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Sharing Mission/Ministry/Life in Christ

Looking Forward: New Beginnings

2020 was a year to reflect. Quarantining, social distancing, and Zoom meetings physically distanced us, giving us ample opportunity to reconsider our priorities.

But it's now 2021, and time to look forward! The restoration of in-person worship, the founding of the PATHWAYS Center for Spiritual Renewal, and the rejuvenation of our ministry teams and fellowship groups have us considering new beginnings.

"Revive. Refresh. Restore. Recommit!" is the theme of this year's annual stewardship generosity emphasis, as we reflect on Revelation 21:5: "Behold, I make all things new!"

Beginning in October, there will be many ways in which you can recommit to your ministry.

* Our stewardship testimonials will lift up diverse voices in our congregation. Don Bein, Denise Rindels, Jenny Campbell, and Sandy Stansell will reflect on how God's grace has motivated them to share of their gifts, while our bulletin inserts will lift up the grateful voices of our scholarship recipients.

* After 18 months of dining at home, our banquet returns! Join us at the Hoffman House on Sunday, October 31 at 12:00 noon. We welcome Pastor Timothy Olson, CLC's former senior pastor, as our keynote speaker.

* You will have a time to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to generosity and three opportunities in which to make that commitment: early pledging at CLC beginning on October 3, pledging by mail/electronically, or by participating in the stewardship commitment route bags.

**"Behold,
I am making
all things
new."
Revelation 21:5**

* After your pledges have been received, we will dedicate them to God's glory on Thanksgiving Eve.

If you have any questions about stewardship at Christ Lutheran, or if you would like to help, contact a member of the stewardship team: Nancy Bieck (chair), Jim Hanson, Colleen Hanson, Barb Johnson, Zack Yakey, Dave Swanson, Jim McGinnis, or myself.

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Twila

Christ ALIVE!

Revive.
Refresh.
Restore.

Recommit!



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Familiar with our new Center for
Spiritual Renewal?
Join us at these events.



Benefit for:
PATHWAYS
A CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING

plus Silent Auction
Sat, October 9

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the Christ Lutheran gardens and west wing.

3 - 5 PM

- Fine wines by Artale & Co.
- Premium chocolates by CacaoCuvée
- \$25 admission includes tastings, live music, and appetizers
- Order your favorite bottles and chocolates for pick up at Artale
- Attendees must be 21 years and older



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Winter Apparel Drive

The Service and Outreach team will be collecting lightly used and new winter gear for local residents. We will be accepting coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves from October 3-24. There will be a rack located in the Gathering Space where you may place your donations.

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Committed to Christ's call, and
encouraging seekers of all faiths
and walks of life to **deepen their**
relationship with humanity,
creation, and the Divine.

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- ⇒ Awaken your imagination
- ⇒ Deepen your spiritual life
- ⇒ Travel spiritual paths toward enlightenment

Saturday, October 23

9AM - 2PM

8:30AM gathering



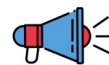
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October 3, 2021

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Adult Education

"Mining" the Bible:

Have you been curious how archeological evidence aligns with the stories found in the Holy Bible? Do you enjoy learning about the historical context of the scriptures we hear in worship each week? Join the class "Digging up the Past: The Bible in Historical Context!" It will take place every Monday afternoon at 3 pm in the conference room beginning on October 11. (It will not meet the first Monday of the month.)

Book Study: Beginning September 29, join Deacon Laura in studying *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. She reflects on the effect that teaching Religion 101 has had on her own personal faith journey: while diving into the faiths of others, her encounters with the sacred deepened how she envisions God and God at work in the world around her. Classes will be held over six consecutive Wednesdays. In-person classes will be held at 10 am. Zoom classes will be held at 5 pm. Connect with Deacon Laura to sign up for a copy of the book!

In the Red Zone: Sharing Your Faith in a Post-Pandemic World *(Sunday Adult Forum Series)*

So much has changed in the pandemic; yet, our call to "make Christ known" remains the same. Join our Evangelism Team, and our congregational panelists, as we explore the challenges, the rewards, and some every day opportunities on how to share our faith in a suffering world. This five-session series meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join us!

You're Someone's Type

What great day it was, as Christ Lutheran celebrated its 100th Blood Drive. Kristin Kamman and Rob Bland, from the Northern Illinois Blood Bank, recognized CLC's ministry with a plaque and certificate of thanksgiving. Thank you to all who have donated blood, food, and time to this life-giving ministry.



Hello & Welcome

*Get to Know Katie Belinson,
Communications Assistant*

Where might we find you on a Saturday?

During football or basketball seasons, watching a game and usually sporting Iowa State or Butler attire. Our sons are students at those universities.

Where were you on November 4, 2016? Downtown Chicago for the Cubs' World Series victory parade, of course. (Wasn't everyone?) And despite the team's current status, I'm still an avid Cubs fan!

What places do you frequent? Now more than ever, I really try to shop local as much as possible. It's not uncommon to spy me in the Beefaroo or Meg's drive-thru.

A month into the job, what have you learned about CLC? To a person, the staff has been extremely helpful and welcoming. It's been wonderful – glad to be on board!



NAMASTE! What is yoga about? It is a combination of stretching and flexibility with many benefits: improving balance, supporting joint health, reducing stress, increasing muscle tone, and building strength to prevent back pain.

Instructor Jeff Leach, while tailoring his programs to seniors, offers programs for all ages, genders, and abilities. Join us Mondays at 3:30 for yoga. Bring a yoga mat or towel. There is no charge for the first class, and \$10 per session thereafter. Contact Arlene Paskus at ampaskus@gmail.com for more information.

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the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Rally Sunday Celebration

Thank you to all who participated in our (Sept 12) Rally Sunday festivities, whether by donating or hand crafting prizes, completing your Time and Talent pledges, preparing refreshments, sharing information about your ministry team, or by being just plain good sports in a skit! What a great day! We dedicated a record number of Time and Talent commitments; however, it's not too late to make your commitment. Forms are on the counter in the gathering space.

