

Light & Life

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“I am the Light of the World; he who follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have The Light of Life.” - John 8:20

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Christ Lutheran Church

1820 Knight Avenue North

Glencoe, Minnesota 55336



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am
Sunday School @ 9:30 am

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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

As members of Christ Lutheran we gather in worship, grow in God=s Word, serve in Jesus= name.



May you be blessed with
Discomfort at easy answers
Half-truths and superficial relationships
So that you will live
Deep in your heart

May you be blessed with
Anger at injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people and the earth
So that you will work for justice,
Equity, and peace.

May you be blessed with
Tears to shed for those who suffer
So you will reach out your hand
To comfort them
And change their pain to joy.

And, may you be blessed with
The foolishness to think
That you can make a difference in the world,
So that you will do the things
Others say cannot be done.

--Anonymous



God Calls Us To Adventures

When an adult bird knows it's time for its babies to fly, it starts to push. Now if the chick doesn't get it, the adult bird starts to peck at the talons or feet of the baby. And it gets to a point where it becomes more painful for the little bird to hold on than to let go.

You see, the adult bird knows there is no danger in making the baby bird do what it was designed to do. Birds have feet and can walk, and birds have talons and can cling, but walking and clinging was not what they were designed to do. And the mother bird knows that it is no big deal to force its babies to do what they were designed to do, which is...fly! Flying is what birds do best.

God knows that giving ourselves to God's work and kingdom and to others is what we do best. That's the design of the universe. And some of us look pathetic clinging to the dead branch of this world – the dead branch of bank accounts and of things – clinging to a nest of selfishness.

We don't think we can risk because we have never let go. God is calling you today to let go.

And when we do, we will be amazed at the experience. We will soar. We will soar in God's grace.

Anonymous

GOOD NEWS!! GOOD NEWS!!
Christ Lutheran's Sunday worship service
will be aired on local public access channel #
10 on Monday's at 3:00 pm and
Wednesday's at 2:00 pm.
Both weekly services are recordings
from the previous Sunday.

Chapel Communion Service
Wednesday, February 8th
@ 1:30 p.m.

"Grace"

Christ Lutheran Church
Lenten Devotional - 2012



"...by grace you have been saved..."

Ephesians 2:5

The members of Christ Lutheran are invited to participate in the writing of this year's Lenten Devotional. Our theme will be "Grace" in all its mystery and bounty!

A Scripture will be assigned for each day of our Lenten Journey together and contributors will be asked to share a brief reflection on it. Last year's devotional was inspirational and we are hoping for even greater participation this year!

A sign-up sheet and available Scriptures are in the Narthex. Don't miss this faith-sharing opportunity! Return your devotion to the church office by email at office@christluth.com or a written copy by February 9th.



Come and join us in the Chapel for a journey toward health and wholeness in 2012. Next session is Thursday, Feb. 9th & Feb. 23rd at 7 pm.

"YOUR WHOLE LIFE"

By Carol Showalter &
Maggie Davis MS. RD. LDN. FADA. CDE.

A 3D plan for

- Eating Right
- Living Well
- Loving God

Participant cost: \$25.00

Payable to Christ Lutheran Church

Includes:

- 12 Sessions (across 6 mos.)
- 365 day Devotional Book
- "Your Whole Life" Book
- Daily Journal

The 2012 Giving Envelopes are in the narthex! Please take time to pick up your envelopes and save us the cost of mailing them.

If you will be changing your giving amount for 2012 and are in "Simply Giving" you will need to fill out a "Simply Giving" form stating the change and submit this to the Treasurer or the church office. Forms are in the narthex or pick up at the church office.



Christian Education Corner

Leap of Faith is off to a great start! The group has only met together twice, and there are still books available for anyone that would still like to join us. "Your Whole Life" books are available in the office. Next meeting of LOF is February 9th at 7pm in the chapel.

There were 21 confirmation students and chaperones that cruised down to Mt. Kato for some downhill skiing on Sunday, January 22nd. Everyone had an extremely good time! Thank you to Scott Kuehn, Clark Christianson and Troy Higgins for agreeing to chaperone!

The Confirmation Student, Parent and Mentor meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30pm. Confirmation students and guides will meet for regular class after the meeting. Additional information will be mailed out in early February.

Lenten meals will begin on Wednesday, February 29th and will continue for 5 weeks. Confirmation students will be scheduled to help setup, serve and cleanup one of the 5 meals. The proceeds raised at the Lenten meals will be used for confirmation activities.

Sunday School Calendar for February 2012:

02/05/2012 – Rotation 3, Unit 3
02/12/2012 – Rotation 4, Unit 3
02/19/2012 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
02/26/2012 – Rotation 5, Unit 3

Sunday School Classroom Changes: The 3 & 4 year olds classroom has moved upstairs into the nursery. The kindergarten class will now meet in the Bible Quest classroom downstairs.

Our Sunday School Missions for February, 2012: God's Global Barnyard and Mittens and Socks for 18 mos. to 3 yrs.

Next **Mission Quest** event, March 18th, 2012.

THANK YOU TO:

To Jeff Mullenbach for his leading of the New Year's Day worship service.

To our ever-faithful musicians: Chris Starr, Peg Hatlestad, Vicky Harris and Twyla Kirkeby.

To the Ushers and Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, Cantors, Communion Servers who enhanced our worship life in the month of January.

To our digital projection and sound ministers: Susie Christianson, Dennis Davis, Renee Hansch, Zack & Dave Mellesmoen, Dalton Clouse, Maddy Kuehn, Josh Kuehn, Julie Hanson & Scott Kuehn.

To Susie Christianson for her digital projection expertise and design of our Sunday morning worships.

To Scott Kuehn for his video ministry of our Sunday morning worships.

To Mary Metag for her faithful service as our Communion bread baker.

To Twyla Kirkeby, Louise Carlson for their assistance with the special services at Grand Meadows and Long Term Care.

To Twyla Kirkeby, Kristin Roepke & Nancy Mellesmoen for their music leadership with the Rotational Sunday School.

To Suzann Adams and Sue Deckert for the sewing and cross stitching of the Baptism Banners.

To our hospitality ministers: Greeters and Coffee hour servers.

To our Confirmation guides and rotation Sunday School teachers and helpers who work diligently to hand on the faith!

To all the saints of Christ Lutheran for their passionate faithfulness!

To our outgoing council members: Bonnie Hahn & Dave Mellesmoen for their faithful service.

To the Youth Ministry Team, chaperones and high school students who helped with the 3rd-6th grade lock-in, held on January 14th.

To the Youth Ministry Team and chaperones who helped with the 7th-9th grade lock-in, held on January 28th.

To Jeanne Pagel for filling in for Kathy while she was out on vacation.

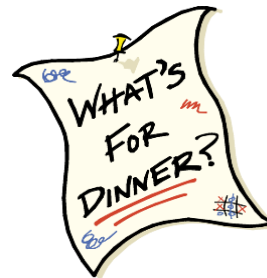


**Ash Wednesday
Worship Services will
be held on
Wednesday, February
22nd with Holy
Communion and
Ashes. Services are at
1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**



**Our Wednesday,
Lenten Worship services
will begin on February 29th
at 7:00 pm.**

Join us on this journey to
Easter.



2012 Lenten Meals

The confirmation students will be hosting the 2012 Wednesday Night Lenten meals beginning on Wednesday, February 29th. Dinner will be

served from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$5/person with a cap of \$20.00/family.

Menus for 2012 Lenten Meals:

February 29th – Turkey Gravy Over Potatoes, Corn and Dessert

March 7th – Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad and Dessert

March 14th – Tacos and Nachos with Fixings and Dessert

March 21st – Chili/Baked Potato Bar and Dessert

March 28th – Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad and Dessert

After dinner please join us and nourish your souls at our Lenten service at 7:00pm.



Tender Loving Care Cards - The Christ Lutheran women are once again preparing to mail out Tender Loving Care valentines with enclosed gift cards to the young adults of this congregation living away from home attending school, working, or serving in the armed services. Help us by turning in addresses to the church office by Sunday, Feb. 12th. Those who would like to donate dollars to cover the cost of gift cards may do so by turning money into the church office. Thank you for your participation in this outreach.



New Members!! In January we had 2 new members join our CLC church family. They are Joan Hatlestad & Rosie Nelson. Please take the time to welcome them into Christ Lutheran.



Family Game Night

Sunday, February 26th @ 4:30pm
 Grab your favorite board game and come and join us for some family fun and fellowship during **Family Game Night** at CLC in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and pop will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry team.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY!!

The Church Council has approved the establishing of a new Mission Fund at Christ Lutheran Church!

T.E.A.F.

This acronym stands for:
Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund

In an effort to meet the needs of people for whom other resources are not always available, our TEAF ingathering will provide some much needed support. Examples of assistance might be:

- A hot meal
- Overnight lodging
- Gas assistance
- Purchase of nonperishable items, Laundry detergent, Hygiene products, Etc.
- And other "one time" assistance as may be necessary

Glencoe has many wonderful resources available to help people in need – but there are circumstances that don't fit any category and sadly needs go unmet.

The purpose of this Fund is to provide a measure of relief and to connect people with other more sustainable alternatives. Most importantly, we will be providing a service on behalf of our neighbors (whoever they may be) in a manner that is Christ-like.

The last Sunday of each month will be designated as **TEAF Ingathering** and those who wish to contribute may do so. Checks made payable to CLC should have **TEAF** placed in the Memo line and envelopes should likewise be clearly marked.

Whenever our Fund balance exceeds \$800, the Mission Social Concerns Ministry Team will see that it is utilized for other Mission needs.



Coming Soon...
"The Ties that Bind"
 What could it be?
 Saturday, May 12, 2012
 @ 11:30am



February 2012
WELCA NEWS
Christ Lutheran Church
Women

Your 2012 Coordinating Team:

Cheryl McDougall (Pres.) Jan. – April

Nita Enderson (Pres.) May - Aug

Linda Simonson (Pres.) Sept. - Dec

Charlotte Dittmer (Treasurer)

Please make note of the Coordinating Team for the year 2012.

We would like to add another member to the team. Please give us some prayerful thought. Let one of the team know if you would like to join.

2011-12 Bible Study
To Follow and to Serve:
The Gospel of Mark

Attend a CIRCLE for study and fellowship. You may attend any of the circles; watch the Sunday bulletin for meeting times and places. **SARAH CIRCLE meets the 2ND TUES evening of each month. NAOMI CIRCLE meets the 3RD THURS morning of each month. RACHEL CIRCLE meets the 2ND THURS morning of each month.**

The 2011-2012 Bible study emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. We are called to a living faith, a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to follow the one we first meet in Mark's Gospel at his baptism at the River Jordan. **Theme Verse is "Take heart; get up, (Jesus) is calling you." Mark 10:49b.**

Session 6: February Tough Questions In these verses we encounter formidable questions. Several are posed for Jesus, but Jesus also asks difficult things of his followers. **Theme verse Mark 10:49 "Take heart, get up, he is calling you"**

CLCW NEWS AND NOTES

The name has changed and some of the emphasis. Lutheran Woman Today is now called "**Gather**" with the subtitle "**for faith and action**". To order your magazine call 800-328-4648. It has many wonderful articles along with the monthly study that is used by our circles. Our CLC Women buy the devotional books "The Word in Season" and "Christ in Our Home". They can be found in the racks by the stairway. Please take one to use for your personal devotions. People have started to use more so we did increase our order.

Upcoming Events

February 5th or 12th - TLC (Tender Loving Cards) will be made by Sunday School students to be sent to our young singles in college, the service or working away from home. A gift card will also be enclosed. Make sure you have turned in names and addresses of single youth to the church office.

Monday March 19th 6:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting at Milly Beneke – Everyone is welcome to come and play Apples to Apples game, win prizes and enjoy dessert.

Start saving or looking for items for **Personal Care Kits** they will be the in-kind offering for the **25th Synodical Convention on Friday & Saturday, June 15-16.**

- **One light or medium-weight bath-size towel (approx. 52"x27"), dark color not recommended**
- **Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping**
- **One adult-size toothbrush in its original package.**
- **One sturdy comb, remove package**
- **One metal nail clipper**

Charlotte Dittmer, CLCW Reporter 2011

2nd Annual Women's Lenten Retreat

March 23-24th, 2012

Spirituality Center
St. Joseph, MN

Check-In
Friday, March 23rd
5:00pm

Closing Meal
Saturday, March 24th
Noon

Sign-up Available
February 26th, 2012

\$70 - *Double Room*
\$75 - *Single Room*

Limited to 20 participants.

