

# 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 February 2, 2020—The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the season after Epiphany in the church, we hear stories about how Jesus and the prophets reveal God. These stories encourage us to notice places in the world that reveal God now. At some times and in

some places, it can be very difficult for us to discover or even imagine what God might be doing. At other times - as in the reading we hear today - modern prophets reveal what God is up to. But how do we discern which voices are prophetic and which are simply wrong?

As Lutheran Christians, we understand that prophets share two gifts - that of the law (which convicts us of our shortcomings) and that of the gospel (the grace that frees us from ourselves and releases us to live as Jesus lived). Prophetic voices reveal that God is always more than we currently think. More gracious, more merciful, more loving, more inclusive, more caring - and also, more just, more fair, more demanding, and more illuminating (all too often of our shortcomings). We use this lens to discern which are the prophetic voices in our lives, the church, and the world. These voices carry authority as we make decisions, live, and minister in the world.

However, because prophets bring both the gifts of law and gospel, their words are necessarily hard to hear. Sometimes they lead us to a truth we'd rather not recognize. Sometimes they convict us about hurtful behaviors and words. Sometimes they call us to a painful reckoning with ourselves or others.

Listening for, noticing, and responding to prophetic voices is a deeply spiritual exercise - and it is hard work! It often makes us feel uncomfortable, discontented, frustrated, fragile, and guilty. However, it is only once we fully face the reality of our situation that we can also fully experience the grace that allows us to live as Jesus leads us to live. God gives us the grace to know that when we accept the truth, the truth will set us free. It's like watching a scary movie and knowing that the 'good guy' will win in the end. We can face the unknown and that which scares us because we already know how the story ends.

As we consider how our life together will be different in the coming weeks, I encourage you to seek the prophetic voices in our midst. Seek those who bring hard truths alongside gospel grace. Notice whether you might have prophetic insights. Notice these insights in each other and the wider community. This task is not easy - but it is deeply holy. And we do not do it alone. By the grace of God, we are siblings in Christ, seeking to reveal God's work in the world... and maybe even share in it.

*Pastor Erin*

## Sunday Worship

8:30 Contemporary

10:15 Traditional

## Sunday Faith Formation

### Bible Study

7:30AM—Fireside Room

## Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, 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,  
Dir. of Communications

Mara Leonard—Organist

## Contact Information

Christ Lutheran Church  
of Clarendon Hills  
60 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514  
(630) 325-2220

[office@YourChrist.org](mailto:office@YourChrist.org)  
[www.YourChrist.org](http://www.YourChrist.org)

[Celebrationpreschool.com](http://Celebrationpreschool.com)  
(630) 325-3271



Christ Lutheran Church of  
Clarendon Hills



@ChristClarendon

**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

Next Sunday  
Worship at 9:00AM  
Meeting at 10:00AM  
Held in the Sanctuary

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Sunday, February 2

Bible Study 7:30AM—Fireside Room  
Contemporary Worship 8:30AM—Sanctuary  
Sunday School 8:40AM—Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room  
Traditional Worship 10:15AM—Sanctuary  
Bowling 1:00 PM—Suburbanite (note time change)

## Monday, February 3

ROMEO's 8:00AM—Blueberry Hill  
Food For Thought 7:00PM—Satchwell Home

## Tuesday, February 4

Dartball 7:00PM—Darlen  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

## Wednesday, February 5

Christian IMPACT Meeting 4:00PM—Fireside Room  
Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM—Choir Loft

## Thursday, February 6

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

## Friday, February 7

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall  
Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge  
JULIETS 12:00PM—Blueberry Hill

## Saturday, February 8

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

## Sunday, February 9

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room  
Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary  
Annual Congregational Meeting 10:00AM—Sanctuary  
Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern

## Monday, February 10

Worship Team 7:00PM—Fireside Room

## Tuesday, February 11

Dartball 7:00PM—Home  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

## Wednesday, February 12

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary  
Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

## Thursday, February 13

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

## Friday, February 14

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, February 15

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room  
Cook-DuPage Beekeepers 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

## Sunday School

We understand that families may run a little behind in the morning to

get to church, We welcome all children to Sunday School no matter what time they are able to join us. So if you are running behind, come on in! We want to make sure that you arrive safely to church!

## Nursery

The nursery will be open and staffed with volunteers during the Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30

a.m. The nursery is always open for parents whose little ones may need a break. All children must be supervised by an adult for safety reasons if they need to take a break in the nursery.

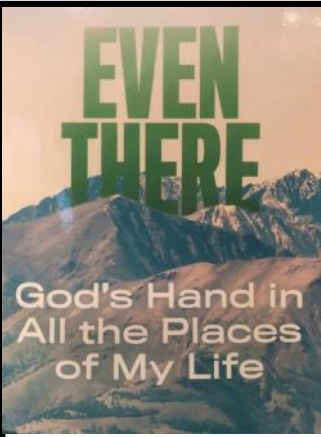
## Youth Group Meeting Sunday, February 16th 10:15 a.m.



All youth in 5th-12th grades are invited to join us for Youth Group! We will be meeting to discuss and sign up for tasks for the Mardi Gras Spaghetti Lunch, discuss how the youth will be participating in Sunday Worship Services beginning March 1st, 2020, and the children will begin the youth group 2020 Bible Study.



Let the CLC Youth Group kids cook and serve you lunch on **Sunday, February 23rd!** Sponsored by the CLC Youth Group. Tickets are only \$5.00. Proceeds will go toward future youth events. Tickets will be sold on February 9th and 16th by Youth Group members.



## Leap of Faith Women's Retreat February 28-29

Sign up to join hostess Marie Freidag and the "Food For Thought" group at a weekend retreat. You can stay for

the weekend or just come for the day (Saturday, February 29th 9:30AM-4:30PM)

The retreat will be held at 24-120 Wagon Wheel Drive, Lanark, Illinois. It's about a 2-1/2 hour drive.

Please RSVP to Marie so that she can prepare. Each participant will be expected to help contribute to the meals and activities, and will receive a book signed by the author at the end of the retreat.

**Marie Freidag: [mariepchef@aol.com](mailto:mariepchef@aol.com)  
630-712-7645**

There is a sign-up in the Welcome Center for those who would like to participate. Those attending should plan to bring cold weather gear, as there will be outdoor activities.

There is a sample of the book that the group will be looking at in the Welcome Center. Take a peek and see what you think!



The Food for Thought Women's Ministry Group will meet on Monday, February 3rd at the Satchwell home at 7:00 p.m. The activity for the evening will be planning the Winter Retreat. All women of CLC are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.



We are asking for everyone's participation in a survey to

help determine how we can best care for everyone as we make transitions to our worship schedule. There are paper copies in the Welcome Center as well.

Please make sure to sign your survey in order for the feedback to count!

<http://bit.ly/worshipsurvey2>

## GALLING ALL BAKERS ...



Bakers are needed to help provide desserts for the February 23rd **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** sponsored by the CLC Youth Group. If you would like to help out, please use your **Connection Card** to let us know.



The Scouts will be on hand this morning to pre-sell tickets for their pancake breakfast, coming up on **March 7th**. Tickets are only \$5.00 for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice served up by the Scouts themselves. Plus, there will be chances to win great prizes in the raffle. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Scouts; let's support them!