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Sharing Mission, Ministry,
and Life in Christ

GOD SIGHTINGS— WHERE ARE YOU SEARCHING ?

Many of my summers as a young adult were spent at camp or on a mission trip with my youth group. As we gathered to reflect on the day, we would go around the circle and share a high point from the day, a low point from the day, and where we saw God at work that day. Many of the Vacation Bible School curriculums also include these reflection questions. Group Publishing refers to these as "God Sightings" and encourages kids to be investigators for God's work in the world.

As we enter into the summer season, I invite you to be on the lookout for God at work around you - whether at home, work, or on a

trip that was longed for last summer. Perhaps you see God at work as you sit in your backyard or enjoy a particularly lovely summer day. Maybe you see God at work as you admire the wonderful works of God's creation. Perhaps you feel the Holy Spirit move in your life, or you see someone serving as the hands and feet of Christ as they love their neighbor.



As you see God at work in your day-to-day life, I invite you to share these moments with others. Consider writing me an email, sending me a message, snapping a picture, or giving me a call to share where you saw God this summer. Happy searching!



IN THE CLC FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to the Bartlett family on the death of their aunt, Queenie Schmidt, whose life was celebrated at Christ Lutheran on May 1 We extend our sympathy to the family of Karen Swanson, who died on May 12. May light perpetual shine on them. + Congratulations to our former vicar, Katrina Steingraeber, who graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology on May 23.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Are you new to Christ Lutheran? Do you know someone who is? Would you like to learn more about CLC's ministries? Join us at our Newcomers Orientation and Luncheon at 11:00 am on **Sunday, June 6**. Persons who joined our congregation during the pandemic will also be received at worship that day. Register your desire to attend with Pastor Twila or with Craig Carlson, Evangelism Team chair.

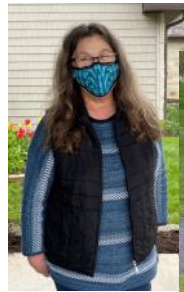


This verse in Proverbs (16:24) is a reflection of the kindness shown to me the past few weeks. Thank you CLC for the card shower and farewell gift. I appreciate your generosity and gracious goodbyes. My time among you has been a pleasure, and I thank you for allowing me to walk with you. Please hold me in your prayers as I transition into a new chapter, and I will continue to pray for you and the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. God's peace, Valerie Dusso



CONGRAGULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Congratulations to the following young people who affirmed their baptism on Pentecost Sunday: Camden Flack, Natalie Mander, William Anderzon, and Soren Steingraeber. May God richly bless them on their faith journeys.



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ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

Students seeking scholarships and agencies wishing to apply for grant funding are encouraged to apply to the Christ Lutheran Endowment Fund by noon of the **last business day in June**. Applications for both scholarships and agency grants are available on the counter in the gathering space or online—www.makingchristknown.org/give. Questions may be addressed to MEF Committee Chair, Pat Mucha, or Pastor Twila.

June 6, 2021

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 13, 2021

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 20, 2021

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3,23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 27, 2021

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

HEALTH LOSS, LIFE QUALITY, AND GRIEF GROUP

Our next meeting is the Tuesday, June 15 beginning at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Patricia Cox for details.

SUMMER CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Any youth, in 4th grade or above, are invited to join us for our summer Confirmation module. We will meet in the morning during the week of July 12-16, beginning at 9:30 am. We will learn about the sacraments of Baptism and Communion! If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Laura.

MAKE LIGHT WORK



PILGRIMAGE "IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL" RESCHEDULED

Our congregational pilgrimage to Greece to journey in the steps of St. Paul has been rescheduled, due to COVID. The new tentative dates are **October 2/3 - 14, 2022**. If you are interested in participating in this amazing journey, please let Pastor Twila know.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW STAFF



On Sunday, May 23, we celebrated the installation of Deacon Laura Gorton and new music ministers, Christina Parkinson and Dagny Brandt. We rejoice that God has provided such gifted persons to serve among and alongside us



VBS REGISTRATION: THERE IS STILL TIME

Paul is getting excited to share his story of spreading the story of Jesus with us. It's not too late to register for our virtual VBS! Please register on our website by June 4th. Direct any questions to Deacon Laura



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS NEEDED

Do you own a Thrivent financial product? Did you know that you can write two "action teams" a year, earning up to \$500 for your favorite charity or project? It's easy! Let Pastor Twila or Nancy Bieck know if you'd like to help. We have several upcoming projects which could benefit from your support!



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Our Staff

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TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER WORSHIP: JUNE 8-SEPTEMBER 7

Each week we reflect on themes to grow in spiritual awareness and connect with Christ in Creation. In case of inclement weather, we will worship indoors.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, June 6
Receive New Members

Sunday, June 20
Installation of Michelle Nelson

Tuesday, July 20
Blood Drive