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Christ ALIVE!

A Time of Thankfulness

Every November, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many of us have traditions around the holiday, including going around the table and saying what we are thankful for that year. While this is not a tradition my family takes part in, I would like to share with you some of the things that I have found myself thankful for this past year:

I am thankful for my family.

I am thankful for the staff of CLC and how well we work together doing ministry.

I am thankful for the members of CLC. I am enjoying getting to know you better and look forward to meeting more of you face-to-face after a LONG pandemic.

I am thankful for new friends in the Rockford area. I have been able to make some connections outside of the CLC community and have enjoyed getting to know the Rockford area with them.

I am thankful that I am paid a livable wage – I can put a roof over my head, food in my fridge, and plants in my windows.

I am thankful that I don't need to worry about whether the air quality or water quality may make me sick.

I am thankful that I have healthcare coverage.

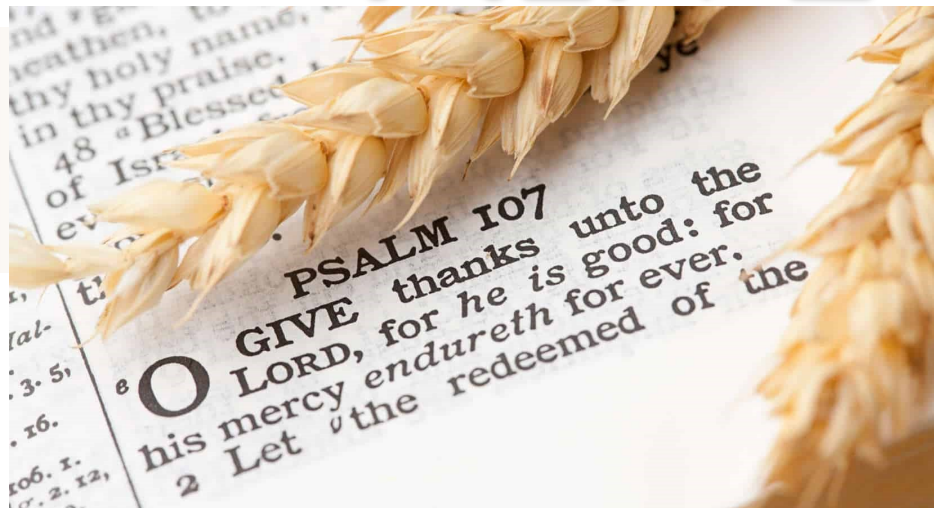
I am thankful I have a reliable car which allows me to get to work, visit members, and travel.

I am thankful that we have been able to worship together in person for most of this year.

I am thankful for many more things that could fill many pages.

What are you thankful for this year?

- Deacon Laura



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Thanksgiving Traditions Return to CLC

After a 19-month interruption by COVID, Christ Lutheran's Thanksgiving traditions return! Join us for worship on Wednesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. "Pie Fest" follows immediately after worship at 8:00 p.m. Sign up to donate pies (either homemade or store bought) in the gathering space.

Spiritual Guidance: Not Just for Pastors

Panning for Gold in the Lives of Spiritual Seekers

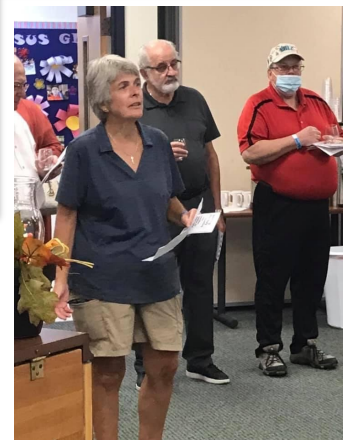


Sat, November 13, 2021
9:00 to 10:30 AM
Christ Lutheran Church
registration requested

A discussion with four spiritual directors on the ancient practice of spiritual guidance, panning for gold and its vitality to personal growth



Have you ever wondered what spiritual guidance/ direction is all about? Join PATHWAYS' next event on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00-10:30 a.m: "Panning for Gold in the Lives of Spiritual Seekers." While pre-registration is requested, this event is free of charge. More information and pre-registration can be found at seekthepath.org or in the CLC Gathering Space.



Spiritual
Guidance

THANK YOU

to all who supported the PATHWAYS open house: silent auction donors and purchasers, musicians, committee members, cheese slicers, sausage cutters, wine and chocolate purchasers, etc. What a wonderful and successful event!
(see photos inset right)

November 7, 2021

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6
John 11:32-44

November 14, 2021

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21, 2021

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 24, 2021

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Growth & Fellowship Opportunities

Adult Forum: Book of James Study

Beginning October 31, we will be studying the book of James during the adult forum. Throughout four weeks, we will dig into the book which Martin Luther called, "The Epistle of Straw," using the *Book of Faith* curriculum to guide our discussions. Participant books are available free of charge thanks to a Thrivent Financial grant.

Young Adults: A "Friendsgiving" is planned on November 13 for young adults ages 21-35. We'll gather for a potluck-style Thanksgiving meal, followed by board games. All are invited! If you are interested in attending or have questions, please connect with Allie Carlson (815-997-6895).



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The pandemic continues to be present in our world. Christ Lutheran will continue to provide hope for those in our midst through our ministry partners. Please consider providing a monetary donation for the following giving opportunities:

- ♦ **Thanksgiving Pies** for Rockford Rescue Mission
- ♦ **Meal-in-a-Bag** for Empower Boone (Boone Cty Food Pantry)
- ♦ **Adopt-an-Angel** through Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
- ♦ **Adopt-a-Home** for those who live in MOSAIC housing

Please fill out the form below and mail it in, along with your check, to Christ Lutheran Church.

DEADLINES:
November 10—Thanksgiving Pies & Meal-in-a-Bag
November 28—Adopt-an-Angel & Adopt-a-Home



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WHERE FAITH MAKES FAMILY



Hope for the Holidays

There are several ways that you can help provide hope to local community members for the holidays this year. Consider providing a monetary donation to the four opportunities outlined in the graphic above.

Thanksgiving Pies	donations due Nov. 10
Meal-in-a-Bag	donations due Nov. 10
Adopt-an-Angel	donations due Nov. 28
Adopt-a-Home	donations due Nov. 28

Forms available in the Gathering Space, or online at makingChristknown.org.



UPDATE: Blood Drive

Due to short staffing issues at the Rock River Valley Blood Center, the blood drive scheduled for November 9th has been cancelled. There is still a great need for blood.

If you are interested in donating, please check out one of these alternative locations:

Perryville Donation Center,
3065 North Perryville Rd., Suite 105, Rockford (open 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Belvidere Donation Center,
1740 South State Street, Belvidere (open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Christ in Literature

November 1
The Lions of Fifth Avenue
by Fiona Davis

December 6
The Other Einstein
by Marie Benedict

Christ in Literature meets the first Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Advent Breakfast is back! It will be held on Sunday, December 5 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. We will also offer to-go containers this year for those who would like to support our youth but don't feel comfortable eating indoors in a group setting. Watch for more details soon.



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In the CLC Family

Thank you to Mike Meinert (with the assistance of friends) for his meticulous refurbishing of the Christ Lutheran sign at the entry to the parking lot.



Stewardship Generosity Update

Stewardship in support of Christ's mission never adds up! It multiplies! Thank you to all who have been faithful stewards in 2021, submitted 2022 generosity pledges, attended or sponsored the stewardship banquet, served on the Stewardship Team, or given temple talks. It's not too late to submit your 2022 pledge, if you haven't already done so!