

# 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 March 1, 2020—First Sunday in Lent



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We're now firmly planted in the season of Lent - a time of self-reflection and repentance that leads us into Easter. This season of 40 days lasts from Ash Wednesday to midnight on Easter morning. [Only, if you

do the math, you end up with 46 days - because technically, we don't count the Sundays in the 40 days of Lent.] During this time, we intentionally change things. We invite discomfort with who we are and how we have acted. We reflect on the challenges in our lives and world that keep us away from God. Many people choose a discipline to participate in - like giving up chocolate or setting aside time for prayer. These disciplines challenge us and invite us into a closer relationship with God. But that closer relationship doesn't just happen. We don't grow closer to God because we give up chocolate - we grow closer to God because we intend to. We set an intention to give thanks to God every time we skip something we would have done otherwise. We set an intention to invite God into places we haven't opened up before. We become intentional about what it means to be a follower of Jesus - and we learn how to follow him, even to the cross.

In this season of Lent, we have a new discipline at CLC too. We worship at 9 am, all together in one service. Because of our love and care for our siblings in Christ, and our love of diverse musical worship styles, we worship in both 'traditional' and 'contemporary' ways. These disciplines may be difficult. They will likely be uncomfortable. One service at 9 means changing when you come to church. It changes what time Bible study meets. One service means that there will be more people in the sanctuary, and someone might sit in your favorite seat. It means that sometimes your worship will be in a style that you love and sometimes in a style that makes you uncomfortable. One service means that we get to be with each other and care for each other in new ways. It also means that we will need a different schedule for ushers, bread bakers, projectionists, FAST bakers, communion assistants, Sunday School teachers, nursery volunteers, greeters, and everything else that helps our Sunday morning worship run smoothly. As things change, they will not always run smoothly. However, they remain invitations to grow closer to God.

Just as with any Lenten discipline, growing closer to God as we live into changes as a congregation requires intentionality. As a congregation committed to each other and to worshipping God in this place, we set an intention to give thanks to God for the musical diversity in our community. We set an intention to attend worship each week, even if it's not our preferred style. We set an intention to always put the best construction on whatever has been said, or whatever 'mistake' has been made. We set an intention to extend abundant grace, live with abundant hope, and experience everything that happens through the lens of love. I invite you to make this a Lenten discipline: show up and notice the discomfort. Name it, claim it, and release it. Be intentional about managing your discomfort. Be intentional about living with grace, hope and love. In this way, we will grow closer to God.

*Pastor Erin*

## Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Traditional

## Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study  
8:00AM — 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

Kristina Dickens Children & Family Ministries Director

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# MARCH

There will be a Church Rummage Sale Planning Meeting next Sunday, March 1st at 10:30am. If you are unable to attend and interested, please email Steven Dickens at [sdickens2015@gmail.com](mailto:sdickens2015@gmail.com). The rummage sale is set for Saturday, April 4th, 2020.



## Serving in Worship

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pastor Erin Clausen

**Assisting Minister:** Debra Joslin

**Communion Assistant:** Dan Cramer

**Chancel Guild:** Wendy Sanders, Jane McDonald

**Communion Bread:** Quentin Giron

**Sound:** Glen Orton    **Projection:** Rachel Krohn

**Sunday School:** Steven Dickens, Kristina Dickens, Tricia Giron

**Nursery:** Open

**After Service Treats:** Lori Ball, Sharon Jackson



**Sunday, March 1**

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room  
Traditional Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary  
Sunday School 9:00—Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 10:00AM—Youth Room  
Lenten Study Group 10:15AM—Fellowship Hall  
Rummage Sale Planning Meeting 10:30AM—TBA  
Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

**Monday, March 2**

ROMEOS 8:00AM—Blueberry Hill  
Worship Team Meeting 7PM—Fireside Room

**Tuesday, March 3**

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

**Wednesday, March 4**

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

**Thursday, March 5**

Staff Meeting 5:00PM—Fireside Room  
Building and Grounds Meeting 6:30PM—Fireside Room  
Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

**Friday, March 6**

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall  
Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

**Saturday, March 7**

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

**Sunday, March 8**

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room  
Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary  
Sunday School 9:00—Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 10:00AM—Youth Room  
Lenten Study Group 10:15AM—Fellowship Hall  
Scout PLC Meeting 3:00PM—Fellowship Hall  
Scout Committee Meeting 4:00PM—Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 10**

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

**Wednesday, March 11**

Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM—Choir Loft  
Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, March 12**

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

**Friday, March 13**

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 14**

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

# NURSERY

*Beginning March 1st, the Nursery will be open and staffed*

*with volunteers from 9-10am.* 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.

**Nursery Volunteers are needed!** Please consider volunteering in the Nursery. Whether you can volunteer once a month, once a quarter or in the summer, please sign up on your Connection Card. If you have questions about volunteering in the Nursery, please ask Ms. Kristina. Beginning Sunday, March 1st Sunday School



has a new time slot. Please drop your children off in the Growing Grove before service begins. Sunday School will run from 9-10:20am. All children will be brought to the Sanctuary for Communion (or a blessing) as a whole group. They will return to Sunday School after communion as a group. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, the children will stay a bit longer in worship to sing, and then will return to Sunday School.



The Spaghetti Lunch was a great success. Youth and Family Ministries raised \$452.00 and will net \$305.17. All of the children who participated worked so hard on Sunday and displayed great teamwork. Thank you to our volunteers who worked and donated to this event. We are so grateful to Evelyn Reed, Jean Schwier, Dan Cramer, Karen Rutz, Diane Emry, Mary Satchwell, Carol Toman, Carolyn Novak, Sarah and Andrew Kraner, Kathy Bartosz. Matt Ramirez and Kristen Svoboda for the delicious baked goods! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

# LENTEN



## STUDY GROUP

We will gather on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. to participate in a five-week study led by Pastor Erin entitled "Be Not Afraid: People on the Move." This bible study begins with discussion on immigration and refugee issues, and will conclude with conversations about the ELCA's social message on immigration and the ELCA's 2019 adoption of a resolution about sanctuary. Although structured, this is a "come when you can, leave when you must" group. Please use your Connection Card to indicate your interest .



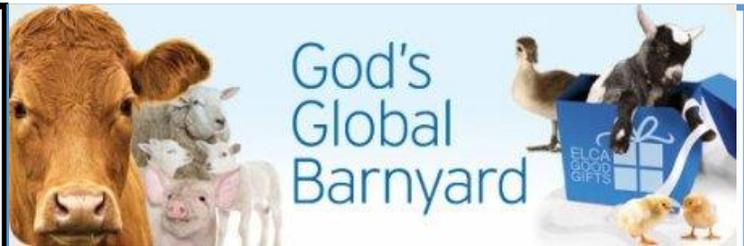
Church Women United will be holding their World Day of Prayer on March 6th beginning at 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4730 Woodland Avenue in Western Springs. The guest speaker will be Jana Miller

from "Companions Journeying Together", an organization that supports incarcerated people. They are requesting donations for a Mother's Day Project where children will be able to send cards and packages to their moms.

Items they are asking for:

- Postage Stamps
- Stationary
- Mother's Day, Thinking of You and blank cards;
- Gallon Ziplock Bags
- Reams of colored paper

There is a box in the Welcome Center for these donations. **We will collect through March 29th.**



Each year during the season of Lent the Christian IMPACT Team challenges us to do something extra; something that will leave a Christ-like footprint on the world. Over the years this has taken many forms. This year we will be asking families to save spare change to give to **God's Global Barnyard** through the ELCA's Good Gifts Program.

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good!

It's simple! This Sunday we will be providing banks (either ceramic or cardboard; whichever is your preference). Some are decorated from past fundraisers, some are plain, waiting for families to decorate together. Keep the bank in a prominent place through the season of Lent, and fill it with your spare change. You'd be surprised how it all adds up! Then, beginning on Easter Sunday and for a week or two after, we will be collecting these banks, counting the change (we will keep track for your giving records), and when we have it all totaled, will make a purchase through God's Global Barnyard:

**Oxen and Plow (\$1,000)** A pair of oxen helps create record-breaking harvests, provides fertilizer and gives families the gift of time

**Cow (\$500)** A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly provide financial stability.

**Fish Farm (\$250)** Can provide a lifetime of meals to a community.

**Goat (\$50)** Fresh milk is very nutritious and can be used to make yogurt and cheese to sell.

**Pig (\$30)** Within months after birth piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds; providing a big payoff at the market.

**Honeybees (\$20)** Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth-helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market

**Chicks (\$10)** Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for hungry families.