

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 26, 2017

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church
March 26 – April 2, 2017

Serving Our Congregation
Next Sunday: April 2, 2017

Today – March 26

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast Planning Meeting
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir

Monday – March 27

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

Tuesday – March 28

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Branch Deadline

Wednesday – March 29

7:00 p.m. Lent Worship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Thursday – March 30

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

Sunday – April 2

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Sudanese Worship

Council:

9:00 a.m. Andy VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Tom Goetsch

Altar Guild: Dianne Vissers

Bread Baker: Lisa Harris

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Dave Harris
11:15 a.m. Carrienne Evele

Acolyte:

9:00 a.m. Mackenzie DeGennaro
11:15 a.m. Emily Goetsch

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Vicki Blubaugh
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Brian Crane, Heather Miller
11:15 a.m. Rich & Bobbie Neubecker

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Pete VanGessel, Gail Fleming, Jane Reardon
11:15 a.m. Kathy Reister, Don Groeneveld, Annie Westers,
Serena Bush

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Nicki Deuling, Lance Girand, Sandy Healey
11:15 a.m. Mike & Carrienne Evele, Karen Metzner

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Kristine Jordahl

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Mary Whitehead, Vicki Blubaugh
11:15 a.m. Ray Panches

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Nancy Scudder, Dianne Vissers
11:15 a.m. Cathy Chappell, Margaret Bardwell

Counters: Nancy Heidrich, Mary Whitehead

Sprouts Teachers: No Class Today

Video Operator:

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

Sound Board:

9:00 a.m. Alan Windsor
11:15 a.m. Matt June

Last Week's Response:

Attendance on Lent Wednesday: 53

Attendance on March 19:

9:00 a.m. – 125 11:15 a.m. – 140

Offerings Needed YTD: \$91,062

Offerings Received YTD: \$89,560

Shortfall: \$1,502



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of March 19

- † Prayers of healing for Billy Pringle who found out he has Lymphoma.
- † Prayers of healing for Harvey Prichard who is having robotic surgery for kidney issues.
- † Prayers of comfort for 3 families who lost a son or daughter this last week.
- † Prayers of strength, healing and support for Everett Oostveen, Ron & Susan’s grandson.
- † Pray for Carrie Smith’s mom, Katherine, as she goes through some medical issues.
- † Prayers of healing for Lisa W. who is healing from a broken hip.
- † Pray that someone’s mother-in-law can get a prosthetic leg this week and have the strength needed.
- † Prayers of comfort for Jim Steele who lost his sister to cancer.
- † Pray for Chris Herp who is struggling with back & knee problems.
- † Prayers of healing & strength for Joy Johnson and Donna Garen.
- † Prayers of thanksgiving that Nicole, Bill & Toni Steele’s niece, was able to eat real food for the 1st time in 6 weeks.
- Prayers of healing for Jim Kramer who is battling cancer.
- Prayers of comfort for Rory Buist (age 3) and his family; Rory has bone cancer and is in hospice.
- Prayers of healing & strength for Kathy Herp Smith who has stage 4 breast cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Lynsey Hicks who has a bone infection.
- Prayers of healing & strength for Terry who has pancreatic cancer.

Prayer Requests for the Week of March 12

- † Pray for a successful surgery for Jane Ward on March 13 and rapid healing.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy Herp Smith who has stage 4 breast cancer.
- † Prayers of comfort for Jeff who is in the advanced stages of cancer.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Chris Herp who has back and knee problems.
- † Prayers of comfort and strength for Tim Vander Meer and his family as they mourn the loss of his wife.
- † Pray for peace and strength for Bev Tillman’s friend who is in the final days of cancer.
- † Prayers of healing for 3-year-old Rory Buist who has bone cancer and is undergoing painful & difficult chemo.
- † Prayers of healing for Blake Donaldson who has a broken shoulder and severe depression.
- † Prayers of comfort and strength for families and kids that are going through divorce.
- † Prayers of healing for infant Everett Oostveen who might be facing additional heart surgery.
- † Prayers of healing for Eddie Moore who has pancreatic cancer.
- † Pray for continued progress for Grayson Knappen who struggles with autism and strength for his parents.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Betty Lyons who passed away Friday.
- † Prayers of peace and strength for Donna Garen and Joy Johnson who are struggling with their health.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Angela who has heart problems.
- † Prayers of healing for Nicole, Bill & Toni Steele’s niece, who has returned to the ICU.
- † Prayers of healing and strength for Terry who has pancreatic cancer.
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Michael Thrower who died unexpectedly.

Pray for Those Serving in the Military

- Cmdr. Roger Bouma, friend of Larry and Mary Knappen
- Cole Moore, nephew of Jim and Jane Ward
- Matt Lashbrook, grandson of Nancy Scudder
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort
- 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
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Lenten Wednesdays: This week Wednesday, March 29, we encourage everyone to attend the Lenten Service of Healing and Recognition at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (3215 – 4 Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids). The service will begin at 7:00 PM and we will join congregants from other area Lutheran churches. We will not have a Soup Supper this week.

Watch for the Sunday School Easter Baskets! We hope not everyone will be scattering over the Spring Break holiday, because there is still a lot going on here at CLC! Our Sunday School Easter Baskets will be on display on April 2 and April 9 for you to vote on. The contents of the baskets will go to our Personal Care Pantry to help keep it stocked, and your monetary votes will go towards 'Kids Food Basket.' This is the organization the Sunday School has been giving their offerings to all year long. It helps to make sure kids in the greater Grand Rapids area have a dinner every night. They send home paper bag suppers with children all throughout the area. Each supper costs a dollar and to date our Sunday School kids have provided almost 170 meals with their weekly offerings. Your votes will help to increase that amount tremendously and keep the kids in our community right here in Wyoming from being hungry. If you won't be here, send your donation in with a friend! Every dollar counts!!

Love, Laugh 'N Lunch: We invite all ladies to join us for our next Love, Laugh 'N Lunch on Tuesday, April 4, 11:30 a.m., at Tommy Brann's (4157 Division Ave. South, Grand Rapids). Please RSVP to Dianne Vissers (diannevissers@gmail.com) or Marilyn Miheve (mimiheve@gmail.com).

Body and Soul Sisters: We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at Fredrick Meijer Gardens to see the butterflies! If anyone wants to carpool we can meet at church at 6:00 p.m. Please email bodyandsoulsisters@gmail.com if you want to carpool, otherwise we will plan to meet at Meijer Gardens at 6:30 p.m. The address is 1000 East Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. The cost per person is \$14.50. If there are any questions, please call Suzanne Gut at 616-560-0361 or Ann Modzeleski at 616-690-4619.

Easter Breakfast News! That means it's time to plan our annual Easter Breakfast! This is our biggest fundraiser for the youth ministry and we need your help. There are signup sheets in the Gathering Space for you to donate all kinds of things. For example, we need 75 dozen eggs, 8 pounds of butter, and over 50 pounds of hash browns! We also need financial donations to purchase various items such as ham and ingredients for the homemade sausage. We also need volunteers to help with prep and set up on the Saturday before, and we need LOTS of helpers on Easter Sunday to cook, serve and clean up. There are 3 2-hour shifts to choose from. Please bring all donated items to church on or before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15. Look for Brian Crane at the tables after the service to sign up or ask questions.

Want to Learn More About CLC? A class will be offered beginning on Sunday, April 23, for any of you who are either interested in joining Christ Lutheran or would just like some more information on how we "do church." This New Member Class will meet on April 23, April 30, and May 7, right after second service (around 12:30 p.m.); lunch will be provided. If you would like to join us, please contact Patrick Blanchard at (616-460-7150).

Game Night at Gladiola School: The date for our Game Night is Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30-7:30 PM. We would like volunteers to help in the following areas: serve popcorn and drinks; talk with the parents and children, even play a game with them if you wish; people to set up the book display table and help children select their book; and people who enjoy face painting. Last year face painting was a huge draw for children and adults! There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space marked for Gladiola.

We will be accepting books through April 16th. Books may be placed in the box on the table. As always, thank you to all who have so generously given of their time and resources to support this ministry! If you have questions, please talk to or contact Kathy Reister at 538-6585 or reisterkathy@gmail.com.

Women of Christ Lutheran: We are so excited to offer an overnight retreat at Pine Ridge Bible Camp on April 28th and 29th. No matter your age or stage in life, we want you to come take part in “The Build.” This will be a time to connect with your fellow CLC women members across the generations and learn how to build yourself up from the inside out, in body, mind, and spirit and deepen your relationship with God. Lodging and meals are included, or if you’d rather sleep in your own bed, you can just come for meals and programming. Please see the pink table in the Gathering Space, read over the orange pamphlets, and/or speak to any of the committee members about what we are planning. The last day to sign up is April 14. We hope to see you there!

Please note: We are asking each participant to pay a \$10 deposit by April 14. The deposit can be made in cash or check to CLC and sent to the office Attn: Women’s Retreat. The balance of the cost will not be due until the time of the retreat.

Graduation Sunday: On Sunday, June 4, we will be recognizing and blessing our high school and college graduates during both services with a small reception to be held between the two services from 10:15 – 11:00. We hope you will join us for this celebration.

Graduates (or family members of the graduate), please provide the graduate’s information and details to the church office or place in the graduation box on the youth table. This should include: graduate’s name, parent’s names, where you are graduating from, your future plans, and a wallet size picture (for the high school youth). For your convenience, blank forms are available at the youth table. Information must be submitted by Wednesday, April 26.

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

Email: pictures@clcwyoming.org

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

April Branch: All information on upcoming activities, articles, deadlines, and pictures that you would like published in the April Branch must be submitted by Tuesday, March 28, at 10:00 AM. You can drop items off at the office, or email them to Audrey at office@clcwyoing.org.

The Puppet Team Needs You! We are looking for a couple more adult leaders for our puppet team for the upcoming school year. If you think you might be interested, there are two more weeks of practice on April 22 and 30 at 4:30 p.m. You can come and watch for a bit and get a feel of what goes in to prepping for these performances. The job has been shared with a second team of adults in the past so that you are only responsible for leading every other month (3 performances a year). If you have any questions or think you might be interested, please contact Suzanne Snider.

Easter Flowers: Plants will be purchased to adorn the sanctuary in Celebration of The Risen Lord! Like last year, Easter Lilies and plants with a heavy fragrance will not be included in the selection. More and more churches in the area have gone fragrance free, so out of respect to those that have allergies, we will do the same. Instead, we will be ordering an array of options that Ludema's Floral and Garden has offered us. The flowers available to order are:

Azalea: white, pink, purple	6" pot - \$16.00
Hydrangea: pink, blue	6" pot - \$16.00
Daffodil: yellow	6" pot - \$7.00 or 8" pot - \$13.00
Tulip: lavender, pink, white, yellow	bi-color(yellow/red) - 6" pot - \$7.00 or 8" pot - \$13.00
Floral Mum: white (12"-14" tall and 12"-14" across)	6" pot - \$8.00

(Primrose and Cyclamen are NOT available as previously listed.)



New this year: Envelopes for donations *with an order form attached* can be found in the pew racks. This order form will give you color and size options along with prices for each selection. It also has a spot to write down who the flowers are for. We encourage you to make your contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor someone and it will be listed in the announcement page on Easter morning. Or you can just choose a plant to bring home yourself. Tags will be stuck on the flower pots so everyone knows what they ordered when it is time to pick them up after worship on Easter.

Be sure to include the order form in the envelope with payment and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **The last day to order will be next Sunday, April 2.**

Personal Care Pantry News and Needs: If you would like to help PCP, these items are needed right now: fabric softener, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, Kleenex, toilet paper, dish detergent, and laundry detergent. 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.

We were able to assist 23 families at PCP on Monday. The following people have requested prayers:

Lidia: thankful that all is well	Olga: for the president and our country
Geraldine: for her mother who has cancer	Yunni: for her family and her marriage
Maria M.: for her mom, who is ill	Esperanza: for her two sons

Marcia: comfort for her family on the death of her mom
Martina: she and her family are going through some very rough times in their lives
Reyna, Iris, Maria C., Hortencia, Lisandro and Joaquina: for their families
Sossity: for her husband to get a job that he interviewed for on Wednesday and that they find a good home
Dorothy: for her brother who has stage 4 cancer; their family is having tests on their bone marrow – prayers for a match

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School Reminder: Hey kids, this Sunday, March 26, is the last Sunday to bring in donations for your Easter Baskets! Remember there is NO Sunday School next week, April 2. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Confirmation Students: A reminder that due to the majority of the Confirmation students returning from their retreat Sunday evening, there will be NO CLASS on Sunday, March 26 or the following week, April 2 due to Spring Break! We will resume classes on April 9.

VBS Skit Help Is Needed: Our VBS skit coordinator, Maggie Gillich, is looking for 5 youth to fill roles in the VBS skit crew this summer. You must be able to commit to being present EVERY night of VBS (July 23-27), learning your lines and having fun! Please contact Maggie (jgillich@comcast.net) NO LATER THAN APRIL 1 to let her know you are interested.

Mosaic: Our event to Rebounderz has been moved to April 9 from 5 to 7. Instead, for today, we will be joining Christ Crew at Tarry Hall from 2-5 PM for roller skating. Cost is \$5.00 and rental skates are \$1. There is a sign-up sheet in the youth corner for the Rebounderz event in the new time slot. Hope to see you there!

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt will take place after second service on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Any child 6th grade or younger can come hunt for eggs and older youth can help out by hiding eggs during second service. Please make sure to **sign up on the yellow sheet in the Gathering Space by April 2!**

Attention ALL YOUTH! You know all those awesome retreats, camps, and other activities you get to take part in all year? Did you know that a huge portion of that is paid for by the generosity of our congregation? One of the ways we fundraise this money is with our **Easter Breakfast**. And since the youth are benefitting from this fundraiser, it's only right that the youth help do the work (and it's a lot of FUN too!). Please see Brian Crane or any of the other breakfast committee members at the sign-up table in the Gathering Space to find out when you can come and volunteer some of your time to this awesome youth fundraiser. *No matter how young you are, there is a job you can do* and we want to see all of you doing your part to make this event a success and to thank our amazing congregation for their continued support of our programs!