

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 October 11, 2020—Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



In the last several weeks' Gospel lessons, Jesus has been sharing stories about the Kin-dom of Heaven. These stories share God's blessing and invitation for those of us who aren't quite perfect. The stories re-

mind us that God's hope for us includes a community based in love and grace. This message of God's generosity becomes especially important during this time, when our lives have changed so drastically because of the pandemic.

The stories Jesus tells also invite us toward humility as we recognize that we cannot deserve what God offers us. God's generous nature pervades these stories, even as they have the harsh edge of what happens when we refuse God's generosity.

We call God's generosity blessing when we receive good things in our lives - like enough food, shelter, positive relationships, and happiness. God blesses us because of who God is, not because of who we are or what we do. God provides goodness in our lives without requiring that we do anything (even say thank you!). And yet...

God created people in God's image and likeness. That means that God created people to be 'like' God - generous, blessing others. When we respond to God's generosity by being thankful and generous in return, we live into who God created us to be. When we share our blessings with other people, we are living into who God created us to be. Sharing opens space within us to receive more blessings.

What is one blessing that you've received from God this week? How can you share that blessing with someone else? This week, practice noticing what blesses you. Practice saying thank you to God and others for these things. And then, practice sharing those things with someone else. See what happens when you live into the image of God in this way.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Outdoors
Noon On ZOOM
www.yourchrist.org

Faith Formation

October 26
November 9 & 23

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Safety Concerns Cancel Trunk or Treat

Christ Lutheran Church staff and council remain committed to the safety and spiritual nurture of our congregation's families and the wider community.

As we monitor CDC and local guidance regarding the COVID 19 pandemic as well as our congregations families' comfort levels, we have concluded that this event will not work for our congregation at this time. Keep a lookout for further youth ministry opportunities!

Sanctuary Lighting Update from the Facilities Team



The facilities team at CLC and Council have approved a project to update our pendant lights in the sanctuary to be LED fixtures.

Background: The lighting in the sanctuary was installed in 2009. After more than 10 years, some of the 8 pendant fixtures no longer light or flicker when lit. An attempt by the facilities team in 2019 to change the light bulbs did not fix the problem.

Project Scope: In early 2020, the facilities team started researching the best way to fix the pendant lamps. After looking into several options, the team endorsed a plan to rewire the existing pendants to be LED fixtures. This will ensure their continued operation for many years to come. The team has chosen Ace Electricians to complete the work this fall, while the church is closed to indoor worship. This project involves scaffolding that will be constructed and moved beneath each fixture. Some

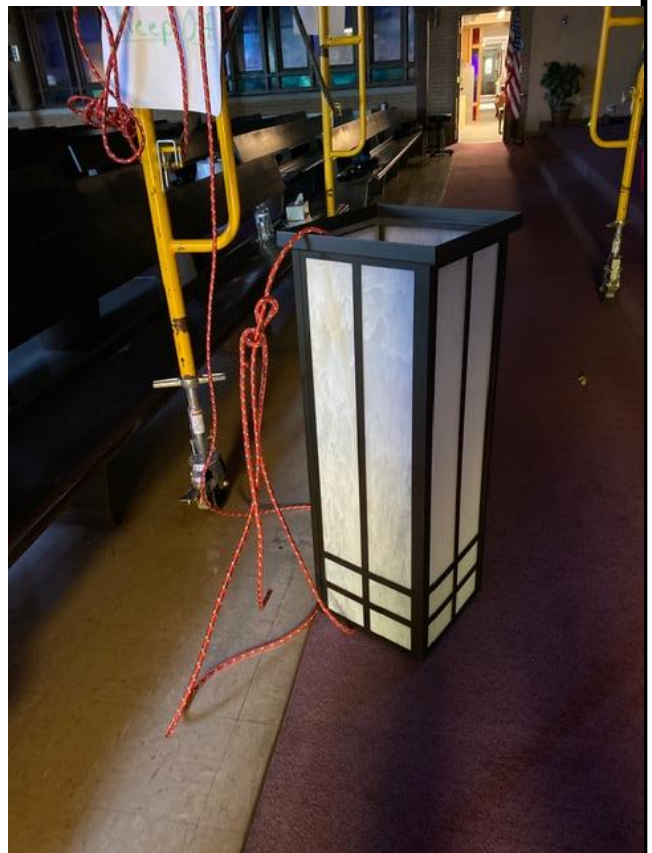
pews will need to be temporarily removed so that the scaffolding will reach the rear pendants. Each pendant will be removed and rewired as an LED light, cleaned and then re-hung. (As you may remember, Ace Electricians performed substantial work at CLC in 2019 to update our electrical systems on the first floor and attic.)

Funding: The project will be funded from 2 sources. We have received directed gifts of \$1,200 to fund this. The additional funds required will come from the Facilities Fund. Total cost is \$10,400.

Thank you to Glen Orton, Hal Hancock, Dave Reisetter, Jim Nordloh and Al Kondraschow for their assistance in moving the pews last week to get the scaffolding in place.

If you have any questions about this project, or wish further details, please contact:

Al Kondraschow at 630-710-3265 or a.kondraschow@comcast.net





**Sunday, October 11th
at 9:00 a.m.**

To Register:

✝ *Call the Church Office*

✝ *Visit the link below*



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/final-drive-in-outdoor-worship-tickets-123478293901>

TICKETS: Printed tickets should be displayed on the driver side windshield. Online tickets must be displayed on the driver side at check-in.

ARRIVAL: Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early. The only entrance is on Frontage Road.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: All vehicles must enter through the Frontage Road off Holmes Avenue and exit through the back of the parking lot. You will be directed to a parking spot when you arrive.

You may sit outside your car on the driver side only.

MASKS: All parking lot attendants and worship participants will wear masks for your protection. Wearing masks outdoors is highly recommended.

“BYOE” COMMUNION : Bring Your Own Elements for Communion. Juice is recommended to substitute for wine, as no alcohol of any kind is permitted for this event.

RESTROOMS: Only available for emergency use.

RAIN DATE: You will receive a robocall in the evening on SATURDAY, October 10, 2020, in the event of a rain cancellation. Your ticket will be valid automatically for the Rain Date of October 18, 2020. If you cannot attend on the Rain Date, please cancel your ticket so another family may enjoy the service.

ZOOM Worshippers: The regularly scheduled NOON service will be hosted on Zoom. The 9:00 will be live and available through the church’s Facebook.

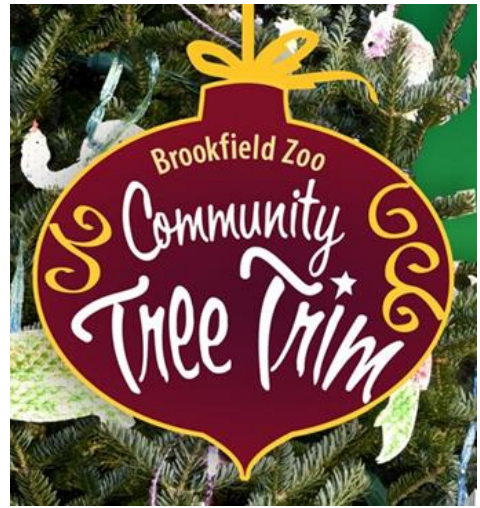
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The Monday evening Bible study WILL NOT meet on Monday, October 12. We will resume meeting on Monday, October 26. The rest of the schedule for that study is:
10/26 - Chapter 5 11/9 - Chapter 6
11/23 - Chapter 7 (final)



Pastor Erin and the CLC Worship Team would like to hear from you with feedback relating to worship; whether it’s about our regular Zoom services or worship outdoors on the hill. What are your thoughts? Is there something you would like

to see implemented? Music you would like to hear? Please take a moment and send us an email (with Worship Feedback in the subject line) so that we can share your input. The Worship Team meets on the first Monday evening of each month. Send emails to office@yourchrist.org or you may reach out to Pastor Erin directly at Pastor@yourchrist.org.



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. This year there is a lot of planning that has to go into this due to COVID. Please email Ms. Kristina at KristinaDickens15@gmail.com as soon as possible if you would like to join us! **Deadline to register is Sunday, October 11th, 2020.** 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. 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. We have 8 tickets available!

If you would like to carpool with another family with COVID safety, please email Ms. Kristina.



Sunday Schoolers . . .
Craft Corner with Ms. Tricia on Zoom

Join us on Sunday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. for Sunday School: Christ Craft Corner! Once a month, children in Sunday School will enjoy a craft. We will be making a tree with leaves that coincides with the Sunday School lesson. The supply list for this month's craft is: Glue, scissors, and construction paper: brown, red, orange, yellow, green.

**Be a part of the
Communion
Slide Show**

**Send Us
Your Photos!**





We will be collecting gently used baby items during the Month of October to help two local moms who have babies due this November and have no resources to purchase the items they need. Donations will be collected in bins at the church, or for larger items, please call the church office so that someone can be there to accept them. Below is a list of suggestions for what to have on hand when bringing home a new baby.

For the Nursery

- Crib/crib mattress
- Quilted mattress pad
- Waterproof pad
- Fitted sheets (in flannel or cotton, depending on the season)
- Blankets (light weight, medium weight, or fleece, depending on the season)
- Changing pad or table
- Diaper pail
- Diapers (either disposable or cloth)
- Diaper wipes
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby powder
- Chest of drawers (for storing baby's clothes)
- Rocking chair or glider
- Night-light
- Baby monitor

Bathing and Grooming

- Baby tub
- Tub seat and bath toys
- Baby soap or bath liquid
- Baby shampoo
- Baby oil and/or lotion
- Soft towels
- Soft washcloths
- Hooded terry robes
- Baby nail clipper or nail files
- Sterile cotton balls
- Baby brush and comb
- Cloth diapers (to be used as burp cloths)
- Feeding
- High chair
- Bottles/nipples
- Wire brush bottle washer
- Accessories basket for dishwasher
- Drying rack for bottles
- Formula
- Baby spoons and forks (for feeding older babies)
- Plastic or washable bibs

Medicine Chest

- Thermometer (ear and/or rectal)
- Nasal aspirator/saline nose drops
- Medicine dropper/measuring spoon
- Baby acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Baby ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin)
- Baby decongestant
- Rehydration fluid (such as Pedialyte)
- Sunscreen
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Antiseptic cream
- Sterile bandages and gauze pads
- Gas drops
- Cool mist humidifier
- Travel Gear
- **Stroller (no longer need)**
- Baby carrier (front pack or sling)
- Diaper bag
- Travel changing pad
- Car seat
- Portable playpen/crib

Safety

- Safety gates
- Safety latches (for drawers, cabinets, closets, toilet seats, etc.)
- Outlet plugs
- Window guards
- Cord shorteners (for blind or drapery cords)
- Corner guards (for sharp edges of furniture)

Clothing

- 1 to 3 sweaters
- 3 bodysuits
- 4 to 6 rompers
- 3 pullovers
- 4 to 6 footed coveralls
- 3 to 5 side-snap undershirts
- 2 to 4 pairs of booties