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# Christ Alive!

Sharing Mission, Ministry,  
and Life in Christ

## YOU'RE SOMEBODY'S TYPE...DONATE!

We are coming up on an important milestone in the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. The blood drive to be held on September 14 will be our 100<sup>th</sup> blood drive with Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC)! We are the only organization to reach this milestone with RRVBC. We could not have accomplished this without the hard work and dedication of many of the CLC members!

You have signed up to donate your blood; donated food, desserts, side dishes, and soups to feed the donors, volunteers, and staff. You have given of your time to set up, provide hospitality, and clean up countless drives.

There are a few members who went above and beyond, serving as chairs and co-chairs of the event, organizing and leading the volunteers, filling in the gaps for a seamless event. Sue Ellen Zagrabelny first led the charge in organizing the first blood drives. Gerd Westervelt and Stephen Stegmair eventually became co-chairs and led the charge, until I took over in October 2020. Stephen arranged the food and treats, as well as all of the sign-ups for donations and appointments, while Gerd spent countless hours calling donors. Rebecca Stegmair also helped to fill the gaps through the years.

I have been able to get our entire history of blood drives as an organization from RRBVC. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Our first blood drive was held on April 9, 2001.
- ◆ The first blood drive that collected double red cells

was August 2, 2011. We have had 58 blood drives with the possibility of collecting double red cells.

- ◆ Our average goal for whole blood pints collected was 36. We have met or exceeded that goal 52 times – at slightly over half of our blood drives. WOW!
- ◆ The highest amount of whole blood pints we collected at a single drive was 58 pints on December 21, 2010.
- ◆ We were able to reach or exceed our goals for double red cell donations 22 times – during 37% of drives that offered double red cell collection
- ◆ The highest amount of double red cell pints collected at a single drive was 8 pints. This happened at THREE different drives!
- ◆ Each blood drive averaged three new donors. The highest single-drive new donor registered was 12 people on January 27, 2005. Our second highest was 11 new donors, on November 9, 2005.
- ◆ The average number of lives saved at a blood drive hosted is 110. The single highest number is 174, which was reached on December 21, 2010.
- ◆ To date, we have saved the lives of 11, 803 people.
- ◆ Only TWO drives have been cancelled in our history of blood drives – one due to snow and one due to the pandemic.

We will be having some special treats on Rally Sunday to help celebrate this milestone! Please consider signing up to donate blood, provide food, or volunteer your time during our next blood drive on September 14.

-Deacon Laura Gorton



# River Cruise Highlights



## IN THE CLC FAMILY

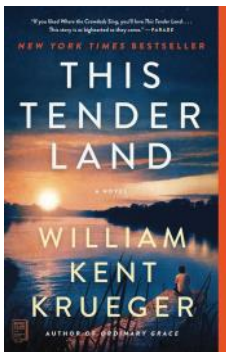
Welcome to Olivia James Searing, daughter of Ashley and James Searing, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 22. Welcome to the Lord's family! ... Thank you to Jeff Bieck, Jim Hanson, and the Men of Christ for organizing a wonderful dinner cruise fellowship event!

## SAVE THE DATE

PATHWAYS Center for Spiritual Renewal is hosting an inaugural dedication, wine tasting, and silent auction on Saturday, October 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Bishop Clements will dedicate the center. Musicians will serenade us with live music. Come! Bring a guest! And, join us as we celebrate the birth of this new ministry!



## CHRIST IN LITERATURE RETURNS



We will be meeting Monday, September 13th, at 3:00 PM in the West Wing. Our first selection of the new year will be "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. The discussion will be led by Deacon Laura. All are welcome. The only requirement is a love of reading and follow up discussions. We meet monthly September through May. Any questions, contact Sally Rode at 815-243-5251. We will also be lining up our schedule of future books and presenters.

## RALLY SUNDAY RETURNS

Join us on Sunday, September 12, when CLC celebrates the beginning of a new program year in ministry. Festivities begin at 9:20 a.m. between services. View the 25th Anniversary exhibition on display for the first time. Commit your Time and Talent forms (and be entered for one of 20+ door prizes). Learn about the ministries of our Education, Youth and Young Adults, PATHWAYS, and Service and Outreach Teams. Enjoy a game of "Who Wants to be a Disciple!"

## MISSION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following students who received \$8,203.92 in scholarships:

- Anna Campbell
- Kaitlyn Erboe
- Aaron Frank
- Jordan Rindels
- Pam Stender
- Abby Topham
- Emma Topham

The following agency grants were also awarded:

- ELCA Missionary Sponsorship -- \$1,500
- Literacy Council -- \$1,500
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois -- \$3,000
- Mercyhealth Patient Transport -- \$1,500
- One Body Collaboratives -- \$530.88
- MOSAIC -- \$3,000
- Habitat for Humanity -- \$1,275

If you would like to make a gift in support of the Mission Endowment Fund, speak to Pastor Twila or MEF Committee Chair Pat Mucha.

## CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR KATRINA!

We rejoice with the whole church as Katrina Steingraeber, our former vicar, was ordained to the Office of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, August 21.



Katrina's stole being placed by Rev. Twila Schock



Presentation of Rev. Katrina Steingraeber

<u>September 5, 2021</u>	<u>September 12, 2021</u>	<u>September 19, 2021</u>	<u>September 26, 2021</u>	<u>October 3, 2021</u>
Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Genesis 2:18-24
Psalms 146	Psalms 116:1-9	Psalms 54	Psalms 19:7-14	Psalms 8
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50	Mark 10:2-16



## WELCOME TO THE CLC FAMILY

We welcome Tom and Mary ("Muffy") Snyder and Teresa Pavlidis who became members of the Christ Lutheran family on June 27. Take a moment to say "hello and welcome."



**Tom & Muffy Snyder**



**Teresa Pavlidis**



## YOUTH GATHERING

Join us in Minneapolis for the next ELCA National Youth Gathering! It will begin on July 24, 2022. We will travel from the Rockford area with other youth groups of the Northern Illinois Synod. Open to all youth currently in grades 8-12. If your youth is interested, please contact Deacon Laura for a registration form.

## ROADTRIP



## FALL EDUCATION

We are starting back with gusto with educational options for all ages, beginning September 19!

- Godly Play - open to children 3 years through 5th grade; fully masked; held in the Godly Play room located in the West Wing.
- Confirmation - open to any youth grades 4-9 who are ready to start; 12-3 pm for six Sundays, ending October 24; fully masked; held in the West Wing.
- Youth Group - open to middle and high school students; held at a local church every 2nd Sunday and at CLC every 4th Sunday in the Youth Room; starts at 7 pm.
- Adult Forums - open to all; held in the Nave.

Other adult education options can be found in the Adult Education brochure.

## MUSIC ENSEMBLES RESUME

Great news! The CLC music ensembles will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 8th!**

Spirit Ringers, under the direction of Chris Parkinson, will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to playing four octaves of bells with the whole group this fall! Note reading is a prerequisite for this group. Contact Jennifer or Chris if you have not rung before and are interested in joining.

Dagny Brandt will direct the Spirit Singers. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00p.m. The Spirit Singers welcomes singers sixth grade - adult. Music ministry will continue under the leadership of Deacon Jennifer Fox, with Craig, Chris, Dagny and Jennifer leading us on Sunday mornings. Contact us with any questions.

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**HOW IS GOD  
CALLING YOU  
TO SERVE IN  
THIS TIME?**

**Return your Time and  
Talent Commitment by  
September 12th**

**(All entries are  
automatically entered into the  
Rally Sunday prize drawings.)**



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**Monday, September 6**

Office Closed

**Sunday, September 12**

9:20am Rally Sunday Activities  
Begin

5:00pm Road Trip to Rockford  
Concert (youth)

**Tuesday, September 14**

2pm—7pm Blood Drive