

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2017

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
February 19-26, 2017

Serving Our Congregation
Next Sunday: February 26, 2017

Today – February 19

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
12:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
4:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Planning Meeting
4:30 p.m. Puppet Practice
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Monday – February 20

5:00 p.m. Personal Care Pantry
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – February 21

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meeting
7:00 p.m. Youth & Family Meeting

Wednesday – February 22

7:00 p.m. Worship Ensemble Practice
7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Thursday – February 23

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Dave
6:30 p.m. Tech & Communications Meeting
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting
7:00 p.m. Property Meeting

Sunday – February 26

8:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
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
12:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
3:00 p.m. Karen Niemeyer's Ordination @Trinity

Last Week's Response:

Attendance on February 12:
9:00 a.m. – 128 11:15 a.m. 129

Offerings Received YTD: \$47,622
Offerings Needed YTD: \$53,130
Shortfall: \$5,508



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by
Daryl Brey Meyer in honor of Mark Brey Meyer's birthday.



Council:

9:00 a.m. Andy VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Toni Steele

Altar Guild: Lisa Harris

Bread Baker: Denise Sironen

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Fetting
11:15 a.m. Carrienne Evele

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Rebecca Snider
11:15 a.m. Devin Ulrich

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Tim & Sarah Laurent
11:15 a.m. Peggy McCourry

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson,
Dianne Vissers, Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Kathy Reister, Don Groeneveld, Jack Cuncannan,
Serena Bush

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Chris Boes, Rebecca Snider
11:15 a.m. Jean Wisinski, Devin Ulrich

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Jane Ward
11:15 a.m. Bev Tillman

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh, Kacey Naklizki
11:15 a.m. Letty Burgstahler, Ray Panches

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Larry & Joan Gort
11:15 a.m. Rob & Katelyn Conat

Counters: Pete VanGessel, Annette Wendland

Sprouts Teachers: Raneane Wiechenthal, Hailee Risner

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Michael VanderMeer
11:15 a.m. Hannah Lundquist

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Dave Byler
11:15 a.m. Mike Siebelink

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of February 12

- † Prayers of recovery and healing for the Steele’s niece, Nicole, who has had multiple surgeries and a foot amputation.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Chris Herp, who has back and knee problems.
- † Prayers of healing for baby Everett Oostveen who is recovering from recent heart surgery (Ron Oostveen’s grandson).
- † Prayers of thanks for Grayson Knappen’s simple milestones this week.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Terry who recently had surgery.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Mary who struggles with depression and other health problems.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Liz Morris who passed away on Friday.
- † Prayers of comfort for Judy Ford and family, whose husband and father passed away unexpectedly yesterday.
- † Prayers of healing for Mark Johnson, Curt’s brother, who has ongoing heart issues.
- † Prayers of healing in both body and spirit for Bob Bahr.
- † Pray for a safe and healthy delivery of Meghan’s first child, who is being induced today.
- † Prayers of comfort and peace for Dan Rowe, Kim Holwerda’s uncle, who has entered hospice care for ALS.

Prayer Requests for the Week of February 5

- † Prayers of healing and strength for Chris Herp who has back and knee problems.
- † Prayers of healing for Brenda who had hip replacement surgery.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Terry who has pancreatic cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for 3-year-old Rory Buist who is dealing with cancer in her bones and other health struggles.
- † Prayers of healing for Judy who recently had surgery.
- † Prayers of healing and recovery for Nicole Harris who has a serious illness.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving that Doug Buddemeier safely returned to Michigan; and prayers for continued strength and recovery.
- † Prayers of healing for Nancy Veldkamp who is hospitalized.
- † Prayers of healing for our friends Donna Garen, Ryan Diederling and Bob Bahr.
- † Prayers of blessing for Mary Herp who is dealing with depression.
- † Prayers of thanks for answered prayers for family and thanks for Mike Gaunt.
- † Prayers of continued healing for Everett Oostveen who has had 11 surgeries in 3 ½ months and is only 4 months old.
- † Prayers of strength and patience for a daughter and her family.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
- Adam Lundquist
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson
- Specialist Kayla Pohl, granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink, stationed in El Paso, Texas
- Seam Toomey, friend of the June family, on a 9-month tour to the Middle East and leaves his wife and 2 children home
- Jeff McCullough
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Matt Lashbrook, grandson of Nancy Scudder
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ladies of All Ages: Today is the last day to sign up for “Dare to Be.” The event consists of a wonderful night of music and worship hosted by Charlotte Gamble and Natalie Grant. It takes place on Thursday, March 2, beginning at 7:00 PM at Kentwood Community Church. Cost is less than \$20. Invite your family and friends and enjoy an uplifting and faith-filled evening out.

Christian Education Committee is having a meeting today after second service in the Choir Room. If you have an interest in what is happening with Christian education with youth and adults, please join us and offer up your thoughts and opinions.

Women’s Retreat Planning: We’ll be having a meeting today (Sunday) at 4:00 PM to talk about planning the women’s retreat. There will be another on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. If you would like to help plan this event, please come join us!

Pastor Karen Niemeyer's Ordination: You are invited to the Ordination of Karen Niemeyer, who by the grace of God and the call of the Church will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI, on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM. The color of the day is red. Karen has been called by Trinity Lutheran Church to serve as assisting minister.

Branch Deadline: The deadline for submission of any information, upcoming events, news and pictures from events to be included in the March Branch is Tuesday, February 28, at 10:00 AM. You can place information in Audrey's mailbox in the work room or email it to her at office@clcwyoming.org.

Mardi Gras Celebration: Please make plans to join us as for a Mardi Gras Celebration that will be held on Tuesday, February 28, from 6-8 PM. Please join us on Fat Tuesday for food, fun, fellowship, music and crafts. This is a fun way to get together before we begin our more solemn Lenten season. There will be pancakes, a King Cake, and all sorts of yummy food. Activities include a craft, a confessional where you can privately write your sins on a slip of paper, a very short church service where it will be explained how Mardi Gras actually does tie in with Easter, and some great music. After the service our sins and the palm branches from last Easter will be burned, to be used to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads at the Ash Wednesday service. The only "cost" is a package of cookies to be used for our Sunday morning coffee and cookie time.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service: On Wednesday, March 1, Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come. The following people are scheduled to participate in worship:

Council: Tom Goetsch

Bread Bakers: Rylee Walsh, Melinda Leinberger

Greeters: *Information not available*

Video: Denise Sironen

Ushers: Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson, Dianne Vissers, Nancy Heidrich

Communion Assistants: Bev Tillman, Tamara & Kaila Wright

Altar Guild: Lisa Harris

Reader: Vicki Blubaugh

Counters: Ken Davison, Jennifer Buddemeier

Sound: Matt June

Reminder: If you are unable to fulfill your duty, please arrange a replacement and let Audrey know.

Lenten Wednesdays: We will be having a Lenten Soup Supper each Wednesday evening during Lent followed by a short time of worship. More details coming soon.

A Special Invitation to CLC Women from (almost) Pastor Karen: You are invited to join the women of Trinity Lutheran Church for a special retreat, Sweet Life Café, being held on Saturday, March 11 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Trinity, 2700 E. Fulton. The retreat offers a day of taking time to relax, make new friends, and worship God through meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun! The cost of \$20 per person, payable in advance, will cover supplies and fun and refreshing activities. You are asked to bring your favorite topping for our potluck green salad buffet that we will share for lunch. To make a reservation, contact Trinity's Director of Discipleship, Sylvia Stouten (616-949-2492 ext. 21, or Sylvia.stouten@tlcgr.org). The deadline to register is Sunday, March 5. We hope you will join us!

Books for Gladiola School Students: We will be hosting a "game night" at the school on Wednesday, April 19. For our spring project we would appreciate donations of new or very, very gently used books appropriate for ages 4 through 10. There are books on the table in the Gathering Space that may help you know what the children like. These books are from the school and are not gently used. They are there only for ideas. Donations of story books, chapter books, book series and Christian books are all most welcomed. Don't forget to check Kohl's specials. Books may be placed in the box on the table. For questions, please contact Kathy Reister at 538-6585 or reisterkathy@gmail.com.

Ever Consider Volunteering For A Mission Trip? This year's high school youth will be traveling to Chillicothe, Ohio, from June 25 – July 1, and are looking for people possibly interested in chaperoning. Please see Pastor Dave, Kim Holwerda, Andy or Whitney VanGessel to fill you in on what it entails. You will have a blast!

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Confirmation Students: A reminder to you that the movie “Luther” is showing today (Sunday) at Celebration Cinema North. If you haven’t reserved a seat, please do so by contacting St. Luke’s Church. There’s no charge for this movie and it is worth two sermon notes! Don’t forget to pick up the sermon notes sheet from the youth table before you leave today.

First Communion Classes: If you have a child interested in taking part in first communion instruction this year, please contact Pastor Dave or Suzanne Snider and let them know as soon as possible. There will be two classes on Saturdays. The first will be from 9 to 11 AM on March 11, and the second will take place on March 18 from 8 to 11 AM. Our celebration of first communion will take place on Easter Sunday, April 16 at the 11:15 service.

Attention All Current 8th-12th Graders: Thinking about summer yet? We are heading to Chillicothe, Ohio, for Work Camp this year June 25 – July 1. Signups begin now. Total cost will be \$300 payable in three installments of \$100 each. The first payment along with signing up will be due by March 1st. If you have any questions, please see Kim Holwerda or your Mosaic leaders: Steve Lundquist, Andy and Whitney VanGessel. Signup information is at the Youth Corner.

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures (with a brief description):

Email: pictures@clcwyoming.org

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

New Copier – New Procedure! Many of you have probably noticed that a new copier/printer was installed a few weeks ago. Effective immediately, each staff member and committee within the church has been assigned a user code. Copies and paper are huge office expenses, and knowing where that money is being spent will help keep these expenses in check. If you are someone who makes copies on a regular basis, but have not been given a code, please contact Audrey to get one. She is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Or email her (office@clcwyo.org) any time.

Can You Hear Me Now? Our sound techs do an amazing job of making sure that everyone is able to hear the spoken and sung words at each worship service. We need some more helpers. The training we provide will get you the skills and abilities to manage our sound board. Scheduling is flexible around your availability; both services are in need of some reliable helpers. Might you be called to this behind-the-scenes work? Contact Matt June at (517) 420-6060 or email matthewljune@gmail.com.

Nursery Helpers Needed: Our Nursery Committee is looking for additional helpers to assist in the Nursery. Cute little people need your attention so their mommies and daddies can worship together. Can you help? There is a sign-up with open dates in the Gathering Space.

Welcome Center: Due to some resignations (all for good reasons), the Welcome Center is in need of a few additional volunteers. The time usually required is 20 minutes on one's scheduled Sunday – 5 minutes before the service and about 15 minutes after. Welcomers are scheduled at about 4-6 week intervals. All one need do is give the visitor a provided gift, ask him/her to sign our Guestbook, and answer any basic questions about our congregation. If you have considered becoming a W.C. volunteer, but are unsure, you could "shadow" a volunteer after a service. We have men, women, teen, and elderly volunteers. You'll probably meet some nice people! Please contact Sharon Mack at 878-3222 or SHMack45@comcast.net if you are interested.

Attention Knitters and Crocheters: Our prayer shawl supply is quite low. This ministry has provided comfort to so many over the last few years, but the need is constant. Please take some yarn from the cabinet and make a shawl. If everyone in the group made one, it would give us a good selection again. Please help.

Personal Care Pantry: *The PCP needs everything right now!!* If you can help, please bring in any of the following: shampoo, conditioner, fabric softener, toothpaste, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper (double roll), paper towels, facial tissues, and toothbrushes. Please place the donations in the box behind the Welcome Center. Cash donations are also a blessing, as they can be used to purchase products and food for the dinners.

Personal Care Pantry provided for 27 families last Monday. The children had fun making Valentines and eating candy hearts. The following families have requested prayers:

Reyna: to find a husband and to keep her family safe

Marielena: for her sister-in-law who just lost her father

Maria C.: for her husband who is sick

Deborah: for her sister Cynthia who is in a nursing home

Marcia: for her family ... her mother just passed away

Hedwig: for good health on her upcoming checkup

Gail: that her foot will get better and thanksgiving that she found a place to live and will be moving soon

Juana: for her family to be safe and for the current political situation

Olga, Maria V., Margaret, Julia: for their families to be safe

Yunni: for her sons who are very sick, one is 13 and the other is 8 months old

Bill, Rosa, Alicia, Paula, Annette: prayers of thanksgiving that all is well

Maria N.: for her mom who lives in Mexico and is 90 years old and is sick

Salvia: for good health for her family

Mary Jane: to get hearing aids for both ears real soon

Jeanette: for good health for everyone

Maria C. and Fermin: for their health

Sandra: for her family

Hello Church!

Do you want to help end childhood hunger? During the week children who qualify for free and reduced lunch are guaranteed at least one meal a day, however many children still go hungry on the weekends. Hand to Hand is an organization that serves children in the greater Grand Rapids area by providing bags of food for hungry K-12 school children to take home for the weekend. By donating a food item from the list provided not only would you be helping kids in need but helping to better the community as a whole. If you have questions about volunteering, donating or would like more information in general please contact Haleigh Hielkema.

Thank you for caring!

*Please place donations in the donation box provided in the Gathering Space - Thank you!

Food Items:

- Peanut butter
- Canned Chicken
- Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup
- Breakfast Bars
- Granola bars
- Pudding cups
- Cans of Fruit (low sugar if possible)

