

the Messenger



Christ Lutheran Church, LCMC
Maple Plain, MN 55359

*Love
never
ends.*

1 Corinthians 13:8, NRSV

February 2019

Christ Alone!

Every day we see and hear people crying out! If we listen carefully, we may notice some are those who are crying out for work, for safety, and for freedom. They may be citizens or immigrants. We may notice others are crying out for the purpose to blame someone else for the problems of the world. They may want to be helpful but only seem to be adding fuel to the fire. We may notice some are crying out to create a greater crisis of division for political power. But, all cry for the sad and hopeless atmosphere of division, pain, alienation, and lack of all recognizing our humanness and God's ability to help. God can help, and God will help. If we allow him.

As Jesus stood up to read the scroll in his home town synagogue and to share the word of God. He turned to Isaiah 61 and read...*"The spirit of the sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn..."*

As we hear that text, we ought to realize the power of its words. No person other than Jesus can heal, free, and empower people to become the true people of God! Jesus has a unique role in the world and in our lives! Christ alone!

That day, as Jesus read that text, he identified himself as the Savior of all, and he began to influence, change, and transform the world. He worked through just a handful of people. They knew his love, his strength, and his will to bless others. They changed the world.

As the world cries out, God hears. He cares and he will bring forth his mercy and his goodness. God's love is unrelenting, God's good will, will be done! Please do not be dismayed. Do not doubt God's ability or God's timing.

As followers of Christ, all the more He is teaching us to be his people. To be living for Him. What made the disciples powerful enough to change the world was Christ in them. As the people of God we cannot just say we are for unity, for understanding, or for cooperation we must actually live our lives as Christ did.

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We must uphold and practice offering ourselves as a true friend and fellow citizen for the other person. We must uphold the laws of the land and expect others to do so as well. We must also sacrifice our time and our gifts to build up our relationships.

As a Christian, it is by Christ living in us, a daily living relationship with God, that we may be used by God to help bring light and hope to our future. God is going to do a great thing in the world if we as Christians allow God to be God in our lives. We have to care more for others than we care for ourselves.

The prophet Zechariah cried, *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."* Zechariah 4:6

May each of us invite the Holy Spirit
to be Lord in our lives.

To open our eyes
to who Jesus really is for this world,
for each person.

Christ alone can set the captives free.

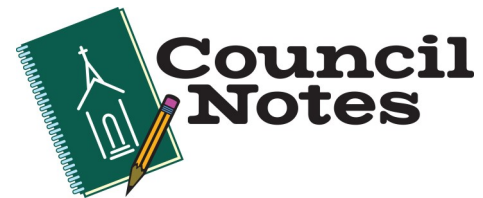
In God's Grace,

Pastor Ron Boettner



January COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Expenses and income were nearly balanced for 2018
- ◆ Vision task force effort will be announced
- ◆ Boiler valves were replaced in the heating system
- ◆ A new gas furnace was installed under the kitchen
- ◆ The council retreat will be held on May 18



Financial Update for Christ Lutheran Church 2018

The year end report for 2018 showed we had received \$47,015.15 in offerings for the General Fund for December. This brought our total giving to the General Fund for 2018 to \$267,817.84. The total expenses of the general budget was \$265,585.78. This show we were in the black but actually we are caring over a benevolence payment into 2019 and that will be reflected in our 2019 budget. So basically the year ended up very close to even.

Thanks be to God! For God provides all we need and encourages us to join Him in carrying out His plans for Christ Lutheran. We say thanks to God and to everyone for having a year of faithfulness and for sharing together.



2019 CLC COUNCIL

Month	Name	Term	Committee Assignment
January	Dale KenKnight	17-19	Secretary Cemetery
February	Deb Stueven	19-21	Memorial Mission & Outreach
March	Tom Zulkosky	17-19	Property
April	Greg Rietow	19-21	Worship & Music Adult Mission Trip Vision
May	Mark Mundahl	17-19	Vice President Staff Support, Vision Memorial
June	Jean Flatten	2019	CLW Endowment Thank You's
July	Nancy Wood	18-20	President Staff Support Finance, Vision
August	Yvonne Breeschoten	18-20	Furnishings
September	Molly Sartor		Youth Director
October	Brad Sim	19-21	Vision
November	Rich Mickschl	18-20	Treasurer Benevolence Finance
December	Dale KenKnight	17-19	Secretary Cemetery
	Pastor Ron Boettner		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>February</p> <p>9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study</p>	<p>February</p> <p>9 am - Quilters 6:30pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Youth Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>February</p> <p>6:30pm - Memorial Task</p>	<p>February</p> <p>5:15pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>February</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am</p> <p>WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Youth Snow Tubing 9 am - Youth Bake Sale</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am - Quilters 6:30pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Youth Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm - Memorial Task</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:15pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>8</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Youth Snow Tubing 9 am - Youth Bake Sale</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am - Quilters</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm - Vision Task Force</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:15pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day 9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>15</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am</p> <p>WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm - BUNCO NIGHT!</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9 am - Worship 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Good Life 10:30am - Adult Study 11:15am - Pre-Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Presidents' Day (regional) 9 am - Quilters 6:30pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Youth Comm. Mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:15am - Charis 7pm - COUNCIL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 6pm - FMSC at Chanhassen</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9 am - Worship with MNATC 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:15am - AIC 10:15am - Brunch</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am - Quilters</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Youth Group 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:15am - Charis</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

February 2019 Volunteer Schedule

Feb. 3

Greeters: Silleruds

Lector: Dale KenKnight

Coffee: Grenells/C. Johnsons

Feb. 10

Greeters: Roilands

Lector: Val Homuth

Coffee: Omans/KenKnights

Feb. 17

Greeters: Thomas Family

Lector: Becky KenKnight

Coffee: V. Homuth/Larson

Feb. 24

Greeters: Klinkners

Lector: Jean Flatten

Coffee: V. Homuth/D. Thomas

Council Representative: Deb Steuven

Sunshine Caller: Karen Pennaz

Altar Guild: Yoshi Grenell, Amanda Pettit

Ushers: Rietow Family, Craig Pettit, Scott Harding

CHRIST LUTHERAN WOMEN – January 2019

CLW MISSION STATEMENT

We open our hearts to God,
by worshiping and hearing His word.

We serve Him and worship in work,
by extending our hospitality to others
and sharing His word.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

OUR FANTASTIC CLW QUILTERS

You are invited to join our QUILTERS, who meet every Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the fun, fellowship and coffee and be a part of this creative and very worthy ministry. No sewing ability is necessary.

POTLUCK DINNER & BUNCO PARTY

You are cordially invited to join in the fun on **Saturday, February 16,** for our annual Potluck Dinner and Bunco Party! This is always a fun evening, with great food and lively entertainment.

The Potluck dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and Bunco starts at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Val Homuth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies, please mark your calendars for *Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 7:00 p.m.,* for our *Spring business meeting.* Dessert and coffee will be provided.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Val Homuth, Mona Hawkinson, Bonita Heilman, Jean Flatten & Marilyn Rönnkvist

ALL THE WOMEN OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE
MEMBERS OF CLW. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO JOIN US, YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST.





TJ Carlson	3/6	Brad Sim	3/16
Katy Risvold	3/7	Deb Steuven	3/18
Renee Burrows	3/9	Peter Weis	3/18
Jerry Horazuk	3/9	Allen Weis	3/19
Alex Gustafson	3/10	Rich Mickschl	3/20
Colleen Hansen	3/12	George Boyadjis	3/22
Doris Hanson	3/13	Sarah Klinkner	3/22
Sharon Michael	3/14	Lauren Sim	3/24
Paisley Thomas	3/14	Christine Flatten	3/25
		Ann Garwick	3/26

Feb 10-Youth Bake Sale
Feb. 16-Potluck & Bunco! 5:30pm
Feb. 22-FMSC Event (pack meals) at Chanhassen location
Feb. 24-MNATC -worship & Brunch
Mar. 6-Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
April 21-Easter!
June 24-27-VBS
July 28-Aug. 3-Youth Mission Trip



CHARIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL BE STARTING THE BOOK OF **JOB ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14!**

This is a 13 week study and ALL WOMEN are invited to join us. All you need is a Bible and a desire to know more about this scroll which some believe to be the oldest book in Scripture.

Join us as we learn together!

Questions? Contact Becky KenKnight or Joan Murphy



Women's Bible Study



Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will be studying Lisa Harper's Malachi A Love That Never Lets Go Contact Val Homuth or Jean Flatten for more information



Thank you for the supporting the Love, INC Tie Blanket Project!

SAVE THE DATE!!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER April 6, 2019

At Christ Lutheran, food and fellowship just naturally go together. Sharing a meal at the homes of your church family is a wonderful opportunity to build a sense of community and develop friendships.

Last year over 50 of us attended! That's a lot of members-having a lot of fun within our church community.

The Progressive Dinner is a good way to get to know more of our congregation and connect with them in a way you don't at church.



In case you've never been, you might be asking....what is a progressive dinner? It's not progressive as in innovative or hip. It's progressive because the guests "progress" from house to house. For example, you'll go to one house for appetizers, another for your main course, then back to church as a large group for dessert and fun activities.

This year's Progressive Dinner will take place on **Saturday evening, April 6**. Please mark your calendar and when the sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex, please sign up to either host or help. It's a fun, informal (yes you can wear jeans and have a glass of wine or a beer) night that everyone seems to enjoy and then doesn't want to miss.

Whether you are new to the church, looking to meet and get to know more people or just looking for a fun night to celebrate the fact that winter is over and our snowbirds are back, we'd love to have you come.

Questions – just ask Karen Pennaz, Danielle Thomas, Bonita Heilman, Pam Farmer or Jean Flatten.

Karen Pennaz



TEEN CHALLENGE WORSHIP & BRUNCH!



Our church is blessed to have the MN Adult & Teen Challenge choir coming to sing for us and share their testimonies on **Sunday, February 24.** This is truly one of the best worship services of the year.

As in the past, we plan to provide the choir with a "home-cooked" meal (brunch) after church. We need all hands on deck to do so. *Last year we served 140!*

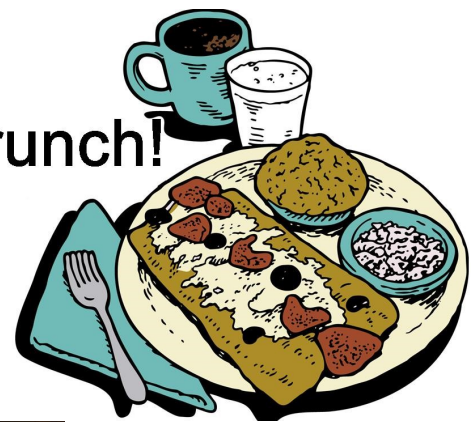
We are asking everyone to sign up to bring something (egg bake, pastries/breads, fruit, beverages, etc.) The sign up sheet will be in the narthex at church or you can call the office or let Bonita Heilman or Karen Pennaz know what you want to bring. If you cannot be there on Feb. 24, we would welcome a financial contribution in order to buy more food. This is a big, hungry group and our intent is that we can feed the choir and CLC members so we can all enjoy fellowship together. It is always such a special time to sit down with the Adult & Teen Challenge folks and hear their stories about how God has saved their lives.

Please bring your food item and drop it in the kitchen the morning of the brunch. Help will be needed to set up, serve and clean up. No need to sign up, just show up!

Bonita Heilman, Shawn Stout and Karen Pennaz will be coordinating the morning. Let us know if you have questions or ideas to make the morning a blessing to all.



Brunch!





All are welcome!!



Bunco Night at Christ Lutheran

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE PLAYING BUNCO REQUIRED -
WE WILL TEACH YOU!**

Saturday, February 16th

Potluck begins at 5:30pm

please bring a dish to share

Come for Fellowship

**GOOD
FOOD**



**FUN!
FUN!
FUN!**

PRIZES

Provided by CLW

**Please also bring a non-perishable food item for
the Maple Plain Area Food Shelf!**

**Join us for a Valentine's Day
Omelet Breakfast**

to support WeCAN

Sunday, February 10

9 am - noon

Mound American Legion

**Tickets are \$10 at
the door
or in advance at
WeCAN, 5213
Shoreline Drive,
Mound**

**Delicious breakfast
Valentine's Day Treats
Silent Auction
Raffle**



WeCAN
Western Communities Action Network, Inc.

Your "Food Shelf" Shopping List



Baking Mixes



Mayonnaise

Boxed meals/Side Dishes



Salad Dressings



Rice



Toothbrushes



Jello, Pudding mix



Kleenex



Boxed Pasta



Paper towels



Cocoa & Tea & Coffee



ALWAYS NEEDED:
Grocery bags
for clients food!

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