

Christ ALIVE!

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Art and Spirituality Workshop

Sharing Mission, Ministry,
and Life in Christ

Growing through education (and service): LOOKING AHEAD!

Another school year is just around the corner, and so, too, is a new year of ministry at Christ Lutheran! Here is a glimpse of what is coming in the next year.

Adult Forums will again cover a wide range of topics: Bible studies, Andy Stanley video studies, a deeper look at hymnody, and presentations from local organizations. There will be two book studies, and during the season of Lent, we will dive into Wisdom Literature in the Bible.

We are offering a **First Communion Class** and planning another great year of **Godly Play**. With this comes new opportunities to serve. We are looking for a few more volunteers, namely door people and storytellers, for Godly Play.

Our **Prayer Partners** ministry is another exciting service opportunity in which to help nurture the next generation of believers. We are seeking individuals to be prayer partners for our Godly Play and youth members. What exactly does a prayer partner do? Pray for the individual and send a few cards throughout the year (Christmas, Easter, birthday, etc.). You may have the same individual over several years or have a different person each year.

I, myself, had a prayer partner assigned to me when I began Confirmation classes at my home congregation. I did not know who my partner was until I was confirmed, but I knew someone was consistently praying for me. I was overjoyed to learn that my prayer partner was one of my Confirmation teachers! Mrs. Mohwinkel was even able to attend my ordination service as I became a Minister of Word and Service!



If you are interested in serving as a door person, storyteller, or prayer partner, please contact Deacon Laura. The reward is as significant for you as it is for the student. *Deacon Laura*

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Rally Sunday "Refreshed!" Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 28 when Rally Sunday returns with a brand new face! Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a "what's new in ministry" presentation at 10:30 a.m. Then, a congregational picnic at 11:00 a.m. features pulled pork and mac'n'cheese from Big Pete's House of Smoke plus games, skits, face painting, a dunk tank and fun for the entire family. Turn in your Time and Talent form to be registered for a prize and much, much more. Invite your neighbor and don't miss it!!

Prizes Needed

Part of the fun CLC tradition on Rally Sunday is drawing for prizes. If you want to donate a prize, contact Pastor Twila! What makes a great prize? A tray of your favorite cookies. A pie. A gift card for a massage or Starbucks. A craft project you have made. A really cool gift you once received and have never used! (Yes, regifting is allowed.) Be creative and join in the fun.



A Color-Filled Day

What a radiant, color-filled day we had as PATHWAYS hosted its recent 'Art and Spirituality' workshop led by pastor and artist Kari Lindholm-Johnson. 30 participants were led through the process of plumbing their own creativity, creating their own paint from natural elements, and designing their own artwork: all in the framework of recognizing the indwelling of Christ in all of creation.



Special Guests

Thank you for the warm welcome of **Barakat Rahme** in July. We learned about the work that the Contact and Resource Center (CRC) in Beirut, Lebanon continues to do. Barakat described how the quilting supplies provided by Christ Lutheran became the basis of training for 60 women, learning to quilt and sew in rural areas. At the completion of their training, they receive a sewing machine. Through this new micro-business program, women will be able to support their families and communities with the skills they will learn. The Service and Outreach team looks forward to future partnerships with CRC.

Pastor Chandran Paul Martin, CLC's missionary, will visit Christ Lutheran on August 21. Join us in worship to hear him preach and again during the adult forum where we will learn more about his work in India.



In the CLC Family
Congratulations to Rick and Sherry Klotz on their 40 year wedding anniversary and on their recent renewal of marriage vows . . .

We extend our sympathy to Bonnie VerHagen and family on the death of her son Jeffrey Cowles. May light perpetual shine on him. +



Summer Singers

If you love to sing but your schedule prevents you from singing full time with the Spirit Singers, please consider joining the Summer Singers. We will rehearse two pieces from 8:45-9:15 a.m., and then sing at 9:30 worship on August 14. No need to RSVP and no long term commitment; just show up! Please contact Dagny Brandt with any questions (815.541.1063 or dagny@makingChristknown.org).

Outdoor Worship: A New Creation

Our Tuesday evening worship series, "A New Creation," continues through August 23. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on the labyrinth. Our themes in August: figs, dirt/dust, locusts, and lions. Grab your lawn chair and a friend. Join us!



<p>August 7, 2022 Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40</p>	<p>August 14, 2022 Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56</p>	<p>August 21, 2022 Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17</p>	<p>August 28, 2022 Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14</p>
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Service and Outreach

Blood Drive:

Our next blood drive will take place on August 30. The need for blood continues to be great and many drives in our area have continually failed to reach collection goals. Please consider signing up to donate this month. If you are no longer able to donate, there are other ways to serve: greet donors as they arrive, provide hospitality in the kitchen, help to set up or clean up. Many hands make for light work! Sign up today in the gathering space.



Habitat for Humanity:

Help us welcome Antoinette and her family into their new home by joining CLC in a house shower. Take a tag off of the house in the gathering space and return the item to church by the end of August. The items will be gifted to Antoinette when she moves into her new home.



Deacon's Pic of the Month

Check out this inspirational read from the PATHWAYS library, as selected by Deacon Laura.

40-Day Journey with Martin Luther

Gracia M. Grindal, editor

(from the back cover) "This book in your hands is an invitation – an invitation to explore your own spirituality under the guidance of one of the most powerful Christian voices of the last millennium, Martin Luther, paramount leader of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. This book is an invitation to spend forty days with Luther on a journey that will give you much to think about, much to pray about, and much to do on the road to radical discipleship."

Why wait until Lent to start a new spiritual practice? The start of a new academic year is a great time to start a new habit – perhaps reading devotionals. Each day provides a passage of Martin Luther's writing, scripture passages, questions to ponder, prompts for journaling, and prayers. Check out this book from CLC's library today!

Young Adults

Look forward to another social outing in late August. More details to follow soon from Allie Carlson!

Spirit Singers and Spirit Ringers Kick-off Potluck

Join us for a kick-off potluck and social for the Spirit Singers and Spirit Ringers (and those interested in joining).

Wednesday, August 31
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at CLC

The main dish, beverages, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to join one of the choirs.



Rehearsals: We look forward to a great year with weekly rehearsals beginning Wednesday, September 7. All are welcome!

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Spirit Ringers
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Spirit Singers

Evangelism Cubs Game

Take me out to the ball game...

Sunday, August 7:
Our bus will depart shortly after worship (circa 10:45 a.m.).

At the time of this printing, three tickets are still available. \$55 per person. To check availability, please contact Katie Belinson (katie@makingChristknown.org) or the CLC office. First come, first served!

Important information for attendees: The bus will drop riders off approximately 0.4 miles from the ballpark for an 8-10 minute walk to Wrigley Field. If unable to make the walk, ADA Bus Passes are an option for drop off and pick up closer to the park. Please let Katie Belinson know if you need a pass (katie@makingChristknown.org).



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Men of Christ will host its second annual riverboat and dinner cruise at the Maxson Riverside Restaurant and Paddlewheel Inn, located in Oregon, IL, on Friday, August 19. Your \$45 ticket (\$43 for seniors over 60) includes the cruise, dinner, tax, and gratuity. A cash bar will be available on board.

6:30 pm boarding
7:00 pm departure
9:00 pm return to the dock

Sign up in the gathering space or call the CLC office.