

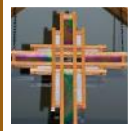
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Sharing Mission, Ministry,
and Life in Christ

MEET ADDITIONS TO OUR MUSIC TEAM

As was announced in a recent letter to the congregation, we soon welcome two new persons to our music ministry team. Welcome, Chris Parkinson and Dagny Brandt!

Chris Parkinson joins Deacon Jennifer as one of our keyboardists and will take primary responsibility for the Spirit Ringers. Chris has served as church organist at First Lutheran Church in Freeport for 10 years. Prior to that, she served as organist and choir director at Grace Episcopal in Freeport. She is also employed as an elementary music educator in the Lena-Winslow Schools and has served as the LOMC Swing Choir director. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from Eastern Illinois University. Chris writes, "My job as a church musician is to prepare the worshippers for the reception of the grace of God which is offered and conveyed through the word and sacraments."

Dagny Brandt will join the music team with primary responsibility for the Spirit Singers. Dagny served as the Celebration (adult) Choir Director for 18 years at First Lutheran Church in Freeport. In that time, she also assumed responsibility as Music Coordinator and

Children's Choir Director. She is also employed at Highland College in Freeport as the Highland Youth Choir Director and a vocal music instructor. She received her bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and Norwegian from Luther College and her master's degree from the University of Iowa in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance. Dagny writes, "As a church musician, the chance to lead others in singing the Word has been one of the most wonderful privileges that I have been given."



Deacon Jennifer Fox welcomes new music staff—Chris Parkinson (L) and Dagny Brandt (R).

We are delighted that Deacon Jennifer Fox will continue to serve as Director for Worship and Music, coordinating the music team, leading worship at the keyboard, and facilitating our on-line worship offerings. We are equally glad that Craig Carlson will continue to serve as congregation musician on both

the guitar and keyboard as needed.

Dagny and Chris will be installed to their roles on the CLC staff at both services on Sunday, May 16. A brief reception will be held on the labyrinth following the late service. Join us in welcoming them!

Peace, Pastor Twila



IN THE CLC FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to Michelle Nelson, CLC's Finance Assistant, on the death of her mother Mary Hyde. May light perpetual shine on her. + The following students will be affirming their baptisms at the late service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23: Camden Flack, William Anderson, Natalie Mandera, and Soren Steingraeber. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, May 25 from 2-7 pm.

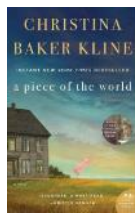


LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!

Please send information about your graduate (school they are graduating from, any majors or concentrations, future plans) and a picture to Deacon Laura by May 16. We'll honor them in worship on **Sunday, May 23**.

MEN OF CHRIST

Will meet on **Tuesday, May 4 and 18** at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Contact Jim Hanson for details.



CHRIST IN LITERATURE

Will be meeting at Christ Lutheran on **Monday, May 3 at 3 pm**. This month's book selection is *A Peace of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

HEALTH LOSS, LIFE QUALITY, AND GRIEF GROUP

Will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning May 18 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Patricia Cox for details.



CHUNKY OR CREAMY, IT'S ALL GREAT!

We are still collecting peanut butter for the Boone County Food Pantry through the month of April. Drop off your donations before **Sunday, May 2**.

May 2, 2021

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

May 9, 2021

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30, 2021

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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.



DON'T FORGET THE CLC APP!

Have you used the CLC app lately? Did you know that you can listen to Sunday's sermon while driving your car by using the app? Or, that you can check for Holy Week worship times? Or, that CLC's full calendar of events is there as well? You can even make your Sunday offering by using the app! Check it out!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS ANNOUNCED

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, CLC will return to summer worship hours. Sunday worship will be at 9:30 am in the worship space. Tuesday evening, "Season of Creation," worship will be held on the labyrinth at 6:30 pm, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering space overlooking the prayer garden.



INSTALLATION OF DEACON LAURA

Join us on **Sunday, May 16**, as we install Deacon Laura as Associate Minister at both services. Bishop Jeffrey Clements will be present or the installation.

We will also install our two new music staff persons on that day. A reception welcoming all three of them will follow the late service on the labyrinth.

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN POUNDS!

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our fabric drive for the Contact & Resource Center (CRC). We were able to send fabric, thread, rulers, geometric sets of all shapes, rotary cutters, rotary blades, and cutting mats. We had 11 boxes of materials which weighed a grand total of 287 pounds. These items will go a long way for the women at CRC.





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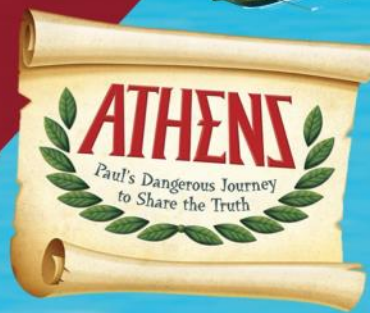
Our Staff

Pr. Twila Schock	Senior Minister
Deacon Laura Gorton	Associate Minister
Valerie Dusso	Office & Com. Administrator
Deacon Jennifer Fox	Minister for Worship & Music
Craig Carlson	Church Musician
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 21-25 ONLINE ONLY



Join us for an **ONLINE** adventure to Athens this summer! We'll learn about God's love and hear from the Apostle Paul as he shares the good news of Jesus. We'll learn some Greek, make some great crafts, do some cool experiments, sing fun songs, and hear awesome stories! **Please register by June 4, 2021.**

www.makingChristknown.org/vacation-bible-school

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, May 16
Installation of Deacon
Laura and music staff

Sunday, May 23
Confirmation Sunday
Graduates Day

Tuesday, May 25
Blood Drive

Sunday, June 6
Receive New Members