

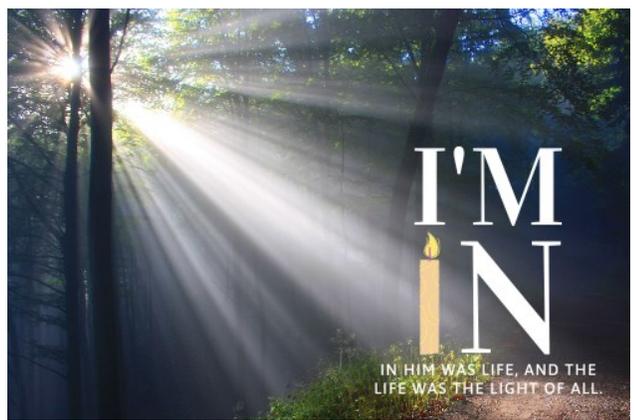
An INvitation!

I'm IN-vited! And so are you!

Friends in Christ, on Rally Sunday we celebrated the gifts of time, talent, and spiritual growth each of us is INvited to share. Now, the time has come for our Stewardship Team to INvite us to share through our generosity. "I'm IN!" Are you?

That's probably a hard question to answer if we don't know what stewardship is or why it matters. It's hard for us to be "in" on anything until we know what it is we're getting IN-to. What is financial stewardship? Put simply, we are stewards of the resources that are in our care, by good fortune, privileged circumstances, hard work, wise investing or a combination of the above. Regardless of how much money we have to our name, we are stewards of those resources. And even if we don't have a dollar to our name, we are stewards of the life we have been given.

How do we say thank you to God for life itself? How do we say thank you to God for the communities that help us live that life to the fullest? First, we practice gratitude. We seek to not take our blessings for granted. And—we give. We give of our time, our unique gifts and skills, and of our finances. We are generous just as God is generous with us. That is stewardship. Our scriptural theme this year INvites us to reflect on God's generosity through the gift of Jesus. John 1:4 reads, "IN him was life, and the life was the light of all."



Beginning in October, you will have many opportunities to give thanks for the light of Christ in your life:

- Our stewardship testimonials will lift up a diversity of voices within our congregation. Look forward to hearing Diane Peters, Bill Blackburn, Dagny Brandt, and Deacon Laura Gorton reflect on how life in the church INvites them to share their gifts.
- On October 30 immediately after the late service, our annual Stewardship Banquet will be held at the Hoffman House. We are delighted to welcome Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, Secretary of the ELCA, as our banquet keynote speaker.
- Beginning Sunday, October 2, you will have the opportunity to make your financial commitment to ministry either by 1) early pledging at CLC, 2) online pledging at makingChristknown.org, or 3) mailing in your pledge.
- In the weeks to come, you will have an opportunity to sponsor a meal, a couple, a family, or a table for our banquet. Your support will help us ensure that everyone who wishes to is able to attend!

If you have questions about stewardship at Christ Lutheran, contact any member of the Stewardship Team: Marti Bein (co-chair), Colleen Hanson (co-chair), Jim

Rostered Leaders Appreciation Month
 October is Pastor/Rostered Leaders Appreciation Month. We encourage you to lift up Pastor Twila, Deacon Laura, and Deacon Jennifer in prayer, and reach out to them with encouragement and thanksgiving for their gifts to us and CLC's ministry. God has surely blessed us with our leaders!

Hanson, Barb Johnson, Drew Madura, Dave Swanson, Katie Belinson, or myself.

In gratitude for you,
P. Twila

Sharing Mission, Ministry,
and Life in Christ

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Welcome Newcomers

On September 25, we welcomed Dagny Brandt and Micki Arana into the Christ Lutheran fellowship. Folks may already know Dagny, as she serves as Spirit Singers director.

In the weeks to come, take a moment to get acquainted with them and help them to feel at home. Welcome, Dagny and Micki!



Dagny Brandt



Micki Arana

In the Christ Lutheran Family

Congratulations to Jim and Sally Wonder who recently celebrated 40 years of marriage! May God bring them many more years of health and happiness. . .

Please keep 24 CLC members and friends in your prayers for safe travel as they explore the cities and sites of St. Paul's Second Missionary Journey in Greece and Turkey.

Adult Forum *Sundays 9:30 a.m.*

October 2, 9, & 16

From Judgment to Hope: A Study on the Prophets

Join us as we continue to explore the prophetic writings of the Old Testament on the first three Sundays of the month.

beginning October 23

Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament

Join us when our adult forum will explore *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*. In five weeks, we will overview ten common "lies" or mistruths about the Old Testament, from perceptions of God's personality (the "angry Old Testament God") to the relevance of the Old Testament for Christians. Discover why stories and laws written thousands of years ago, centuries before Christ, are enriching for us today.

Library Pick of the Month

(From the back cover) "Life Together is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. It reads like one of Paul's letters, giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship."

Check it out from the PATHWAYS library today!

Welcome, Bishop Fidlar

The Rev. Stacie Fidlar will be installed as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will officiate. A reception follows the service with a light lunch served. All are welcome to attend.



Rally Sunday Success

What a tremendous celebration we had on August 28 to kick off our program year. A big thanks to all who helped, donated, and participated.

worship, ministry fair, food, games



October 2, 2022

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2022

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2022

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2022

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2022

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Service and Outreach

The annual CROP Walk, which raises money to help end hunger both here and abroad, is Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. Join us for the 4K walk by visiting events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/laura-gorton to donate or sign up online. A sign up sheet can also be found in the gathering space. The walk begins and ends at the Riverfront Museum Park at 711 N. Main St., Rockford.

Young Adults

All young adults (21-40ish) are invited to join us for the first Brunch & Bible Study of our new year on Sunday, October 23 at 12:00 p.m. We'll dive into this year's study focus: the prophets. If interested, please contact Deacon Laura.



it's a young adult thing



Text Program

- real time receipt of CLC breaking news
- convenient delivery to your phone
- short, quick messages
- few texts per month
- no special app needed
- unsubscribe at any time

Sign up in the gathering space, or email Katie Belinson (katie@makingChristknown.org) with your cell number to get signed up.



Sign Up Today!

Get connected with us through your phone!

Our new texting program is convenient, easy, and useful. No barrage of texts to your device — just a few short messages per month to keep you updated on CLC news. Contact Katie Belinson to get signed up.

Christ in Literature

On October 3 at 3:00 p.m., we will discuss *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. It is the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth.

On November 7, we will be discussing *Hudson Bay Bound* by Natalie Warren. It is the true story of two best friends that decide, right after their college graduation, to canoe from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay—a grueling 2,000 mile journey made famous by Eric Severeid in his 1935 classic *Canoeing with the Cree*.

Bookmarks showing the selections for this year are available in the gathering space. Christ in Literature meets the first Monday of most months, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us. Questions can be directed to Barb Weidman.

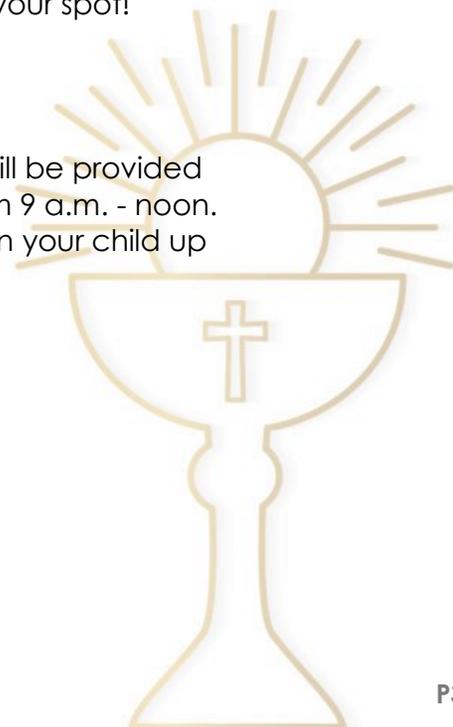
Fall Book Study

Deacon Laura will lead a book study on Diana Butler Bass' *Freeing Jesus*. In this book, the author explores the many images of Jesus we encounter throughout a lifetime as our faith is shaped through our experiences.

The class will take place on Wednesdays beginning on October 19. There will be two options: 10:00 a.m. in person or 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Books will be provided. Contact Deacon Laura to sign up and reserve your spot!

First Communion

First Communion instruction will be provided on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. - noon. Contact Deacon Laura to sign your child up for this class.





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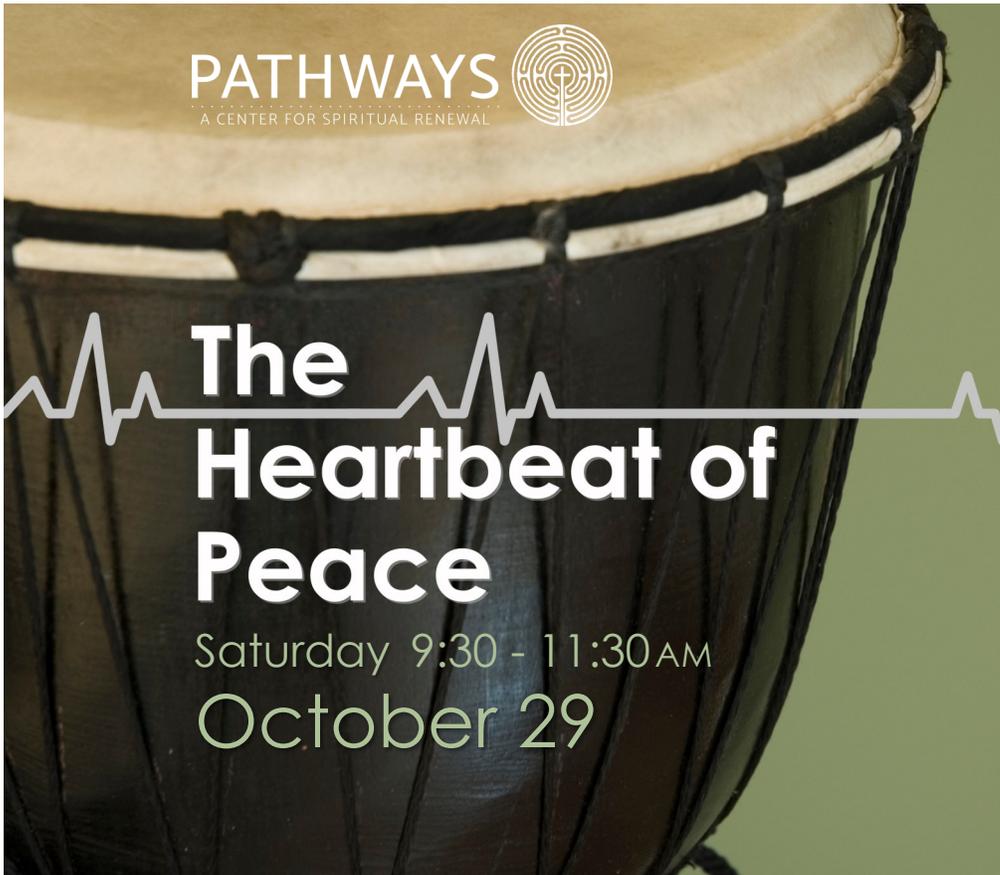
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PATHWAYS 
A CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

The Heartbeat of Peace

Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM
October 29

a free drumming workshop
led by
Deacon Jennifer Fox & Jeff Leach

Join us for reflective worship focused on the rhythm of the heart, participatory African drum circle, and meditative chair yoga centered on breathing and inner peace. A gathering time begins at 9 am. Free will offering collected.

Visit seekthepath.org for more details and online registration.