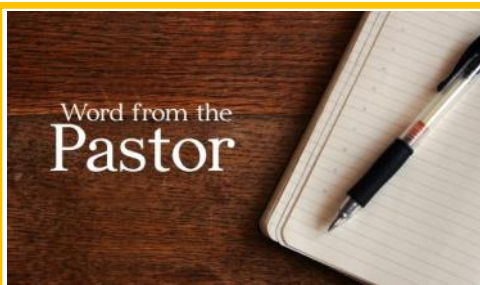


# Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning January 20, 2019



Word from the  
**Pastor**

The season of Epiphany follows the Christmas season in the liturgical church year. The stories told in worship on the day of Epiphany (January 6) and the Sundays following until Lent are stories which manifest God's presence and blessing in the person of Jesus. Each of these stories reveal Jesus as the blessed one of God in a different way - slowly revealing to us

God's full manifestation in the life and ministry of Jesus.

This slow unveiling of Jesus' identity and vocation is intentionally built into the liturgical church year. These weeks move us through a variety of understandings about Jesus. They invite us to consider who Jesus is for us, and what might still be revealed to us. They also remind us that we, too, are works in progress. God is still forming us in our identity and calling us to vocations in the church, our homes, and the world.

As we begin to do ministry together, we will learn many new things about each other. We will learn what works and what doesn't work. We'll learn what is important to keep the same, and what we'd like to try to do differently. We will experiment with different ways of speaking, acting, worshipping, and doing ministry. Don't panic! I am not suggesting that I - or anyone - has plans to make major changes at CLC. Still, anytime a new pastor comes in to a congregation, subtle changes happen, and it is good to expect these.

It is also important for you to know that you do not have to like the changes. Whenever that happens, you are welcome to share your preferences with me. As your pastor, I will always welcome your thoughts, opinions, celebrations, and concerns about any part of our ministry together. Direct communication is key to successful ministry. Thus, if you ever have a question, or you notice something that doesn't seem right, or you want to try something new, please come and talk to me! If you don't feel comfortable talking to me by yourself, bring a friend. I will always listen. I will always let you know how I intend to respond. However, because ministry is a mutual endeavor, I do not respond to anonymous concerns. We build our congregation and its ministry together. CLC already does this well through the Common Life Table (and, I imagine, other ways I haven't learned about yet).

I continue to be excited by all that I'm learning and experiencing at CLC. I am delighted to serve as your pastor. I am confident that God is continuing to reveal for us our identity and our vocation. May God bless us on the journey!

*Pastor Erin*

## Sunday Worship

8:30AM

10:15AM

## Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

7:30AM—Library

## Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor

Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship  
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Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary

Kristina Dickens and Micki Llewellyn  
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**2018**  
ANNUAL  
MEETING

The 67th Congregational Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will hold an Informational Forum on January 27th between services in the Fellowship Hall where you are invited to ask questions pertaining to the proposed 2019 budget and Annual Book of Reports.



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## In Our Prayers this Week

### New Prayer Concerns

- For **Ed Borsuk** recovering in the hospital.
- For **Sally**, Evelyn Reed's daughter-in-law
- For **Eva Sindberg**; friend of Jim Rice.
- For **Frank Kravitz**, hospitalized.
- For comfort, healing and strength for the **Brown family** on the loss of their 9-year old daughter **Kadalise "Kady"**, friend of Colin Palm.

### 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 **Pastor Todd Napoli**
- For **Rosa Lovis**, a friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke
- For **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- For **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- For **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- For guidance for **Mike**, friend of Susan Charlier.
- For **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;
- **Dorothy Eckert** – Loretta Chiko's mother;
- **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** deployed to Kuwait for one year ;
- For encouragement for **Jeff**.

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME . . .

We have two wooden tables in the Fireside Room that we no longer need at the church. They would make great puzzle tables or work tables for your home. **Interested?** Take a post-it with your name on it and stick it to the table. Tables must be removed by the end of this week (January 26).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Sunday, January 20

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary**  
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
**Traditional Worship 10:15 AM—Sanctuary**  
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

### Monday, January 21

Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 22

Dartball Away Game 7:00PM  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM -Sanctuary Loft

### Wednesday, January 23

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

### Thursday, January 24

Troop 51 Meeting 7:00PM—Library  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

### Friday, January 25

Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Growing Grove

### Saturday, January 26

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library



We are rolling out a new program for Sunday School! We hope that you will be just as excited as we are to start new things!

**We are replacing the Children's Message with a Sunday School Youth Choir.** The kids have started practicing during Sunday School for Youth Sunday which is now the **2nd Sunday** of each month. The Sunday School children will be singing on Youth Sunday each month. All children will remain in worship for the duration of the whole Contemporary Service on Youth Sundays and there will not be Sunday School on Youth Sundays. We hope that you will be just as excited about engaging in worship as families on Youth Sundays.

Starting Sunday, January 27th, 2019, Sunday School will be extended to 10:00 a.m. The children will be released to parents in the Fellowship Hall. *Please have your children bring their bibles back to Sunday School.* We will be storing the bibles in the classrooms from now on.

If you have any questions, please text Kristina at 630.303.2201.