

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning January 14, 2018,



What is God calling you to be and do NOW?

This was a key question in 2017 as Christ Lutheran in its time of transition studied together, worshipped together, discussed, prayed and envisioned the future together as preparation for calling a pastor.

And here is that question again in 2018: what is God calling you to be and do NOW?

Discerning God's will and direction is never a one off. But rather it is a way of life. It's a question that as Christians we are ready to ask at any moment, in any time of decision. For example -

- Getting out of bed in the morning! - "God, what do you have in store for me today? What blessing? What learning? What contribution can I make with the gifts and abilities you have given me?"
- At other turning points and decision points in our lives. In the year past I have seen many of you face major decisions, challenges, opportunities, and changes. 2018 will of course offer its decision points and changes too.
- As a congregation - God, what are you calling us to be and do NOW? Your council is meeting this week in an evening retreat to ask this question as we look to set priorities for the year ahead.



Do you recall these words?

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

With these words, dear Christ Lutheran Church, start your day. Your week. Your year.

Pastor Dale

Sunday Worship

8:30 Contemporary
10:15 Traditional

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

Start your day off reading and discussing books in the Bible. The Sunday Bible Study begins at 7:30 am in the library.

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Dale Ziemer, Pastor

Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship

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In Our Prayers this Week

Answered Prayers

- For Lloyd, Nancy Mizura's brother in law continuing to heal
- For Tracy, Nancy Mizura's friend who continues to heal

Health Concerns

- For Annette Armstrong
- For Kay Hedborn
- For Barb Sparks, friend of Loretta Chiko facing health concerns.
- For Barb, friend of Nancy Mizura beginning chemo for esophageal cancer
- For Tim Myrick, Dolores Kroeger's nephew diagnosed Pleuomorphic Adenoma
- For Diane Whitesides, Kristina Dickens' friend's mom for healing from breast cancer surgery.
- For Sylvia, friend of Phil & Paulette Nelson
- For Carole, Barbara Delassus' sister awaiting surgery
- Ashlyn and Alana, daughters of a friend of Kristina Dickens recovering from surgery and dealing with health concerns.
- For Kelli, friend of Dan Cramer recovering from mastectomy; awaiting further treatment protocol.
- For Sally, friend of Loretta Chiko

- For Jeff Homme, Kristina Dickens' uncle possibly facing surgery.
- For Colton Kash, child of a friend of Dan Cramer, diagnosed with Leukemia.
- For Pastor Melissa Kuemmerle of St. Peter & Paul Lutheran, Blue Island.
- For Jackie, Nancy Woodruff's mother, seeking to be treated at the University of Madison for multiple conditions.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- For Deacon Steven and Kristina Dickens to receive God's blessing as they wait to adopt a child.
- For God's Vision Our Mission Campaign Team: Susan Charlier, Craig Felde, Jane McDonald, Mary Satchwell, Maggie Swiess, Jim Nordloh and Pastor Dale
- For the Call Committee: Debra Joslin, Bonnie Bucholz, Jim Clark, Dan Cramer, Steven Dickens, Diane Emry, Lea Hotton, Matt Ramirez and Maggie Swiess.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Dale Ziemer

Sound: 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15 Glen Orton

Projection 8:30 Lori Ball 10:15 Rachel Krohn

Assisting Minister 10:15: Rob Sorensen

Communion Asst: 10:15: Rob Sorensen & Debra Joslin

Communion Bread: Debra Joslin

Post-Service Treats: Diane Emry and Jane McDonald

Bible Verse of the Month

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- Bring a non-perishable item in for the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive
- Work a shift at the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive on Saturday, February 3
- Shuttle non-perishables back to the church periodically throughout the day on February 3rd so that HCS Family Services can pick up on Monday.
- Donate a coat or outerwear for the Coat Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, January 14

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary
Patrol Leader Council 4:00PM—Fellowship Hall
Tiger Scouts Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 15

Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 16

Dartball 7:00PM Home
Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, January 17

Christian IMPACT Meeting 4:00PM—Library
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
Choir Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Thursday, January 18

Third Thursday at Uncle Bub's
Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM- Fireside Room

Friday, January 19

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, January 20

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, January 21

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library
Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary
Pub Church 12:30 PM—Tracy's Tavern
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Tuesday, January 23

Dartball 7:00PM—Forest Park
Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

Bible Study—7:00PM—Bucholz Home
Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM- Fireside Room

Saturday, January 27

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



Church Council Forums

Sunday, February 4th
Sunday, February 11th

9:40 and 11:25 a.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a Q&A with our church leadership on the budget and plans to move our church forward in 2018. These meetings are in preparation for our Annual Meeting on February 18th.



Sunday, February 18
9:30 a.m.

Our Congregational Meeting is coming up next month. If you are involved in a ministry and would like to get a report into the printed Annual Report that will be distributed to the congregation, the deadline for those reports to be in the office is **Monday, January 22**.

Reports should be in Microsoft Word and may be e-mailed to office@yourchrist.org.



Knitting Ministry Sharing the Warmth

Our thriving Knitting Ministry has been busy turning out beautiful hand-knitted hats and scarves for anyone who needs them this winter. Please visit the display in the Welcome Center, and if you know someone who would be blessed by any of these items, please help yourself. We also have baskets of soft and warm hats for those undergoing chemotherapy.

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Lunch or dinner, treat yourself to Uncle Bub's and they will donate a percentage back to the church. Flyers are in the slatboards or at www.yourchrist.org.

Thursday, January 18
132 S. Cass Ave. Westmont

Got Coats?



This year for our Spring Lenten Mission, the Christian IMPACT Team will be sponsoring a coat/outerwear drive. From now through Palm Sunday (March 25th) you may drop off gently used (or new) coats and outerwear. On Palm Sunday, we will bring the coats into worship and have them blessed before being donated to local agencies to be given to the under-resourced. There is a box in the Welcome Center where you can drop off your items.



Saturday, February 3, 2018

It happens every year; on the first Saturday of February, while Superbowl fans are shopping for the big game, volunteers from Christ Lutheran Church stand outside a local grocery store collecting non-perishable items for the Hinsdale Community Services Food Pantry. Why do we do it? Because hunger doesn't take a holiday, and once Christmas is over, the pantry is depleted of some very necessary items that many take for granted.

The pantry serves our community with two locations; one is in the Memorial Building in Hinsdale, and the other is a mobile food pantry located inside of Ann M. Jeans Middle School in Burr Ridge. Currently, their most needed items are: Pasta, Canned Fruit, Condiments, Baking mixes (cookie, muffin, etc.) Soups (they are asking for the *ready to eat such as Progresso*), All types of personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and deodorant).

Two ways to Serve:

- 1) If you would like to volunteer to brave the cold weather outside of **the Jewel on Cass & Ogden in Westmont** on Souperbowl weekend, please use your **Connection Card** or sign up in the Welcome Center.
- 2) Bring in a non-perishable food item from the list of most needed items.