

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2017

This Week at Christ Lutheran Church October 1-8, 2017

Today – October 1

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Puppet Practice
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Monday – October 2

1:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study
3:00 p.m. New Beginnings
6:30 p.m. Reformation Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Sisters Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday – October 3

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. Love, Laugh 'n Lunch
7:00 p.m. Leader's Meeting with Pastor Polly
7:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Committee Meeting

Wednesday – October 4

2:00-7:00 p.m. Reformation 500 Art Show Hours
7:00 p.m. Worship Ensemble Practice

Thursday – October 5

5:00-7:00 p.m. Reformation 500 Art Show Hours
6:30 p.m. Reformation Rehearsal

Saturday – October 7

9:30 a.m. Reformation Rehearsal
Noon Christ Crew Leave for Camping
2:00-8:00 p.m. SCLC Memorial Prayer Service

Sunday – October 8

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 p.m. South Sudanese Worship
4:30 p.m. Puppet Practice
5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Last Week's Response:

Attendance on September 24
9:00 a.m. – 115 10:30 a.m. - 135
Offerings Needed YTD: \$295,884
Offerings Received YTD: \$279,763
Shortfall: \$16,121

Serving Our Congregation Next Sunday: October 8, 2017

Council:

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

Altar Guild: Schedule is open

Bread Baker: Marie Smith

Welcome Center:

9:00 a.m. Sharon Mack
11:15 a.m. Meredith Phillips

Acolyte:

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

Worship Assistant:

9:00 a.m. Jim Ward
11:15 a.m. Don Groeneveld

Coffee Servers:

9:00 a.m. Tim & Sarah Laurent
11:15 a.m. Keith & Jackie Koehler

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Harry Wendland, Gerry Guttormson,
Dianne Vissers, Ron & Nancy Heidrich
11:15 a.m. Rich Neubecker, Jack Cuncannan, Tom Owens

Communion Assistants:

9:00 a.m. Lisa Harris, Sandy Healy, Rileigh DeGennaro
11:15 a.m. Linda Montgomery, Emily Goetsch

Reader:

9:00 a.m. Sharon Mack
11:15 a.m. Aimee Paulson

Nursery:

9:00 a.m. Jane Ward, Amy Goetsch
11:15 a.m. Letty Burgstahler, Ray Panches

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. Dianne Vissers, Mary Whitehead
11:15 a.m. Bob & Carol Peters

Counters: Jennifer Buddemeier, Nancy Heidrich

Sprouts Teachers: Huston Family

Video Operator:

9:00 a.m. Whitney VanGessel
11:15 a.m. Todd Huston

Sound Board:

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

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer Requests for the Week of September 24

- Prayer of peace and comfort for Marilyn Hielkema.
- Pray for continued progress for Josh, Veronica & Grayson Knappen.
- Prayers of healing for Richard DePuy who is having inner ear trouble and some dizziness.
- Pray for Kyle Lewis as he struggles with school.
- Pray for healing & strength for Eric Tuenissen who suffered a stroke on his brain stem.
- Prayers of healing for Phyllis Boyns (Bob Scharf's sister) who has pneumonia.
- Pray for Amanda Littlefield who is going thru job transitions.
- Prayers of healing for Denise Cole, Barb McMullin's neighbor, who fell and broke her pelvic bone. She is 98 years old and in a lot of pain.
- Pray for healing for Nancy Leanza who had a mastectomy last week.

Prayer Requests for the Week of September 17

- Prayers of healing for Richard Hall who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Loraine May who passed away on Friday.
- Prayers of healing for Tim Tierney.
- Prayers of comfort for Tim Tierney and his family, as his father passed away on Sept. 16. Funeral services will be held in St. Louis.
- Pray for all of us.
- Prayers of comfort for Anne & Patrick Gegg, who suffered the loss of a pregnancy.
- Prayers of healing for Chris VanderSlice and his family as he continues to "fight on" with all of his God-given grit against leukemia.
- Prayers of healing for Marcia Stevens who has throat cancer and dementia.
- Prayers of healing for Christy who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Prayers of thanks and many blessings for grandson Tyler's 13th birthday.

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
- Chris Fite, nephew of Tammy Walsh
- Seth Dewey, grandson of Bud and Cherie Bronson, who has been deployed to Iraq (in July).
- Specialist Kayla Champaco and her husband Lance (granddaughter of Dale & Kay Siebelink, niece of Mike & Kim Siebelink) who are both stationed in El Paso, Texas
- Sean Toomey, friend of the June family, on a 9-month tour to the Middle East and left his wife and 2 children home
- Jeff McCullough
- Cody Westbrook, grandson of David Barrenger
- Hayden Gort, grandson of Larry and Joan Gort

****If you or a friend/family member would like to be remembered in prayer, please contact the church office (532-2774 or office@clcwyoing.org) by Friday at 10:00 a.m. to have your request printed in this portion of Sunday's announcements. Of course, you can let Pastor or the church office know at any time that you wish prayers for someone.*

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

Today: Pastor Polly Standley
October 8: Pastor Polly Standley
October 15: Pastor Mike Anton



Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by
Bill and Toni Steele.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

“Renewed in Faith, Word and Grace” is the art show that will be at 6 venues October 1-31. Christ Lutheran is one of these venues, along with Samaritas, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church, Catholic Information Center and Trinity Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran has 15 wonderful pieces on exhibit, including statues, oil and watercolor paintings and photography. The congregation may vote on their favorite piece by obtaining the artist listing from the Welcome Center, circling their favorite, and dropping off their vote in the basket. The winner will be announced at the Artist Opening Reception on Sunday, October 8 from 1-3. All are invited to come to this event and meet the artists.

Adult Bible Study: Vern Hoffman and some of his associates will be meeting with the Adult Class today to discuss prison ministry. Members are invited to attend the Adult Class today to hear the presentation.

Important Leader’s Meeting: All committee chairpersons, committee members, Council members, and staff are asked to attend an important informational meeting with Pastor Polly on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We would like to bring all the ministries, leadership, and staff together to meet Pastor Polly, ask and answer questions, and get moving forward . . . together! If you have any questions, please talk to Tom Goetsch.

Reformation 500 Activities in October:

Oct. 3 – “Martin Luther: Reformer of Church & Society” at Trinity Lutheran Church. Free

Oct. 1-31 – “Renewed in Word, Faith, & Grace” juried Art Show at 6 venues (including CLC). Free

Oct. 19-21 – “Reformation,” the musical will be held at Wealthy Theatre. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.

Tickets are available at Wealthy Theatre box office or website. The shows are at 7:30 PM on October 19 and 20, 2:00 PM on October 21. You can reach Wealthy Theatre at 616-459-4788 ext. 131.

Love, Laugh & Lunch will be meeting at Anna’s House on October 3 at 11:30 AM. It is located across from Rivertown Crossings Mall at 3766 Potomac Dr., Grandville. We will be having a separate room again this time. Please RSVP to: Marilyn Miheve (mimiheve@gmail.com) or Dianne Vissers (diannevissers@gmail.com).

Christ Crew Camping! Mark your calendars and pack your bags! Christ Crew will be heading to Deep Lake Campground on October 7th for our campout and kickoff event! Christ Crew is for all youth 4th-6th Grade. We will be sleeping in tents, cooking over a fire, and maybe even trying some fishing! We will meet at CLC at noon (please eat before or bring lunch with you) and plan to return to the church by the start of 2nd Service on the 8th. We are looking for an additional adult who would love some outdoor time with these awesome youth! Cost is \$5; please RSVP to Christa Killgore at 616-283-2182 or workn4dalord@yahoo.com.

Attention All Youth: Mrs. Snider will be in need of helpers at the end of both services next week, October 8. If you are able to help, please come out to the Gathering Space at the start of the last song of the service to receive instructions. Thank you!!

Youth Dinner: Our first Youth Dinner of the school year happens next Sunday, October 8, at 5:30 PM. This dinner is open to all youth of CLC and we’d love to see a big crowd there! We also want to make sure we have enough food to feed all those mouths, so PLEASE check out the following link and make sure to RSVP for your child/children. While you are there, see if there is something you’d be willing to donate for the dinner. Your help is greatly appreciated! To sign up visit: <http://signup.com/go/NLqvLUv>.

Lutheran-Catholic Mass Choir: Please join us on Reformation Sunday, October 29, in observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in a Lutheran-Catholic service of worship, led in part by an ecumenical mass choir and by our Synod Bishop Craig Satterlee and Catholic Bishop David Walkowiak. Local rehearsals are here at CLC on October 11 (Wed.), 17 (Tues.) & 25 (Wed.) at 7:00 PM; full rehearsals at Trinity Lutheran are on Saturday, October 28, 10:30 AM, and at St. Andrews on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30 PM. We also invite you to join us as a **Reformation Choir** here at CLC on Sunday morning, October 29; rehearsals are October 11, 17, & 25.

Confirmation Mentors!! If you are a mentor of a Confirmation student, you are invited to join us for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, October 15, at 5:30 PM. Get to know your student, or get reacquainted with them after the busy summer! If you are new to mentoring and would like some additional information about what the program is like, feel free to come at 5:00 PM for a short 15-20 minute meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Art Show Greeters Are Needed: In connection with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we are one of six churches hosting artwork that ties in with the theme – Renewed in Word, Faith and Grace. We will open our church for viewing on the following dates and need volunteers to welcome visitors and hand out flyers on the artists and their work. Everyone with a smile is welcome to serve! Here are the dates that are still available:

Weds., October 18, 2-4 PM, Thurs., October 19, 5-7 PM, Weds., October 25, 2-4 PM, and Thurs., October 26, 5-7 PM. Please contact Sue Scharf at scscharf17@gmail.com or 430-2291 if you would like to help. Thanks so much!

Attention Blood Donors: Our next blood drive is set for November 5th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.! During the holidays, blood supply is low, so I need your help! I'd love to see a full schedule for this blood drive, so please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please see me, Whitney VanGessel or call me at 616-295-8750. Thanks for your donation.

Chili Cook-Off: On November 5, CLC is hosting a Chili Cook-Off! Sign up to enter your chili to challenge for the silver spoon trophy! We will hold this event right after 2nd Service in the Education Wing. All you need to do is sign up and bring a crock-pot full of chili on the 5th and you could take home the trophy! We will also be holding a **Youth Service Auction** to help with your chores that you don't want to do. Come and Bid on one of the youth and they will come help you with whatever task you need!

Hey Mosaic Graduates! If you would like to attend the State Gathering you are welcome to join us! See Steve and let him know you want to be included! State Gathering is held in the last week of the year from Dec. 27th – 30th.

Attention Women of CLC!! The date is set, so make sure to save it!! We are planning our second women's retreat for Saturday, April 21 through Sunday, April 22, 2018. We will be returning to Pine Ridge Bible Camp in Cedar Springs. We had a great first retreat last year and this year will only get better! Exact costs are not finalized yet, but for food and lodging we are looking at approximately \$60. That cost may change depending on what extra activities we plan for and any fundraising we do between now and then. This retreat is for any woman college age and up and is the perfect one night away that so many of you need, talk about, and wish for. So, clear the calendar and mark us down! We look forward to seeing you there. If you are interested in helping to plan this retreat, we will be meeting on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 PM here at church.

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Share Your CLC Event Pictures (with a brief description):
Email: pictures@clcwyoming.org

This is week four of a four week series delving into 1 Corinthians 16:2 – “On the first day of the week...each of you is to set something aside and store it up...as you may prosper...so that offerings need not be made when I come.”

Week 4

“so that offerings need not be made when I come”

Paul knew that if people waited to the last minute to set aside an offering for the saints of Judea, the gift would be much smaller than if they gathered the gift over a period of time. If they waited until he arrived, many would likely not be able to give at all. By giving weekly (systematically), in proportion to income, everyone would be able to give something and most would be able to give more.

It’s true. No scripture says, “Thou shalt surely fill out a commitment card annually.” However, just as the Corinthians were able to give more by giving in advance of Paul’s coming, we are able to give more when we plan for it. While prayer is the primary way to plan our giving, a commitment card is another way. It helps us be intentional about our giving rather than merely giving whatever is left over. Giving becomes a conscious decision rather than an occasional reflex to the passing of an offering plate.

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Love Yankee Candles? Want to help our youth? In the month of October, we are having a fundraiser through Yankee Candle. We receive 40% of every order! There are two ways to place an order: there are catalogs and order forms on the table in the Gathering Space; or you can also order online. To order online: visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter group number 999971254 and Start Shopping. These instructions are also on a handout by the catalogs. The sale will run until October 27th. Thank you!

Sunday School Offering Information: This year our Sunday School offering will be going towards Lutheran Disaster Relief. So, please encourage your children to bring in whatever they are able to each week as offering so that we can continue to help all those who have been devastated by recent weather-related disasters. For more information on how the funds are utilized by Lutheran Disaster Relief, please visit www.ELCA.org.

Christmas Program Planning: Believe it or not, it’s time to start thinking about Christmas! We will need to start putting together our Sunday School Christmas program shortly. If you are interested in helping out with that, please send Suzanne Snider an email at suzanne@clcwyoing.org and let her know.

Reminder From the Office: As we all get busy with the fall schedule, please check these announcements to be sure your meeting or event is listed. Do not assume Audrey knows what you have planned or when you meet – it is very helpful to have all group’s activities and meetings on the church calendar, so we can avoid double bookings and interruption of events. Thank you!

Bingo!! Please help provide items for the residents at Crestview (Heartland Healthcare) to purchase at the Bingo Store using the Bingo Bucks that are awarded when playing activities. Requested items include: puzzles, games, book activities, perfume/cologne, hats, blankets, and slippers. Donations should be in new or like-new condition and inexpensive. A box will be available in the Gathering Space through the month of October for your donations.

Gladiola School: There are two openings available to assist 1st Grade teachers at Gladiola. Assistance would also be welcomed on Fridays for the library. If you would like more information, please call Kathy Reister at 538-6585.

State Gathering Chaperone Needed: We are in need of a Female chaperone for State Gathering in Lansing in December. Currently, Steve Lundquist is the only adult going and we must have one female to also accompany our youth. If you would like to know more, talk to or email Steve at Steve@clcwyoming.org or see Kim Holwerda.

CLC Library is open and waiting for all ages to check out and read its books. Check out the table in the Gathering Space or take a walk down the hall to the library. We are using the “honor system” to take a book(s) home with you and return when you are finished reading.

Personal Care Pantry Update: 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.

Altar Flower Schedule: The 2018 Flower Chart is now posted on the door behind the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space. We will have one arrangement signup per Sunday at a cost of \$27.00. A notice will be sent to you with an envelope marked with your name, the date you selected, and the amount noted. You may place your payment in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the office, or send your payment via mail. You may purchase an arrangement to honor family or friend for a special occasion or dedicate it in memory of a loved one. On the line next to the date on the calendar please note the occasion and your name. The arrangement will be available at the Welcome Center after the service you noted on the chart.

Lutheran Disaster Response is in high gear now, with the addition of Hurricane Irma (one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic). You can choose to help victims from a specific hurricane or select “*where needed most*” when you make a donation. If you would like to help, please use the blue form available on the Welcome Center. You can mail a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 – write “Hurricane Response” on your check memo line. You can also give by phone: 800-638-3522 or give online at www.elca.org/disaster.

Do You Or Someone You Know Need A Visit? Our church has a rich history of caring for its members. In our interim period as we search for a new senior pastor, the need for mutual care is more important than ever. We want to be sure no one gets overlooked, whether it might be a quick phone call or a visit (at home or in the hospital) and maybe Communion, too. It is very important that we not assume that the church “just knows” if someone needs a visit or special care. Please contact Patrick Blanchard, our Outreach Coordinator, by phone (616-460-7150) or email (pblanchard13@live.com) to let him know of any situation. All requests will remain confidential.