

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 9, 2020—The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany



Throughout this season of Epiphany, we see how God is revealed in Jesus. We hear of prophets who foresee what God will do through Jesus long before Jesus can do anything on his own. The stories encourage

and challenge us to notice God showing up in the world in places that we don't expect. The stories also remind us of *how* God shows up. For example, from this week's reading from Isaiah, God shows up when we loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, let the oppressed go free, share our food with the hungry, clothe the naked, and show up for our families.

God shows up when we show up. In fact, we pray that this might happen. We pray this each week, in the Lord's prayer, as we pray that God's kingdom come. As Martin Luther writes in the *Small Catechism*, "In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us. *How does this come about?* Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's Holy Word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity."

This lens will help us as we make decisions at our annual meeting about how we will continue to be church together. What does it mean to be followers of Jesus? To show up where Jesus would show up. What does it mean to ask that God's kingdom come among us? To live in ways that glorify the God who seeks justice, freedom, life, and dignity for all people.

As we move into the future, God gives us opportunities to show up and do this ministry to which we're called. God gives us opportunities to live grace-filled lives with each other - especially as we navigate staff changes and responsibilities. God gives us opportunities to live into our lives as disciples: to focus on ministry, mission, outreach, and telling the story. The challenge God has put before us is vast... May we pray that the Spirit guide us, and that God's kingdom come here and now, among us and with us. May it be so.

Pastor Erin Clausen



This Morning
Held in the Sanctuary
directly after the 9:00 a.m.
worship service.

Copies of the Annual Book of Reports for 2019 as well as the 2020 budget that will be voted on are available in the Welcome Center.

Sunday Worship

9:00AM Worship

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study
8:00AM—Fireside Room

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor
Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant
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Bonnie Bucholz, Traditional Music Director
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Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Clausen
Chancel: Lori Ball, Wendy Sanders
Communion Bread: Mary Satchwell
Assisting Minister: Deacon Steven Dickens
Communion Assistants : Deacon Steven Dickens,
Debra Joslin
Projection: Open
Sound: Glen Orton
Nursery: Micki Llewellyn
Sunday School: K. Dickens, T. Giron, K. Bartosz
After Service Bakers: Maggie Swiss and Evelyn
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Saturday, March 7
7:30—11:30 a.m.
CLC Fellowship Hall



Pastor Erin maintains office hours on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:30 for those who might like to drop in. If that time slot doesn't work for you, please contact the church office and we will schedule something to suit your schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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, February 16

Bible Study 7:30AM—Fireside Room

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM

Sunday School 8:45AM—Growing Grove

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Common Life Table 9:30AM—Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship 10:15AM

Youth Group Meeting 10:15AM—Fellowship Hall

Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Monday, February 17

Church Council 6:30PM

Tuesday, February 18

Dartball 7:00PM—Villa Park

Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 19

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 20

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, February 21

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, February 22

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Lifeline Screening 8:30AM—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.



All are invited on Sunday, February 23rd from 11:30 am—12:30 pm for a Spaghetti lunch hosted by our very own youth group! Menu includes

spaghetti with meatballs, a side salad, garlic bread, a drink and a dessert from the dessert table. Tickets are only \$5 per person and will be on sale February 9th and 16 after services. In order to help us know how much food to prepare, we are encouraging you to purchase tickets ahead of time. Funds raised will go toward future Youth Group activities.

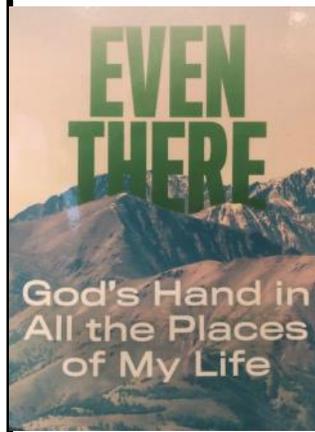


Thank you to all the volunteers who stood outside the Jewel last Saturday to collect for the Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive. Thanks to your efforts and the huge outpouring of generosity by the shoppers in our community, we were able to replenish the shelves at the HCS Family Services Food Pantry; so much that they filled their van on Monday and had to come back on Tuesday to finish the job!

2,912 pounds

\$1,071.27 in donations

Thanks to Jim Rice and Dietrich Wolfram for once again leading this important ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.



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@gmail.com

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!

CALLING 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.