

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning January 21, 2018

giveback

I recently heard the phrase, "it's the giveback!" I mentioned this in last Sunday's worship announcements. Well, I went to look up the definition: GIVEBACK: A PREVIOUS GAIN

(SUCH AS AN INCREASE IN WAGES OR BENEFITS) IS GIVEN BACK TO MANAGEMENT BY WORKERS (AS IN A LABOR CONTRACT).

Okay, I didn't know that.

But still. It's the giveback. This is why we do what we do at Christ Lutheran Church. It's the giveback. In our case, we are a people - a congregation - who have seen how much God has given us, how richly we are provided for daily by God's abundance and generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift! Our hearts are full. Our lives are blessed. How will we respond? It's the giveback!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up Feb. 3. People of CLC have dedicated time throughout the day to collect food for the hungry outside of Jewel on Ogden & Cass in Westmont. We will be collecting food at the church up to Feb. 4, Super Bowl Sunday. Why? It's the giveback!

While it's winter you might be surprised to learn that many folks are without warm clothes. CLC is committing itself to collect coats, along with Celebration Preschool families, now through spring. Bring in the coats you don't need. Drop them off in the Welcome Center. Why? It's the giveback!

Some of you have signed up for a timeslot to cook for and host homeless guests at PADS (Public Action To Deliver Shelter) on Monday, February 19 or 26. Why? It's the giveback!

Did you know that CLC's Spring Craft & Vendor Show receipts will send five or more kids with special needs to Special Camp for Special Kids this summer. Why are we doing that?! It's the giveback!

Whether you give an offering, or offer your presence and your prayers on any given Sunday, or participate in any other ministry or program of Christ Lutheran Church, there is a common motivation we all share: IT'S THE GIVEBACK.

Pastor Dale

Church Council
call for
NOMINATIONS

Four people are rotating off of the Council this year, positions that will be elected at the Annual Meeting on February 18th. If you are interested in sharing your gifts on Council, or would like more information about what might be involved, please reach out to a Council

Member or Pastor Dale by January 29.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE ROTATING OFF COUNCIL: Carl Nodus (Building & Grounds), Marrietta Sorensen (Worship & Music), Phil Nelson (Mission and Outreach) and Mary Satchwell (Council Member at large).

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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Richard Kochel: Organist

Kathy Bartosz, Dir. Youth & Family

Nancy Woodruff, Dir. of Communications

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In Our Prayers this Week

Health Concerns

- For Annette Armstrong
- For strength for Kay Hedborn
- For protection for Kay Hedborn's grandchildren, twins, Will and Livia, and for strength for their parents
- For Richard Kochel's Uncle Clarence with a medical condition.
- For Charlotte, Debra Joslin's friend's granddaughter born with one lung who is on an artificial lung machine.
- 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 a doctor willing to treat her illness, in her frail condition.

Sustained Support and Encouragement

- For Deacon Steven and Kristina Dickens to receive God's blessing as they wait to adopt a child.
- For our Church Council: Dan Cramer, Jane McDonald, Phil Nelson, Carl Nodus, Jim Nordloh, Glen Orton, Charles Rusin, Mary Satchwell, Jean Schwier, Marrietta Sorensen, John Swiess, Maggie Swiess, Jim Woodruff, Judy Wolthausen, Pastor Dale Ziemer
- 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: Steven Dickens and Debra Joslin

Communion Bread: Debra Joslin

Post-Service Treats: Mary Satchwell and Bernice Yeater

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

- I'm interested in helping out at the Spring Rummage Sale. Count me in!
- Help out with PADS February 19-20 Work a shift Donate food items
- Help out with PADS February 26-27 Work a shift Donate food items
- Bring a non-perishable item in for the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive
- 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 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
Rummage Sale Interest Meeting 9:35AM—F.H.,
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

Sunday, January 28

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
Pack 51 Pinewood Derby 2:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 29

Worship Team 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM— Fireside Room

Friday, February 2

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
JULIETS 11:30AM—Blueberry Hill

Saturday, February 3

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library
Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive

RUMMAGE



PLANNING MEETING

Interested in helping plan and promote the Spring Rummage Sale? We will have an informational meeting today **between services** in the Fellowship Hall to share ideas on how we can make this event as successful as the Women of CLC have made it over the years.

The surrounding community looks forward to the CLC Rummage Sale each year, and many were disappointed when we didn't have one in the fall; that's why we are sure that we can make this successful by having lots of items to sell, bringing people in from the community and repurposing items to give them new life.

Hope to see you on Sunday!



People's Resource Center is looking for volunteers to help pick up donated food weekly from local stores and restaurants. With over 1/4 of the items in our pantries arriving through food donations from businesses, the transportation of these items is very important and the need is great.

Since 1975 PRC has been bringing neighbors together to respond to hunger and poverty in DuPage. Currently they have a team of over 2,400 volunteers. If you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity or would like to help out, please contact Lucinda Page, volunteer coordinator at 630-384-1347 or email volunteers@peoplesrc.org.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 18
9:30 a.m.
Church Sanctuary

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall the two Sundays prior (February 4th and 11th) at 9:40 or 11:25. Council leadership will be on hand to discuss the 2018 proposed budget and to answer any questions you may have.

If you have something for inclusion into the Annual Report it is due in the Church office tomorrow, January 22.

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.



Christian IMPACT will be sponsoring an all-congregation Spaghetti Dinner on **Tuesday, February 13** (also known as "Fat Tuesday"). We will provide the spaghetti, garlic bread and salads, and the congregation is asked to bring desserts. So, let's pull out all the stops before the discipline of Lent kicks in on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and get together for some great food and great times. Bring a friend!



Saturday, February 3
Jewel/Osco Westmont

Between now and Superbowl Sunday we are taking donations of non-perishable items in the Welcome Center that will be added to the items collected at the Jewel. Please drop donations off in the shopping cart in the Welcome Center. Currently the most needed items are **canned meats (tuna and chicken), canned veggies, rice, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits, ready to eat soups, cereal, condiments, flour and baking supplies and toiletries.**