

The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

Pastor Joel

Pastor Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America from 1944-62, and president of Lutheran Church in America from 1962-68, wrote this excellent article about stewardship. Please ponder his words and timeless thoughts:

“It is all that simple. The Father loved so ardently that He gave His Son. The Son loved so lavishly that He gave strength, faith, health, eventually even His life blood. The Father and the Son love so persistently that together they give their Spirit without ceasing into our hearts.

All that we Christians are called upon to do, all we can do, is to be an open

watercourse for the divine love. We do not create any part of it; it would be an arrogant illusion to think that we did. We must not blockade it; if we did, we would be the adversaries of God, not His children. We are simply to reflect it, back to Him and out to His world. Our calling is to give it free flow.

That means we are never generous. We never give any gifts. We are merely to be the channel for the good gifts which come in a steady stream from God. He expects us to take the vitality, which he pours into our veins, and the money, which He has given to us in trust, and to see to it that they are spent for the things that are closest to His heart. It is all that simple – and imperative. Lord, keep the

conduit that leads through me from being clogged!

(The Source and the Flow – a 1967 stewardship article)

Spirited Women will be having our annual Bring a Friend night on Monday, August 28 at Culver's on Rand Road at 7pm so invite your Bff, your neighbor, other CLC friends, relatives, whomever and join us for ice cream and fellowship. It is a fun night. Call Sharon Whiting with any questions. Stay tuned for fall plans.



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Mark 12: 30-31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." On Thursday, September 7th we will be hosting our 2nd Community Meal from 5 - 6:30 pm at CLC. This is a great outreach activity to live out God's word. There are many people in our community that are lonely and would love to share a meal with someone. Please take this opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to attend with you. Volunteers are needed; if you are interested please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board

outside the shop.

Did you see our new stove? The Rotary Club of Palatine gave us the money to purchase this stove. Please help me thank them by volunteering on Sept. 16th & 17th at their annual Oktoberfest fundraiser. Money from this event helped purchase our beautiful big new stove. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the coffee shop if you would like to volunteer.

Meeting and talking to people in the community is a great way to tell people about our church.

Youth Happenings

The biggest Youth Ministry news of the summer has been that WE WENT ON A MISSION TRIP!!! On Saturday, July 22nd, ten youth and seven chaperones from Christ Lutheran and Peace Lutheran in Lake Zurich embarked on a nine-day mission trip to Lexington, South Carolina. The trip was, in one word, AMAZING! We spent the week serving the Lexington community by painting, drywalling, installing insulation, building decks and by getting to know those who we served. Our group also had the chance to get to know the youth from other parishes (three were from Pennsylvania, one was from Florida and another from Massachusetts) through worship and endless games of Ultimate Frisbee and Blackjack!

For our free day, our group spent the day at the Lake Murray beach, then decided to take in some history by exploring the South Carolina State House. While in Columbia, we saw where the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives meet, as well as viewed the secession document from when the state seceded from the Union in 1860. When we stopped in Louisville for our last night together, our group had the chance to relax in the pool at SpringHill Suites, as well as enjoy some fantastic barbeque! **By far though, the best part of the week was that even though we left Palatine as two churches, we arrived back in Lake Zurich as one family.** My hope is that we can continue this bond for a long

time to come!

Even though we are still enjoying the heat of summer in August, Youth Ministry has begun preparing for fall programming. Confirmation classes will begin for the year on **Sunday, September 24th at 9:30am.** This year, we will continue to look at stories from the Old Testament, as well as explore Jesus' mission, the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Tracy McClure



In the Bible, we are commanded to sing praise to the Lord approximately 121 times (give or take, depending on the translation you are using). “Sing to the Lord” is the most recorded of the commandments. I’m no Martin Luther, but I will attempt to describe what does that mean. It means that everyone should sing with as much gusto as he/she can muster. Worship is participatory. Join in! I hear you saying, “But I don’t have a very good voice.” Trust me on this one – God’s not listening to your voice; God’s looking at your heart and your attitude. Make it an “attitude of gratitude” and on-key or off-key won’t matter a bit. Or maybe you prefer the “But I don’t know all the songs” excuse. No one was born knowing every worship song ever written. Attend church regularly and be observant. Look for the folks who are singing heartily and make every effort to sit as near them as possible so that their voices will enter your ear and help you to sing. If you are a hearty singer encourage those sitting near you to join in as best they can. We’re all in this together. Let’s do our best to give God our best in response to the best that God has given us.

If you’re of a mind to participate even more in the music of worship, please consider joining music ministry for the fall session – September through the end of the calendar year. No experience is necessary and all are welcome to sing with Chancel Choir and/or Praise Band or to make a joyful noise with the Handbell Ensemble. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Holy Grounds and will remain there until Sept. 10th.

I hope you all had a great summer. May God bless us as we begin this new season of ministry together.

LOOKING AHEAD

Good Shepherd Hospital will present two programs at CLC: Mental Health, Depression and Anxiety on Tuesday September 19th from 7-8 PM and How Your Diet Affects You Physically and Mentally on Saturday, November 4th from 10-11AM. Plan to attend these informative programs.

We have Walgreen’s coming out to give us Flu Shots on 9/17. Please watch the bulletin board for a sign up sheet.

We will be having a Blood Drive on 10/8, in the apartment, sign up 2 wks prior. We are challenging Peace Lutheran for bragging rights.

Religious Education and VBS News

Youth Religious Education – Focusing On The Outcome!

When we think about service to The Church, we often focus on the gain – what it will bring in. Then, often we end up wanting more – more money, more time, more volunteers, more youth, etc. I invite us to challenge that thinking. We are not in it for the income; we are in it for the outcome!

The number of students in our Youth Religious Education program may be small, but the participants are mighty! As we begin the 2017 – 2018 year the programs' focus is on outcome. The outcome and impact of lessons, the personal attention of classroom teachers, and the light of Christ shining on the youth of CLC!

We will again host two YRE classrooms. One welcoming Preschool through 3rd grade and a second classroom welcoming 4th through 6th graders. Continually trying to raise the bar, I am excited to introduce a new, fun, hands-on curriculum for each classroom called "Buzz". Facilitating lessons will be easier than ever for the teachers, because most of the activities will be led by the students themselves! Students will explore three separate units through the year to discover God's love and grace.

We will also continue our Kingdom Projects, where students have the opportunity to give back to members of CLC and the community through small

service projects. We will even try a field trip or two this year and plan to continue integrating our new technology!

YRE will begin mid-September. Please think about the outcome you would like to see for our youth. They are truly the future of CLC! The program is still in need of one teacher for each classroom. Shared teaching means only facilitating three lessons every other month. YOU can make a difference in the life of our children! Remember new students are welcome anytime throughout the year and we love visitors too.

May God continue to fill your hearts!

Theresa Greinig

Vacation Bible School

During this year's VBS, 97 preschool through 5th grade students, 18 junior leaders (6th through 8th grade students), and 9 high school helpers discovered they were made by God and built for a purpose! We had an amazing week singing, dancing, playing games, learning Bible stories, connecting God's Word to our lives, discovering His mysteries, and enjoying fellowship together. Our week ended with a fantastic picnic and one last opportunity for the kids to send us splashing into the dunk tank! Thank you to everyone who made VBS 2017 a success.

We could not have done it without our dedicated onsite leaders, wonderful behind the scenes volunteers, everyone who brought donations, and of course your kind words and prayers! We are truly blessed to have had your support over the years. God's blessings on you all!

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