

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 January 26, 2020—The Third Sunday of Epiphany



Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Last week was the week of prayer for Christian unity. Today, we read these instructions from the Apostle Paul in worship. Be in agreement. Ensure that there are no divisions. Be of the same mind. Be of the same purpose. When I read words similar to these as part of the liturgy in my congregation at St. James, people laugh out loud. [Yes! It's OK to laugh out loud during church!] In fact, the words in the liturgy come directly from 2 Corinthians 13:11. This tells us that Paul had to write a SECOND letter encouraging the same community to be at peace with one another.

I wonder if this reminds you of any communities of which you're a part? The number of opinions in a room tends to directly correspond to the number of people in that room. That we pray each year for Christian unity reminds us of how disunited we are. So how is it that Paul has the audacity to tell the Christian community to be in agreement, united in the same mind and purpose? How is this possible?

When these words are read in the liturgy, they're read as a charge - and they are also read as a blessing. They precede the passing of the peace. We read them to call ourselves back to God, back to our purpose. The agreement we seek goes beyond the details of our life together. Rather, it comes from a deep sense of being able to seek peace with each other. When we are united in mind and purpose, it doesn't mean that we have to agree on the color of the carpet or the music we like to listen to. It doesn't even mean that we have to agree on who God is or how we think God works in the world. What it means is that we agree about the reason we are together. We keep God at the center of our relationship.

So why do we get together? We gather to worship God. We gather to learn about Jesus. We gather to gain strength and confidence to take the message of the good news of Jesus' reign into the world. We gather to receive forgiveness, peace, hope, joy, love, grace, mercy and justice from God and each other. Most of all, we gather so that we might live lives of forgiveness, peace, hope, joy, love, grace, mercy and justice. And that in living those lives, we might shine the hope of Jesus in the lives of all whom we meet.

So let us be in agreement. Let there be no divisions among us, but may we be united in the same mind and the same purpose. Let us gather in peace and go out, leaving Christ-shaped footprints all over the world.

Pastor Erin

This Sunday we will have one service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Congregational Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to provide a place for information to be exchanged relating to the 2020 budget and the implications it may have on our Worship life at CLC. The Forum will be held in the Sanctuary.

Sunday Worship

9:00AM Worship

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

8:00AM—Fireside Room

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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.



Leap of Faith Women's Retreat February 28-29

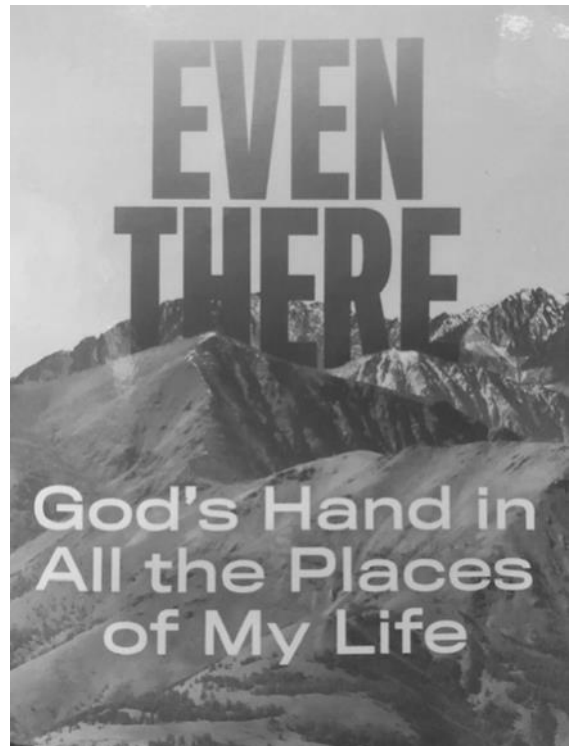
Sign up to join hostess Marie Freidag and the "Food For Thought" group at a weekend retreat. You can stay for the weekend or just come for the day (Saturday, February 29th 9:30AM-4:30PM)

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
630-712-7645**

There is a sign-up in the Welcome Center for those who would like to participate.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Clausen
Chancel: Lori Ball, Wendy Sanders
Communion Bread: Dan Cramer
Projection: Lori Ball **Sound:** Bob Krohn
Nursery: Wendy Sanders
Sunday School: S. Dickens, K. Dickens, M. Satchwell
After Service Bakers: Lori Ball and Sharon Jackson

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, January 26

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room

Worship 9:00AM

Sunday School—Growing Grove

Congregational Forum 10:10AM—Sanctuary

Middle School Ministries 10:00AM—Youth Room

Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern

Tuesday, January 28

Dartball 7:00PM—Home

Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, January 29

Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Thursday, January 30

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, January 31

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 1

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Souperbowl of Caring Food Drive 9AM-4PM—CH Jewel

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

Tuesday, February 4

Dartball 7:00PM—Darren

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 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.

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Nursery once a month! We would like to have four adults in the rotation each month. Please see Ms. Kristina or use your Connection Card if you are interested in volunteering.



Sunday, February 23

11:30 a.m.

Let the CLC Youth Group kids cook and serve you lunch! 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.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 68th Annual Meeting of the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, February 9th. We will have one worship service that morning at 9:00 a.m.** followed by the annual meeting in the Sanctuary.

Annual Reports will be available to pick up and study on Sunday, February 2nd, one week prior to the Annual Meeting.



Are you looking for a place for your preschooler to grow socially, emotionally and academically? Are you looking for a place for your preschooler to make friends, have fun, and develop a love of learning?

Come check us out. Celebration Preschool open houses are coming up:

2's Open House - 1/23/20 at 9:00 A.M.
3's Open House - 1/24/20 at 9:00 A.M.
4's and 5's classroom visits by appointment.
Call 630-325-3271 for more information.

Check out the website at:

celebrationpreschool.com

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.



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>



On **Saturday, February 1st** brave souls from Christ Lutheran Church will gather outside of the Jewel Osco in Clarendon Hills to collect non-perishable items for the HCS Family Services Food pantry. This yearly event is something that the pantry depends on; the pantry shelves tend to be depleted after the holidays. We will work in shifts, encouraging people who are doing their Superbowl Sunday shopping to pick up a few extra items for the pantry.

This year the pantry is most in need of the following: **ADULT DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, PASTA, TOMATO PRODUCTS, PAPER GOODS, CEREAL, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND CONDIMENTS.**

This is an annual event where we really do make a difference, consistently outperforming our previous year's goal. Let's make sure this year is no exception! A Donation Station is set up for those who can't be at Jewel but would still like to participate. **You may also contribute financially.** Please use the envelopes designated **Superbowl of Caring** that are in the Welcome Center. Checks should be made out to Christ Lutheran Church. We will then issue one check to HCS.