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Sharing Mission, Ministry, & Life in Christ

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Allow Us to (Re)Introduce Ourselves

Just over 15 months ago, our Call Committee was created. Since then, we have spent a lot of time preparing our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), the official paperwork for our open position of Senior Minister. We have met frequently and planned which questions we would like to ask potential candidates.

Since that time, we have had several families join our congregation. We thought it would be good to re-introduce ourselves to the CLC family. The Committee is comprised of the following members (with some fun facts):

Jack Wilson, Chair

- I joined CLC in March 2006. I began singing with the choir in September 2018 and serving as an assisting minister in July 2021.
- I have built and raced Corvettes for over 30 years. I was the 2006 Men's National Champion and landed in the top ten each year between 2006-16.
- I have a minor in art focused on landscape and animal oil paintings.

Diane Larsen, Secretary

- My husband and I joined CLC in 2008.
- In addition to serving on the Call Committee, I enjoy the discussions at Christ in Literature book club. I also belong to the Friday Newsletter Folding Group and serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings.
- I'm a member of Belvidere Woman's Club and enjoy spoiling our grandchildren.

Kris Campbell, Spiritual Guide

- I am the first gentleman of CLC. (My wife, Jenny, serves as CLC President.)
- I lead the Men of Christ group.
- I have a history of addictions. My latest addiction is being speed chess.

Bill Blackburn

- I was born in New Jersey and lived in Charlotte, North Carolina for 20 years before moving to Rockton 26 years ago.
- This is the second Call Committee on which I have served. The last one was when we called Pastor Prudence.
- I am a Marvel Comics fan (books, TV series & movies). Spiderman is my favorite.

Tammy Ferrin

- I have three tattoos, each with a special meaning, with plans for a fourth!
- I enjoy kayaking and being with nature.
- I was involved with the Beloit Optimist Club for 10 years, including one year as president.

Deacon Laura Gorton

- I attended seminary in Philadelphia.
- I am the middle of three daughters. I have six nieces and one nephew.
- My latest hobbies include embroidery and building Lego sets.

Jean Salley

- I am a charter member of Christ Lutheran Church.
- As a CLC Caregiver, I visit and provide communion to homebound members.
- I volunteer at our Mosaic Hub.

Sandy Stansell

- I competed in the Lakefront Marathon. I was a competitive runner for many years and accrued a number of medals.
- I've ventured into writing and published one book with others in the works.
- I enjoy drawing in charcoal but have painted a few murals as well!



Dwelling in the Word

Join PATHWAYS for worship on the labyrinth as we listen to and reflect on God's word proclaimed. Prayers will be at the heart of this service along with extended periods of silence as we make room for the presence of God.

Dwelling in the Word will be offered three times this summer at 6 pm on June 11, July 9 and August 6. (Rain location indoors.) Please plan to join us for this special summertime offering.



In the CLC Family

We express our condolences to the family of Jim McGinnis who died May 1. May light perpetual shine on him. +

Summer Office Hours

The CLC office will close early on Friday afternoons during the summer. From Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends, the office will be open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 3 pm and Friday 9 am to 12 pm. Please take note of this schedule.



Financial Update through April 30, 2025

Budgeted Contributions YTD: \$ 172,465
Actual Contributions YTD: \$ 189,185
Actual Expenses YTD: \$ 143,029

Net Surplus or (Loss) \$ 46,155

Thank you for your generous and continuous support of Making Christ Known.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Brinkley, Treasurer

Graduate Sunday

Join us on June 1 as we honor our graduates of 2025 during worship that day.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the *Lord*, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

-Jeremiah 29:11

Healing Service

A Healing Service will be held on June 29 following worship. Join us for a brief time of prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing. This service will be held in the choir loft area of the sanctuary.



June 1 Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26 June 8
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 22 1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42-43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39 June 29 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Additional Handbells

There is an exciting new addition to our handbells. Trinity Lutheran (Rockford) has a large collection of Malmark Handbells and it has not had a handbell choir since 2020. Trinity has very generously offered to "loan" their bells to area churches that could put them to use. This spring we have borrowed their three octave set of choirchimes, the fifth octave of bells and numerous pieces of music. These bells to purchase would be in excess of \$25,000. What a gift! It will be very exciting to include the tiny upper bells as well as the extremely large lower bells that take some muscle to ring.

With more bells, we could use an additional ringer or two for the fall. No bell experience necessary, just the ability to read music. Contact Deacon Jennifer or Chris Parkinson if you have questions.



MEF Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship and agency grant candidates are reminded that the Mission Endowment Fund Committee is now receiving applications. Access the online form at makingChristknown.org. Deadline is Monday, June 30 at 12:00 noon.

Summer Picnic

SAVE THE DATE — July 13

Following worship, join the Evangelism Committee and Men of Christ as they host a churchwide picnic, potluck-style. Hamburgers and hotdogs plus refreshments will be provided.

Watch for more details in the coming days. Let's enjoy some summer fellowship time!



Summer Singers

The Spirit Singers do not rehearse during the summer months, but adding special music during worship is so important. So here is your chance to lend your voice to a group that just gathers before worship to prepare a piece or two to enhance the service. This is a great opportunity to try the "choir thing" and lend your voice in song.

We will meet at 8:20 to prepare the music for the Sunday service. Join us on any or all of the dates listed below.

June 8 — Pentecost Sunday (a favorite anthem and a lively reading of the Pentecost lesson)

June 29 July 20 August 17

Come lift your voice in song. See Deacon Jennifer if you have questions.





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Church Musician

Register online today to join in the fun. Beginning June 23, KIDS CAMP starts every evening at 5:30 pm with dinner. It will be followed by fun games, crafts, and even science experiments (with a real chemist!) as we are on the go with God! We are still in need of small group volunteers. If you are interested in guiding kids from one station to the next, reach out to Shirley Collins. (No teaching required!)

Our Road Trip Starts Soon!



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