



THE CLC GAZETTE

Sharing Christ's Love with Neighbors - Growing More Like Jesus



We may still be practicing physical distancing, but our hearts are strongly connected by our love of Jesus and our love for each other.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Gazette filled with news, updates, and messages of love from each of us to each of us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

WORSHIP

Due to the limitations of the CDC recommendations for in-person gatherings, we will continue to worship online only. We will send out updates on our plans for in-person worship as soon as the recommendations allow us to gather.

Romans 15:5-6: Now may the God of endurance and comfort give you unity with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Mornings

We are currently offering only one option for Sunday morning worship, beginning at 10:30 a.m. each week.

Live-stream on Facebook: Join us on Facebook as we live-stream the service each Sunday. You will be able to see and hear the service as well as type in greetings and comments.

Go to: facebook.com/clcpalatine/live.

Recordings of the sermons are also available on our website. The most recent sermon is posted by Monday morning; older sermons are listed as well.

Weekday Prayers with Pastor Joel

Pastor Joel offers prayers every week, Monday through Friday at Noon and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. There will be prayers and scripture readings. These short services are live-streamed on Facebook: facebook.com/clcpalatine.

Post comments, make prayer requests, join us!

Spirited Women Bible Study

We will finish our current study, "Hope," on March 1st. We will then take a break and start a new study after Easter. For more information or a connection invitation, please e-mail Kathy Secora: ksecora@mc.net. Zoom with us in 2021!

Enhancing Relationships Task Force

New Small Group Studies are beginning this week. For further information call Susan Vevang at 847-934-6925 or email: svevang@aol.com.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Sundays, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Live-stream on Facebook.

Weekdays: Prayers Monday through Friday at Noon and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook.

Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook

Lent Midweek Service: Wednesdays at Noon on Facebook.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Service with Communion liturgy -- Live-stream on Facebook beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ashes and individual communion wafers/juice will be available for pickup at the front entrance beginning Sunday, Feb. 14 and continuing through Wednesday, Feb. 17. Contact Pastor Joel if you have questions.

OTHER NEWS

Annual Meeting: On Sunday, February 21, 2021, beginning at 11:30 a.m. we will be holding our annual voters' meeting. In light of the mitigation measures required for our region, that meeting will be held via Zoom. Your council would like as many people as possible to participate in that meeting. You will have one more opportunity to do a "trial run" by joining in on the Zoom Coffee Chat that begins immediately following our online worship on Sunday morning. Here are some detailed instructions as to how to join in. Simply answer the questions below and follow the arrows to the next steps.

Do you want to use your computer to join

the meeting: YES

NO → You will have to phone in to participate.

Call this phone number **1 312 626 6799** and enter the meeting ID **966 3715 0539** when prompted using your dial pad

Does your computer have a camera and

microphone** YES

NO → You will have to phone in to participate.

Call this phone number **1 312 626 6799** and enter the meeting ID **966 3715 0539** when prompted using your dial pad

Either paste this address into your browser to join in:

<https://zoom.us/j/96637150539?pwd=Zm9kcDFIMGdZYUxkMHBSK2NXVzczZz09>

Or hold your control key and click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96637150539?pwd=Zm9kcDFIMGdZYUxkMHBSK2NXVzczZz09>

At that point, you should see a box that looks like this:

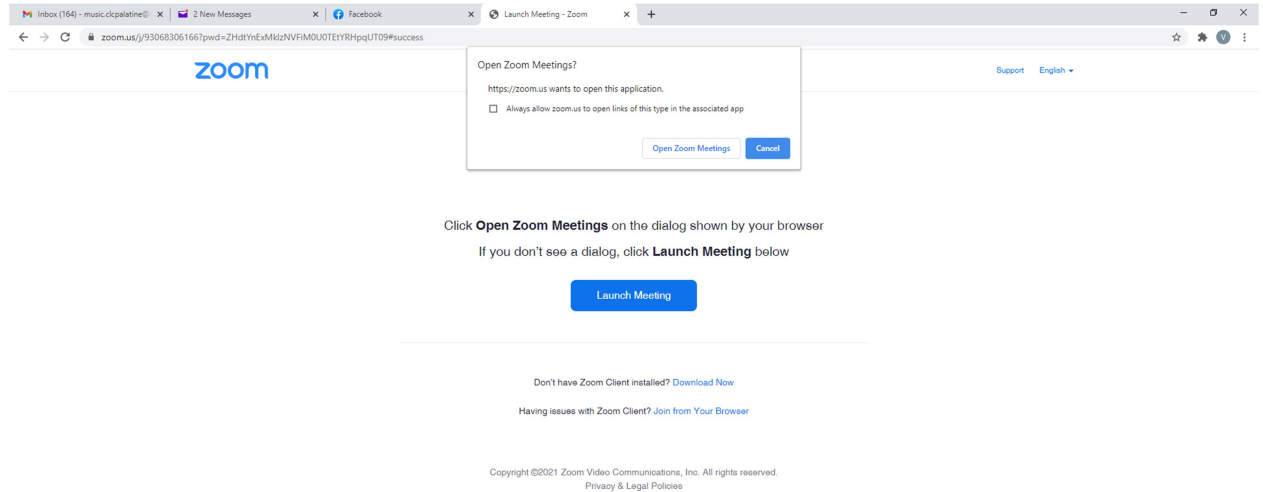
zoom

Join a Meeting

Sign In

Click on the blue "Join a Meeting" bar.

A small box should appear at the top of your screen, asking “Open Zoom Meetings?”



Click on the blue letters that say “Open Zoom Meetings” under that question.

Next, click on the blue box that reads “Launch Meeting.”

You will then test your speakers and microphone.

At this point, you will be all set to begin and the meeting host will allow you access to the meeting. Be patient – that might take a moment or two. You should now be able to see and hear the proceedings.

****Another common mode to use Zoom is to join on a computer without a camera or microphone and call in on a phone for audio. You would have to follow the steps for joining with a computer by clicking on the link or manually typing it in to your browser AND you would have to follow the steps for joining by phoning in. This would allow you to see the images of the people presenting and any documents that are being shown and you would be able to hear/participate on audio.**

For additional help, you can go to: www.support.zoom.us There you will find tutorials that will walk you through the process.

The link to Zoom and the meeting ID are valid for the Coffee Chat for this Sunday, as well as for the Voters’ Meeting on February 21st.

Annual Report: The annual report has been sent out via email. If you require a printed copy, you may pick one up at the front entrance of the building, Sunday (Feb. 14) through Thursday (Feb. 18) between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you need to come at a different time, please call to ensure there will be someone in the building to let you in.

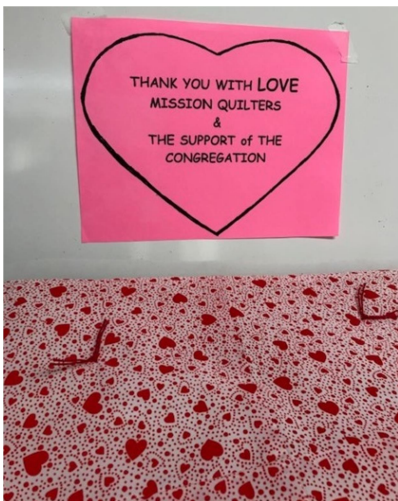
Update on Indoor Worship

The committee for Indoor Worship is meeting this week to discuss information and guidelines from our Synod and the State of Illinois for indoor gatherings. We will have more information to share with the congregation at our Annual Meeting. The safety and health of our congregation is always the top priority. You are asked to continue to pray for a spirit of patience and understanding.

Financial news

In 2020 our congregation was able to apply for and received a Payroll Protection loan from the government to assist us financially while we are unable to gather for in-person worship. We met the criteria to convert the loan to a grant, which helped prevent a deficit last year. We have applied again and have received a second loan. Amid all the negative aspects of this pandemic, we are grateful to have received this most positive blessing. Thanks to John Balster and Debbi Fuller for their work to make that possible.

Mission Quilters



Mission Quilters send LOVE to our congregation with thanks for the continual support as we continue in mission to provide quilts for people in need. Our last shipment was

sent to Mozambique whose communities were ravaged by a cyclone. For refugee families, our gift means so much, THANK YOU!

Fiber Arts Ministry: Knitters/Crocheters

The weather outside is frightful, but yarn is so delightful. And since we've no place to go, another row, another row, another row!

We recently completed 21 scarves and 5 hats that were donated to Maddie's Mitten March. This organization is dedicated to providing clothing directly to underprivileged individuals or to organizations that will distribute the clothing to underprivileged individuals. They focus on distributing winter clothing in Kane County with the ability to distribute clothing throughout Illinois based on the availability of clothing and finances. Donna Blyth graciously volunteered to drive our box of warmth to the donation site and it was gratefully received.



PADS Update

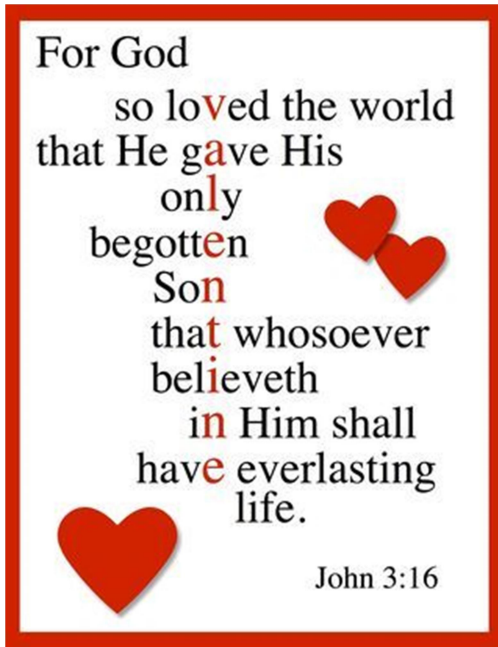


CLC has provided many donations for the PADS breakfast/lunch kits and dinners! Everyone has been so generous!

You are truly a blessing for the needy!

Care Committee: This committee recently delivered St. Valentine’s Day greetings to those who have been home-bound. They received the following message in return: “A big Thank You to those who sent me a very nice Valentine. I appreciate the thoughtfulness of all of you. I do not get out much so I am sorry to say I am not able to do much for our church. Hopefully the future will be better.

God’s blessings, Joan Eunson”

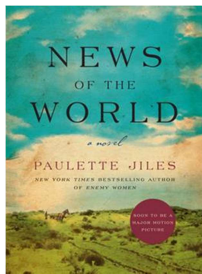


Music in Worship

Recently, the following question was posed: “How do you choose the music for our worship services?” There are a number of things to consider: What are the Bible readings for the day? What best fits the message? Should the service lean more towards the traditional or the contemporary? What hymns/songs fall under the licenses that we hold for reprint and broadcast? If we were to be meeting in-person and allowed to sing, other considerations would be how well does the congregation know a hymn/song and will they be able to joyfully participate in singing? A minor blessing of not being able to actually sing is the freedom to choose good lyrics from hymns that have “unsingable” melodies. If you have a favorite hymn or song, please let us know. We will do our best to incorporate part or all of it in our worship services.

Book Club

The CLC book club meets by Zoom on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. Discussion will focus



on “News of the World “by Paulette Jiles. The March selection is “Cold Dish” by Craig Johnson. Copies

are available for pick up at my (Jo’s) front door Tuesday, February 26. Please call Jo Brynildssen



(847-867-7879) for more info. Try to join us!

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY GREETINGS FROM:

Pastor Joel

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..... And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

Biblical love is much more than feelings and emotions. It is commitment to one another, and in particular, a willingness to serve your neighbor as Christ served. Jesus taught us the two great commandments to love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In one sense we demonstrate our love for God best by loving our neighbor.

These words from Corinthians have given me strength and peace this past year. Not that I observed them perfectly, but they became a standard to strive towards, and a source of spiritual nourishment. They simplified the Christian life for me, and reminded me of what is most important.

John & Marsha Balster

These are beautiful, St. Valentine's Day greeting cards received from a great aunt.



The McNutt Family

During the month of January, the McNutts organized 50 years of photos. Whew! For St. Valentine's Day every year, we get a pot of tulips which we plant in the yard come summer. May the love of God be with us all!



The Sawicki Family

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



And here's a bit of love that came my way:



Jolinda Brynildssen and Bernie Rotermond

Happy St. Valentine's Day. Our gift was the first dose of Pfizer Covid 19 vaccine. We drove to Oak Lawn in a blizzard, but are so thankful and grateful. We wish you all good health and happiness and hope to see you soon!



Jim & Kathy Secora

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Door County for hiking...



and a fish boil.

The Vevangs

Greetings! Sharing two pictures: Snow on the dunes in Glen Lake, MI (We miss being there!)



Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore Sand Dunes, Michigan 2020 (God's work is so beautiful!)



Doug & Arlene Schneiss

Happy St. Valentine's Day! Thanks for supporting the PADS program. Can't wait to see everyone in person! Blessings!



Barb Moller

Always thinking of my wonderful CLC family with love and thanksgiving, for all the beautiful cards, calls, food and help. God bless you all, love, Barb



Kirsten Petersen



I have good news to share! Back in December, I received a promotion. I am now the Development Manager at Lambs Farm. My job is pretty much the same as before with just a few new responsibilities. This June, I will have been at Lambs Farm for 10 years.

Paula & Ken Spengler

This Valentine card was crafted by a dear friend and college classmate, Karen Bane, who now lives in California. She is a retired elementary school teacher and the author of children's books.



She has created several Valentines with original sayings. Her mission in life is to share the love of Jesus with everyone she meets. As you can see, Karen knits using tooth picks! "Purl" is a reference to the stitch she used.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2

Thank you! Just what are you thankful for and to whom should you be offering that gratitude??? The following excerpt from "Before Amen" by Max Lucado sheds light on the topic.

"In Scripture the idea of giving thanks is not a suggestion or recommendation; it is a command. It carries the same weight as "love your neighbor" and "give to the poor." More than a hundred times, either by imperative or example, the Bible commands us to be thankful. If quantity implies gravity, God takes thanksgiving seriously."

During this season of Lent, take some time to contemplate the "embarrassment of riches" that God has lavished upon us and be thankful. Perhaps you can find one blessing for each letter of the alphabet. The chart on the next page can be a helpful aid in this endeavor.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

Philippians 1:2

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