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The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

“Extending the Common Good”

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Each of you is called by God to share your gifts and talents for the benefit of the congregation, and in a very real sense, for the benefit of the whole church. Paul uses the words “common good” to describe this calling.

The thought of “What’s in it for me?” is not part of

God’s plan for the congregation. The Holy Spirit gathers us together to do what we cannot and should not try to do alone. Each of us is an important part of the congregation, and no job, no matter how big or small, is insignificant.

This month I ask you to pay special attention to our children. Encourage them and thank them when they help out. If they ask you, “can I help?” tell them yes, and find a way to include them. Show extra patience and remember that you were once little yourself. It is not always about getting the job done quickly; it is also about the relationships that are nurtured in the process

of working together.

My mother baked bread and other goodies on Saturday mornings. I treasure those memories of trying to knead the dough, sprinkling the brown sugar on the pecan rolls, and waiting for the cinnamon strips to come out of the oven. My mother could have finished her work much quicker but she let her little boy try to help. She made me feel useful and even a little important.

When we as a congregation grow this kind of humble and loving attitude, people will be drawn to us. We will work together for the “common good”.

Pastor Joel



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Outreach

Blood Drive

The need for blood never stops. Every day, someone’s life is saved by a donor whose blood was there for them when it was needed. Please donate at our blood drive on Sunday, October 2nd, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and encourage others to donate as well. We will have signs in the

narthex or contact LifeSource at 877-543-3768 to make an appointment. Each donor will receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver’s Frozen Custard and a raffle ticket for cool prizes!

Bridget Witt-Schuardt

Check This Out!

Interesting outreach information sheets can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. This document provides various Christ Lutheran mission material — both local and around the world.

Please pick up one of these sheets and take it home with you. Any questions, talk to Ron Entzminger.



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.

Youth Religious Education...

Theresa Greinig

Help Needed!!! For Youth Religious Education



Youth Religious Education is in need of 2 teachers and once-a-month volunteers for this upcoming year!

One teacher is needed for the Kindergarten – 2nd grade classroom and one teacher is needed for the 3rd – 6th grade classroom. Classroom volunteers help only once a month.

Without teachers, we will not be able to offer a full schedule of Youth Religious Education classes this fall!

YRE is from 9:30-10:25 am each Sunday. Teachers can switch off in their classroom. No teacher is in the classroom each week.

Our curriculum comes with supplies. Planning is easy!

Please open your heart to our children, don't wait for someone else to step forward--NOW is the time!

If you have questions about the program, or would like to find out more information, don't hesitate to ask! I'd be happy to talk with you.

May God fill your hearts!

Contact Theresa Greinig
sundayschool.clcpalatine@gmail.com

Youth Happenings

Tracy McClure

The summer has certainly flown by for Youth Ministry! The months of June, July and August saw the kick-off of our "Junior High/High School Breakfast Club." This group met once a month and got to know each other over donuts and games such as balloon foosball, crab soccer and slapjack! Now that fall is upon us, our breakfast club will transition into meeting bi-weekly as a junior high/high school youth group. **Our first gathering will be a bowling outing that is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th.** More details will follow within the next few weeks, but all junior high and high school

students are welcome!

Confirmation classes will also begin on Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 AM.

While our class will still be using the *Here We Stand* curriculum, we will also have a focus that is geared toward faith and service to the church. The implementation of service will be done in a multitude of ways – assisting with worship, helping with Youth Religious Education, outreach to the greater Palatine community, etc. Ultimately, my goal is to not only teach our Confirmation students about faith, but also to show them how to serve their church and others.

Even though fall programming is about to begin for youth ministry, I want to start looking ahead to the summer of 2017 and the possibility of a Christ Lutheran mission trip. I have started looking into locations, pricing and ministries for a combined junior and senior high group—there are A LOT of exciting options! A mission trip would not only be a wonderful way for our youth to come together, but also a great way for our church community to show support for an amazing cause! I will be continuing to research our options, so youth parents – stay tuned for an interest meeting to come in October or November!

Notes from Music Ministry

Vera Wisniewski

Thanks to the musicians who helped fill in over the summer while our various members of our band were on vacation – Glynn Walker and the Woell family, Jim, Gretchen, Meghan, and Aislin. (You might recall that the first concert in the concert series was Grant Woell, their cousin! The whole family is talented!)

The beginning of the Fall Session of Music Ministry is fast approaching. Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir will begin on Thursday, September 8th and the Handbell Ensemble resumes rehearsals on Monday, September 12th. The Praise Band continues to rehearse on Thursday evenings as well. If you are

interested in joining any of these groups, or the sound team, please contact me either by phone or at music.clepalatine@gmail.com. This is especially important if you are interested in the Handbell Ensemble as their music is specifically arranged for the number of available ringers.

DID YOU KNOW... Deaf people are the most unchurched population in our nation? I am very excited that the Rev. Dr. John Reinke will be our guest preacher at both services on Sunday, September 25th. In addition to the work Rev. Reinke does with local congregations in southern Wisconsin, he is also a missionary at Lutheran Deaf Out-

reach, which provides resources and training designed for Deaf people to learn more about the love of Jesus and to share that love with others. He also leads the Jesus Signs Workshops across the states. (The next one is in October at Immanuel Lutheran, East Dundee. I'm already signed up to attend!) He is a dynamic speaker and I think you will be greatly moved by his presentation. The services on the 25th will be interpreted in ASL so this is a wonderful opportunity for you to reach out to any of the Deaf people you might know to come and worship with us that day.



Mission Quilt Sunday



Mission Quilt Sunday is September 25th. Quilts made in the past year will be displayed across our pews and then shipped to selected countries through the auspices of Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to many for your participation in this mission quilt project. A donation of \$2.25/quilt for shipping expenses is appreciated. Because our

boxes are marked with a barcode, we are informed where our quilts are being distributed. Please stop by the display in the narthex.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) has partners around the world who are on the ground working closely with people in the projects we support. Those partners send requests for Quilts and Kits when they see a particularly great need or opportunity for the items to make a real difference. In the past months, our quilts were

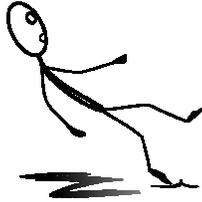
Paula Spengler

shipped to a holding site. As need arose quilts were distributed to India, Pakistan, Syria, Eritreans and Ukraine. Overall 90,000 refugees and emergency relief persons have been helped through LWR.

Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, our efforts reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope—you are not alone!

This and That...

Concerned about Falling?



Restricting activities is not the answer. To learn how to lower your risk of falling and improve your balance, flexibility and strength, come to the presentation by registered nurse Kathy Phelan of Good Shepherd Hospital that will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on Monday, September 12th, from 10:00-11:00 AM. To register for this free event please call the church office at 847-358-4600.

The Christ Lutheran Bicycle Club meets on Tuesday at 10:00 AM. These weekly rides are through local neighborhoods. **Special Rides:**



Sat Sep 10—Ride the Illinois Prairie Path. Pack a lunch. **Leave at 9:00 AM.**

Tue, Sep 13—Ride the Lake Front Trail in Chicago. Pack a lunch, we will stop at Navy Pier to eat. **Leave at 9:00 AM.**

Wed-Fri, Sep 21-23—Ride the Root River Trail in Lanesboro, MN. Reservations required.

Questions? Contact Dick & Marlene Aumuller or the church office.

Helmets are required for all riders. Don't forget your full water bottles!



Seniors Group Schedule September & October 2016

Wed, Sep 14: 11:30, meet for lunch at Makray's, Barrington

Wed, Sep 21: 10:30, cut quilt squares; bring lunch

Wed, Sep 28: 10:30, play games; bring lunch

Don't like to cut quilt squares or play games? Come anyway—for fellowship and fun!



Thank You!

My deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to all for your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, gifts and Mcflurries while in NW Community Hospital and Rosewood. Two months is a long time, but your bright spirits kept me going. I am homebound for 6-8 wks....but I'll be back. Love and blessings to the wonderful Spirited Women and the entire CLC family.

Sharon Whiting



Chair Yoga - Help Feed the Hungry

Chair yoga will resume again on Saturdays from 10:00-11:15 AM, starting September 24th and run through November 19th. Yoga can help you gain better flexibility, strength, balance, and breathing. There'll also be time for meditation and relaxation. Some exercises will be done in the chair and others will be done standing with the chair nearby. All CLC members and friends are welcome.

“If you can breathe, you can do yoga.”

Please remember to bring some non-perishable food items for the Palatine Food Pantry.

Questions? Call Judy Rycomb or contact the church office.