

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

Announcements for February 15, 2015

Please join us after worship for fellowship with coffee and refreshments.

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church February 8-15, 2015

Today

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
4:00 p.m. Mosaic Service Project to Goodwill
5:00 p.m. New Member Class

Monday

6:00 p.m. TOPS
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. **Mardi Gras Dinner & Worship**
8:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. BNI Team
6:00 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**

Thursday

9:30 a.m. WOVEN Small Group Study
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mission Support Meeting

Friday

Saturday

3:00 p.m. Sudanese Action Team
4:45 p.m. Bro Buddies Sock It To Me

Sunday New Member Welcome – both services

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
3:00 p.m. All-Youth Bowling

Serving Our Congregation Sunday, February 22, 2015

Council:

9:00 a.m. Suzanne Johnson
11:15 a.m. Tom Goetsch

Altar Guild: Karen Metzner

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dee Bronson
11:15 a.m. Kaila Wright

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Maggie Gillich
11:15 a.m. Jacob Koehler

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Aimee Paulson
11:15 a.m. Cristina Van Wieren

Coffee:

9:00 a.m. Todd & Raechelle Huston
11:15 a.m. Brian & Ann Modzeleski

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Dave, Lisa, Ben Matthew Harris
11:15 a.m. Kathy Reister, Mark Baker, Craig Ratliff,
Daryl Breyemeyer

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Len Johnson, Stuart Johnson, Suzanne Johnson
11:15 a.m. Mike & Carrienne Evele

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Jennifer Buddemeier
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Nursery: Julie Fischer, Amy Goetsch

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Roger & Joanne Nichols
11:15 a.m. Tom, Amy, Emily Goetsch

Counters: Jeff Emrich, Jeff McKenney

Sprouts Teacher: Christa Killgore

Video Operator: Donna Garen

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Dave Byler
11:15 a.m. Dave Westover

Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – see page 5

Last Week's Response

February 8, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 118 11:15 a.m. – 175

Offerings Year to Date: \$42,836
Offerings Needed Year to Date: \$41,544

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests from February 8

- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Paul Barquist, as they grieve his death.
- † Prayers of healing for Richard Longstreet who had open heart surgery.
- † Pray for Mary, who is dealing with divorce and a father with cancer.
- † Prayers of safety for John Michael Novinski, who is traveling in Trinidad for work through February 19.
- Pray for comfort, healing, and pain relief for the Bush family's Aunt Julia.
- † Prayers of comfort for Doug Vellenga and his family, who mourn the loss of their grandfather.
- † Prayers of comfort for Caitlyn Kornoely and her family who mourn the loss of an aunt & uncle in a car accident.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Mark & Marilyn Fellows, who father Sid Fellows died suddenly last week.
- † Prayers of strength and healing for 4-year-old Dawson Babiak, who has leukemia and is at very high risk.
- † Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Tony Garza, who passed away last week at the age of 39. He is Bobbie Neubecker's friend.
- † Pray that Christ Lutheran Church stays in God's mercy and grace.
- † Prayers of comfort and strength for Janice Palmer and her family, as they mourn the loss of Janice's son, Paul.
- † Prayers of healing for Hans Fetting, who had eye surgery on February 11.
- † Prayers of health for Ray & Carol Dowd, parents of Marie Smith.
- † Prayers for health and healing for Beth Lichten Walner.

Prayer Requests from February 1

- † Prayers of thanksgiving for a successful bone marrow transplant for 3-year-old Eli, great-nephew of Bill & Toni Steele.
- † Prayers for comfort for Deen Bronson, who is mourning the loss of her mother.
- † Prayers of healing for Vicki Waldon (Karen Akhurst's sister) who is fighting colon cancer.
- † Prayers for Hannah Steenhagen who is preparing for her 2nd chemo treatment.
- † Prayers of comfort for the Hill family who mourn the loss of their husband and father Willard.
- † Prayers of healing for Carole Smith (Cathy Chappell's mom) who had a pacemaker put in.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for Noah Dockweiler's first birthday.
- † Prayers of healing for Whitney Buchan, who suffered a fractured pelvis last week.
- † Prayers of healing for George Wohlheter who had surgery this past Monday.
- † Prayers of healing for Kole Mechke (Dave & Gail Johnson's grandson) who is being treated for an iron deficiency.
- † Prayers of healing for Ann DeYoung (Pat Johnson's mother) who was hospitalized this past week.
- † Prayers of healing for Herb & Viv Libby's daughter & son-in-law, Sheryll & Greg VanPortfleet, who were hit by a speeding car while riding bikes in Florida. They are both in the hospital. Pray also for Herb & Viv who can't be there with them.
- † Prayers of healing for Ken Davison who is recovering from broken ribs.
- † Prayers of healing for Gail Johnson who is having eye surgery.
- † Prayers of healing for Virginia Ebb who is recovering from a broken hip.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Groeneveld	Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
Jeff McCullough	Jesse Cunningham, grandson of Howard & Muriel Andrews
Adam Lundquist	Brandon Westbrook and Cody Westbrook, grandsons of David Barrenger
Casey Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort and Jack and Shirley Reminga	
Kayla Pohl, granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink	

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



Altar Flowers are given at the 9:00 a.m. worship service to the Glory of God by the Gillich family, in honor of Jake's birthday.

Altar Flowers are given at the 11:15 a.m. worship service to the Glory of God by Christa Killgore.



Today we celebrate the true meaning of love by sharing messages of how we can share God's love with others. This morning you may receive a "Valentine's card" as you leave the sanctuary. This is to remind us what it is to show care and the love of Christ with our brothers and sisters!

Lent Worship Opportunities: As we approach and being the season of Lent, please plan on the following worship opportunities: Mardi Gras Dinner and Worship: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18

Lenten Midweek Prayer Services: 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

All of the Wednesdays in Lent: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25

Ash Wednesday Service: The following people are scheduled to assist in worship this Wednesday, February 18. The blank lines are spots that need a volunteer. If you are willing to help, please call the office – 532-2774.

Council: Toni Steele

Reader: Deb Park

Altar Guild: Lisa Harris

Nursery: _____

Acolyte: _____

Counters: Jennifer Buddemeier, _____

Sound: _____

Ushers: Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson, Phil Wauben, Donna Garen, Dianne Vissers

Communion Assistants: Sandy Healey, Jean Wisinski, Ken Davison

Sock Donations Needed: The new Men's Ministry Bro Buddies is collecting white cotton crew socks to give away to those in need at Degage. We have a green box behind the welcome center to collect your sock donations. We will be collecting them until Sunday, February 15. Thank you to all who have donated already – your support is appreciated!

Recital: Michael Schaner grew up with us at CLC, sharing his piano and organ skills. Now he is Director of Music Ministries at Bethel Lutheran Church in Wilmar, MN. He will be performing a recital in Grand Rapids at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m. Give him your support and go hear this talented young musician.

Mardi Gras February 17: Please join in on our annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) celebration at 6:00 p.m. on February 17. This is a fun event for everyone to share in as we begin our walk through the Lenten season. There will be plenty of food, including jambalaya, gumbo, cornbread, pancakes, and of course a King Cake. There will also be crafts to make, a short church service, and the "burning of our sins." The only charge to you is a package of cookies to be used for our Sunday morning coffee. There is no need to sign up – just come and join us!

Let's Discover our Spiritual Gifts!



During Lent we are encouraging each of us at CLC to learn more about the biblical concept of spiritual gifts and specifically, how we have been gifted by God. This Lenten initiative, entitled **WOVEN Together in Christ**, will include a variety of small-group study opportunities.

Join a Small Group! Each small group will meet for two one-hour sessions and include completing an ELCA Assessment Tool to assist participants in discovering their spiritual gifts. Sign up today at the *WOVEN* table in the Gathering space for a small group meeting on one of these days:

Sundays Feb 22 & Mar 1, between services

Sundays Mar 8 & 15, between services

Sundays Mar 22 & 29, between services

Mondays Feb 23 & Mar 2, 1-2 pm

Wednesdays Feb 25 & Mar 4, after evening worship service

Thursdays Feb 19 & 26, 9:30-10:30 am

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Devotions for Lent: Christian Education has ordered some great devotional materials for the season of Lent for ALL ages! We will be offering them to those who attend Christ Lutheran's Mardi Gras event this Tuesday, February 17, and we will have them available at the Welcome Center after Tuesday night. The season of Lent is a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to God through intentional prayer and study, and we are happy to share these resources with our congregation.

Bro Buddies: Our next event is Sock It To Me! on Saturday, February 21, 2015. We are going to distribute socks to folks at Degage' in downtown Grand Rapids. We will meet at church at 4:45 p.m. and carpool downtown. Contact Tom Powell II for more information at 616-299-1535.

First Communion Instruction will take place for youth 4th grade and up on the first 3 Saturdays in March. If you are interested in having your child participate, please email Sarah McKenney at sarah@clcwyo.org or contact the church office as soon as possible. We will be sending out letters to families in the next couple weeks to share specific information with them and want to include anyone who would like to participate!

Easter Vigil sign-up schedules will be on a table in the Gathering Space starting on Ash Wednesday. Please sign up for a time that works for you.

Community Seder: We have an opportunity to be involved in a community Seder being held by the Dominican Center and Ahavas Israel on Sunday, March 15. It will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and we would love to get a group together to go to this event. Families of First Communion students this year are encouraged to participate, but anyone is welcome to join us. There is a cost for this event, but Christ Lutheran will be helping out with this for interested individuals. Please sign up in the Gathering Space and/or contact Sarah McKenney (sarah@clcwyo.org) for more information.

Can you help? We have a new Sudanese refugee family that has arrived. The family is a mother, two sons ages 13 and 4, and a daughter age 6. They are needing household items for the kitchen, twin and queen bedding, towels and a TV, DVD player, and children's educational DVD's. This will be used to help with their English. Please contact Kim Zeitter at (616) 826-6616 if you can provide for any of these needs. Thank you and God Bless!



Mosaic: Reminder that today is our service project at Goodwill from 4-6. Dress code: no jeans, shirts must have little to no writing on them. See you this afternoon!

Attending National Gathering? For those who are attending the National Gathering in July, the FINAL payment of \$125 is due TODAY, February 15. See Alex with questions.

All Youth Bowling Event! Our ALL YOUTH (4th – 12th grade) outing will be at Fairlanes Bowling on February 22 from 3-5 p.m. We will meet at Fairlanes; plan to arrive about 10 minutes early to get shoes and a lane. The cost will be \$10 per youth. \$5 of each youth's cost will be donated to UCOM along with donated items that they are in need of: *rice, dried beans, canned vegetables, and canned fruits*. If you are able to bring any of these items, UCOM will gladly accept them! Sign up TODAY – the sign-up sheet is located on the youth table.

The 30-Hour Famine is coming March 20 & 21 for all 7th – 12th graders! Get your pledge book from Alex TODAY! We are asking each youth to raise a minimum of \$25.00. We will play games, participate in a service project, and close 30 hours later with some delicious food!

Save Your Cans: The High School Youth are collecting pop cans and pop tops, to help fund the 2015 National Gathering trip. All donations can be placed in the bin located next to the youth table in the Narthex.

To highlight the season of Lent to the 10,000 cars that pass our building every day, I'd like to adorn our large outdoor cross with draping the changing colors of the season. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent which is indicated with purple (the color of royalty, denoting Jesus as King of Kings). Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which is symbolized with red, and finally Easter ushers in a season of white, reminding us that through Christ we are cleansed of our sins.

So I'd like you to consider a special donation of 24 feet of cloth. The purple has been donated, but we still need gold and red. Please see me for details. Thank you for considering this outreach! Pastor Dave

Calling the Dreamers! Pastor Dave is putting together a small group of people who want to discuss the possibilities of our church. If you find yourself dreaming about what this place could become, then let's talk! The church needs you. We need an idea generation team – a Dream Team. If you are interested, drop me a note! Thanks, Pastor Dave

VBS Needs: The VBS team asks you to start thinking summer and supplies. They will be in need of about (50) 28 oz. plastic peanut butter jars (clean, please). If you use this size, please save them for us.

Families of students interested in camp this summer: We had a great informational meeting about Stony Lake Lutheran Camp last week and we hear a lot of excitement about his coming summer for our youth! Christ Lutheran kids ages 3rd grade through high school are all welcome to sign up for the week of June 14th through the 19th at Stony Lake Lutheran Camp, so that we can get as many CLC kids there TOGETHER as possible. If you have a 2nd grader you feel is mature enough for a full week of camp, please contact Sarah McKenney or Nancy Cuncannan to discuss this, as there is some leeway with this age. We encourage you to sign up quickly as spots are filling up. You will receive a price break if you register and pay your deposit by March 15th! Do you have questions? Please contact Sarah (sarah@clcwyoming.org) or Nancy (karlandnancy@att.net) for more information.

Personal Care Pantry: Items needed this week: dish soap, Kleenex, paper towels. Cash donations are also a blessing, as they can be used to purchase products and also some of the food for the dinners.

We provided for 28 families Monday night at Persona Care Pantry. Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Adela: for peace in the world	Elsa: for her family who has the flu
Adriana: for Christian's health	Natalia: to be healthy
Shirley: her niece needs a liver transplant "critical"	Amanda R.: that the weather stays nice
Peggy: for her birthday next week	Amanda S.: help with finances and prayers for world peace
Magdalena: for Regelio's arm	Phu: for peace
Elisa: for her family's health	Tammy: for her and her family's health
Gail: for her mother who is bedridden	Annette: for Josselyn who is sick
Margarita: for her work, for her health (her shoulders), and her family	
Maria N.: for a miracle for Carmelita Alvez's life, for Maria's baby's health, and for Brianna's bunny	
Tina: for her friend's baby who was born with a rare infection and is in pain; her name is Elease	
MaElena, Angelina, Yeni, Jeanette, Marth, and Eulalia: for their families	
Lisandro: for his wife who is due for their son to be born on March 12	
Angela: prayers of thanks for back pain relief and prayers for those with influenza	

No Blood Drive: Those of you who gave in the December blood drive are eligible now and have probably started getting calls. Feel free to give at Michigan Blood or at the Methodist church in Grandville. I think they have a drive every Thursday and Saturday. I have not heard from Michigan Blood since before our drive on December 7th. I am not sure why, but there was talk of the availability of buses on Sundays in 2015. I have decided not to continue coordinating the blood drives at Christ Lutheran. I have been doing it for many years and have enjoyed being a part of such an important ministry. We have a wonderful group of donors here at CLC and as I have said before, "they are saving lives." It is getting harder to find enough donors to justify the crew that they put in the bus each time. They have been pleased with our numbers every time we have a drive, but things are changing. We have lost many donors. Also they have been taking double units of blood from people (that means those people are not eligible as often). Many of our members have also decided to give at work on a regular basis, too. The blood is still being given, but it does affect the type of drive we organize. I know many of you have expressed disappointment in their "calling procedure." I am sorry I couldn't solve that. It is a different world in a different dimension. I am sure that at some point they will get a hold of us to try and get something going. If someone in the congregation feels like they would like to coordinate a drive, you can contact Michigan Blood or talk to me. Thanks so much to all of you for giving! Dave Park