

Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning February 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent



My wife and I love to babysit our grandchildren. True story: One evening in their parent's condo, I heard the sound, "Help! Water!" I didn't know what that meant, so I ran to see. "Go get some towels!" But I don't know where they are. I'm running around looking. Meanwhile water is flowing out of the bathroom and into the hallway. It's already soaked into the carpet runner there. One of us with towels, the other trying to prevent the water from flowing into the next room, we are working frantically,

oblivious to our granddaughter standing there watching. Then, with a startled curiosity and a bit of fear in her voice as Grandma and Grandpa scramble around, she blurts out, "What's happening!?"

Any guest to worship last Sunday, February 18, at 10:15am, entering the sanctuary might have had that same look of bewildered curiosity and a little bit of fear, wondering, "What's happening!?"

A congregational meeting was going on. To some it was a mess. To others, we leaders looked to be scrambling around. While some were grateful to have their voices heard, to others it was the sound of confusion and dissonance. Where are the towels!

After extending well past the start of the 10:15 worship hour, the meeting was suspended so that the agenda could be accomplished without further infringement on worship time and when the important work would not be rushed. The Council met on Monday night and will be sending out a letter to all members to share next steps and announce a date and time to continue and conclude the meeting.

My hope for you is not a perfect congregation. Instead, my hope is expressed well in CLC's Goal:

To nurture a culture and faith community that embodies open hearts, open hands, and open minds; a willingness to take risks, try new things, fail, and forgive one another, so that all who participate in and on the edges of Christ Lutheran Church experience the Spirit and are transformed.

So if you were on the edges last Sunday wondering "What's going on?!" know that in *all* our experiences we are learning to be the church in faith, hope and love, figuring things out, moving forward, seeking to make things right for the sake of God's vision and our mission.

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 the gift of Alliyah Lillian Dickens, born February 15th, and her proud parents, Steven and Kristina.
- For the gift of Ethan St. Amant, Suzy and Ken Vandembroucke's new grandson, and for his parents, Emily and Joe

Health Concerns

- For Annette Armstrong
- For strength for Kay Hedborn
- For Anita Olson
- For Ruth, friend of Suzy Vandembroucke diagnosed with breast cancer
- For Jennie, friend of Suzy Vandembroucke, diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For the Gaikama family, friends of the Borsuks, who experienced a tragic death in their family
- For the mother of Lee, Jeannette Tamayo's co-worker, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- For Reese, Jeannette Tamayo's brother in law
- For Rich Mayich, friend of Linda Tuisl awaiting a possible cancer diagnosis
- 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, friend of Nancy Mizura beginning chemo for esophageal cancer
- For Tim Myrick, Dolores Kroeger's nephew diagnosed Pleuomorphic Adenoma
- 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 Jeff Homme, Kristina Dickens' uncle currently hospitalized.
- 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 the 17 victims of the mass school shooting in Parkland, Florida and their families.
- For our Call Committee; Dan Cramer, Steven Dickens, Debra Joslin, Bonnie Bucholz, Jim Clark, Diane Emry, Lea Hotton, Matt Ramirez and Maggie Swiss.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Pastor: Pastor Dale Ziemer
Sound: 8:30: Bob Krohn 10:15 Glen Orton
Projection 8:30 Sharon Jackson 10:15 Rachel Krohn
Assisting Minister 10:15: Rob Sorensen
Communion Assistants: Craig Felde
Communion Bread: Dan Cramer
Post-Service Treats: Amber Pelton and Dan Cramer
Chancel Guild: Wendy Sanders, Betty Murphy, Jane McDonald

Bible Verse of the Month

“For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous in order to bring you to God.”

1 Peter 3:18

TOP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES at Christ Lutheran Church

- Help out with PADS February 26-27 Work a shift Donate food items
- Join in Bible Study during Lent**
- Sundays at 7:30 a.m. Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Bucholz home
- I will seek to develop my prayer life during Lent.
- Provide soup and/or bread for an upcoming Wednesday Lenten Meal (sign up is in the Welcome Center)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 27

Dartball 7:00PM—Home
 Food For Thought—7:00PM—Satchwell Home
 Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 28

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
 Midweek Soup & Bread Supper 6:30PM—Library
 Midweek Prayer Service 7:15PM—Fireside Room
 Choir Practice 7:45PM—Choir Room

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge
 JULIETS 12:00PM—The Harvest House

Saturday, March 3

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

Sunday, March 4 - New Member Sunday

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

Monday March 5

Worship Team 7:00PM—Library

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary
 Midweek Soup & Bread Supper 6:30PM—Library
 Midweek Prayer Service 7:15PM—Fireside Room
 Choir Practice 7:45PM—Choir Room

Thursday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 10

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library
 Murder Mystery Dinner—5:00PM—Fellowship Hall



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 day.



Saturday, March 10 5-8 p.m.
\$18/person includes dinner

Birthdays of the Month

- 3/3 Dennis Fones
- 3/4 Amber Pelton
- 3/9 Roberta Fiedler
 Phil Nelson
 Laura Schueler
- 3/10 Bob Brija
- 3/11 Mike Smith
- 3/13 Robbie Fiedler
- 3/14 Elena Svoboda
 Ian Svoboda
- 3/16 Jim Nordloh
 Judy Wolthausen
- 3/19 Edward Paloyan
- 3/22 Madeline Batke
 Margaret Blesy
- 3/25 Erica Emry
- 3/30 Steven Dickens
- 3/31 Lida Portschy



Peace Rocks

Every year as Lent begins, the Christian IMPACT (formerly CLAIM Team) brings a Lenten challenge to the congregation. We have raised money for farm animals, we dug a well in Africa, and we supported LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs.

This year the Christian IMPACT team is bringing something more experiential and “hands-on” as our Lenten Mission. *Beginning this Sunday, February 25th we will provide opportunities for everyone to participate.*

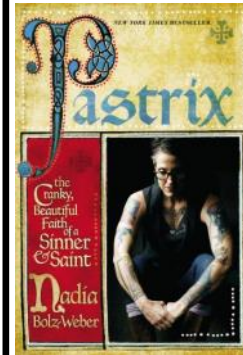


This week we will be making Peace Rocks. Every person on the planet has the power to change the world. We encourage people to paint words, images, and messages of peace, hope, love, and joy on ordinary rocks and distribute them all over the community, focusing your attention on the idea of peace and to

share that message with others.

Women of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to participate in “Food for Thought” a faith-based women’s group that will be meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Satchwell.

This month they will be taking a look at parts of the book “Pastrix” by Pastor Nadia Bolz Weber. No need to purchase the book; resources will be available at the discussion.



Monday,
February 27
7:00 p.m.
633 W. 56th
Hinsdale



Christ Lutheran Church is delighted to announce that we have established a Quilting Ministry to benefit Lutheran World Relief! MariLynn Bergmark has graciously offered to lead the group, and several of you have indicated a desire to learn the craft of quilting, or would like to participate in this ministry in some way. Additionally, we have received a donation to begin to financially support this ministry.

The first meeting of our CLC Quilting Ministry will take place on Friday, March 9th from 10am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch.

We will have all of the supplies on hand; we currently have one sewing machine and can procure others if necessary. Come and learn more; be a part of the goal of sending 500,000 quilts around the world to those in need!



One of the key goals for Christ Lutheran Church in 2018 is to continue to develop our youth and family ministry. CLC is forming a Youth and Family Ministry Design Team to create a ministry plan for programs, activities, and services to meet the needs of youth and families at CLC and in our community. The ministry design team will work together to discern what youth and family ministry will entail at CLC in the future and conduct a survey of all CLC families to determine the needs, interests, and priorities for this ministry at CLC. The design team will ultimately create a job description for a youth ministry professional based on the needs gathered from the work of the team. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Mary Satchwell at marysatchwell@gmail.com. Watch for the opportunity to share your feedback and ideas about youth and family ministry at CLC coming later this Spring.