

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 November 15, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost



Last night as we sat around the dinner table, my 5-year-old suddenly shouted, "OH! We forgot to say what we are grateful for! I'll go first, since I remembered..." And she

proceeded to tell us three specific things for which she is grateful. This practice began a little over a year ago, when our school district hosted a "Happiness Project" night that explained the science behind a variety of happiness practices. Sharing what we are grateful for each day fits in well with our family's practice of giving thanks to God, but in a different kind of way. As my grandma used to say, count your blessings. And we do.

It has been interesting to see how the things we are grateful for has both stayed the same and changed over the last year. Family, food, friends, and a warm home always show up frequently. Good traffic almost never makes the list anymore - but meals where all 5 of us can sit down together happen much more frequently than they did before! For everything that has changed and all that we have given up during the last year, we still have opportunities in our own home and family that we would never have had were it not for the pandemic.

At church, we have come to this same realization. We grieve the losses of some of the things about church that we love. At the same time, we are discovering how to be the people of God in the world in an entirely different way. And some of that - maybe even much of it - is good.

God blesses us continuously, and sometimes we forget to be grateful. Then, someone like my child reminds us - We forgot! Let's share our blessings! I wonder what are some of the things for which you're grateful these days? [Post them on the church's Facebook page or give me a call to share!]

I am grateful for all of you. I am grateful that you continue to stay with us. You've worked with us through the bumps and challenges of migrating to online worship. You've called each other, met outdoors, and prayed for each other. You have continued to do the ministries of the church, and you have continued to financially support the church as well. This is who we are as church.

So this week, think about what you're grateful for. And share it - with your family, friends, church friends, or online. Even now, may we count our blessings. And even now, may we find that they overflow.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

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

Faith Formation

Watch for Faith Formation
Opportunities coming this fall.

Christ Lutheran Staff

Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor

Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant

Jon Ball, Dir. Contemporary Music

Bonnie Bucholz, Dir. Traditional Music

Jo Chiko, Handbell Choir Director

Dan Cramer, Director of Social Media Marketing

Kristina Dickens
Children & Family Ministries Director

Contact Information

Christ Lutheran Church
of Clarendon Hills
60 55th Street
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
(630) 325-2220

office@YourChrist.org
www.YourChrist.org

Celebrationpreschool.com
(630) 325-3271

 Christ Lutheran Church of
Clarendon Hills

 @CLCClarndnHills

 [clc.clarendon.hills](https://www.instagram.com/clc.clarendon.hills)

Follow us on Social Media!



Memory Tree Service Sunday, November 29th at 2 p.m.

All are invited to gather in person on November 29th as we celebrate and remember our loved ones who have died by hanging an ornament on the Memory Tree.

A long-standing Christ Lutheran Church tradition, the Memory Tree service is an opportunity for us to gather outdoors in our Memorial Garden where we will have a lighted tree set up. After a short service, all will be invited to hang an ornament on the tree which will stay lit throughout the night during Christmastime.

For everyone's safety we are asking that masks be worn and social distancing be observed. You may walk to the tree through the south door and turn down the Growing Grove hallway or simply walk from your vehicle. Please bring a non-breakable ornament to hang on the tree.

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers

Offer boxed sets of *30 beautifully embellished cards with matching envelopes to help your organization reach their fundraising goals.

*Holiday Card Collection Box includes 50 cards and envelopes. Retail prices are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.

All Occasions Box #1

All Occasions Box #2

Holiday Card Collection

Thanks & Blanks Box

Kids Birthday Box

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

How often do you find yourself running to the store at the last minute for a birthday, anniversary or other type of greeting card, spending sometimes upwards of \$5.00 each? We've got good news! From November 16-30 Youth and Family Ministries will be sponsoring a "Cards for a Cause" fundraiser in collaboration with Usborne Books and More. Choose from All Occasion, Kids, Thanks and Blanks or Holiday Collection and for \$30 you will receive a lovely keepsake box containing 30 unique cards; that's \$1 each!

It couldn't be simpler for you; just place your order and it will be delivered by one of our Youth and Family Ministries families. Buy for yourself; buy to give away as a gift and save someone else the time and trouble of running to the store for a greeting card. They will thank you!

It couldn't be more important: Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support Erick the Bolivian child that our Sunday School sponsors through World Vision. Our Sunday School offerings are used to support Erick throughout the year, and since we have not been in Sunday School, our fund for Erick has dipped into the negative. This will help put us back on track.

Stay tuned for emailed details on Monday.



Youth & Family Ministry is sponsoring a Holiday Tree at the Brookfield Zoo this year. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 15th** for the Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trim. Please email Ms. Kristina for more information! *We have 6 tickets and 1 car pass available!* If you would like to join us, please contact Ms. Kristina by **Saturday, November 14th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Please check your emails for the tickets emailed to you for the day.

If you have your own zoo membership, you do not need to reserve tickets with me, but you will need to obtain your time slot through your membership online. Please email me and let me know you are joining us via your family membership.

Christ Lutheran Church's day to decorate is Sunday, November 15th, 2020. You may **ONLY** decorate on this day. More details on the event will be emailed to those who are attending this holiday event. The families participating received their ornaments last week. Please decorate the ornaments and bring with you on Sunday.

KristinaDickens15@gmail.com

SHEETS AS QUILT BACKS



One of CLC's ministries that has not been "on break" during COVID is the quilting ministry. They manage to continue their quilting, meeting in members' driveways until the weather gets too cold. Currently they find themselves low on flat sheets for quilt backings. **If you have sheets in decent shape that you no longer use, please put them aside for the Quilting Ministry; we promise that they will be put to good use.**



Gift Card Fundraiser Begins Sunday, November 15

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas Holidays are upon us and our annual Gift Card Fundraiser is about to begin. **How is it a Fundraiser for CLC?** You pay the face value of the gift card; Christ Lutheran Church pays a few percentage points less, and is able to keep the difference to help fund the ministries of our church.

There are two ways you can take advantage of this convenient opportunity:

- ✚ Support District 86 families by purchasing and donating **\$25 gift cards to either WalMart or Target** which will be distributed by the school to families identified to be under-resourced this year. This year, our goal is to give \$100 in gift cards to each of 20 families for a goal total of \$2000! **Please help Youth Ministry and Christian IMPACT reach this goal for 2020. The order deadline to support District 86 is Sunday, December 6th before students leave the campus for the Christmas holiday.**
- ✚ Take advantage of the over 700 vendors in many different denominations available for your own Christmas gift giving. **The order deadline for Personal Christmas Shopping is Sunday, December 20th.**

How Does it Work?

- Print out the ShopWithScrip form available [here](#)
- Choose the gift cards you wish to purchase and fill out the form.
- Issue a check **made out to Christ Lutheran Church** for the face value of the cards you order.
- Place the check and order form in an envelope and either mail it to church or drop it in the mailbox at the south entrance (coded door).
- Orders are placed on Monday mornings. You will be contacted when the order is ready for you to pick up.
- Any questions? Please call the church office at 630-325-2220 and we will be happy to help!
- Don't have Internet/Printer? Call the office and we will mail you a form or make arrangements over the phone or pair you with a "computer buddy" volunteer who can help with the process.



There is a craft project for the Confirmation Class to work on the morning of November 22nd in the beginning of class. Your

craft will also be delivered at the same time as the Sunday School's craft. **Please watch for an email from Ms. Kristina on the delivery date of the craft kit to all the Confirmation Class children.**



Please join us on Sunday, November 22nd at 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Tricia for the Christ Craft Corner.

We will be making a Thanksgiving craft for all the children

to enjoy. Please watch for an email from Ms. Kristina on the delivery date of the craft kit to all the Sunday School children. If your child is not registered in Sunday School and would like to join us for the craft, please email Ms. Kristina. Stay tuned for Zoom information.