

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 June 16, 2019—Holy Trinity Sunday

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Since the beginning of our ministry together, we have been preparing for a sabbatical time. We said 'hello' in January, knowing that in a few months we would be saying 'see you soon!' Today is that day. As I step away from our shared

congregations, I seek rest and renewal. I trust that God will guide me into places both new and familiar. I expect that God will lead me back to you grounded in grace and hope through embodied faith.

The word sabbatical has its roots in the word sabbath. The creation story reminds us that God relishes in creativity and work, and God also attends to rest - to sabbath. For centuries, communities of faith have designated a day of rest and worship. At CLC, we gather on Sundays for exactly that - worship of God through resting from the 'work' we do throughout the week. This day of rest and worship offers space for comfort when we are afflicted, encouragement when we feel discouraged, and enlivenment when we feel excited. As people made in the image of God, intentional sabbath taking helps us live into who God has created us to be. Worship reminds us of our relationship to God. Rest gives us space to notice who we are and who God is. The theme for my sabbatical is Grounded in the Body of God. Today, as we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, we are especially reminded that God is 3 persons. One part of God does not express all of God. Likewise, God's body has several parts. We may understand that the earth itself is the Body of God, and in my travels I will explore parts of the world and its physical features that I've never experienced before. We understand that the community of believers is the Body of Christ, and in my travels, I will connect with believers throughout the world and our historical location. We understand that our own bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and in my travels I will attend to my physical self, experience, and health. I will bring back my new and renewed experiences and understandings to share with you.

However, this is not just "Pastor Erin's sabbatical." This is our sabbatical, together. So I invite your reflections, too. Where do you experience the physical world that God created? How do you experience the Body of God in the world? Where do you connect with other children of God and believers? How do you experience the Body of Christ in the world? Where do you live into your own physical body as the temple of the Holy Spirit? How do you experience the Body of the Spirit within yourself?

During these months (which will go faster than we think!), we will all experience God in new ways. Pastor Laura is available for your spiritual needs and concerns. Additionally your council President, Dan Cramer is accessible and will function as the head of staff.

Let us pay attention, notice, and share the new and good things that God is doing. Let us find space for worship and rest. Let us experience sabbatical - sabbath - and let God wash over us, between us, and within us. May God bless us with rest, that we might come together again renewed in creativity, hope and faith.

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

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

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Katherine** as she travels to Mississippi to testify in support of the marginalized

Answered Prayers

- **Gene**, Carol Toman's brother who is healing.

For our Homebound

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

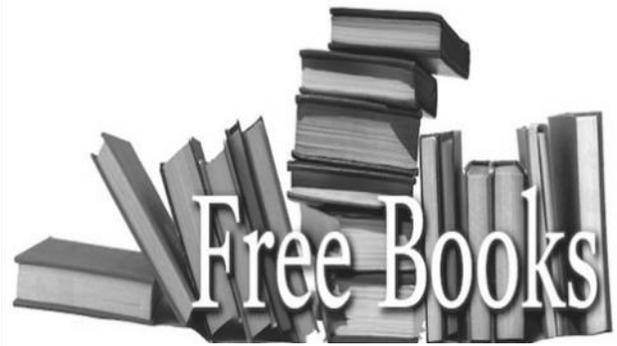
- For **Mary Jo** friend of Nancy Woodruff
- For **Collin**, Andrea Palm's nephew
- For **Don**, Madeline Batke's brother in law
- For **Sara**, Luis Giron's mother.
- For **Peter**, friend of the Charlier family
- For the Wolf Family, especially **Rodney**
- For **The Harren Family**
- For **Lynn**, friend of Ralph Trombello
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke
- For **Judy Marxhausen**
- **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

Grief, Loss and Bereavement

- **Rose Lynn Erdmann** who passed away and whose funeral was this past Tuesday.



As we transition the library into a preschool classroom, shelves and books from the library will be moved to the hallway wall opposite the fireside room starting this weekend. *Books that need to find a new home will be placed on a table near the stairs across from the library. Feel free to take home any books on the table.*

As we make this transition to one less meeting room, it is very important that our ministry groups who use the building plan carefully when setting up a meeting at the church. The Fireside Room and Work Rooms both function as meeting rooms, and the Study Lounge is a comfy place to gather, but without a conference room-style table. The Fellowship Hall is also an option. Please communicate with the church office in the coming months as we navigate this new space transition.

The Church Calendar at www.yourchrist.org has the most updated information about space use at the church. Please refer to it when planning a meeting.



Yarn
Donations
Needed

A ball of light-colored yarn and a pair of knitting needles are shown on a dark wooden surface. The text "Yarn Donations Needed" is written in a white, handwritten-style font over the image.

The Knitting Ministry is seeking donations of 4 ply yarn for the creation of baby blankets for **Lurie Children's Hospital**. The blankets will be added to end of life kits for NICU babies who do not survive to help ease the transition of life to death for the families.

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, June 16—Father's Day

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room
Traditional Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary
Common Life Team Meeting 10:00AM—Fireside Rm.

Monday, June 17

Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 20

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, June 21

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, June 22

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Sunday, June 23

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room
Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary
Common Life Table 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall
Parking Lot Project Begins 12PM



For the week of June 23 our parking lot and building will be inaccessible so that we can have our parking lot resurfaced. We will be checking emails and phone messages regularly, but there will not be a presence in the building, nor will the building be accessible to anyone while this project is under way.



Youth & Family Ministry is seeking adult volunteers to teach Children's Church this summer! We are looking for adults to sign up to teach one Sunday this summer or more if you would like! We have 14 Sundays of Children's Church.

The lesson plan will be provided each week. Children's Church is each Sunday for about 35-40 minutes. Please email kristinadickens15@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more details.

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my name is

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Serving in Worship This Sunday

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Erin Clausen
Sound Support: Glen Orton
Projection: Rachel Krohn
Communion Bread: Mary Satchwell
Communion Assistant: Dan Cramer
After Service Treats: Mary Satchwell, Debra Joslin, Avery Hancock
Mowing Team: Nodus, Chiko, Krepp

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- ✝ Help with painting project in the growing grove.
- ✝ Help with Children's Church
- ✝ Sign up to Water and Weed the Community garden over the summer
- ✝ I am willing to apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars for an upcoming church event.



Quadrant Update

Library Update. The fireside room has become a meeting room. We officially turned over the library to the preschool at the beginning of the month. The library shelves have been moved to the hallway, and additional books are available for the congregation to take home. (Any books remaining will be donated.) The preschool has already put on a fresh coat of paint and the existing window blinds were removed. This room will be-

come a classroom for 5 year olds in the fall. We are pleased to continue to host a thriving and growing preschool program serving young children in our community. As the preschool is able to welcome more children into their programs, CLC in turn will benefit from additional financial support for our missions as our contract with Celebration Preschool allows for fees to be paid to CLC on a per student basis.

Parking Lot Seal Coating. We need some serious prayers for clear weather during the week of June 23rd! Starting that Sunday at noon, Elia Sealcoating will begin to clean the lot of debris, trim the edges and seal cracks in our parking lot. The work will continue the following day with the application of 2 coats of seal coating material. The parking lot will be closed for a minimum of 3 days, with the possibility of additional days, as needed. We realize this could be an inconvenience, but to maintain the integrity of our 2 year old parking lot, it is very important to get this done. Staff will be working remotely during this time period, and we've notified all users of our building that access will not be allowed. Please watch for an email when the parking lot re-opens.

Parsonage. Work will begin shortly on the necessary improvements to enable us to rent it out. If you would like to voice opinions or make suggestions relating to the improvements, please see Jane or Joe. Jane will be available in the Fellowship Hall after service this Sunday to listen to suggestions.

Thank you. Thanks to Jim Nordloh and Carl Nodus for their recent gutter cleaning at church. And thanks to Jon Ball for putting together a rolling book shelf for the Fireside Room. And a special shout out to our lawn crews who keep our property looking pristine and well-groomed.

If you have any questions, please see Jane McDonald or Joe Svoboda.

(jmcdonald323@gmail.com or joseph.d.svoboda@gmail.com)



Personal Hygiene Items Needed

Our knitting ministry is once again collecting donations of personal hygiene items to be sent to **Family Shelter Services**, an organization in our community that provides shelter to women fleeing from abusive relationships. Since oftentimes these women leave in the middle of night with their children and literally the clothes on their back, they are in need of simple items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, shampoo and soap.

As you travel this summer, why not bring back those handy little bottles provided by most hotels, and bring them to the donation station in the Welcome Center. They will be packed into beautiful bags hand sewn by Elizabeth Rusin, and donated to this very worthwhile organization.