



Christ Lutheran Church

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"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" – Matthew 5:5

The Councils of the Church

I remember sitting in on church meetings as a young child, then as a guest, then as a member. I listened to the numbers, the topics, the speeches. I understand important decisions were made and responsibilities were fulfilled. What I appreciate most both then and now is that conversations contained the full spectrum of energy from levity to earnestness to frustration and on occasion hostility. When I read the book of Acts, I see the same spectrum representing the early church

leaders' meetings. Meetings can be a beautiful gift to share and celebrate our labors and all the energy required to fulfill them. May God continue to bless the mission planted at Christ Lutheran. Your presence matters at the annual meeting this Sunday after worship. Please come. Hopefully you received either the electronic or paper copy of the annual report which chronicles the labor of love of a congregation who joyfully fulfills the mission God continues to nurture here.

Church Events

- Jan 25th – Pastor's Text Study
- Jan 25th – Bell Choir Practice
- Jan 25th – Confirmation
- Jan 25th – Choir Practice
- Jan 26th – Men's Bible Study
- Jan 26th – WELCA Meeting
- Jan 26th – Women's Coffee
- Jan 26th – Audit Committee Meeting
- Jan 28th – NA Meeting
- Jan 29th – Worship Service
- Jan 29th – Sunday School
- Jan 29th – Annual Church Meeting
- Jan 30th – Quilters
- Jan 31st – Women's Bible Study
- Jan 31st – NA Women's Meeting

Calendar Highlights

Pastor's Text Study (January 25th @ 1 PM)

Local pastors meet at Christ Lutheran to review upcoming liturgy and scripture.

Bell Choir Practice (January 25th @ 5:30 PM)

Christ Lutheran's Bell Choir meets for their weekly practice in the Sanctuary.

Confirmation (January 25th @ 5:50 PM)

Our weekly confirmation lessons. This week's lessons are as follows: 7th Grade – The Annunciation, 8th Grade – Five Important Things Lutheran Reformers Wrote, 9th Grade – How to Share your Faith.

Choir Practice (January 25th @ 6:15 PM)

Choir's weekly practice located in the Chapel. All are welcome to join!

Men's Bible Study (January 26th @ 9 AM)

Join us as we look at this week's scripture lessons: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and Matthew 5:1-12.

WELCA Meeting (January 26th @ 9 AM)

Our Women in ELCA leaders meet in the Narthex.

Women's Coffee (January 26th @ 10 AM)

An informal gathering in the Narthex. Join us for coffee, snacks, and discussion!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Envelopes Are Here

Next year's offering envelopes have arrived! They are all set-out on a table in the Narthex, in front of the Sanctuary. Please pick up your envelopes as your earliest convenience.

Christian Education Thrivent Grants

Thrivent Grants are a great way to donate to Christian Education activities and projects at Christ Lutheran, including Lenten Soup Suppers and Easter Breakfast. If you have accounts with Thrivent, you are eligible to access a \$250 grant, twice a year, by doing an online application. The application is short and simple. Contact Tiffany Simonson, Christian Education Coordinator, at 320-510-0513, for questions or help in completing the application.

Annual Message from Synod Bishop

Bishop Dee Pederson's Annual Message to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Each year, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Bishop puts out a message wrapping up that year's experiences and looking forward to the next year. Bishop Dee Pederson has recently put out her annual message, and we've included a portion of it here. I encourage you to view the full message on the SW Minnesota Synod's website, linked at the end of this newsletter.

"One of the beautiful parts of synod ministry

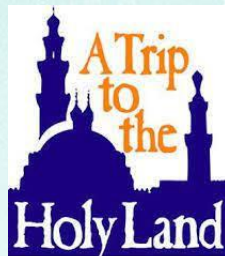
involves driving across this large territory and seeing the changing colors from one season to the next: bright yellow-greens of springtime, rich deep greens of summer, the golden crops in late summer, the brilliant colors of leaves in the fall, and then the rich dark soil of early winter.

beautiful images: as coworkers in God's service, a field, and a building! As we look ahead to 2023, I consider the image of the church as a field."

- Bishop Dee

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul describes the church in

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



You're invited on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. My friend Mary asked me to go to the Holy Land with her and now we are inviting others!

Your Spiritual Director will be the Rev H Elizabeth Becker. The tour will be from February 20th until March 2nd in 2024. More information about the trip and registration are available at portal.myfaithjourneys.com or click the link at the end of this newsletter labelled **Pilgrimage**. Our group Code is 24006.

Job Openings at Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran is looking to fill two part-time positions: Choir Director and Bell Choir Director. For more information about either position, or for applications, please contact Pastor Elizabeth Becker at pastorelizabeth@christluth.com.

Synod Conference Openings

Two positions are available for laity to serve in the Minnesota Valley Conference of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. First is a three-year term on the Synod Nominating Committee. Second is the Vryheid Chair for a limited term. Please contact Pastor Elizabeth if you would like to be nominated.

Worship Helpers

Scheduled worship helpers for upcoming worship services. Questions or changes can be sent to office@christluth.com.

January 29th

Lector: Jan Petrick

Cantor: Denny Davis

Ushers: Wally Rannow, Becky Peterson

Greeters: Mike & Jill Sundblad

Refreshments: Louise Carlson

Acolyte: Hunter Hardel

February 5th

Lector: Connie Duenow

Cantor: Vicky Harris

Usher: Kevin Menning, Peg Menning

Communion Assistants: Shari O'Donnell,

Mary Metag, Connie Heitz, Becky Olmstead

Greeters: Gloria Lovett

Refreshments: Gustafson's and Enderson's

Acolyte: Logan Bruch

February 12th

Lector: Trevor Kirchoff

Cantor: Katherine Grant

Ushers: John Bergseng, Jeff Grant,

Connie Duenow

Communion Assistants: Kayla Muenchow,

Louise Carlson,

Linda Simonson

Greeters: Rosie Nelson

Refreshments: Charlotte Dittmer

Acolyte: Kate Metag

February 19th

Lector: Dave Meyer

Cantor: Becky Peterson

Ushers: Joan Johnson, Mark Johnson, Duane

McDougall

Communion Assistants: Jon Braband, Connie

Duenow, Carla Kuehn

Greeters: Sharon Gutknecht

Refreshments: Jerry & Mary Jo

Schimelpfenig

Acolyte: Winnie Beste Zehnder



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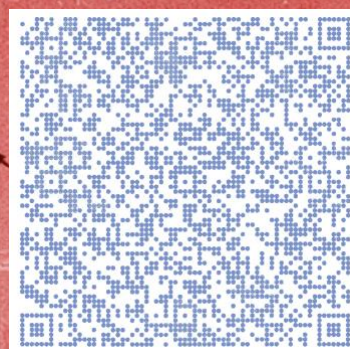
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Calendar Highlights Continued

Audit Committee Meeting (January 26th @ 5:30 PM)

Christ Lutheran Audit Committee meets to review 2022 financial records before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th.

NA Meeting (January 28th @ 6 PM)

Weekly meeting for those participating in the NA program.

Worship Service (January 29th @ 9 AM)

Our Sunday worship service! Join us in-person or watch the livestream online as we continue to celebrate Epiphany.

Sunday School (January 29th @ 10 AM)

Our weekly Sunday School classes. This week's lessons center around Disciples and are the 2nd classes in this series.

Annual Meeting (10 AM @ 10 AM)

Open to all congregation members, this is the CLC Annual Meeting. We will go over the previous year's reports, budgets, and elections. Hosted in the Sanctuary after worship.

Quilters (January 30th @ 1 PM)

CLC Quilters gather to continue creating quilts for those in need.

Women's Bible Study (January 31st @ 10 AM)

Join us as we look at next week's scripture lessons: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, and Matthew 5:13-20.

NA Women's Meeting (January 31st @ 5:30 PM)

Weekly meeting for those participating in the NA Women's program.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence

This self-guided journey from the ELCA is a free pdf that contains prayers, links for study and videos, and reflections from scripture. In conjunction with this, John Bergseng is offering an Adult Forum on the topic of Gun Violence (details below). Find the link to the pdf at the end of this newsletter.

Adult Forum on Gun Violence

John Bergseng, CLC's Adult Education leader, will be continuing the forum series regarding gun violence and faith next Sunday, February 5th (rather than Sunday, January 29th, as the Annual Meeting will be taking place that Sunday). The materials and format of the forums are taken from the Faith Over Fear study from the Deitrich Bonhoeffer Institute (see the end of the newsletter for a link to more information about this faith study).

Christian Education Updates

Would You Be a Faith Mentor?

Faith Mentoring is part of the confirmation process and will meet with them during Lent. Being a Faith Mentor is a 3-year commitment where you meet weekly during the 5 weeks of Lent for 20-30 minutes before or

after worship with your student to discuss a specific faith/life issue. Discussion guides are provided for mentors for all weeks. You will meet each year during Lent with your student during their 3 years of Confirmation. There is a short Faith Mentor Orientation meeting where we

will get you all the information. If you would be willing to be a Faith Mentor or have questions, please connect with Tiffany by Jan 30th.

This year's Lenten dates: Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22, and Mar 29.

Season of Lent

The season of Lent is fast approaching!

This is just a reminder to all students and parents that the Lent season brings several extra events, tasks, and worship services. We will keep you up-to-date about all of these before and while they are happening, so please stay tuned!

Important Christian Education dates will begin appearing on this page as the weeks move forward, and our Christian Education team will work to keep you informed of all upcoming responsibilities. We look forward to the celebrations and hope to see you there!

Worship Assistant Sign-Up

Don't forget to continue signing-up for worship assistant positions! The student requirements are listed at the top of the sign-up sheet, which is linked at the end of the newsletter. For any questions, please contact Tiffany Simonson at clceducation@christluth.com.

Church Council January Meeting Highlights

Missions and Social Concerns

The Missions Committee requests a noisy pail offering for Kids Against Hunger on February 12th. Although emphasis is on Feb. 12th, donations can be submitted through the end of the month.

Ministry Team Changes/Additions

Kristin Kohout, Brittany Myers, and Elisa Dording joined the Education Ministry Team.

Christian Education

We are looking for a volunteer to lead our Preschool/Kindergarten class for our 5th rotation starting Feb 26th through March 19th. If someone is interested in assisting with SS classes, they should contact Pastor Elizabeth or Tiffany ASAP. All lesson plans and supplies are provided.

Proposed 2023 Budget

There was discussion regarding the proposed 2023 Budget from the Budget Team.

Items of discussion were church attendance, expenses, hours of employees, and proposal to raise funds to pay off the mortgage.

There was a Motion to adopt the proposed 2023 Budget as presented and to recommend it to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval. M/S/C 1 opposing vote

Christ Lutheran's Annual Meeting

Christ Lutheran Church's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, following that Sunday's worship service. The Annual Meeting is held to conduct elections, approve the budget and other standard business of the voting members. CLC's 2022 Annual Report is now available, printed versions are set out in the Narthex near the Sanctuary.

Women's Coffee Hour

The women of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to gather in the Narthex January 26th at 10 AM. This is a monthly event, where you are invited to gather for informal discussion, coffee, and snacks. Join us!

Christ Lutheran Profile Update

The Christ Lutheran Ministry Site Profile is being updated and will soon be refreshed on the ELCA website.