

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 8, 2020—Second Sunday in Lent



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many individuals and faith communities are becoming increasingly concerned about health and well-being during congregational activities, in light of the COVID-19 virus response around the world. For many congregations including ours, the largest gatherings are at worship services.

At CLC, we take your health and safety very seriously. I keep updated by local, national, and international health sources, and we will change our regular practices as recommended.

At this time, there are no current recommendations about changing worship practices in our area. However, there are several recommendations about what you can do to help protect yourself and others from the flu, coronavirus, and other illnesses that are going around this season. Please feel comfortable to make any modifications to your own worship practice that will help you to feel more secure. The primary recommendation is to make sure you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds - about the amount of time it takes to sing "Jesus loves me" or say the Lord's Prayer. Wash your hands after touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, before and after eating, and after touching other peoples' hands. At this point, hand sanitizer is also effective. We will continue to provide hand sanitizer before communion. You may also notice that I go to the sacristy to wash my hands before communion *and also* use hand sanitizer before touching the bread.

At CLC, we use intinction for communion. This means that I hand you a piece of bread and then you dip it in wine or grape juice. Although there has never been an outbreak of illness associated with communion practice, we remain aware that some people (especially those with immunodeficiency) may feel uncomfortable with communing in this way. In Lutheran belief and practice, Christ is present in communion *in, with, and under the bread and the wine*. It is perfectly consistent with our faith to receive communion using only bread - Jesus is fully present in each element. You will receive Jesus' full presence, the full benefit of communion, should you choose to commune by consuming bread alone.

You may also wish to alter slightly how you pass the peace with your neighbors. Maybe you want to use a "peace" sign, or bump elbows or fists. If you want to shake hands or give hugs, ensure that the person you're extending your hand or arms to is receptive. At any time during or after the peace, hand sanitizer is available for your use in the back of the sanctuary.

In order to protect others, if you are feeling sick, stay home. If you have a fever, get medical attention. I am always happy to stop by your home or the hospital for conversation, prayer, and communion. Please call the office if you are unable to come to worship and would like to schedule a visit.

Please feel welcome to engage any of these protective measures while at CLC - or whichever of them make you feel comfortable. We strive to make this a safe community, and we welcome whatever you need to do so that you feel safe. At the same time, God calls us out of fear and into community. Gathering in worship remains at the core of our Christian practice. Eating and drinking remain at the core of our worship. Practicing peacemaking - however and wherever we can - defines our Christian identity. Let us be sensible in caring for ourselves and each other, and let us be bold in our call to worship God and follow Jesus.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

8:00AM —Fireside Room

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There will be a Church Rummage Sale Planning Meeting next day, March 15th 10:30am. If you are unable to attend interested, please email Ste-Dickens at sdickens2015@gmail.com. The rummage sale is set for Saturday, April 4th, 2020 from 9am-2pm.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. We are inviting the parents of all of our families to sign up and help during the set-up process for this year's Annual Rummage Sale. A portion of the money earned this year will be helping to update the Nursery with new blinds/blackout curtains, and a baby monitor (for volunteers to be able to experience the worship service). Our older volunteers would love to mentor new volunteers on how the Rummage Sale is run. Please sign up in the Welcome Center this Sunday or use your **Connection Card**.

Kitchen Ministry

We are looking for a few people who would enjoy participating in the kitchen ministry at CLC. We all enjoy the fellowship time after worship, but it requires volunteers to make it happen. Most Sundays **Dietrich Wolfframm** faithfully prepares and serves the coffee, and for that we are very grateful. But more volunteers are needed to help with kitchen duties, and to generally help us keep our kitchen organized. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please use your **Connection Card**.

Serving in Worship

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor Erin Clausen
Chancel Guild: Wendy Sanders, Jane McDonald
Communion Bread: Mary Satchwell
Sound: Bob Krohn **Projection:** Lori Ball
Sunday School: Emily Radecki, Sarah Kraner, Kristina Dickens
Nursery: Wendy Sanders
After Service Treats: Mary Satchwell & Dan Cramer



Sunday, March 8

Bible Study 8:00AM—Fireside Room
Contemporary Worship 9:00AM—Sanctuary
Common Life Table 10:15AM—Fellowship Hall
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 7:00PM—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

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

Church Council 6:30PM—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

Webelos Crossover 7:00PM—Sanctuary
Scout Meeting 7:00PM—Fellowship Hall
AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, March 20

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

NURSERY

The Nursery is open from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and is staffed with volun-

teers who have passed a background check. 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.



Sunday School has a new time slot. Please drop your child(ren) off in the Growing Grove BEFORE service begins. Sunday School is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. All children will be brought to the Sanctuary during worship for communion or a blessing. This Sunday, the children will be released to sit with their families during communion, then the Children's Choir will sing, after which they will be dismissed as a class back to Sunday School.

Training for Youth in Worship

Children 6th through 12th grade will join Deacon Steven Dickens this Sunday immediately following worship for a 20-minute training to be an acolyte (lighting altar candles) and assist with Communion. The youth will be serving twice a month on Traditional Worship Sundays. It is expected that all children in Confirmation Class attend the training. We invite 9th–12th graders who would like to participate in services to join as well. We will have two additional training sessions scheduled before March 29th when the youth will be serving for the first time. Following the training, Confirmation students are welcome to join Pastor Erin in the Bible Study in the fellowship hall.

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 .



There are two First Aid kits in the building; one is in the Kitchen on top of the freezer; the second is on the first floor outside the former library at

the top of the stairs. If you use the First Aid kit and notice that something needs refreshing or it is missing something, please let us know and we will make sure to correct the problem.

We also have a defibrillator that is located by the first floor first aid kit.



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.

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.

Financial Snapshot

	comparison to budget		comparison to last year	
	February	Year to Date	February	Year to Date
General Fund	\$1,102	(\$2,003)	\$6,742	\$7,287
Other Income	\$2,073	\$2,825	\$289	(\$5,954)
Total Income	\$3,175	\$822	\$7,031	\$1,333

In February, total income was \$3,175 favorable compared to the budget and \$7,031 favorable compared to last year. Also, year to date income is \$822 favorable compared to budget and \$1,333 favorable compared to last year.