

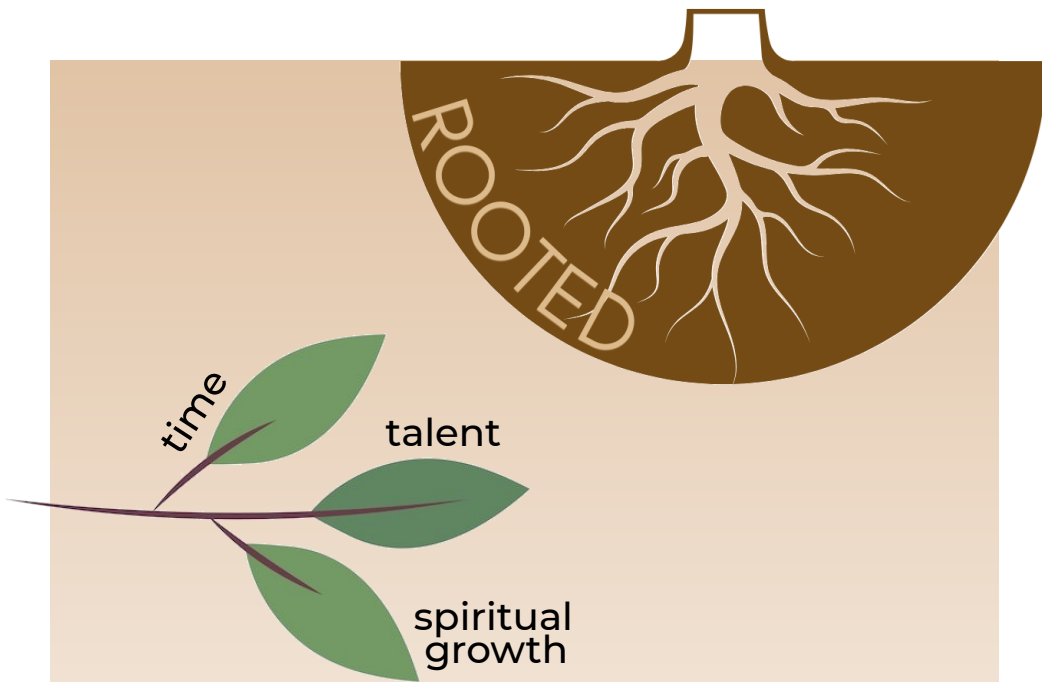
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# Time and Talent

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

EPHESIANS 3:16-17

ROOTED



**Please complete the Ministry & Learning Commitment form and return to CLC by September 8.\***

ONLINE FORM SUBMISSIONS PREFERRED.

Visit [makingChristknown.org](http://makingChristknown.org) to access the forms.

To grow as Christ's disciple, you're invited to participate in one or more of Christ Lutheran's ministry and spiritual growth opportunities. Please prayerfully consider how you are called to offer your time and talent in a ministry rooted in Christ's love. Training is provided.

By taking part in one or more opportunities, it is CLC's hope that you will build new relationships, pray for one another, and grow in discipleship.

***\*Ministry areas shaded in green on the following pages are especially in need of additional volunteers.***



## COMMUNICATION

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### **Evangelism Team** (Jeff Bieck / Katie Belinson)

Connect with and tell others about this great congregation as well as follow up with current visitors. Committee work includes oversight of newcomer orientations and welcoming new members.

### **Friday Folders** (Michelle Nelson / Katie Belinson)

Help us complete our publications and Sunday bulletins while enjoying great fellowship as well!

### **New Member Sponsors** (Sharon Bramel)

Be among those who intentionally work to acquaint new members with our congregation and to help integrate them into the life of our church family.

### **Photographer** (Katie Belinson)

Strengthen our communications efforts by serving as a photographer at congregational events. Amateur photogs gladly accepted!



## SPIRITUAL LIFE / PATHWAYS

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### **Caregivers** (Jean Salley)

Join a group of folks who are trained to provide care and support to those in need of a caring presence. Serve as a prayer partner. Bring the sacrament of Holy Communion—blessed by the pastor on Sunday morning—to those who are homebound.

### **Common Threads Prayer Shawl Ministry** (Karen Glavin)

This group knits, crochets, stitches, or ties shawls. These prayer shawls are blessed, then given to those in need of a reminder of Christ's presence.

### **PATHWAYS** (Karen Glavin)

Be a part of the team that encourages our members to develop and intentionally express their Christian faith in the world through education, retreats, spiritual practices and more.

### **Prayer Chain** (Karen Hagen)

Join with other Prayer Warriors who pray privately, daily, and confidentially for specific prayer requests that are received through our Welcome Cards, website, or office contact.



# WORSHIP

*Please contact Deacon Laura Gorton to learn about volunteer opportunities that do not otherwise list a contact person.*

## **Acolyte/Crucifer**

The acolyte (grade three through adult) lights the altar candles and leads worship processions with the processional cross.

## **Altar Preparations**

This ministry is responsible for changing the altar paraments, linens, and the banners, plus general cleaning and "Welcome Book" preparation.

## **Assisting Minister**

The Assisting Minister assists with congregational prayer, setting of the table, and distributing Holy Communion. Training will be provided prior to serving in this role. This ministry is open to any person who has affirmed their baptism.

## **Coffee Host**

Coffee Hosts prepare carafes of coffee and fellowship refreshments. Also responsible for overseeing clean-up.

## **Communion Assistant**

Communion Assistants assist with the distribution of wine during Holy Communion using a pouring chalice.

## **Communion Bread Baker**

Bread Bakers prepare 4-8 loaves of bread using a recipe provided by the church to be used in each celebration of Holy Communion. Youth in grade three through adult are encouraged to be involved in this ministry in partnership with their parents.

## **Communion Preparation & Clean Up**

Prepare the altar with communion vessels, linens, bread, and wine. Following worship, return vessels and linens to the sacristy and reverently dispose of the remaining bread and wine. Children and youth are encouraged to help a parent or other adult.

## **Donut Pick-up**

Pick up the standing order of donuts from the bakery and bring them to the church one hour before worship begins.

## **Greeters**

Welcome all who enter the church for worship as an expression of the congregation's hospitality. A great ministry for a family to do together!

## **Lector**

During worship services, lectors read most of the assigned scripture passages for the day.

## **Linens and Vestments**

Take soiled communion linens and vestments home, wash and iron them, and return them to the church by the following Friday.

## **Sacristan**

The sacristan ensures that all worship participants are present and ready to serve before each service. They secure substitutes as needed.

## **Worship Hosts**

Greet worshippers at the entrance to the worship space. This hospitality ministry includes distributing bulletins, receiving offering, seating, and helping those with special needs. Also, ushering and presentation of the communion elements are a part of this ministry.

## **Worship Prayer Team**

Gather with worship leaders on Sunday morning to pray for those worshipping that day, those serving, and for any other needs.



## **MUSIC**

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### **Handbell Choir** (Chris Parkinson / Jennifer Fox)

The handbell choir, open to high school through adult, provides special music at worship services. Music reading skills are required, but bell ringing experience is not necessary.

### **Instrumentalist** (Jennifer Fox)

For those with experience playing as an instrumentalist in a small group or solo setting and who would like to participate in a worship setting.

### **Spirit Singers** (Dagny Brandt / Jennifer Fox)

This is the choir comprised of those in grade six through adult who provide special music at many worship services. A love of music is all that is required.

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# EDUCATION

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## **Adult Confirmation** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Offered upon request, this class supports adults who wish to learn more about Lutheran identity, Martin Luther's catechism, worship, and belief in the Christian church.

## **Adult Forums** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Meeting Sunday mornings at 9:30 between September and May, this gathering explores a wide range of topics, including Bible study, world religions, ethical issues, spirituality, Lutheran identity, and more.

## **Baptismal Readiness** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

What is baptism? Is it necessary for salvation? Baptismal preparation is provided for both adults who are new to the faith and for infants whose parent(s) wish to help them grow in faith.

## **Communion Readiness** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

What is communion? Why do we practice it? What do all those words mean? CLC offers classes to teach about communion. Speak with Deacon Laura if your child is indicating readiness to receive communion.

## **Confirmation** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

All youth, grades four through nine who feel spiritually ready, are invited to participate in confirmation, a time of Christian learning, service, and fellowship which leads to Affirmation of Baptism.

## **Godly Play** (Sally Wonder / Deacon Laura Gorton)

For preschoolers through grade five, all are invited to join on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am during the academic year for fun, interactive learning.

## **VBS Task Force** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Work on a team to help plan and oversee our Vacation Bible School program.

## **VBS Volunteer** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Reach out to our neighborhood children by volunteering to teach, prepare snacks, lead music, or lend a hand during our VBS program.

## **Youth Group** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Enjoy fellowship with your friends at CLC. Open to all middle school and high school youth.



## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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### **Bread Delivery** (Margie Belmont / Patricia Cox)

Deliver a loaf of bread to the home of our first time worship guests. If the person is home, share a word of thanks for worshipping with us.

### **Blood Drive** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Help us meet the area blood supply needs with our blood drives, held on a Tuesday, 2:00-6:00 pm, every several months. There are many ways to lend a hand — help set up, donate and/or serve food, clean up, and/or donate blood.

### **Driving & Meals** (Sue Yakey)

Provide a meal or rides for someone who is ill or for new parents as the need arises.

### **Funeral Luncheon** (Holly Munch / Michelle Nelson)

Support grieving families by providing food or by assisting in the kitchen with meal hospitality.

### **Mosaic Volunteer** (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Help us be “a home away from home” for our friends from Mosaic, a community of clients with developmental challenges. A great opportunity to give and receive at both our Friday Hub meetings (led once a month) and Rejoicing Spirits worship (twice a month offsite).

### **Service & Outreach Team** (Alicia Block / Sue Hunter)

Collaborate with others to serve our community. This team nurtures our companion congregation relationships, supports a missionary, and partners with local and global organizations.



## FINANCE

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### **Finance Advisory Team** (Jeff Bieck)

Assist with budget planning and audit recommendations, as well as provide guidance for long- and short-term financial planning.

### **Offering Counter** (Peter Hightower / Judy Kinney)

Offering Counters work with one other person on a set rotation. Offerings are counted either on Sunday or the following Monday. Must have been a CLC member for a minimum of one year.



## GROUNDS AND FACILITY

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### **Building & Grounds Team**

Join forces with other members to keep the grounds in tip-top shape and maintain our facility and its infrastructure. All talents and interests are needed!

### **Memorial Garden Care** (Sharon Bramel)

Help maintain and beautify the grounds surrounding our prayer labyrinth and columbarium. Work on your own schedule.

### **Office Volunteer** (Michelle Nelson)

Help in the church office a morning or afternoon each week (9:00 am-noon or noon-3:00 pm). Answer phones and do other tasks as agreed upon.



## STEWARDSHIP

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### **Stewardship Team** (Pam Schupbach / Deacon Laura Gorton)

Be a part of the team that addresses both the financial health of Christ Lutheran as well as encourages the congregation in healthy year-round stewardship of both spiritual and financial gifts.



## SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

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*There are many other ways to connect with others at Christ Lutheran. Consider joining one of these small group fellowship opportunities.*

### **Christ in Literature** (Barb Weidman)

Read a book each month and discuss it in a Christian context. Meets the first Monday of most months at 3:00 pm.

### **Loss and Grief Group** (Patricia Cox)

Loss comes in many forms: loss of a loved one, a job, health, youth, flexibility, etc. This group provides support, offers coping strategies, and nurtures hope.



**Men of Christ** (Kris Campbell / Jim McGinnis)

Men of all ages are invited to gather twice a month for in-depth Bible study, fellowship, and community building.

**Yoga** (Arlene Paskus)

Good health includes a sound mind-body connection. Come enjoy peaceful community while strengthening your mind and body. All ages welcome, beginners through advanced. \$10 donation per class.



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