

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning January 7, 2018,



Happy New Year.....

The Holidays are over and 2018 has arrived. For some perspective, let's review 2017. 2017 was a great year for Christ Lutheran Church. As a congregation, we accomplished a great deal, with great efforts from the Transition Team, Call Committee, Capital Campaign Committee, Outreach, Knitting Ministry, new members, numerous

fellowship activities..... In fact, too much to detail here.

Some highlights from 2017: After several months of important and determined effort, the Transition Team (TT) completed their work in May. The team's goal was to assess CLC's history, current trajectory and expectations for our future. With the TT's work complete, we engaged the congregation and assembled a pastoral search team, the Call Committee (CC). The CC began their work in September and submitted CLC's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the Synod in December. The MSP provides a pastoral candidate an overview of CLC, job description and expectations. In short, our search has formally begun. Stay tuned.....as things develop.

After 10 to 15 years of delay, we began investing in the appearance and functionality of our facilities. Both inside and especially the outside have been greatly improved. Interior walls are re-painted and flooring replaced. Rooms have been freshened up and de-cluttered. Most of this work was privately funded and for those of you that made this physically and financially happen, thanks. Concurrent with the interior work, we paved the parking lots and driveways and completely reroofed the building. The parking lots, driveways and roofing are major investments in our facilities. Furthermore, the exterior work is an important projection of our changes and evolution to the surrounding community. To finance the approximate \$260,000 loan for paving and roofing we instituted our Capital Campaign Committee (CCC). The CCC is comprised of several CLC members with the financial, promotional and administrative disciplines to effectively complete their task. The CCC solicited monetary commitments from the congregation and from Friends of CLC. Estimates to date are pledges of over \$260,000. We have a 30 year loan and an expectation to pay it off within 5 years.

While all of the above was going on, CLC still conducted the business of our church. Services were held, spiritual needs met, outreach and in-reach efforts help spread the Word and we gained new members. In short, we accomplished a lot in 2017. Thank you all for your spirit, trust and faith.

In 2018 what can we expect? If the last couple of years are any indication, get ready for another wonderful year at CLC.

Jim Nordloh
Council President

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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Nancy Woodruff, Dir. of Communications
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In Our Prayers this Week

Answered Prayers

- For Carole, Barbara Delassus' sister who came through her cancer surgery well; tests show no signs of cancer
- For George Cramer, Dan's father, whose surgery went well

Health Concerns

- For Annette Armstrong
- For Kay Hedborn
- For Barb Sparks, friend of Loretta Chiko facing health concerns.
- For Tim Myrick, Dolores Kroeger's nephew diagnosed with cancer
- For Diane Whitesides, Kristina Dickens' friend's mom for healing from breast cancer surgery.
- For Sylvia, friend of Phil & Paulette Nelson
- For Lloyd, Nancy Mizura's brother in law in critical condition.
- For Carole, Barbara Delassus' sister awaiting surgery
- For Tracy, Nancy Mizura's friend recovering from a double lung transfer
- 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 Glenn Bergmark
Preaching: Pastor Craig Felde, Pastor Glenn Bergmark
Sound: 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15 Glen Orton
Projection 8:30 Lori Ball 10:15 Rachel Krohn
Assisting Minister 10:15: Debra Joslin
Communion Asst: 10:15: Dan Cramer & Debra Joslin
Communion Bread: Jim Rice
Post-Service Treats: Mary Ramirez and Evelyn Reed

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

- Help UN-Decorate the church after the 10:15 worship service on January 7th
- Bring a non-perishable item in for the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive
- Work a shift at the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive
- Count me/us in for "Baig of Tricks Trivia" on Saturday, January 13

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday January 7

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 10:15AM—Sanctuary
Christmas Un-Decorating 11:30AM—Sanctuary
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Monday, January 8

ROMEOS Breakfast 8:00AM—Blueberry Hill
Worship Team 7PM—Library
Scout Committee Meeting 7:00PM—Study Lounge

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 13

Bible Study 9:30 AM—Library
“Baig of Tricks” Presents Trivia Night 5:30PM—FH

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

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

Thursday, January 18

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, February 18

Informational Forum dates will be forthcoming.

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.

Spring
Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, March 24, 2018

RUMMAGE
SALE

**Saturday
April 28
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Mark your calendars! We have a planning team committed to a Spring Rummage Sale. The next planning session will be on Sunday, January 21st following the 10:15 service.

UNDECORATE the Church

This Sunday, January 7th is when all of our beautiful Christmas Trees and Decorations are put away for the year. Please stick around after the 10:15 service (or come back if you worship at the 8:30 service) to help us put away all of the trimmings that made our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship services so special. We expect to be done by noon.

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.

Bring A Friend!!

TRIVIA Night

Saturday, Jan. 13
5:30-8:30pm
\$15/person
Includes dinner

TACKLE



HUNGER

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 at Jewel 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).

If you would like to volunteer to brave the cold weather outside of Jewel on Souperbowl weekend, please use your **Connection Card** or sign up in the Welcome Center.