

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 2, 2019—Seventh Sunday in Easter



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

In the reading we hear this Sunday, Jesus invites his followers into unity. Sometimes we think of Christian unity as needing to all agree on everything or be kind all the time. However, the kind of unity we find in Christ offers a broad-

er understanding. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes that the people of God are like a body - each part is necessary, and no two parts are exactly alike. Each has its own function and wouldn't be functional without the other parts. Even the ears or the toes belong to one space in the body. They aren't interchangeable.

As we're heading into the summer worship season at CLC, we get to experience our Body of Christ a little differently. We celebrate together at 9am. Children attend Children's Church instead of Sunday School. We have a support pastor serving us through the next few months. We meet people we don't know, and we pray for those we don't see as they travel. We have opportunities to serve in new and different ways in worship. As we do all of these things, we see parts of the Body of Christ that we might not have seen before. We may need to get acquainted. We may need to ask questions, or share answers to questions. We may need to agree to disagree, or agree to study something new together.

My sabbatical is entitled "**Grounded in the Body of God.**" As I'm learning what that means to me, I invite you also to learn more about your congregation - this Body of God/Christ that you experience every week. We are unified in our mission - to Live, Grow, and Share as Disciples of Christ. How we each live into that mission looks different. Experiment this summer. Discover something new about CLC. Get to know someone you haven't met before. Learn about the ministries at CLC, and offer your time in a different way. Together, this is how we build the Body of Christ.



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 analy-

sis 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.

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

Nicole Claycomb, Nursery Attendant

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For the family of Beverly Dahl who passed away
- For the family of Karen Harris, Loretta Chiko's cousin who passed away.
- For the family of Pastor Melissa Kuemmerle who passed away.

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.



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.*

HELP WANTED

If you'd like to help sort/move the books, please let Jane McDonald know via email jmcdonald323@gmail.com or phone 630-323-8833.



Pet Blessing

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

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

CHURCH CALENDAR



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—Library

Tuesday, June 4

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Wednesday, June 5

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Christian IMPACT 4:00PM—Library

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

Sunday, June 9

Bible Study 8:00AM—Library

Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting 10:00AM—Sanctuary

AMI Student Recital 1:00PM—Sanctuary

Blessing of the Pets 2:30PM—St. James W.S.

Monday, June 10

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Tuesday, June 11

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Wednesday, June 12

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Thursday, June 13

Celebration Preschool Day Camp 9:00-2:00

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, June 14

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 15

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Elmhurst Elks Trivia Night 5:00PM—Elmhurst Elks

Serving in Worship This Sunday

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Erin Clausen

Sound Support: Glen Orton

Projection Rachel Krohn

Communion Bread: Ed Llewellyn

Mowing Team: this weekend: Ball, Borsuk, Bernard



Finance Update

Through April, 2019 donations to the General Fund have been \$63,950.00; budget target is \$72,336. This leaves us with an \$8,386 shortfall (88% of our budgeted projection).



Starting June 9th, 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 kristi-nadickens15@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more details.

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- ✝ Help with Children's Church
- ✝ Help remove books from Library
- ✝ 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.



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.



Quadrant Update

The current priorities for the Administrative Quadrant are:

- Working with the Facilities Quadrant to determine what repairs/updates need to be done to the parsonage, and how long these will take.
- Beginning to explore strategies for re-renting the parsonage property.
- Getting things in motion to hire permanent employees for the Traditional Music Director, Organist and Handbell Director positions. Job descriptions were recently approved by Council and have been posted on the Metropolitan Chicago Synod website www.mtselca.org
- Continuing to refine the draft of the CLC Safety and Security Procedures.

Church Council Highlights from May, 2019 meeting

- for our open music positions, an interviewing team was established.
- Council members agreed to take turns sharing what their faith means to them during the summer worship services.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for June 9th to secure congregational approval to release funds for necessary improvements to the Parsonage as well as the sealcoating of the parking lot.



Micki Llewellyn has decided to step down from her staff role

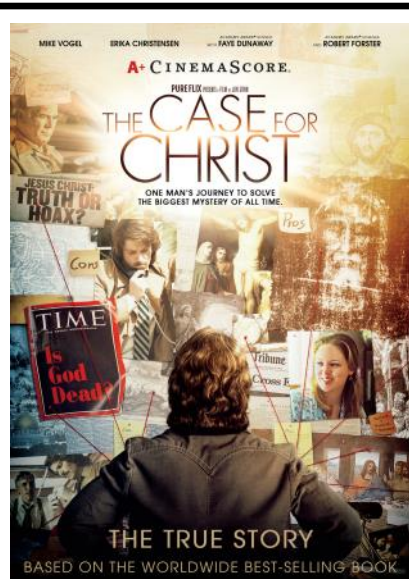
as a co-coordinator if youth and family programs at CLC. We are very appreciative of Micki's time, energy, passion, and ideas in supporting and growing our youth and family ministry programs and are grateful she will continue to be engaged in our ministries as a volunteer. The youth and family ministry team will continue to coordinate youth and family programs and events along with our coordinator Kristina Dickens and the many incredible volunteers who keep this ministry thriving. Please stay tuned for opportunities to get involved and help this ministry continue to grow. *Micki, we thank you again and bless you in all that is to come next for you.*

June Birthdays

- 6/1 Connie Clark
- 6/2 Brayden Hankey
- 6/5 Kathy Turner
- 6/9 Ed Johnson
Mary Ramirez
- 6/15 Brian Palm
- 6/16 Jenny Babyar
- 6/20 Jeremiah Kraner
- 6/25 Al Fones
Dan Gullaksen
Jobie Nordloh
- 6/28 Natalie Nordloh
- 6/29 Terri Kondraschow

June Anniversaries

- 6/1 Bob & Rachel Krohn
- 6/9 Wayne & Carol Bryan
- 6/11 Jim & Connie Clark
- 6/14 John & Linda Gerren
Jerry & Sarah Kraner
Jim & Nancy Woodruff
- 6/23 Harry & Margaret Blesy
- 6/28 Dan & Kathe Gullaksen
- 6/29 Jennifer & Arthur Chiko-Jones



Movie Night

The Bible Study group that meets at Bonnie Bucholz' house on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays would like to invite you to join us to watch the movie, The Case For Christ, a movie based on the book by the same name by Lee Strobel. The movie is based on Strobel's real life as an award-winning investigative journalist and atheist. He doesn't expect the life-altering results of his

investigation that are prompted by his wife's newfound Christian faith. Come join us at 7 PM on Thursday, June 13th. We'll bring the popcorn and drinks!