

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 February 16, 2020—The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It may be hard to believe, but Lent is just around the corner. The season of Lent invites us into new disciplines. For some, 'giving something up' has become a yearly tradition. For others, Lent marks a period of

trying out a new spiritual practice. Some people choose to make it about finding healthier ways of living. Again others take additional time to be in church, reflecting on God's relationship with us.

This year at CLC, we're going to try some new disciplines during the season of Lent. You may find you enjoy them - and you may find you don't. Either way, you're invited to experience God in action, presence, and conversation.

Sunday, February 23 is the last Sunday before Lent begins. Last year, we celebrated Palm Sunday as a congregation, waving palm branches and heralding Christ as our king. This year, we will take those same branches and burn them to ash. These are the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday to remind us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

Gather in the Fireside Room at 9:45 on Sunday, February 23 to take part in this sacred ritual.

Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent. On this day, we gather in the Fireside Room at noon or in the sanctuary at 7pm. We open the season of Lent with repentance and prayer, acknowledging our mortality and need for God.

Sunday, March 1 we begin worshipping together as a whole congregation at 9am. Our worship service style will switch between contemporary and traditional (watch your Christ Connection Calendar to keep up to date!). Our congregation, though, continues with the same mission and goal - to worship so that as we live, we might leave a Christ-shaped footprint on the world.

Sundays through Lent will feature a series of sermons called Crucial Conversations. Each week, we will explore critical conversations between Jesus and others on topics such as 'A Talk with the Devil' and 'A Talk about How to Let a Friend Die.'

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Sunday Worship

8:30 Contemporary

10:15 Traditional

Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

7:30AM—Fireside Room

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Rev. Erin Clausen, Pastor

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Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting PADS on Monday, February 17th and Monday, February 24th at First Congregational Church in Downers Grove.

There are still plenty of opportunities to help out ; shifts are still open and there are grocery items that still need to be donated. Sign up to help is in the Welcome Center.



Pastor Erin maintains office hours on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:30 for those who might like to drop in. If that time slot doesn't work for you, please contact the church office and we will schedule something to suit your schedule.



Saturday, March 7
7:30—11:30 a.m.
CLC Fellowship Hall



Lifeline Screening will be at CLC next

Saturday, February 22nd, providing health screenings. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979** for more information or to pre-register.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Clausen
Chancel: Lori Ball, Wendy Sanders
Communion Bread: Debra Joslin, Avery Hancock
Assisting Minister: Craig Felde
Communion Assistants : Craig Felde, Steven Dickens
Projection 8:30 Lori Ball **10:15** Rachel Krohn
Sound 8:30: Bob Krohn **10:15** Glen Orton
Nursery: Tiffany Lyon
Sunday School: Kristina Dickens, Steven Dickens, Mary Satchwell
After Service Bakers: Diane Emry, Jane McDonald

Sunday, February 16

Bible Study 7:30AM—Fireside Room

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM

Sunday School 8:45AM—Growing Grove

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Common Life Table 9:30AM—Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship 10:15AM

Youth Group Meeting 10:15AM—Fellowship Hall

Bowling 5:00PM—Suburbanite

Monday, February 17

PADS— 5PM First Congregational DG

Church Council 6:30PM

Tuesday, February 18

Dartball 7:00PM—Villa Park

Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 19

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 20

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, February 21

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Knitting Ministry 10:00AM—Study Lounge

Saturday, February 22

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Lifeline Screening 8:30AM—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 23

Bible Study 7:30AM—Fireside Room

Contemporary Worship 8:30AM

Sunday School 8:45AM—Growing Grove

Middle School Ministries 9:30AM—Youth Room

Traditional Worship 10:15AM

Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser 11:30AM—Fellowship

Pub Church 12:30PM—Tracy's Tavern

Monday, February 24

PADS 5PM—First Congregational DG

Building & Grounds Meeting 7PM—Fireside Room

Tuesday, February 25

Welcome Inn with St. James 6PM - Q's Pizza

Dartball 7:00PM—Burbank

Handbell Practice 7:30PM—Choir Loft

Wednesday, February 26

Worship Band Practice 6:00PM—Sanctuary

Scout Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

Choir Practice 7:30PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM—Fellowship Hall

AA 8:00PM—Fireside Room

Friday, February 28

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 29

Bible Study 9:30AM—Fireside Room

Nursery

The nursery will be open and staffed with volunteers during the Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. 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.



Youth Group Meeting Sunday, February 16th 10:15 a.m.

All youth in 5th-12th grades are invited to join us for Youth Group! We will be meeting to discuss and sign up for tasks for the Mardi Gras Spaghetti Lunch, discuss how the youth will be participating in Sunday Worship Services beginning March 1st, 2020, and the children will begin the youth group 2020 Bible Study.



All are invited on Sunday, February 23rd from 11:30 am—12:30 pm for a Spaghetti lunch hosted by our very own youth group!

Menu includes spaghetti with meatballs, a side salad, garlic bread, a drink and a dessert from the dessert table. Tickets are only \$5 per person and will be on sale February 16 after services. **In order to help us know how much food to prepare, we are encouraging you to purchase tickets ahead of time.** Funds raised will go toward future Youth Group activities.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER BIOS



I'm **Jeannette Tamayo**. I'm an empty-nester in Westmont together with my husband Bob and our dog. I have two children who grew up in Westmont, having moved here from Chicago for the schools and community. I'm an immigrant from

Ecuador and speak Spanish fluently. I've been a member of CLC since my then 15-year old daughter Tasha discovered CLC and decided to be baptized here. I participated in the Koinonia core values project and was active with the youth programs. I'm a former legal aid and government attorney, with extensive experience in program development and administration, business processes, business analysis, program evaluation, project management, governance, coalition-building, community outreach and engagement, and strategic planning. My entire professional career has been in service of low-income communities or with persons experiencing distress. I'm looking forward to serving on Council to help identify ways for us to coalesce as a congregation around shared interests with a view towards ensuring our future. I want to get to meet more members and better understand how I can contribute to our mission. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to give back.



I'm **Al Kondraschow**. I have been a member of Christ Lutheran Church since 1973 as a high school student.

I was married at Christ Lutheran Church in 1979 to my wife Terri. I have two grown children Jeff and Scott both baptized and

confirmed at CLC. I live in Darien IL. I work for Nokia in Naperville, IL as a Telecommunication Pricing Manager. I have served on the CLC Council a number of times over the years, supporting the Youth Ministry, Building, and in 2009 I was Council President. I co-facilitate the Sunday morning Bible Study. I was a member of the Transition Team that preceded the call of Pastor Erin. As a member of the Council I would serve the congregation supporting the internal and external ministries, with the vision that CLC would be recognized for sharing God's love in this community.

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Sundays through Lent will also feature a special opportunity for Adult Learning with Pastor Erin. This 5-week study is called *Be Not Afraid: People on the Move*, and will take place on **Sunday mornings (3/1-3/29) from 10:15-11:00**. Pastor Erin hopes that offering this opportunity on Sunday instead of Wednesdays this year will enable

more of the congregation to participate in this crucial conversation. *Be Not Afraid* is an Adult Learning opportunity structured so that we might have crucial conversations characterized by respect, grace, and a life-giving communal spirit. *Be Not Afraid: People on the Move* begins with a Bible study 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 as a 5-week study, you don't have to come to all of the discussions. Come when you can, leave when you must... but to determine what room we'll meet in, it would be helpful for you to show your interest on a connection card, via email, or on the signup sheet in the Welcome Center.

As we experience these Lenten disciplines, you may feel uncomfortable. That's ok - most people feel uncomfortable when they try something new. Most people feel uncomfortable when they recognize their mortality, or have crucial conversation, or face their own complicity in brokenness. Most people feel uncomfortable when things change, especially when they don't know exactly what to expect. So this season, try this: instead of turning away from the discomfort, interrogate it. Ask it why it's there and what it has to teach you. Ask your neighbor why they're here and find out what they might teach you. Perhaps you will discover the crucial reality that following Jesus is seldom comfortable - and yet, it's worth it.