the craft fair, which helped leave a positive impression on all who came to the craft fair. Also, Troop 51 pitched in by setting up

the tables. It's incredible to see such a team effort come together. The Christian IMPACT Team also raised \$500 (free-will donation and raffle ticket sales) to more than cover our costs and used Thrivent Funding (\$250) to help supply the crafters/vendors, volunteers, and guests with food and hospitality. Susan Charlier donated cases of bottle water; as she has done for every Craft Fair we have had!

Pastor Erin's Installation Celebration was catered by Chuck's Southern Comfort Barbecue in Darien, covered by the In-reach fund. The In-reach fund is financed by the hard work of the Rummage Sale Team and those monies are used strictly for CLC, its ministries and its members. Pastor Erin's Installation was attended by over 80 people and ushered in a new chapter in CLC's History. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, organize, and set up for this very special event.

Looking ahead toward summer, the Christian IMPACT Team will be hosting an In-reach DIY Crafting Event. In the next week or two, look for the signup sheet and details regarding this new event we have planned for CLC!

Prayerfully,
The Christian IMPACT Team



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.



Memorial Day weekend through Rally Day

One Service at 9:00 a.m.

Style will vary between contemporary and traditional.