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## Calling on You

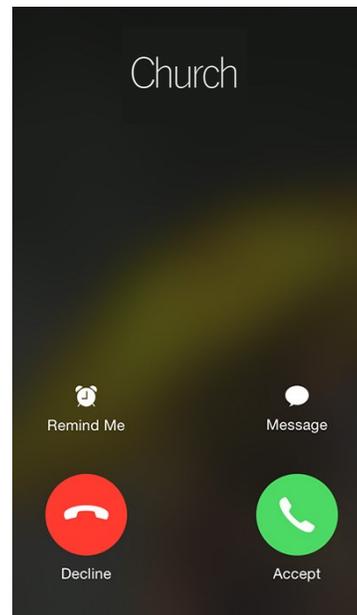
The Call Committee continues to meet on a frequent basis. We are working hard to finish our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which will be submitted to the Synod once completed. Once the MSP is submitted, we may begin interviewing candidates.

While our Call Committee is able to fill out many parts of the MSP, we are asking for input from the larger congregation on certain topics. The full participation of CLC members with its variety of voices is essential to a successful call process. By drawing an accurate portrait of our faith community, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will obtain a Senior Minister with the gifts to support and enhance our lives together as a congregation.

On Sunday, May 19, the Call Committee will be conducting a very important initiative to fill out our MSP. This will be done during the education hour (9:30-10:15 am). The congregation will be asked four to five questions as to who we are as a congregation, what our hopes are for the future, and what qualities we are looking for in our next Senior Minister. We will have focused conversations around each of the questions in small groups.

Your input is an important element of this process. This is "our Church" and we are "Calling on You" to help us complete the MSP. Please plan to join us on May 19 beginning at 9:30 am. Thank you for your continued support in this season of transition.

*The Call Committee of CLC*



**Maundy Thursday**  
**Good Friday**  
**Saturday Vigil**  
**7pm**

**Easter Sunday**  
**8am & 10:30am**

### Easter Sunday, March 31

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with resounding music, Holy Communion and the hope for new life.

- 8am Worship
- 9am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:30am Worship

All kids will receive a treat bag with goodies. Invite your family and friends to our celebration. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



# PATHWAYS Offerings

Offered the first Thursday of each month, **Spiritual Practices** introduces different ancient practices to assist us in joining God in the spending of every day. Join us at our next offering Thursday, April 4 at 10 am. We will explore gratitude as part of our faith practice.

## Creation Centered Awareness

We are called to be healers: of our family circles, our friendships, and our beautiful planet home, Earth. As we exercise the innate nurturing gene within us, we explore our vast world and go to sacred places: a park, favorite woods, vast ocean or a rambling river, prairie or even a flower garden. Join us Saturday, April 27 at Severson Dells Nature Center, 8786 Montague Road, Rockford, where we will gather to experience our connection to all life—for nature's sake and our own. The morning will include walking meditations, discussion, and sharing. ELCA Pastor Carol Soderholm will facilitate our time together from 9:30-11:30 am. Pack a lunch and enjoy the park after our program. Free will offering received. Sign up at [seekthepath.org](http://seekthepath.org) or in the gathering space.



## Pastoral Care Coverage

Deacon Laura will be out of the office April 15-24 on a trip that was scheduled last year and will not be available during this time. If you are in need of pastoral care while she is away, please contact the office (or Jenny Campbell after hours) to receive contact information for the minister providing coverage while she is gone.

## Cantata *Mark your calendars: May 5*

### BY GRACE ALONE - The Solas in Song and Word

Join the Spirit Singers and Ringers as they present the cantata *BY GRACE ALONE - The Solas in Song and Word* on Sunday, May 5 at both services. The Solas remind us of the foundational truths of faith, grace, Scripture, Christ, and God's glory. Through music, scripture, quotes from Martin Luther, and reflection, join us and be enriched as we are reminded about what we believe and what our mission continues to be.

## Prayer Shawls

CLC would like to give a huge shout out to Rebecca Stegmair and Jane Herrig for their fine work with our prayer shawl ministry. THANK YOU!

*A recent testimonial from a recipient:*  
"I can't thank you enough for your prayers, encouragement and compassionate gifts of writings, books



and the prayer shawl. It has been so moving and sustaining."  
– Pastor Kari

## Finance Update

The Financial Advisory Committee, along with the CLC President, have adjusted the 2024 budget, approved at the annual meeting, to reflect the many changes that have occurred since that meeting. It now appears there is a good chance we will have a balanced budget and maybe a slight surplus. Thank you all for your continued support of Christ Lutheran and its mission.

## In the CLC Family

We express our condolences to the family of Don Bein who died March 4.

May light perpetual shine on him. +

## Office Closed

To commemorate the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Christ Lutheran office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

**April 7**  
Psalm 30  
John 21:1-19

**April 14**  
Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21**  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 28**  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

## Service & Outreach

### Peanut Butter Rally

Our annual Peanut Butter Rally kicks off on April 14. Jif or Skippy, we're not picky! Bring your peanut butter jars to church and drop them in the tub from April 14 to May 19. All donations will be delivered to Empower Boone.



## Christ in Literature

A novel that unfolds the struggles, affairs, deceptions, and triumphs of a village choir during World War II is the focus of Christ in Literature's monthly gathering and discussion on April 8. Join us at 3 pm as we discuss *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

### MAY UPDATE

Attention! Change of plan. We will NOT be reading the book previously scheduled for the month of May, *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*. Instead, we will decide on the 2024-2025 book lineup and take a little time with our selections. Start thinking now and bring your ideas on May 6.

## Education

### Adult Forum

Come and learn about the good work of organizations in our area throughout the month of April during Adult Forum. We'll welcome Park Players, St. Andrews Campus Center, NAMI FaithNet, and Rockford Rescue Mission.

### Godly Play

We will gather for stories, fun, and learning on April 7 and 21. It is a joy to play and grow with our friends—can't wait to see you!

## Mulch Madness

Our annual spring property cleanup day is Saturday, April 13. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am to noonish to help clean planting beds and spread mulch.

Come for as little or long as you can, and bring your wheel barrels, shovels, pitch forks, etc. The more hands the better!



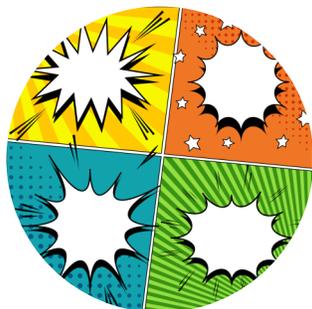
## VBS is coming!

### June 17-20

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School!

Join us as we explore the **Hero Hotline** and hear stories of heroes from the Bible. We'll have fun and learn about how we are called together to serve God. (Really, who doesn't love a good hero?!?) VBS will take place June 17-20 from 9 am to noon.

Registration opens on May 13. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting program that will surely get our youngest friends excited and engaged in their faith development!



## Walking Rainbows

from *Kneeling in Jerusalem* by Ann Weems

A rainbow is not just a symphony of colors  
sent to calm the storm in our souls;  
it is a talk with God,  
a mysterious, miraculous conversation with God,  
heart to heart,  
the very heart of God saying to our hearts:  
"I remember I am your God.  
Be my walking rainbows,  
so that the whole world  
will know to whom you belong,  
for I am the God who keeps promises,  
and I have not forgotten our covenant."  
This is the hope of the church:  
that God keeps promises.  
The mission of the church is to  
walk among the suffering and give,  
for we are covenant keepers,  
walking rainbows,  
bringing the hope of the good news to the poor.



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### *Our Council*

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John Herring	Council Member
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Denise Rindels	Council Member
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Dave Swanson	Council Member

### *Our Staff*

Deacon Laura Gorton	Acting Interim Minister
Deacon Jennifer Fox	Minister for Worship & Music
Katie Belinson	Dir. of Outreach & Communications
Dagny Brandt	Church Musician
Michelle Nelson	Finance & Office Administrator
Chris Parkinson	Church Musician

## Volunteer Appreciation

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who keep CLC running. Office volunteers, teachers, musicians, worship ministry servers, maintenance workers, caregivers...the list is too numerous to name all. At this time more than ever, please know how appreciated you are by the staff and integral you are to the health of our church family.

Everyone is part of the ministry here at Christ Lutheran. On Sunday, April 14 following both services, we will celebrate with a Volunteer Recognition Day and enjoy an enhanced coffee hour together.

It definitely takes "a village," so come join in our celebration!

WE'LL SAY IT...

# CLC

## VOLUNTEERS

## STACK UP

## AGAINST

## ANYONE

*Thank you!*