

The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

“God Given Authority

“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)

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

Before Christ gives us the commission to make disciples, he reminds us, “All authority in heaven

and on earth has been given to me.” As we go about our daily tasks, looking for every opportunity to make disciples, we do so supported and empowered by the same authority that God gave Jesus. Making disciples was not our idea; it was and is God’s idea, and it is backed by God’s authority.

A Roman centurion once approached Jesus, asking him to heal his servant. “Just say the word,” he said to Jesus, because he was a man who understood authority. He did not presume to ask Jesus to come to his home, but to just “say the word”.

Sometimes when we share the gospel, we may feel awkward, and say to ourselves, “who am I to share the good news?” Remember that in ourselves we have no power and no right to make disciples. But we do not do it in our strength and on our own volition.

We are sent by God’s power and backed by God’s authority.

This authority from God is an opportunity to serve and to love those who need the gospel. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit draws people to Christ, and invites them to believe in his death and resurrection. Our task is to share the word, serve and love the person, and to pray for the Spirit to work in their lives.

As I finish writing these words, I ask you to pray for our children in Religious Education and youth in Confirmation Class. Pray that they would faithfully attend the worship service. Pray that they would be drawn closer to Christ, and would desire to obey God’s word. Pray that they would see that their lives are fuller and more meaningful when they live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Religious Education-

Youth Religious Education is off to a great start! I am excited to have two veteran teachers and two new teachers. We will again be utilizing curriculum we enjoyed so much last year. In addition, this year, we will be focusing on Luke 6:31 “Do onto others as you would have done to you.”-The Golden Rule. With the world being so uncertain these days, the Golden Rule helps us to understand that through the Word of God and simple service, we have the power to create change and goodness.

Theresa Greinig

The kids will be challenged to write acts of kindness that can be performed during the week. Each week we will choose one act for our Kingdom Project challenge.

The following week, any student able to perform the act of kindness will add a sticker to our kindness board. Surrounding the kindness note.

My hope is that these mini acts of service will become a fun and rewarding way to encourage the kids to think about the Word of

God when they are outside of CLC!

Please come downstairs and check out the bulletin board, posted photographs, and all the activities the kids are involved in. The kids love it when the congregation takes an interest!

May God continue to fill your hearts.



When Heaven Can't Wait

Some time ago Christ Lutheran Church was bequeathed a double plot at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Located in the Highly Desirable Sold Out "SANCTUARY OF DEVOTION" Section. If they were still available and purchased from Memory Gardens this double crypt would cost \$17,000. CLC is offering both plots for \$5,500 and CLC will pay all transfer fees.

Please contact the Church office if you or a friend are interested.

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Adult Education...

Adult Ed meets most Sunday mornings in the chapel at 9:40. It is an informal time for discussing a variety of topics. Stop by Holy Grounds and bring refreshments with you.

Coming up:

11/6-Katie Luther dvd

11/13-Reformation Basics!

11/20-Reformation Basics!

11/27-Advent Refocused

12/4-Advent Refocused

12/11-Advent Refocused

12/18-TBD

Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, NOV 11TH AT 5:00pm! In celebration of Martin Luther's birthday (Nov 10, 1483) we are showing *Luther*, starring Joseph Fiennes! Come for a brat & beer (or soft beverage) before the movie. Thanks to our Men's Club for helping make this a fun evening for our CLC families. Please sign up if you are planning to come to the dinner so we have enough food! A free will offering will be taken.

Melanie Andres

Have you heard of Mom's in Prayer? Please check out their website at <http://momsinprayer.org/who-we-are/>

If you are interested, please email me: melaniejandres@gmail.com. Or call the church office.

Youth Happenings

Autumn is upon us and the change in seasons has brought in new youth programming! Our six Confirmation students started classes on Sunday, September 18th and they dove right in to learning about the Old Testament. We have covered the creation, Adam and Eve, and the flood stories and will transition to the New Testament soon. November will actually be a very busy month for our Confirmation class! During the second weekend in November, we will be attending a retreat led by singer Peder Eide at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Oregon, IL. Peder will help us explore our faith through discussions, his personal stories and music. The Confirmands will then host a pie fellowship and lead the Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 23rd! Everyone is welcome to join us for what I am sure will be a fun kick-off to the Thanksgiving weekend!

Our junior high/high school youth group also started on September 18th with a bowling event, which was a TON of fun! We have continued our Sunday morning breakfast clubs in the month of October as a way to build community and continue to get to know each other. I'm excited to add that CLC's teenagers were presented with an amazing opportunity a couple of weeks ago! I also serve Peace Lutheran in Lake Zurich and their youth group invited ours to join them on their mission trip in July 2017 to Lexington, SC! I am currently building interest and we have a chance to join the congregation at Peace with a service project on Sunday, October 30th. Peace Lutheran and CLC will come together to make fleece tie blankets for those affected by Hurricane Matthew—which recently devastated Haiti, Cuba and parts of the US East Coast. My hope is that this service project and the

Tracy McClure

mission trip will be the beginning of not only a youth connection; but also continued outreach with Peace Lutheran!

Outreach has been an integral part of youth ministry this fall. Our youth have also embarked on creating domestic violence awareness. The CLC Confirmation class participated in a very successful bake sale on October 2nd for WINGS, which is a local organization for women and children who have been affected by domestic violence. I am overjoyed to announce that on that Sunday, our Confirmands raised \$398.00 for WINGS! We have also been collecting donations for the WINGS safe houses and our Confirmands will be doing a separate drive during class to collect pantry items.

I believe that we are off to a great start in youth ministry! This building & outreach are signs of good things to come!



Notes from Music Ministry

Vera Wisniewski

Thank you to everyone who was so gracious to The Rev. Dr. John Reinke, his wife, and our Deaf friends who visited with us in September. Pastor Reinke and Dacia were happy to have been here with us and tremendously grateful for the funds you generously provided for them. They are currently on a mission trip to Africa. Please keep them in your prayers.

The fall session of Music Ministry is in full swing and then some! We will celebrate the Reformation with special music at a single service at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 30th.

Mark your calendars for the last of this year's concert offerings – Sunday, Nov. 20th at 4:30 p.m. We will present the musical stylings of Wayne Faust (son of our very own beloved George Faust). Wayne has over 35 years of experience entertaining people from all over the world, from ages five to one-hundred-and-five. Wayne's shows

are fun. Lots of fun. He plays guitar and banjo and tells jokes. Lots of jokes. He gets people from the audience up on stage to do songs with him. But be warned, when you leave Wayne's show, you'll find that you can't wipe that goofy grin off your face. There is no cost to attend the concert – a free will offering will be taken.

Looking a bit more to the future, we are preparing for Advent and Christmas. We will have special Advent services on Wednesday evenings Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Please note that during Advent, the Wednesday evening services will move from the Chapel to the Sanctuary to accommodate a larger number of worshippers.**

The 2nd Annual "Do-It-Yourself Christmas Pageant" will take place during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 18th.

To close out the fall season, we will have two services on Christmas Eve, both featuring our Chancel Choir and the music they are working so diligently to prepare. The 4:00 p.m. service will be piano-led and a bit more relaxed; the 9:00 p.m. service will be organ-led and a bit more traditional. Both services will include the traditional singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. Christmas morning, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. featuring Faye Seeman, harpist.

Mission Quilters and Bread For the World- Paula Spengler



MISSION QUILTERS

Many thanks for the donations towards the shipping costs and purchase of materials as 63 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief. The Spirited Women gave \$100.00 for a total of \$457.00. Also, thanks to our Seniors, the Mission Quilters, and the many who donate material and sheets. We are always in need of flat sheets, sizes twin to king size. Please place on the coat rack, west wall.

Thank you for your continued support. Our boxes are labeled with a tracking code and early in 2017, we will receive notice where our quilts have been sent.

See the Lutheran World Relief website for more information; www.lwr.org

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Many thanks to all who wrote letters to their Congress members in support of hunger initiatives. You make a difference as seen in the increased amounts of financial support for women and children in the United States and in many countries. Our prayers and actions are especially urgent due

to severe drought and civil strife in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria, flooded areas in the United States and other countries. "Our faith is in Christ, who makes all things new, and we place our hope in God's vision of a world without hunger."

See Bread For The World web site: www.bread.org. You may also send a letter using the web site. Thank you.

This and That...

Seniors Group Schedule November and December 2016

Wed, Nov 2:10:30, Cut Squares*

Wed, Nov 9:11:30, Meet for
Lunch at Billy's

Wed, Nov 16:10:30, play games.*
Bring Lunch

Wed, Nov 23:No Meeting

Wed, Nov 30: 10:30, cut quilt
squares.* Bring lunch

Wed, Dec 7:10:30, cut quilt
squares* 11:30, Bible Study with
Pastor Joel. Bring Lunch

Wed, Dec 14:11:30, Meet for
lunch at Sam's

Wed Dec 21 No Meeting

Wed Dec 28 No Meeting

**If you don't enjoy cutting quilt
squares or playing games, come
anyway and enjoy fellowship!*

THANKS TO ALL who came by
to donate, and those who helped
the Blood Drive. We collected 22
pints on 10/2, and 3 more in the
week following, bringing the total
to 25! That really shows the car-
ing nature of this congregation
to save lives.

FLU SHOTS are coming to CLC
Sunday, Nov 6th! If you haven't
signed up please stop by the
nursery before or after service to
see if there is a spot available! If
your shot is covered by insurance,
bring your card with you. If not,
you may be eligible for the, "Get
a shot, give a shot" program.

**SPIRITED WOMEN-NOW IS
THE TIME** to join us. We meet
every Monday evening at 7PM in
Holy Grounds. We are beginning
a new Bible Study entitled
GRACE by Max Lucado, which
talks about the real meaning of
Grace. Our Monday evenings are
filled with fellowship, fun, food,
Bible study and prayer. Always
with our eyes and hearts to our
Lord. We would love to have you
join us. All CLC women are wel-
come. Bring a friend if you wish.
We are also the ones who make
the coffee shop run smoothly. Our
arms are open to all. See any Spir-
ited woman if you have questions.
Please be sure to check the doors
of Holy Grounds for updates on
our Christmas activities. Remem-
ber all CLC women are welcome.

HANGING OF THE GREENS
please join us on Saturday No-
vember 26 at _____ to help
decorate the sanctuary

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community? Thrivent Action
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you're a member of Thrivent
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