

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 31, 2019

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church **March 31 – April 7, 2019**

Today – March 31

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. New Member Class (Library)
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Sudanese Action Team Meeting (Choir Rm.)
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Puppet Team Practice

Monday – April 1

1:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study

Tuesday – April 2

10:00 a.m. Branch Deadline
11:30 a.m. Love, Laugh 'n Lunch
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Committee Meeting

Wednesday – April 3

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – April 4

7:00 p.m. Wyoming GA

Sunday – April 7

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. New Members' Class
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Sudanese Action Team Meeting (Choir Rm.)
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Puppet Team Practice
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Last Week's Response:

Attendance for Wednesday, March 20: 48

Attendance on Sunday, March 24:
9:00 a.m. – 123 11:15 a.m. – 88

YTD Offerings Needed: \$96,824
YTD Offerings Actual: \$86,858
Shortage: \$9,966

Serving Our Congregation **Next Sunday: April 7, 2019**

Council:

9:00 a.m. Michael Phillips
11:15 a.m. Rylee Huston

Altar Guild:

9:00 a.m. Teresa Ortego
11:15 a.m. Jean Wisinski

Bread Bakers: Suzanne Snider, Cheri Bronson

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Jan King
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Jeneve Windsor

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Brian Crane
11:15 a.m. Steve Green

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Tim & Sarah Laurent
11:15 a.m. Tom & Karen Owens

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson, Teresa Ortego
11:15 a.m. Richard Neubecker, Kathy Reister, Tom Owens,
Ken Davison, Linda Montgomery

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Jane Reardon, Steve & Vicki Blubaugh, Allyson Diaz
11:15 a.m. Tim & Kim Zeitter, Jeneve Windsor

Readers:

9:00 a.m. Mary Knappen
11:15 a.m. Tom Owens

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Muriel Lewis, Deb Park
11:15 a.m. Muriel Lewis, Vicki Blubaugh

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Mary Whitehead, Karen Whitehouse
11:15 a.m. Huston Family

Counters: Jeff VandenBerg, Annette Wendland

Sprouts Teachers: No Class Today

Video Operators:

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Jon Killgore

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Bob Ortego
11:15 a.m. Matt June

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

Prayer Requests for the Week of March 24

- Prayers of healing, comfort and peace for Tim Tierney whose liver cancer has metastasized. Remember Lori in your prayers, too, as she supports Tim.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for a new granddaughter (Ava Layne Knappen) for Mary & Larry Knappen.
- Prayers of healing for Kristen Thornton, who was hospitalized with an infection and dehydration.
- Prayers of healing, patience and comfort for James (friend of the Hustons) as he faces heart surgery.

Prayer Requests for the Week of March 17

- Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy granddaughter (Blake) for Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer.
- Prayers for safe travel for Ginger Christie back to California.
- Prayers of thanks that Josh & Veronica Knappen have received their foster care license.
- Prayers for God’s continued blessings for Gary & Peggy McCourry who met 40 years ago on St. Patrick’s Day!
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Suzanne Johnson’s brother, Joe, who is being treated in the ICU for complications from recent surgery.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Chris Fite, nephew of Tammy Walsh
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort
- DJ Ardy, CLC member, son of Doug & Angie and grandson of Fred & Marcia Nichols, who is serving in the Marines
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson, who is serving in the Marines
- Sergeant Kayla Champaco (granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink) who is stationed in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
- Sean & Ashley Toomey, friends of the June family (active duty)
- Jeff McCullough
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger

****If you or a friend/family member would like to be remembered in prayer, please contact the church office (532-2774 or office@clcwyo.org) by Friday at 10:00 a.m. to have your request printed in this portion of Sunday’s announcements.*

Of course, you can let the Pastor or the church office know at any time that you would like prayers for someone.



Altar Flower note: Flowers are a sign of joy. To help the congregation absorb the penitential character of the Lenten season, altar flowers will be omitted during Lent.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Reminder for Our Kids: There is no Sunday School or Confirmation class this Sunday and no Sunday School next Sunday (4/7). Confirmation will resume next Sunday, April 7, from 6:30-7:30. Mosaic (9th – 12th Grade) is not meeting tonight. Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Branch Deadline: Any items you would like included in the April Branch (info on upcoming events, articles, pictures from events, etc.) need to be given to Audrey by Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 AM.

Lenten Worship: Every Wednesday evening during Lent, at 7:00 p.m., we will worship in the sanctuary after the Soup Supper. This Wednesday, April 3, the following people are scheduled to assist:

Council: Vicki Blubaugh

Ushers: Pete VanGessel, Dianne Vissers, Dave & Lisa Harris

Offering Counters: Jennifer Buddemeier, Deb Wayer

Altar Duty: Elizabeth Druckrey

Sound: Mike Siebelink

The Love, Laugh 'n Lunch group will meet at Logan's Roadhouse on April 2 at 11:30 a.m. Logan's is located at 1651 Marketplace Dr. SE, Calendonía. RSVP to Marilyn Miheve at mimiheve@gmail.com or Dianne Vissers at diannevissers@gmail.com. Directions: you can reach Logan's by taking M6 to the Kalamazoo Ave exit. Merge onto Kalamazoo Ave. Turn left off Kalamazoo onto Marketplace which is one block SE. Logan's is in Gaines Marketplace directly west of Meijer. If you don't like expressways, take 44th St. to Kalamazoo. Continue to Marketplace Drive. If you get to 68th Ave., you have gone too far.

It's Time to Order Easter Flowers! The Altar Guild will be purchasing plants to adorn the sanctuary on Easter in celebration of the Risen Lord! We will order an array of options (only flowers without a heavy fragrance) from Ludema's Floral and Garden. The options and prices are listed on the order form which is available at the Welcome Center or online with last week's announcements. Purple envelopes for your flower donations can be found in the pew racks or at the Welcome Center.

The last day to order is Sunday, April 7. We encourage you to make your contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor someone. These dedications will be listed in the announcement page on Easter morning.

Lenten Soup Suppers: There are still openings for soup makers on April 10! If you are willing to make soup for the last Soup Supper this year, please sign up on the Fellowship board in the hallway. Thank you for your support.

A Message from your Mission Support Team: Rev. David E. Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop of the N/W Lower Michigan Synod (also known as the mitten Synod), of the ELCA offices in Lansing, will be visiting Christ Lutheran on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m., meeting with the Mission Support team and Council representatives to give us instruction and direction for a stewardship plan.

If you are interested in looking for new ways to enhance conversation about mission support, willing to share in conversation with other members about how to grow stewardship, or learn how to be more bold in preaching about stewardship, then this is for you! Or perhaps you have participated in successful campaigns in the past and are willing to share that success story, then please consider joining us to gain information so that we too can formulate a plan that fits the needs of Christ Lutheran Church now, and for our future together, "God's Work, Our Hands."

Hosanna Breakfast 2019: The signup sheets on the tables in the Gathering Space are nearly complete – only a few items remain, including baked goods and fresh fruit, and of course, there are needs for volunteers for nearly all time slots with prep and setup on April 13, the Saturday before Palm Sunday. We need LOTS of helpers on Palm Sunday, April 14, to cook, serve and clean up. There are (3) 2-hour shifts that you can sign up for. Thank you to the congregation for being such a wonderful place to worship, serve, and for being so full of generosity!

We will be having a meeting between services on April 7th in the kitchen. We will go over final prep issues for Palm Sunday, and answer any questions volunteers may have. Please plan to bring all your donated items to church on or before 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 13. A folder is on the table in the Gathering Space with all of the completed sheets, if anyone needs to re-check what they have offered to donate.

And of course, **everyone** is invited to come for breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 14 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. All proceeds benefit the youth here at CLC.

Easter Prayer Vigil: Be a part of Christ Lutheran's longstanding tradition, the Easter Prayer Vigil, a continuous prayer chain that begins after the Good Friday service and ends Easter morning. Individuals select a half-hour or hour time slot and spend that time in prayer here at the church. It's a simple yet powerful way to meditate and celebrate the passion of Holy Week and Easter. Be sure to sign up in the Gathering Space. Please note: your safety is important to us. A new lockbox will be available with a key so you can come and go as scheduled, especially during the night. Those who are participating will get specific instructions on how this will work.

Save the Date! The next Body & Soul Sisters event will be Friday, April 26th at Dave and Buster's (off 28th Street). Come to eat, drink, play and socialize! We are planning to arrive by 6 PM, but feel free to stop by anytime until 9 PM. All adults are welcome to join us for this event. Any questions, please contact Suzanne Gut (616-560-0361) or Katelyn Conat (517-285-8482). We hope to see you there!

Confirmation Students and Mentors: Mark your calendars for April 28 which will be our last youth and mentor dinner of the school year! We will meet at 5:30 for dinner and fun! Watch your email after Spring Break for info on dinner needs!

Mark Your Calendars! The Junior Choir will be presenting their spring musical, "Joy" on Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 PM.

Join us for the Annual Church Camp Out – June 21-23, 2019. We will be camping at Duke Creek Campground in Cedar Springs. Total cost for the 2 nights is \$78-\$82, depending on the type of site you need. We have a block of sites being held for us, but only for 2 WEEKS! Sign up sheet and info is at the Welcome Center. Please give a \$10 deposit to Aimee Paulson, Rob Paulson, or Mary Knappen to reserve your site. Full payment will be due by June 1. Deposits are non-refundable. Contact Aimee Paulson with questions: 616-438-1487 or gwenorasmom@yahoo.com.

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Summer Worship Schedule Decision: The Worship, Music & Arts Committee reviewed the surveys that were turned in regarding last year's summer worship time and style. They discussed the pros and cons of two versus one summer service options. They recommended to Council, and Church Council approved, that one summer worship time of 10:00 AM will begin on May 26 and continue through September 1. Each summer service will consist of a combined musical worship experience. As a church family, let us look forward to joining together as one community as we worship with joy our God and His word this upcoming summer.

Clothing Needs for Gladiola School: It is getting close to the end of the school year, but there is a need for a few items for the children at Gladiola. The list includes: sweat pants (elastic waist) for boys and girls, sizes 4 to 12; underwear for boys and girls, sizes 5/6 and 10/12; and various sizes of shoes (these can be gently used). We will be collecting these items **March 31 through April 7th**. There is a box near the Welcome Center. Thank you for supporting this outreach. Call Kathy Reister (608-6744) or reisterkathy@gmail.com with any questions.

Offerings During Lent: At all special services during Lent (all Wednesday evening services and Maundy Thursday) our offerings will be collected for the Personal Care Pantry at CLC and a local non-profit called Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Money and items collected will be split evenly between the two groups. You can find a list of what items are needed at the table in the Gathering Space.

Personal Care Pantry: PCP is in need of the following items: dish soaps, shampoos, and laundry detergents. You can drop these items in the labeled box behind the Welcome Center.

Gladiola School: An ongoing project for Gladiola School is collecting box tops. There are two types of coupons we are collecting: "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills and more brands and "Family Rewards" from Kellogg's. You will find a container for these coupons on the countertops where you grab a cup of coffee and a snack on Sunday mornings.

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures:

(please include a brief description – group, date, etc.)

Email: pictures@clcwyo.org