

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017

**This Week at Christ Lutheran Church**  
**February 26 – March 5, 2017**

**Serving Our Congregation**  
**Next Sunday: March 5, 2017**

### **Today – 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  
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship  
3:00 p.m. Karen Niemeyer's Ordination @Trinity

### **Monday – February 27**

6:00 p.m. Samaritas Parent Support Group  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice  
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

### **Tuesday – February 28**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Branch Deadline  
6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Party

### **Wednesday – March 1**

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

### **Thursday – March 2**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Dave

### **Saturday – March 4**

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry  
3:30 p.m. Sudanese Action Team

### **Sunday – March 5**

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  
4:30 p.m. Puppet Practice  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

### **Last Week's Response:**

Attendance on February 19:  
9:00 a.m. – 101      11:15 a.m. 84

Offerings Received YTD: \$57,293  
Offerings Needed YTD: \$60,708  
Shortfall: \$5,508

### **Council:**

9:00 a.m. Linda Montgomery  
11:15 a.m. Mike Evele

**Altar Guild:** Suzanne Johnson

**Bread Baker:** Suzanne Johnson

### **Welcome Center:**

9:00 a.m. Donna Garen  
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

### **Acolyte:**

9:00 a.m. Joey VanTuinen  
11:15 a.m. Nora Paulson

### **Worship Assistant:**

9:00 a.m. Diane Persky  
11:15 a.m. Don Groeneveld

### **Coffee Servers:**

9:00 a.m. Todd & Raechelle Huston  
11:15 a.m. Lou & Julie Fischer

### **Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. Pete VanGessel, Gail Fleming, Jane Reardon  
11:15 a.m. Bill Houseknecht, Daryl & Jennifer Breymeyer,  
Kristen Thornton

### **Communion Assistants:**

9:00 a.m. Teresa Ortego, Pat Potter, Ruth Salmon  
11:15 a.m. Tim & Kim Zeitter

### **Reader:**

9:00 a.m. Sandy Healey  
11:15 a.m. Gary McCourry

**Nursery:** *Schedule not available*

### **Greeters:**

9:00 a.m. Mike & Bev Faas  
11:15 a.m. Kathy Polise, Kathy Reister

**Counters:** Letty Burgstahler, Scott Westers

**Sprouts Teachers:** Sheldon Family

### **Video Operator:**

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

### **Sound Board:**

9:00 a.m. Michael VanderMeer  
11:15 a.m. *Schedule not available*



Altar Flowers are given today for the Glory of God by  
Thom & Karen Dockweiler in celebration of the  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Dave's Ordination.



# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## **Prayer Requests for the Week of February 19**

- † Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth (Feb. 18) of Linnea Fogg, Jim & Jane Ward’s first granddaughter!
- † Pray for healing and relief from pain for Joy Johnson.
- † Prayers of safety for Seth, a Marine who is being deployed February 26.
- † Prayers of healing for Carol who is hospitalized with heart problems and preparing to have stents placed.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Donna Garen.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Julian McCallum (Jane Reardon’s friend) who took his own life last week.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving for CJ Nichols’ 19<sup>th</sup> birthday – may he have strength and may God guide his heart and mind.
- † Prayers of healing for Halle M. who had serious leg surgery and will have more to come.
- † Prayers of continued healing for Everett Oostveen 4-month-old grandson of Ron & Susan Oostveen.

## **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.

## **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**

**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, today, February 26, 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@clcwyo.org](mailto:office@clcwyo.org).

**Mardi Gras Celebration:** Our Mardi Gras Celebration is this 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:** This 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 schedule to participate in worship:

**Council:** Tom Goetsch

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Harris

**Bread Bakers:** Rylee Walsh, Melinda Leinberger

**Reader:** Vicki Blubaugh

**Counters:** Ken Davison, Jennifer Buddemeier

**Sound:** Matt June

**Video:** Michael VanderMeer

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

**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. We will begin on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM. Worship will follow at 7:00 PM.

**Lunch Invitation:** The Love, Laugh ‘N Lunch group invites all women to join them for lunch and fellowship on March 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Florentine’s Ristorante, 3245 – 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Grandville. RSVP: Marilyn at [mimiheve@gmail.com](mailto:mimiheve@gmail.com) or Dianne at [diannevissers@gmail.com](mailto:diannevissers@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:reisterkathy@gmail.com).

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

**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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:pictures@clcwyoming.org)

## EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

**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.

**New Copier – New Procedure!** Many of you have probably noticed that a new copier/printer was installed a few weeks ago. 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](mailto: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](mailto:matthewljune@gmail.com).

### **Personal Care Pantry News and Needs:**

- Is there anyone who speaks fluent Spanish who would be able to **volunteer as a translator** at Personal Care Pantry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month from 5:00 – 6:30 PM? If you can, please contact Tammy Davison at 719-3229 or email [kendavison7502@comcast.net](mailto:kendavison7502@comcast.net).
- *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. **We also need paper grocery bags.** 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 29 families last Monday. We supplied them with personal care products along with a delicious meal. The following people have requested prayers:

Sossity: for help with marital and housing problems

Lisbeyni and Lidia: thankful that all is well

Nancy: prayers of healing

Maria P., Irma, Jovita and Angelina: for their families

Ilda: for the United States

Angelina: for good health

Hortencia: for her mom who is ill

Magdalena: for President Trump

Martha: for her mom who is in a nursing home

Simon: for Annie Maria who has diabetes to stay healthy

Dorothy: for all people to learn to put their trust in God and for her family to stay with the Lord

Renee: for her brother Brent who is bi-polar and doesn't always take his meds

Patricia: for her brother Jesus Garcia who is sick and for her family to be healthy

Cruza and Ingrid: thankful for their families' good health

Geraldine: for her mom who has cancer

Joaquina: for a job

Juliana: to keep working and to stay well

Natalia and Rafaelina: for their families to be health

Maria C.: she has several health problems

Lisandro: for his family and for his wife to find a job

Phu: he had pneumonia and is still very weak

Esperanza: for her sons, Kevin and Luis, who are sick

**Help End Childhood Hunger by Supporting Hand 2 Hand:** 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. The food items needed are:

Peanut butter

Breakfast Bars

Cans of Fruit (low sugar if possible)

Canned Chicken

Granola bars

Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup

Pudding cups

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

