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# The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

## “Make Disciples”

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

God’s church is an assembly of Christ’s disciples, gathered together around the word and sacraments. The Holy Spirit does not invite us to join a church, but to be united to Christ by faith and trust. Those who trust Christ follow Christ, and a life of discipleship is a joyous thing that is extremely contagious.

When our friends and neighbors see the joy we

demonstrate in our lives, they will be attracted to our witness for Christ. God will give us an opportunity to share the gospel with them. The Holy Spirit will work in their hearts when they see and hear the word of God proclaimed through our lives. They too will consider what the gospel could mean for themselves.

Evangelism is much more than organizing a successful membership drive. God’s church does not need more members, it needs more disciples! God does not call us to seek success but to demonstrate faithfulness. Disciples who are motivated by love naturally become evangelists who share the gospel by word and deed. A smile, a handshake, and a helping hand all become means of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to try this

simple spiritual discipline. When you wake up in the morning, begin with this prayer: “Gracious God, thank you for the blessing of another new day. Open my eyes to see those who need the gospel. Open my ears to hear those who need the good news of Christ. Open my heart to welcome those who need Christ. Fill me with your Holy Spirit to reach out with compassionate hands to serve you by serving those who need You.” AMEN

If you keep your eyes open, your ears ready to listen, your heart willing to love, and your hands eager to serve, God will give you an opportunity to share the gospel. Remember there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents! Let’s fill heaven with abundant joy this month by making disciples.

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Confirmation Day



**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, is Pentecost Sunday  
and Confirmation Day**  
at Christ Lutheran Church!

Three Youth will be Confirming their faith  
during the 10:30 Worship Service.

## Youth Religious Education

Theresa Greinig



### Announcing Weekday Summer Worship!

Beginning Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing until August 25<sup>th</sup>, you will have an additional opportunity to worship at Christ Lutheran. We will have a short (30-40 minutes), casual worship service in the chapel each Thursday beginning at 7:00 PM.

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME.**

**COME AS  
YOU ARE!**

Spring has been a busy time in Youth Religious Education. Our theme during Lent this year was “the tiny bean”. Students and their families were challenged with searching for the good they see in the world around them. For each good deed they participated in or witnessed, they added a tiny bean to a special Easter themed cup. Each Sunday, they brought their beans to YRE and added them to a large vase. With each passing week, the vase filled little by little. It was amazing how many beans were collected! Even though our vase was not filled, something amazing happened....On Easter, the tiny

beans became so much more – an entire vase full of colorful jelly beans! This activity reminds us how the little pieces of goodness in life really add up and that with God’s love, those events become extra sweet and bright in His promise for eternal life!

In addition, YRE completed an additional Kingdom Project. We created Easter baskets for the shut-in members of CLC. These baskets contained decorated paper eggs, a jar of layered beans to make soup and jelly beans. Again, we were able to connect how the tiny bean of goodness, can become so much more!

Of course we enjoyed our weekly lessons and even took advantage of a nice afternoon and played basketball together on CLC’s basketball court!

If you may be interested in working with these amazing children next year, please let me know. We will be in need of teachers! I invite you to visit a couple of classroom sessions to see what it is all about and then decide if it is right for you!

May God fill your hearts!

## VBS “Cave Quest” Is On the Way!

While Mother Nature seems to be teasing us, summer will be here sooner than we know! Summer at CLC brings Vacation Bible School and 150 kids and adults to celebrate the light of God!

Get ready for the brightest week of the summer as Christ Lutheran Church presents Cave Quest VBS! This summer, kids will go on an over-the-top underground adventure where they’ll discover Jesus can be their trusted guiding light through life! It’s an adventure that’ll help everyone involved grow in their relationship with God. We’re praying this awe-

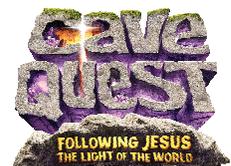
some VBS program will touch children’s hearts and lives with Jesus’ love.

VBS will be held **July 11-15** from 9:00 am – noon. We could not be happier that for the fourth year in a row, VBS will be **FREE** for all to attend! **Online registration is currently open.** (Of course paper forms are available as well.) A link for volunteer and participant registration will be available on CLC’s website.

As we plan and prepare for Cave Quest, we would cherish your prayers. Please pray that God would give us wisdom in planning

and that the right volunteers to join our team. Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event!

Yours in faith,  
Theresa Greinig and  
Michelle Minasola



## Youth Happening

Tracy McClure

Our Confirmation ministry continues to be busy as we wind down our last few classes of the year. We will be ending our class time together with discussions and games that are centered around the sacraments of baptism and communion. My goal is to have our remaining class time together be filled with not only learning, but also lots of laughter and fun! Pastor Joel and I are coordinating a pizza and movie night with the Confirmation class, as well as planning the upcoming Affir-

mation of Baptism/ Confirmation service on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend and celebrate with our eighth graders as they celebrate this exciting rite of passage!

Within the next month, I will also be kicking off a "Breakfast Club" for the Christ Lutheran high schoolers! Parents and high schoolers – please stay tuned for a date and time for us to meet in the Holy Grounds coffee shop and have donuts and coffee

and engage in conversation and laughter! A breakfast and worship service is being planned for late May to celebrate Christ Lutheran's graduating seniors. This event will not only be a chance for our graduates to shine, but it will also allow the congregation to show our seniors just how proud we are of them!



## We Prayed for You

Coming soon! "We Prayed for You" note cards will be available for you to send to the people for whom you have requested prayers. We have sent these cards to people for whom we have addresses. Perhaps you have received one!

As many of you do not sign your prayer request cards, we are unable to reach out to those for whom you have requested prayers.

We hope that by making these cards available to everyone, more people will come to know that we are praying for them.

The note cards and envelopes are available on the kiosk in the narthex. All you will need to do is sign the card, address the envelope and put a stamp on it and mail it.

We encourage you to participate in this program.

Thank you,

The Prayer Ministry Team:  
Joy Entzminger, Barb Moller, Marjorie Stibgen and Joan Straley

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER,

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, will be observed at CLC with a worship service at 10:00

AM. Pastor Joel will lead a short service.



## Seniors Group May Activities

**Wed, May 4:** 10:30 AM, cut quilt squares. 11:30, Bible Study with Pastor Joel. Bring lunch.

**Wed, May 11:** 11:30 AM, out to lunch at Makray's in Barrington.

**Wed, May 18:** 10:30 AM, cut quilt squares and enjoy fellowship. Bring lunch.

**Wed, May 25:** 10:30 AM, play games. Order lunch from Jimmy John's.

For the summer, starting in June, the Seniors will go

out to lunch once a month. Watch this space or call the church office for dates and locations of these summer outings. ALL seniors are always welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Bread for the World OFFERING of LETTERS

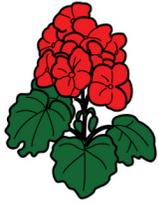
Each year thousands of churches conduct a letter-writing event on a Sunday when interested individuals write to their members of Congress.

This year these letters will urge support for robust funding for nutrition and health for mothers, newborns and young children.

Bread for the World is advocating an increase in funding through the Global Health Account of the State Department foreign appropriations bill. Watch for further information. Letters may be written at any time by visiting [www.bread.org/ol2016](http://www.bread.org/ol2016)

Thank you.

**On Easter Sunday the following people donated the lilies that enhanced the chancel and the narthex. Thank you.**



**RED GERANIUMS** are offered for purchase to adorn our worship space on Pentecost, May 15<sup>th</sup>, when we also celebrate Confirmation Sunday.

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. The sturdy 8 inch foiled wrapped red geraniums, \$16.50 each, make a beautiful array of color around the altar.

You may purchase for your own use, to celebrate Confirmation Sunday or leave them to be planted around our church grounds.

Place your donation in a blue pew envelope and mark it "Geranium" and place the envelope in the offering plate. Mark the envelope in memory or honor of someone. The final Sunday to order is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Anonymous  
 Dick & Marlene Aumuller  
 Baier Family  
 Warren & Judy Baker  
 John & Donna Blyth  
 Marcy, Don, Lucas Boudreaux  
 Jim & Judy Brenner  
 Jack & Jo Brynildssen  
 Bill Darman  
 Sue Durbix  
 Ron & Joy Entzminger  
 Lee Ferber  
 Dawn Graese  
 Eloise Haverland  
 Charles Hayes  
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 Nancy Larsen  
 Jamie Larsen  
 Toby & Carolyn Mangold  
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 Mavis Storry  
 Arnold Sylvester  
 Doreen Truckenmiller  
 Nancy Wasmer  
 Annette, Don & Sue Werneske

Jason Whiston  
 Vera Wisniewski  
 John & Dorothy Zelgart

**In Memory or Honor of:**

In honor of the Snow Family

Our parents  
 Judy & Ruth

Donald Brenner & Charles Dickmann

Prents  
 Sister, Peggy  
 Edna Stone

Parents  
 Glenn Kummerow

Pete Larsen  
 Ruth & Dick Burne  
 Norman Katschke

Departed parents  
 Richard Moller  
 Our parents  
 For all of God's blessings bestowed  
 on my family

Loved ones  
 In honor of Kate & Jacob Roge  
 Cheryl & Benjamin

In honor of Kemmes & Hudson  
 Families

Our parents

George Truckenmiller & Kathryn Hill  
 Bob  
 Tony Werneske, Marge Wood  
 & Brittany Smith

