

Christ Connection

LINKS to ZOOM Worship

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 7, 2021 5th Sunday After Epiphany

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This week, CLC has our first-ever Zoom annual meeting. Most of us probably don't look forward to annual meetings (or most meetings). What I look forward to, though, is the energy and excitement that can be generated for the

next year of ministry. Generating this kind of energy tends to be a little tricky in an online/phone forum. I am hoping that you'll have the opportunity to read the reports from 2020 and feel some of the energy of all of the places God continues to show up for us and through us.

Perhaps you've heard by now that CLC needs to discern a different path for the next year. It's likely that St. James won't be able to continue partnering with CLC... So what does that mean for us? Again, it means that it's time to experience the energy of the Holy Spirit as she fills us with hope and guides us toward the next step on our path.

Now that the annual meeting is about to be 'behind' us, I'm looking for people who are interested in joining me in this journey. Are you interested in dreaming together about the future of CLC? Do you have skills for planning? Do you have ideas about how to bring the congregation together, so we can dream together?

If that sounds like you, give me a call (773-440-1182) or send me an email (pastor@yourchrist.org). Once there are a few people interested, we'll figure out the best way for us to "get together." The council's executive committee will oversee our timeline, so that CLC doesn't have to worry that things will get lost along the way. However, we have a lot of dreaming to do in the next few months, so we can be prepared for the future God has planned for us for next year.

May you feel the Spirit in every aspect of life, and may we all be infused with the Holy Spirit as we live into this journey together.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

9:00 am and noon on ZOOM
www.yourchrist.org

Ash Wednesday Feb. 17

Drive-Through Ashes
1-2pm
6-7pm
CLC Parking Lot

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Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor

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In Our Prayers this Week

New Prayer Concerns

- For **Sean P.**, recovering from an emergency appendectomy.
- For the family of **Barney Dahl** who passed away last Sunday. Cards may be sent to;
Julie Quigley Barney Dahl, Jr.
3505 Cricket Ave 202 69th Street
New Lenox, IL 60451 Darien, IL 60561
- For **Dolores K.**
- For the family of Kristina Dickens' **Aunt Lillian** who passed away.
- For the family of **Zach**, son of Bob Krohn's cousin, who died unexpectedly.
- For **Pam** following a dog bite.
- For **Karen**, friend of Al K., facing surgery.
- For **Laura**, friend of Kristina Dickens
- For **Brian**, friend of Kristina Dickens, diagnosed with cancer, beginning treatment
- For **Braiden**, son of Kayla and Andrew Hefner-Santucci around custody issues
- For **Pastor Laura**
- For those affected by COVID, especially **Katie, Joe and Bob**, and for those experiencing anxiety relating to the virus.

For Our Homebound

- Annette Armstrong, Dolores Kondraschow, Dolores Kroeger, Anita Olson, Ty Johnson and Bernice Yeater.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- For **Jeff**, Jean Schwier's brother, healing at home
- For **Dan**, Pam's husband, diagnosed with cancer
- For **Rich**, friend of Joanne Bruckner
- For **Kenny**, friend of Joanne Bruckner
- For **John**, friend of Joanne Bruckner
- For **Jessica**, Pastor Erin's friend
- For **Bob**, Tricia Giron's father in need of healing.
- For **Penny** who is dealing with health issues.
- For **Dennis**, Trish Giron's uncle battling cancer
- For **Peyton**, Nancy Mizura's grandchild
- For **Marti**, Carol Toman's friend
- For **Rosie**, friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- For **Kaitlin**, friend of Jeannette Tamayo
- For **Dick**, friend of Madeline Batke
- **Kathy**, Carol Toman's sister
- **Yvonne**, Pastor Bergmark's sister.
- **Howard Beauchamp**
- The congregation of **St. James Lutheran Church**

Please remember to notify the church office when a prayer concern changes or can be removed from the prayers of CLC.



Next Sunday is Valentine's Day! For next Sunday's service, please submit photos of you and those you hold dear be that of spouse, friend, child, or a pet. Submit your photo to Ms. Kristina at kristinadickens15@gmail.com by Tuesday, February 9th, 2021.



Youth & Family Ministry is beginning a Pen Pal Program for those young at heart. The Youth & Family Ministry is beginning an interactive intergenerational program involving virtual conversations and shared experiences between seniors and youth, in the form of a "pen-pal" exchange. Especially now, our seniors and youth need more care and attention due to the extent of COVID-driven isolation. These pen pal connections are made across generations, to share unique experiences and combat loneliness. The bigger goal for this program is to unite a congregation member with a youth ministry member to live, grow, and share in our ministry of God. Please register by Monday, February 15th, 2021 by replying to the email from Ms. Kristina.



The Christ Craft Corner will be on Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Please watch your emails for more details on zoom information.



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

The Season of Lent, our forty day journey to the cross alongside Jesus, is practically here. Although it will look and feel a little different this year, Pastor Erin and the Worship Team have been working to come up with ways we can still experience it.

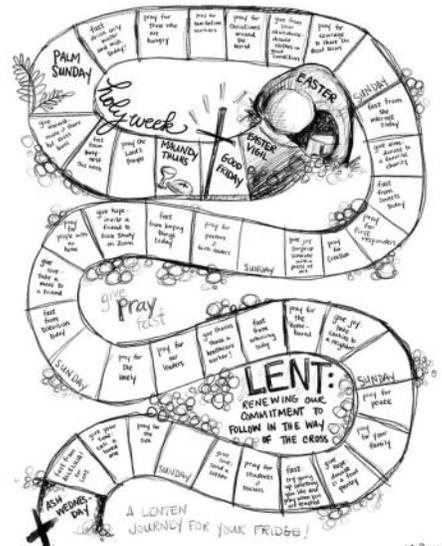
Ash Wednesday Worship on Zoom at 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Drive-Through Ashes from 1-2 p.m. (Pastor Erin)
and 6-7 p.m. (Deacon Steven) in the CLC parking lot



Although we will not be doing mid-week worship services this year, we are preparing “Lent in a Bag” for anyone who would like to participate.

Built around the “Chutes and Ladders” style game, and created by a Pastor, Lent in a Bag is designed to keep participants engaged with daily activities throughout the Lenten Season.



So that we know how many to prepare, we are asking you to sign up on the church website at www.yourchrist.org or call or e-mail the church office to let us know to make one for you.

Pick-Up Times:

Saturday, February 13th from noon to 1 p.m.

Monday, February 15th from 9-10 a.m.

Or, during drive-through ashes. Arrangements can be made for bags to be dropped off to those who cannot make pick-up.



Sunday, February 7th 2021

Following 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be held on February 7th, 2021 following the 9:00 a.m. Zoom worship service. The meeting will be on Zoom. Please either stay on your internet or phone connection following the wor-

ship service, or log in with this link: [CLC Annual Meeting](#)

If you have not done so, now would be a good time to update your Zoom application so that you do not have difficulty logging in on Sunday:



- Open Zoom
- Click on the picture icon in the upper right hand corner of your screen
- Drag the “drop down” until you see “updates” and proceed

On the day of the Annual Meeting we will take a roll call on ZOOM; whether you are on your computer or on the phone, we will record attendance. After the meeting has concluded, you should fill out your ballot. We have allowed one week for ballots to be received. They must be either **postmarked by February 13th, or you may drop them off in the mailbox at the south entrance of the church by Sunday, February 14th by noon.** Thank you to everyone for your flexibility as we navigate our Annual Meeting in a much different way this year.



Remember, you must be in attendance at the annual meeting to vote, and you may not cast your ballot until after the meeting. If you have already mailed your ballot in and you plan to attend and vote, please contact the church office and we will mail you new ballots to mail back to the church so that they are received by February 14th at noon.



Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to work the day of the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive. If you have not and would like to help, we will find a place for you. We are also asking participants to take photographs the day of the drive and submit them to the church office for an upcoming communion slide show. If you are planning to do any shopping ahead of time, you are always welcome to make arrangements to drop items off at the church. Currently the most needed pantry items are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned veggies | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice, Pasta, Pasta sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soups (ready to eat) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Condiments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato products | <input type="checkbox"/> Flour and baking supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary products | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Diapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Diapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning supplies | |

Monetary Donations (every \$1.00 donated equals \$8 for the pantry)