

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

Announcements for February 20, 2022

## **This Week at Christ Lutheran Church February 20-February 27**

### **Today – February 20**

10:00 a.m. Indoor and Parking lot Worship  
7:00 p.m. Mosaic

### **Monday - February 21**

5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry  
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study

### **Wednesday – February 23**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Pastor Ferra Office Hours

### **Thursday – February 24**

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Pastor Ferra Office Hours  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Mission Support Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Tech & Communication  
7:00 p.m. Property Meeting

### **Sunday – February 27**

10:00 a.m. Indoor and Parking lot Worship  
7:00 p.m. Mosaic

### **Temporary Office Hours for February**

These hours might change frequently, so please call the office before coming in.

Monday: 10a-1p  
Tuesday: 9a-1p  
Wednesday: 10a-3p  
Thursday: 9a-3p  
Friday: Closed

## **Serving Our Congregation Next Sunday: February 27, 2022**

### **Council:**

Linda Montgomery

### **Worship Assistant:**

Jenny Donaldson

### **Communion Assistants:**

Jane Ward, Deb Park

### **Ushers:**

Curt Johnson, Brian Crane,  
Bill Houseknecht

### **Altar Guild:**

Suzanne Johnson

### **Greeters:**

Sarah and Tim Laurent

### **Counters:**

Bill Boss, Brian Crane

### **Coffee Servers:**

Daryl and Jennifer Brey Meyer

### **Welcome Center:**

Open Position

### **Video Operators:**

Michael Miller

### **Sound Board:**

Matt June

### **Slides:**

Cindy June

## WEEKLY Prayer Requests

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

### **Prayer Requests for the Week of February 13**

- Prayers for Maggie's friend, Gabe, who is battling a rare disorder and needs a liver transplant.
- Prayers for comfort for Tom and his family who is in hospice care.
- Prayers for David Cunningham who is diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Lynn's sister-in-law, Anita, who is having surgery after a bad fall and whose husband, Doug, is at home fighting cancer.
- Prayers for Sue Clark's sons, Tom and Howard, and her sister, Karen, for healing.
- Prayers for comfort for the family of Khalise Brewer.

### **Prayer Requests for the Week of February 6**

- Prayers for comfort and healing for Pat Girand who has stage 4 cancer.
- Prayers for Curt Johnson's brother who has Covid and is on a ventilator.
- Prayers for Cathy Reister's daughter, Barb, who has been fighting Covid since the first of January and now has pneumonia.
- Prayers for healing for Denise Sironen's friend, Susan, who faces a number of medical challenges.
- Prayers for Aaron Stek who is fighting cancer.
- Prayers for recovery from complications after surgery for Dawn.

### **Pray for Those Serving in the Military**

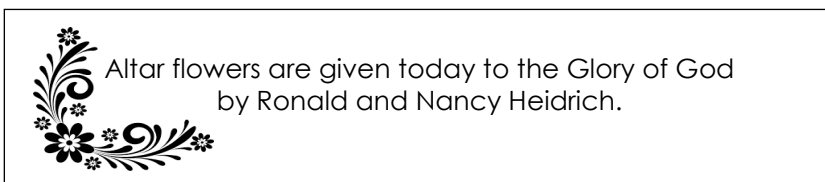
- Cole Moore, Jane Ward's nephew, who is serving in the Marines.
- Tom St John serving in the Army in Jordan.

*\*\*\*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](mailto:office@clcwyo.org)) by Wednesday 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.*

### **Last week's Responses:**

Attendance on Sunday, February 13:  
In Person 54, Online –YouTube 73, Facebook 83



# Everything else you need to know

**Reopening Worship: Masks are highly recommended but not required.** Masks are going to be required for those people who are serving the congregation while they are working/volunteering and unable to physically distance themselves. If you are sick, we ask you to worship from home. If you do get Covid while being at church, please contact the church office.

**Welcome:** Today we welcome into membership Mary Ann Buchanan by adult baptism, and Lisa Marie St. John by Affirmation of Baptism.

**Interim Pastor:** CLC Family and Friends, Pastor John Ferra is stepping down from his position at CLC. His last day is February 28. We appreciate the time he has spent with us and wish him nothing but the best moving forward. Thank you Pastor Ferra! Pastor Polly Standley is returning as the part-time interim beginning March 1st. Pastor Polly served in that position 4-5 years ago when we transitioned from Pastor Dave to Pastor Justin. She will be preaching 2-3 Sundays a month. On the Sundays she isn't preaching other supply pastors, including Pastor Marcia Schultz, will fill in. Pastor Polly will have office hours and make visitations. Those details will follow. If you have any questions, please let me know, Whitney VanGessel Council president [president@clcwyoming.org](mailto:president@clcwyoming.org)

**Call Committee:** The call committee is looking for your input! In order to better understand the congregations' needs for a future pastor, we'd like to ask you to answer these few questions. Click the link below or fill out a paper copy available in the Narthex on Sunday. All responses are due by Monday, February 28th. Thank you for your input and your prayers. Find the New Pastor Survey at this link. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaP2h3jMDrmwIWJURk\\_F8Cm\\_DONJ6F2euE14cCbdp67ZHBP/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaP2h3jMDrmwIWJURk_F8Cm_DONJ6F2euE14cCbdp67ZHBP/viewform)

## **Commemorations:**

**Polycarp-Wednesday, Feb 23      Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

**Elizabeth Fedde-Friday, Feb 25      Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

**God's Love in Our Hearts:** Keep writing on those pink hearts this Sunday. We can all share something that has touched our heart. When others read our message, they also participate in its blessing. From last week: "Listening to a beautiful symphony" or "My neighbor shoveled all my sidewalks and steps!" or "Worshiping with my friends at CLC!". For those who participate online, send in your thoughts by using the chat feature or emailing [evangelism@clcwyoming.org](mailto:evangelism@clcwyoming.org) and we will write out the heart shape for you. You do not have to put your name on it. These paper hearts will be displayed in our gathering space. Some might be photographed and shared in the slides before each Sunday service in February. Plan to write on a new heart each week. We'll celebrate the many ways God touches our hearts.

## Upcoming Events

**Dear Church Bible Study:** On Thursday evenings (beginning March 3 from 6-7 PM) Nicholas Hopkins, CLC's Minister of Music, will be leading a book study exploring Dear Church. The author, Lenny Duncan is a black preacher in the ELCA. Join us as we discuss Pastor Duncan's bold new vision of renewal, racial equality, and justice for the future of the ELCA and the broader mainline Christian community. You may sign up in the gathering space this week and next or by contacting me by email at [tara@clcwyoing.org](mailto:tara@clcwyoing.org) by February 20. We will order the books and have them available for distribution on Sunday, February 27. We will be reading and discussing one chapter at a time. Please note, this book club is "rated mature" due to the author's colorful language.

**Women's Retreat:** Women's Retreat is planned for Friday March 18 from 6-9:30pm and Saturday March 19 from roughly 8:30am to 4pm. Cost will be \$20 per person and will include all materials, snacks Friday night, and lunch on Saturday. We welcome all (bring friends!!) who would like to join us in our exploration of God's love and wonder through the world and the wonders we carry as women in our hearts. If cost is a barrier to you coming, please contact Suzanne Snider at [tihanyisuz@aol.com](mailto:tihanyisuz@aol.com) and let me know. We want everyone who wishes to take part to be able to! Sign ups begin Sunday, February 13 and will run through Wednesday, March 9. If you would like to register from home, please send an email to the above listed address and we will make arrangements for you to do so! Looking forward to this renewal of relationships with our sisters in Christ and with Jesus Christ himself.

**Sisters Bible Study** will begin a new four session study for the season of Lent. If a shorter study appeals to you or you want to add some Bible study time during this season there are two options for you to consider. Our in person group meets the first and third Monday at 7 pm in the Ed. wing. Our Zoom group meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 7 pm. We are using the Daily Discipleship Study provided by the ELCA which will include the lectionary and Gospel lessons used during this season of Lent and give us an opportunity to dig deeper and reflect on a few of these lessons. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Park at [debpark71@gmail.com](mailto:debpark71@gmail.com) or Vicki Blubaugh at [vmusnd@gmail.com](mailto:vmusnd@gmail.com). Visit our website and click on Events for more details and links to the lessons. If you need a copy printed for you, contact Deb Park.

## CLC Kids

**Mosaic:** Mosaic and college aged students will be going to another Escape room February 27<sup>th</sup> about 2 p.m. (exact time will be announced later). The cost is \$10 per person. We will be participating in a harder room since we cracked the codes so fast the last time! Please let Tara know if you are interested ([tara@clcwyoing.org](mailto:tara@clcwyoing.org)).

**First Communion:** First Communion Classes are starting February 27. Anyone in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or younger (or if you missed it) are welcome to take part in this new curriculum. If you think your child is ready for first communion, please let Tara know ([tara@clcwyoing.org](mailto:tara@clcwyoing.org)) so we can get you more information and the materials.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Sunday School:** Sunday school teachers and two helpers are needed for each session, at least one adult over 21 and one helper who is confirmation age or above. Sunday school will be held during the service on the first two Sundays of each month. Tara has dates for you to sign up. Please contact her ([tara@clcwyoming.org](mailto:tara@clcwyoming.org)).

**Sunday school dates available with the theme for the day:**

March 6<sup>th</sup> (Noah's Ark), March 13<sup>th</sup> (Noah's Ark).

**Council Person Needed:** Council is looking to fill a vacant spot on our current council as a council member has stepped down. Council is a great way to get involved at church. If this is something that would interest you and would like more information, please reach out to our Council President, Whitney VanGessel at [president@clcwyoming.org](mailto:president@clcwyoming.org) Thank you!

**Bell Ringers Needed:** I will be leading a handbell choir to ring on Sundays March 20 and Easter. At present only 5 people have signed up to ring for the first session. The three rehearsals for March 20 will be Mondays, February 28, March 7 and March 14 at 7 p.m. The rehearsals for Easter Sunday will be March, 28, April 4 and April 11. Sign up for either or both sessions. Please respond soon, as I need to choose music and assign parts. Marilyn Burgard

## Outreach

**Season of Lent:** The season of Lent will soon be upon us!! Look for a great hands-on opportunity for your family and our church family to come together to support communities around the world coming soon!

**"Blessed are you who hunger now"** (Luke 6:21)

We can be a part of God's blessing by donating food for the hungry. One way is through Family Network where those in our extended neighborhood can get relief for their physical hunger. *Mac & Cheese boxes, peanut butter, canned meat w/pull tabs, ready to eat cereal, snack bars, canned beans, canned vegetables, pasta, and pasta sauce.* There is a red box in the hall by the office where you can put your donations and share your blessings.

**Personal Care Pantry:**

The Personal Care Pantry served 17 families (81 people) in February with our curb side pick up service thanks to your support. As we plan for our March pantry on March 14, we are in need of 20 each of paper towel, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, laundry soap and dryer sheets. We will also need 10 boxes of Kleenex. A big thank you to our congregation who support this ministry with your item donations and financial support. Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or Monday through Thursday during office hours in the tubs located outside our CLC library. Due to a super generous donation of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, we have shared some of these two items with Family Network, Gladiola School and our Sudanese CLC congregation as we partner with these groups.

**Stay Connected:** CLC has a **YouTube Channel**. There is a link on our website [www.clcwyoming.org](http://www.clcwyoming.org) that you can use to subscribe, however you don't need to subscribe to see the messages. We also have a private Facebook page called **CLC Friends**, where you can stay connected with others from CLC. Search CLC Friends and request to be a member; we will get you connected. You can watch the live stream service by following this link. <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChristLutheranChurchWyoming/videos>

## Contact Information for Christ Lutheran Church Office and Staff

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