

Christ Connection

Empowered by God's love and following in the ways of Jesus Christ, we LIVE, GROW and SHARE AS Disciples of Christ.

For the Week Beginning July 21, 2019—6th Sunday After Pentecost

President's Message



GROW. The second tenet of our mission is to Grow as Disciples of Christ. What does that mean and how can we do it? For me, to grow as a Disciple of Christ there needs to be a desire to grow, there needs to be nourishment, and we need to exercise and practice.

DESIRE. Peter writes, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." To grow, we have to want it, desire it. We are all drawn to attend worship or serve in a ministry or volunteer our time at CLC or in our community for different reasons. But those reasons are driven by the desire to grow and mature in our relationship with God. The ultimate goal to strive for, even if we never attain it, is a perfect relationship with God, like the one Jesus and God have. That's not an easy goal, especially for us humans. But we can always be working toward that goal. How can you increase your desire for spiritual growth?

NOURISHMENT. Nourishment can help us see our own occhliolism, which is the awareness of the smallness of our perspective. The world is full of rich and diverse things, people, and creatures made by God and God is so much more than we can ever hope to comprehend, but through study, prayer, and worship we can discover, learn, and grow as Disciples of Christ. Nourishment can increase our intimacy with God and all of God's creation. With nourishment, we will be better able to love and follow Jesus's teaching, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind. This is the greatest and foremost commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Where will you seek your nourishment? Worship? Ministry? Prayer? Volunteering?

EXERCISE & PRACTICE. Growing as a Disciple of Christ requires continual effort. We should never be stagnant in our growth. We should be exercising our spirit and practicing our faith daily. There are many ways to do this. Be nice to an unkind person. Share the Gospel. Examine if you are being a good steward of your time, talents, and treasures. Set aside time to pray daily for both yourself and others. In Timothy, we are told, "Exercise yourself toward godliness." How can you exercise your spirit and practice your faith to grow as a Disciple of Christ?

Prayerfully, *Dan Cramer, Council President*

Have questions, concerns, a desire to talk about faith? You are invited to stop in and chat with Pastor Laura about anything and everything! Pastor Laura will be in the office at CLC on Thursday afternoons from 2 until 3:30 pm. Not a good day/time? Contact her at pastorlaurahs@gmail.com to make a time that works for you. She looks forward to getting to know you!

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

Contemporary Worship

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Fireside Room

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor

Rev. Laura Hall-Schordje—Pastor

Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant

Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Worship

Bonnie Bucholz, Traditional Music Director

Jo Chiko, Handbell Choir Director

Rev. Craig Felde, Local Missionary

Kristina Dickens
Children & Family Ministries Director

Nancy Woodruff,
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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- The family of **Greg Pill**
- For **Pamela Langston-Cox** and her husband
- For **Cathy Gleason**
- **Pam Toman** for a healthy delivery.

Answered Prayer

- **Clemente Inga**, a close friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- **Alonso Tamayo**, Jeanette's uncle

For our Homebound

- **Annette Armstrong, Kay Hedborn, Anita Olson, Ty Johnson, Marge Kleist, Audrey Lowe** and **Jim Schneider**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- For **Jeff**, Jean Schwier's brother
- For **Rebecca**, Lea Hotton's sister
- For **Mary Jo** friend of Nancy Woodruff
- For **Charlie and Jill**, Mike Bartosz' brother and sister-in-law
- For **Collin**, Andrea Palm's nephew
- For **Don**, Madeline Batke's brother in law
- For **Dick**, friend of Madeline Batke
- For **Sara**, Luis Giron's mother.
- For **Peter**, friend of the Charlier family
- For **Lynn**, friend of Ralph Trombello
- **Rosa**, friend of Suzy Vandenbroucke
- For **Judy Marxhausen**
- **Marcia Lung**, Rob Sorensen's aunt
- **Russell Orton**, Glen's brother.
- **Chris Luby**, Carl Nodus' brother-in-law
- **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- **Howard Beauchamp**;
- **Michael**—Luis Giron's nephew;
- **Bob Cox** — Tricia Giron's father;
- **Parker** —grandson of Bonnie Bucholz' neighbor;
- **Kayla**— Andrea Palm's sister;
- **Charlotte Grace**;
- **Colton** — child of a friend of Dan Cramer;



We are seeking an individual to act as a point of first contact and a liaison between the renters in the parsonage and CLC. This individual would need to know the basic operations of the property and be able to determine when a professional is required for any repairs. This is a voluntary position. Use your Connection Card to find out more.

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, July 21

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room
Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary

Monday, July 22

Back to School Boot Camp 8:45AM—Preschool
BAM Theatre Workshop 10:00AM

Tuesday, July 23

Back to School Boot Camp 8:45AM—Preschool
BAM Theatre Workshop 10:00AM

Wednesday, July 24

Back to School Boot Camp 8:45AM—Preschool
BAM Theatre Workshop 10:00AM

Thursday, July 25

Back to School Boot Camp 8:45AM—Preschool
BAM Theatre Workshop 10:00AM
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, July 26

BAM Theatre Workshop 10:00AM
Quilting Ministry 10:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 27

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room
BAM Theatre Production 10:00AM—Sanctuary



UPDATE FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS

Parsonage Update:

Work is moving along on the Parsonage. The chimney has been rebuilt and tuckpointed, with a new liner installed. We are working with a roofing contractor and a basement water proofing company to complete those 2 areas. The handyman has worked his magic getting the small, but important things fixed at the property. We will schedule the interior painting shortly. We expect the parsonage to be ready to rent on August 15th.

Parking Lot Sealcoating Update:

Weather permitting, we are planning to complete the parking lot sealcoating during the last week of July. Watch for further announcements as the date gets closer.