

# Christ Connection

For the Week Beginning February 4, 2018



At the Annual Meeting on February 18, we come together to give thanks for the year that has ended, and pray for God's guidance and blessing on the year before us. The prelude to the annual meeting includes a couple of congregation forums (Feb 4 and 11 after each service), interacting with a proposed

budget, questions and comments.

The annual report will update us on Christ Lutheran ministries and will be available by Sunday Feb.11. This year, the annual meeting will celebrate the amazing success of God's Vision Our Mission campaign in 2017, outline goals to guide CLC ministry into the future, and provide an update from the Call Committee. We will elect new council members to ensure our leadership community continues to evolve and grow. We will also approve a budget for 2018.

**Annual Church Budget:** The Income Budget reflects what we believe we as a congregation can give through our faithful contributions for ministry and mission. As that number is greater than the 2017 actual contributions, it tells our story of faith in God's promises, our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, and the importance our church's commitment as a whole to continuing our ministries. The Expense Budget illustrates our faith in action together. It illustrates where our priorities are, and what we will commit ourselves to collectively in the year ahead.

A budget is also an important tool for your congregation leaders to help faithfully steward the congregation's resources and priorities.

## Informational Forums

February 4 and 11

9:40 and 11:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Annual Congregational Meeting  
February 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary

## 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

Karen Wilberg, Dir. Traditional Music

Richard Kochel: Organist

Kathy Bartosz, Dir. Youth & Family

Nancy Woodruff, Dir. of Communications

Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary

Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant

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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 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 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 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 anticipating arrival of a baby in the near future.
- 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 John Friedheim  
**Preaching:** Deacon Steven Dickens  
**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 Assistants:** Debra Joslin and Dan Cramer  
**Communion Bread:** Dan Cramer  
**Post-Service Treats:** Jim Rice and Kristina Dickens

### 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. (Planning meeting today)
- 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
- I am interested in learning more about starting a quilting ministry for Lutheran World Relief.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Sunday, February 4

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary**  
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
Congregational Forum 9:40AM—Fellowship Hall  
Rummage Sale Planning Mtg. 9:40—Library  
**Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary**  
Bowling 1:00PM—Suburbanite  
Congregational Forum 11:25AM—Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 5

Scout Committee Meeting 7:00PM—Library

## Tuesday, February 6

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

## Wednesday, February 7

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

## Thursday, February 8

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

## Saturday, February 10

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 7:30AM—11:00AM—FH  
Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

## Sunday, February 11

Bible Study 7:30AM—Library  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM—Sanctuary**  
Sunday School 9:00AM—Growing Grove  
Congregational Forum 9:40AM—Fellowship Hall  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
Parent Meeting for Children in Worship 9:50AM—FH  
**Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary**  
Congregational Forum 11:25AM—Fellowship Hall  
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern  
*4H Meeting 1:00PM—Fellowship Hall*  
*Blue and Gold Dinner 4:00PM—Fellowship Hall*

## Tuesday, February 13

Fat Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner 6:00PM—Fell. Hall  
Dartball 7:00PM—Burbank  
Handbell Practice 7:15PM—Choir Loft

## Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch 12:00PM—Fireside  
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM—Sanctuary  
Choir Practice 8:00PM—Choir Loft

## Thursday, February 15

Third Thursday at Woodgrain Pizza  
Bible Study 7:00PM—Bucholz Home  
*Scout Troop Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall*  
*AA 8:00PM- Fireside Room*

## Saturday, February 17

Bible Study 9:30AM—Library

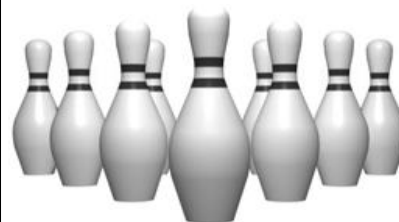


Our coat donations are pouring in. Thank you to all who have dropped off outerwear. We will begin to distribute the warmest coats both at PADS and the People's Resource Center in the upcoming weeks so that they can keep people warm in these early months of the year. Please keep bringing in your outerwear; we will be collecting through Palm Sunday. Hats, gloves, scarves and boots are also very welcome. Thank you to all who have participated so far!

## GET YOUR RED OF STUFF

Now is the time to begin laying items aside for our upcoming Spring Rummage Sale. If you need to drop off your donations earlier than rummage sale week, or during a specific day and time, please give the church a call and we will try to make arrangements for you to drop things off. Please make sure items are boxed so that they are more easily stacked.

**There will be an informational meeting this Sunday, February 4th in the Library for anyone interested in helping out with the Spring Rummage Sale which will be on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**



Bowling meets at 1:00 today because of the Superbowl Game tonight.

## HELLO, I'M

*Trying to meet new people at church*

Please remember to wear your nametag. It will help our newer members get to know everyone.

# Lent.

a season of renewal



Beginning on Wednesday, February 21st we will be offering mid-week Lenten services. We will begin in the Library with a very simple crock-pot soup and bread meal. Please consider signing up to provide the meal one of the weeks. These mid-week dinners will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Following dinner, we will move into the Fireside Room at 7:15 p.m. for a service around the theme of prayer.

Additionally, we will be offering an all-congregation bible study: **Prayer: Nourishing a Life of Faith** which will be offered at several different times throughout the week. Sign ups begin this Sunday.



READY...SET...

QUILT!

LWR Quilt Campaign  
1 YEAR = 500,000 QUILTS

Last week we ran a short article around the idea of starting a quilting ministry for Lutheran World Relief and we were happy that five people indicated that they would like to learn the skills necessary to make these quilts. But did you know that you don't HAVE to know how to quilt to be a part of this ministry? There are many ways that people who don't possess those gifts can help. For instance, people are needed to cut out the fabric using

a rotary cutter. Others with the gift of vision are needed to actually lay out the quilts and plan the design. People who can't be here on a given day when the group meets can take the squares home and sew them in the privacy and comfort of their own home. Still others are needed to take old fitted sheets and cut the elastic off to make quilt tops. There are many ways to participate. If you are interested, please indicate so on your Connection Card. If we get enough people to say yes, we will begin to investigate what it will take to get this ministry off the ground at CLC.



Join us on the evening before Ash Wednesday, when we celebrate with food before the discipline of Lent begins. The Christian IMPACT Team is sponsoring an all-congregation Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13th in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide the spaghetti, garlic bread and salad, and are asking the congregation to bring dessert.

Sign up in the Welcome Center beginning this Sunday. Bring a friend!



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Church's Scout Troop, Troop 51, will be holding their biggest fundraiser of the year in our Fellowship Hall

on Saturday, February 10th from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. Besides their delicious pancake, scrambled egg and sausage breakfast, there will be raffles going on throughout the morning for great prizes.

What a great opportunity this is for our church members to show up, enjoy the morning and be ambassadors for our church. Identify yourself; wear a nametag, offer to pitch in! Let's show our community what a warm and inviting congregation we are. **We are offering a free ticket to the breakfast for the first six people who volunteer to be an Ambassador of CLC at this year's breakfast. Contact the office to claim yours!**