

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 4, 2020—Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Friends in Christ,

Many of you - like me - desire to return to "worship as usual." Of course, some of you also enjoy worshipping from the comfort of your own home and pjs. Whichever describes you best today, know that CLC's council remains committed to both your spir-

itual and physical well-being.

As your pastor, I am also devoted to your well-being.

We continue to watch guidance from the CDC, local health officials, and the ELCA and Metropolitan Chicago Synod. We aim to provide spiritually nurturing opportunities in the safest way possible. The current guidance encourages limiting time while gathered in groups indoors. Of course, it also requires masks, appropriate social distancing, and hand washing/sanitization. The guidance encourages anyone who is sick to stay home, but also encourages taking temperatures before gathering in groups. It further requires complete sanitization following any activity.

Given this guidance, the COVID Resiliency Team has created extensive documentation about how CLC might gather in safer ways. This team provided considerations that helped us have successful outdoor services in as safe an environment as possible. They also provided guidance for CLC's Trick or Trunk event on Saturday October 23. (Look inside for more details on this event!)

Based on the guidance provided both outside of and inside of our congregation, the council has determined that gathering for worship online, outdoors, or in small groups outside of the church continues to be the best option for CLC. All of these options allow us to maintain some of the most important parts of worship to our congregation while also keeping everyone as safe as possible.

We also must remember that even when CLC's best option moves to indoor worship, that worship will not be "worship as usual." To be safe, many things will change. We won't be able to sing or speak together. We won't be able to pass offering plates or communion. We won't be able to host coffee hour, stay indoors to chat or remove our masks to better hear or see each other.

This news may disappoint you, and I understand that. Living in an uncertain time is difficult - and living it without our supportive communities gathering in regular ways is more difficult still. I share your disappointment and dismay that this virus continues to spread and take lives in our communities and around the world. It is ok to share your disappointment, frustration, and grief. Any change causes a certain level of grief and anxiety, and these major changes to our lives certainly don't escape that reality.

I also recognize that you may not share the council's opinion on this matter, and that's OK too. We know that some congregations have returned to limited indoor worship. We trust that those congregations' councils or boards also strive to make the best decisions for their communities. You are welcome to share your thoughts about any of this with me and other council members, and we will listen. Remember, though, that we listen to each other - as a community. The council's role must be to make the best decisions we can on behalf of the whole community. We do not take this responsibility lightly, and we ask for your respect and prayers as we navigate these anxious and changing times.

While I long to return to "worship as usual," I also have hope that this new situation will provide new and creative ways for CLC to minister in our community. The virtual baby shower (again, look inside!) is just one such example. We also know that we are not the only ones trying to balance grief, anxiety, and constantly changing expectations. Our church community remains a place for support and nurture, even while our worship services remain online. If you have ideas of how we can minister to people either inside or outside of our 'doors,' please share those thoughts with me. Together, we will continue to go out into the world, leaving a Christ-shaped footprint in the world.

Pastor Erin

Sunday Worship

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

Faith Formation

October 26
November 9 & 23

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**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.

**DIA
LOG
UES**

RACE

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)



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 24th, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Youth & Family Ministry will be hosting a Trunk or Treat Halloween in the church parking lot! We invite **all congregation members** to join in this year's Trunk or Treat! Sign up, decorate the trunk of your car, and hand out candy! Please sign up by emailing Ms. Kristina at KristinaDickens15@gmail.com.

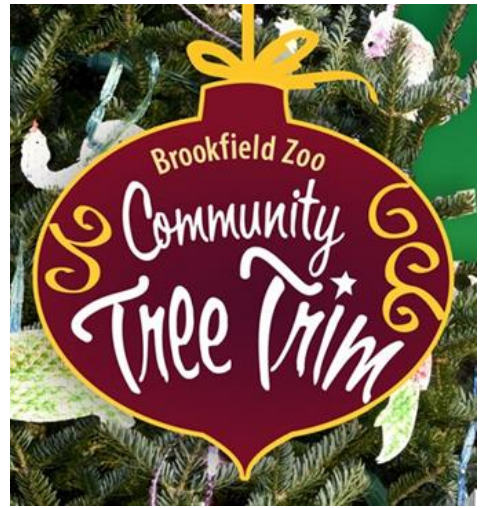
Deadline to sign up for the Trunk or Treat is **Saturday, October 17th, 2020**. We will follow the COVID Team's rules regarding social distancing, wearing masks, and group sizes. Once you sign up, more details will be sent by email the week of the event.



**Saturday,
October 3
8:30am**

We will once again be working with the Boy Scouts of Troop 51 to clean up the grounds to get them ready for winter. Please join us at 8:30 - or anytime you are available that Saturday morning. Stay for an hour! Bring your gloves, rakes, trimmers, loppers and any other tools you have available for yard work. All work will be done outside and we will practice physical distancing, and mask wearing when around others.

Please email Jane McDonald if you have any questions. jmcdonald323@gmail.com



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 Saturday, October 10th, 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!

Be a part of the
Communion
Slide Show

Send Us
Your Photos!



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

Join us on Sunday, October 18th for Sunday School Christ Craft Corner! Once a month, children in Sunday School will enjoy a craft after Sunday School class. A supply list for the month's craft will be emailed to all Sunday School children two weeks ahead of time. Stay tuned for October's Christ Craft Corner craft!



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

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLARENDON HILLS & DOWNERS
GROVE FISH FOOD PANTRY
INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT**

EVERYONE THANKFUL

WHEN

Saturday, October 10th

WHERE

This year we're bringing the party to you! Virtual event online—participate at a small-group gathering or in your own home. Form your own trivia team and join in the fun.

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